

A frequent criticism of the two old parties is that they are too much alike. They are Tweedledum and Tweedledee with scant difference between them. The plea is heard that we should have a fresh political alignment in which the liberals should line up on one side and the conservatives on the other. Actually however there is much to be said for our present rather amorphous and somewhat incongruous political divisions.

Republicans and democrats are alike in one valuable respect: both are thoroughly American in origin and outlook; both respect the American constitution and our republican system of government. So when a change from one party to the other is made there is no revolution. New laws may be passed but the government in its form and in its content is not greatly altered. This gives stability, order, continuity which are essential for sound government and for business confidence.

There is value also in having parties organized vertically rather than horizontally. Republicans who are workers as well as business and professional men; democrats who are manufacturers as well as farmers and laborers. Allan Nevins, distinguished historian, writing in the New York Times magazine observes that there is a "fundamental value" in this "pulling together an immensely varied mass of social (Continued on Editorial Page)

Mass Picketing Set for Dayton; Line Breached

By the Associated Press
A mass picket line was ordered Wednesday night by CIO leaders at the Univis Lens company plant in Dayton, O., to swell the line breached by club swinging police earlier.

Five pickets were injured in the affray outside the company when police forced a path through the picket line to allow non-strikers to enter the plant.

The Montgomery county CIO Industrial Union council, representing 30,000 union members, ordered the mass picket line in support of the Univis lens company strikers. The council also threatened a county-wide labor holiday in protest against "police brutality."

Some 340 non-strikers joined the back-to-work movement that began Monday under police protection.

Last Friday the Univis workers voted 302 to 272 not to retain local 768, CIO United Electrical Workers, as their bargaining agent.

The company has announced that any employees who break work by Thursday would be fired. The strike started May 5 over a wage dispute.

Salem to Gain New Company Of Guardsmen

Salem is to have a second national guard infantry company. Company G, 162nd Infantry regiment, will be organized in Salem August 10, under the command of Capt. W. C. Dyer, jr., army reserve officer, it was learned here Wednesday.

The company, originally slated for organization in Portland, is being shifted here because of lack of available personnel in the Portland area. It will join company B of the 162nd in training in Salem. A sixth army team will be in Salem when the new unit is federally recognized.

Coincidentally with the announcement of the second company came that of Capt. Burl Cox of vacancies in Company B. Capt. Cox reported that 35 to 40 men will be accepted for duty with the guard here. Room is available both to the 17 and 18½-year-old age group and to veterans of all ages. Cox pointed out that vacancies in company B will be opened by a shift of personnel from his unit to the new organization.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Oh, oh, I feel a nagging backache coming on."

300 Known Dead as German Plant Explodes.

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3 Killed in Gervais Rail Crossing Accident

Twin Girls, 8, Robert Pilcher Crash Victims

GERVAIS, July 28 — Three Gervais residents were killed instantly when the car in which they were riding was struck by a northbound passenger train in Gervais Wednesday night.

Dead were Robert Victor Pilcher, 40, Gervais route 1, and Joyce and Joan Rentz, 8-year-old twin daughters of Mrs. Marie Rentz of Gervais.

There were no witnesses to the crash, but state police who investigated the accident said Pilcher apparently drove east into the path of the Southern Pacific's northbound Klamath at the crossing in Gervais. The accident occurred at 8:15 p. m.

The car, a 1936 Chrysler sedan, was carried about 125 feet along the track and completely demolished. The engine was separated from the body by about 20 feet when they came to rest.

Pilcher's body was taken to the Ringo funeral home in Woodburn, and the bodies of the girls to the Unger funeral home in Mt. Angel.

Greyhound Bus Building Bids Let to Barham

Work will begin immediately on construction of a \$112,500 Greyhound bus terminal on North Church street opposite the public school administration building, it was announced Wednesday by F. W. Ackerman, president of Pacific Greyhound, in San Francisco, through local Greyhound officials. The building contract was let to Barham brothers of Salem. The one-story reinforced concrete building will front 132 feet on North Church between Center and North streets, with a depth of 87½ feet and loading area in the rear. Lyle P. Bartholomew of Salem is the architect.

The new terminal will house the bus facilities; a restaurant to be established by Walter Cline, jr., and W. H. Johnston at an estimated \$40,000 cost; a confectionery and magazine concession to be operated by Harry Minto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Minto, and four independent offices or store spaces, including the offices of Attorney E. E. Laird and the Ken