

Communists Lead Vanport Committee, Hall States

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	65	53	.73
Portland	67	55	.00
San Francisco	66	54	.00
Chicago	86	71	.00
New York	89	69	.00

Willamette river -1.5 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with scattered showers. High today 68, low tonight 50. Agricultural weather only fair today and tomorrow.

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Rain Damages Half of Valley Hay Crop

West Tells Russ 'End Berlin Siege' Battle Starts as Israel Rejects Plan

IT SEEMS TIME

By Charles A. Sprague

In June news was published of the purchase by the M & M Woodworking Co. of Portland of 15/32nds of the stock of the E. Richardson Co. The latter company owns some 430 million board feet of standing timber on Thomas creek in the Santiam watershed. The remaining 17/32nds of stock ownership are held by Sewell Avery, Chicago capitalist, president of Montgomery Ward & Co. Before the extensive holdings can be logged M & M will have to come to an agreement with tough-minded Avery, but eventually the timber will come to market and the woodworking company which operates several plywood mills will get first call on the timber.

The deal illustrates a fact which residents of Oregon scarcely realize, that stands of timber are owned in huge blocks, often by outside capitalists. I recall riding east on a train several years ago and fell in with a midwestern lumberman who told me he had just concluded the sale of a large tract of timber his company had owned in Oregon since 1908. It was purchased by a non-resident operating company. The Pillsbury interests of Minneapolis long held a large acreage of timberland in southwest Oregon, selling it a few years ago to the Weyerhaeuser Co. The acquisition of our timber has gone on from homesteading days, from the time when individuals went out and took up timber claims. Only a few tried to retain their lands. Gradually title drifted into what the financial papers call "strong hands," ownership that could carry the (Continued on editorial page)

Wreck Snarls Bridge Traffic

Westbound traffic over the West Salem bridge was snarled for 25 minutes during the rush hour Tuesday night when three cars collided in a minor accident.

City police said the tangle occurred on the Salem ramp and involved cars driven by Robert Green, 904 S. 20th st., and Nancy Hubbard, Monmouth, and a truck and trailer operated by N. H. Checkley of Portland.

Officers said Green's westbound auto struck the rear of Miss Hubbard's and in turn was struck from behind by the truck. As the drivers attempted to disengage the vehicles, a line of autos formed along Center street. As Center street became plugged, cars formed two-block lines on both sides of Front, Commercial, Liberty and High streets, leading into Center street.

The halt started at 5:30 p.m. and traffic did not resume until 5:45.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Bernadotte To Continue Peace Talks

TEL AVIV, Israel, July 6-(AP)—The main Tel Aviv-Haifa highway was blocked tonight by a heavy battle between Jewish and Arab troops. The clash occurred as Count Folke Bernadotte traveled from Tel Aviv to Cairo in an attempt to extend the uneasy Palestine truce.

Few details of the fighting 10 miles south of Haifa were available here. Two United Nations truce teams driving United Nations trucks were turned back by Arab forces who fired on them for 40 minutes before they waved a white flag to end the shooting.

Pvt. Charles Phalen, 19, of Bluefield, W. Va., and Pvt. Lewis Taylor, 19, of Jackson, Miss., said they were forced to pull their trucks into a ditch and crawl for cover under rifle and machine-gun fire from Arabs dominating the road between Tirez and Jara. This occurred about noon.

CAIRO, July 6-(AP)—The Israeli government turned down Count Folke Bernadotte's Palestine peace proposals today. He promptly announced he will continue peace talks even if fighting resumes.

The United Nations mediator made this statement on arriving from Tel Aviv, where he was asked by the Israeli government to "reconsider" his plan for ending Arab-Jewish warfare.

In Tel Aviv Bernadotte received from Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok a 1,000-word reply to the mediator's proposal to turn Jerusalem over to Arab rule, make Haifa a free port and regulate immigration.

'Bats' to Attack Dreadnaught

PEARL HARBOR, July 6-(AP)—Radar-guided "bats," the first fully automatic guided missiles used in combat by any nation, will be launched tomorrow against the doomed battleship New York.

The navy will throw the full power of its air, surface and underwater arms against the battleship, which is a dreadnaught survivor of two wars and two atom bomb blasts.

According to plan, the 34-year-old ship will sink to a Pacific grave about noon Thursday. Submarine torpedoes will blast her down after some 300 planes with bombs, rockets and guided missiles.

Plans Sought for Hillcrest Project

The state board of control Tuesday called for plans for two projects affecting Hillcrest school for girls, near Salem.

Under consideration are a superintendents' cottage estimated to cost \$20,000 and a 6-inch steam pipe line between Hillcrest and Fairview home, estimated to cost \$54,969.

The board decided to defer awarding a contract, pending study, to Service Tire Co. of Portland, low bidder for tire recapping and repair for all state departments.

Firemen Hurt in Crash with Chief

OAKLAND, Calif., July 6-(AP)—A fire truck and a chief's car, each siren drowning out the other, collided at a street intersection late today. Six firemen were injured, three seriously.

The two vehicles jumped the sidewalk and piled up in a service station. Four firemen were heaved out on the pavement.

The grass fire to which they were speeding burned itself out.

ROSEBURG YOUTH DROWNS

ROSEBURG, July 6-(AP)—A rubber boat capsized on North Umpqua river rapids 30 miles east of here yesterday and drowned Norman Keith Helvey, 18. His uncle, E. H. Helvey, managed to reach shore.

Miss Salem



Miriam Shellenberger, 19, who will represent Salem at Seaside's Miss Oregon contest July 23, 24 and 25 as Miss Salem She was chosen for the 1948 entry at the Capital Post 9, American Legion, Fourth of July program at Waters park (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer. (Story on page 7.)

Twice-Delayed Air Show Set For August 22

The Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce air show, twice postponed, will be held Sunday, August 22, the show committee announced following a Tuesday night meeting at the chamber of commerce.

Dick Schmidt, Jaycee chairman for the air show, said tickets and stubs from last month's abbreviated program will be honored. The August event will include Swede Ralston's aerial performers, acts by the Salem Motorcycle club and a parachute jumper.

Originally slated for June 6, the show was first postponed because of a rush of air traffic at McNary field during the Portland flood. It was called off again on June 20 because of rain.

McLoughlins' Bodies Moved

OREGON CITY, July 6-(AP)—The bodies of John McLoughlin, Hudson's Bay company factor in Oregon pioneer days, and his wife were moved to new graves here today.

They were buried in religious and civic ceremonies at the new site of St. John's church.

Approximately 350 persons attended a pontifical requiem mass at the old site of the church, where the bodies had been buried.

The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Oregon, blessed the new graves in a later ceremony.

Card Dealer Held In Knife Slaying

PENDLETON, July 6-(AP)—One Umatilla card dealer was dead and another held in jail here today as the result of a fight last night.

The dead man was Lee Thompson. Held in jail was James High, who insisted he pulled out his pocket knife and cut Thompson's throat only in self defense.

Sheriff R. E. Good said High asserted Thompson came at him with a revolver after a quarrel over money.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
(From Sept. 1 to July 7)

This Year	Last Year	Average
4.15	26.30	21.24

Soviet Tightens Grip on City As Notes Sent

By The Associated Press

The United States, Britain and France called on Soviet Russia yesterday to lift the ground blockade of Berlin.

In the gravest development of the Berlin crisis, the three powers handed separate notes to Soviet ambassadors in Washington, London and Paris. The contents were not announced. But London diplomats said the language was stiff.

The Berlin situation worsened. Strict controls were clamped on trucks entering the western sectors from the Russian part of the city, western-licensed newspapers reported. The German press said the truck export of food and other essential commodities was forbidden.

But the British-American air lift funneled additional supplies into the beleaguered city from western Germany, except for one seven-hour stretch when weather interrupted U.S. flights. American officials announced that coal will be added to the air cargoes tomorrow.

In Paris, the French foreign ministry reported evidence of a Soviet plot to eject the United States, France and Britain from Berlin. The newspaper Le Figaro first reported the alleged plot; then a French foreign office spokesman said the British had confirmed it. The British in London disclaimed giving the French any note on the affair.

'Captive' Mines Idle; Output Of Steel Drops

By The Associated Press

A New York stoppage shut off coal production in steel company mines Tuesday. Steel output slumped immediately.

Some 40,000 miners stayed away from the steel companies' "captive" mines, protesting lack of a contract. Another 45,000 miners failed to show up at commercial mines in West Virginia and western Virginia. Most of the latter group were described as merely slow in reporting back after the coal miners' annual summer vacations.

The steel companies have refused to sign the soft coal contract for the coal industry approved. The group contended that John L. Lewis' demand for a union shop violated the Taft-Hartley law because he has not signed a non-communist affidavit.

The Taft-Hartley act does not bar the union shop but requires that it be voted on in national elections. The United Mine Workers union is ineligible to participate in NLRB elections because Lewis declined to sign a non-communist affidavit.

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Cherry Splitting Feared

By Lillie L. Madsen

Farm Editor, The Statesman

One more year of rain, spaced like the 1948 early summer rains, and all Willamette valley stockmen will be using grass silage instead of cured hay, farmer stated Tuesday night.

Rains coming two weeks ago caught fully 50 per cent of the early hay crop. This was largely alfalfa and clover. A few clover growers waited until the weather cleared up to cut their hay, and this, along with a good share of the vetch and oat hay was caught in Tuesday's heavy showers.

"While the hay may not be completely ruined, the quality has been badly damaged," Ben A. Newell, assistant county agent, said. Estimates were that approximately 50 per cent of this late hay crop was caught out in the rain.

Some crimson clover had been windrowed for seed by Tuesday and is expected to be badly damaged as seed from this sprout with the first dampness: A new strain, more damp-resistant, is being tested out in the valley. H. O. White of D. A. White & Sons Seed company, said, but only experimental plots have been planted here so far.

Fear Shattering

Some chervings fescue grass is also in windrows, but unless the rain should continue, or if the crop is so heavy that it must be turned before being combined, seedmen do not believe this will be harmed. If turning is necessary to obtain dry seed, shattering may cause quite a loss, Mr. White said.

Reports from United Growers and Willamette Cherry Growers, packing plants, showed that cherries received Tuesday night were still firm. Unless the rains continue, packers did not believe the cherries would be damaged. Picking of cherries in the Willamette valley is expected to continue for another two weeks at least, and quality is rated very high this season.

Damages Cherries

Associated Press stories Tuesday night from Hood River valley said that heavy weekend rains had caused serious damage to the cherry crop there. Orchard surveys indicated "splitting" was prevalent in the past 10 days after intermittent showers. The harvest there is scheduled to begin this week.

Farmers who were happy with Monday and Tuesday showers were those who had their hay in shelter and needed rain to bring on second clover and alfalfa crops, and those who had planted barley and sudan grass late because of too much dampness during their normal planting season. Corn growers also expressed pleasure at the rain.

Ora Furlough Heads Marine Corps League

KLAMATH FALLS, July 6-(AP)—Ora Furlough of Salem was elected president of the Oregon Marine Corps league at a week end convention here. Golda Wheeler, also of Salem, was named historian.

The men elected Aubrey Adams, Klamath Falls, commandant.

Legislature May Give Property Tax Relief to Flood Sufferers

Possibility that a 1949 state legislative appropriation might offset taxes on lands which suffered damage in the recent Columbia river floods in Clatsop and Columbia counties was voiced by State Tax Commissioner Wallace S. Wharton Tuesday.

Wharton explained that refund of state taxes against affected land was not legally possible. He gave his opinion when a group of men representing five drainage districts of the two counties appeared yesterday before Gov. John H. Hall.

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Petitions Ask Salem Add Kingwood Area

May Lead to Merger with West Salem

Property owners of the Kingwood water district outside West Salem were preparing petitions Tuesday requesting that annexation of the district to Salem be placed before voters in November's general election.

The district, a majority of whose population is known to favor annexation, is located outside the West Salem city limits. It is a crescent-shaped territory which includes Kingwood Heights from Wallace road on the east to the Salem-Dallas highway on the west.

The annexation vote could be called by the Salem city council provided one or more bona fide petitions are filed with the council requesting the election. The water district was formed to secure water if West Salem was unable to supply it.

City Attorney Chris Kowitz said Tuesday that annexation of the district would be legal. State law—passed by the 1947 legislature to facilitate the mer-

ger of West Salem with Salem—provides that two incorporated cities in different counties may merge provided they have a common boundary or a river for a common boundary.

A 1947 decision, handed down by Circuit Judge Arlie Walker of Polk county, held that West Salem could not merge with Salem because part of Minto Island prevented the Willamette river from serving as a common, uninterrupted boundary between the cities.

Kowitz pointed out that annexation of the district was not subject to the state merger law because it is not an incorporated city. Otto Paulus, attorney for the district, said West Salem would be able to merge with Salem if the Kingwood district is annexed in November. The water district, he stated, would then provide a common boundary.

Kingwood district residents, about 3,000 in number are now without sewers and fire protection.

Russia, Albania Take New Digs at Tito's Yugoslavia

LONDON, Wednesday, July 7-(AP)—Premier-Marshals Tito's Yugoslav communists got two hard aspersions early today to their defiance of the nine-nation communist international information bureau (cominform).

Russia's communist party said it has rejected an invitation to send a delegation to the Yugoslav communist congress opening in Belgrade July 21. The announcement was made here just before midnight through the soviet news agency Tass and the Moscow radio.

An hour later, Tass reported little Albania defied Yugoslav warnings that she must resume economic relations with her bigger neighbor or face the consequences.

The Yugoslav communist party placed itself "outside the family of communist parties," the Russian communist said, by its refusal to attend a communist international information bureau (cominform) meeting in Romania last month. At that meeting, other members of the nine-nation cominform discussed Tito's alleged deviations from the Marxist line.

The central committee of the Russian communist party, which Stalin has served as general secretary since 1922, thus repeated in almost identical words a charge in the original cominform blast at Tito.

The Russians implied that the situation remains the same—the Yugoslav communists have not repented of their "Trotskyist" actions, and therefore, still are not well-watched by the cominform come back into the communist fold.

The Tass dispatch from Tirana, capital of Albania, said the Albanians were taking "strong measures" to guard their frontiers with Yugoslavia and Greece against "hostile elements."

'Robin Hood' Redistributes Betting Money

CHICAGO, July 6-(AP)—Robin Hood visited a north side bookie today and saw to it that patrons didn't go home broke.

A gunman came in just as the loudspeakers were blaring the running of the fourth race. He herded the bookie and 18 customers against a wall.

He stuck his hand in the bookie's pocket, took out a huge handful of bills.

"This is only chicken feed. I want the real money—the big dough."

To which the bookie said "That's all there is, there ain't no more."

"This is Piker Doug and I'm no piker," said the gunman.

Then he started doling out fives and tens to the customers.

He filed empty-handed. The smiling customers followed soon after.

GI Admits Firing Red Headquarters

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 6-(AP)—An American soldier has admitted helping set fire to communist party headquarters in Wiesbaden, U. S. military government officials said today.

A second soldier may also be involved. There were two men in U. S. army uniform among the five persons reported setting the blaze early last Sunday morning. The fire was put out before much damage was done.

The soldier who confessed was being treated for burns in a hospital. His name was not disclosed. Officials could not say yet whether he will be prosecuted.

Major Pangle Of Salem Shot In Nuernberg

NUERNBERG, Germany, July 6-(AP)—Major Harold J. Pangle of Salem, Ore., former Oregon State college football star, and his wife were wounded here by bandits, the army announced today.

Pangle was shot in the chest; his wife in an arm. Both are recovering in an army hospital here.

Two armed men held them up in a Nuernberg suburb the night of July 3 while onlooker Pangle's money at gun point, Mrs. Pangle jumped into her automobile and rounded the horn. Bandits fired five shots and fled.

Major Harold J. Pangle of Salem, who was shot by bandits in Nuernberg, was a star halfback at Oregon State college, from which he was graduated in 1922.

He was in the restaurant business here before the war, and went into the army in 1942. He served in Germany with his wife shortly after the war ended.

Wallace Petitions Reported Ready For Salem Filing

PORTLAND, July 6-(AP)—Petitions to establish the "Wallace for President" political party in Oregon are to be filed in Salem this week. T. G. Moore, secretary of the progressive party organizing committee, said tonight.

Moore said the new party will issue its call for a state nominating convention simultaneously, set tentatively for July 17-18 here.

He said the convention would nominate candidates for state office, adopt a platform and elect delegates to attend the national "new party" convention in Philadelphia July 23-25.

Once certified by Oregon's secretary of state, the new political party must poll at least 5 per cent of the total votes cast for congress in the general election to remain a qualified Oregon political party.

Body Tumbles Over Spillway

BONNEVILLE, Ore., July 6-(AP)—An employee of the power dam here said tonight he saw a body plunge over the spillway and police said probably it was an Indian fisherman who has been missing for a week from near the Bridge of the Gods upstream.

George Bissin, a grounds employee at the dam, said the body reappeared twice in the river below the dam.

FLOOD VICTIM RECOVERED

ASTORIA, July 6-(AP)—The body of Albert Carlson, 40, Astoria dredge operator who fell into the flooding Columbia river at Wauna June 16, was recovered here yesterday.

Cancels Meet with Evacuees

PORTLAND, July 6-(AP)—Governor John H. Hall said tonight he is convinced a committee claiming to represent evacuees from the flooded city of Vanport, Ore., is led by communists.

The governor said he would not keep an appointment with the group scheduled for tomorrow at the state capitol in Salem. The committee was expected to ask the governor to call a special session of the legislature for special flood relief funds.

Hall said he made the decision to cancel the appointment after talking to chief of Portland detectives, William Brown. The governor's statement followed the resignation of four members of the Vanport citizens' committee. They also claimed active communist party members are using the distress of the flood refugees as a "curtain" for disruptive communist tactics.

Resignations Signed

The resignation statement was signed by Lee L. Fowler, committee chairman; George L. Ortega, committee member; Magnus T. Hansen and Anna C. Sturdivant, committee representatives.

Their statement said: "We have proved beyond any doubt to ourselves that some of the leaders, officials and members of this (Vanport) committee are directly or indirectly connected with the communist party."

Delegates Sent

The committee has sent several delegations to the Portland city council. They have demanded cash grants to Vanport families, freezing of rents in Portland and demanded resignation of all members of the Portland housing authority which operated the government-owned Vanport.

The last formal committee hearing with the city council was terminated abruptly when Mayor Earl Riley adjourned the session after repeated interruptions by members of the group.

Opposition Expressed

Later tonight, Spencer Gill, chairman of the Vanport committee, and three other officers, issued a statement in which they said Governor Hall has "sidestepped" the just demands of the people of Vanport. The statement added: "The governor has resorted to the most heinous device of declaring the citizens disaster committee 'communist-led'."

The signers of the statement said they would continue to press for fulfillment of the program they championed for the Vanport refugees.

In addition to Gill, the other signers were Vaughn S. Albertson, housing subcommittee chairman; John Peterson, parliamentary; and T. B. Moore, executive committee member.

Local Hospital To Modernize Surgery Plant

Work will begin this week on a \$10,000 program to modernize surgery facilities at Salem Memorial hospital, Irwin Wedel, hospital business manager, announced Tuesday.

The hospital Tuesday received a permit from the city engineer's office to start alteration operations on the third-floor surgery ward. Thomas Dalke, Salem contractor, is in charge of the project.

Wedel said the floor will be changed to include three rooms for major surgical operations, one more than present. All three surgeries will be equipped with modern lighting and flesh-proof switches and outlets at a cost of \$1,500.

Construction of the surgeries and a doctors' locker room will cost about \$6,500. Purchase of \$2,500 worth of new surgical instruments will round out the program, Wedel said.

Other permits issued by the engineer's office Tuesday went to S. A. Smith, 400 E. Washington st., \$1,400; M. O. Humphrey to relocate a house at 3265 Abrams ave., \$1,200, and to David Wright to repair a house at 785 Stewart st., \$250.

State Asks Funds For Welfare Pay

PORTLAND, July 6-(AP)—The state appealed to the federal government today for emergency funds to enable Oregon to send out \$1,300,000 in welfare checks for July.

Unable to send out the checks because Multnomah county cannot pay its share until after July 9, the state asked the federal social security board for permission to use federal funds now in Oregon's coffers to meet the Multnomah deficit.

Oregon Presbyterians Pick Layman Moderator

PORTLAND, July 6-(AP)—A layman was elected moderator of the Presbyterian church's synod of Oregon today for the first time in 17 years.

He is Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls businessman. He was elected at the opening of the synod's 68th annual session.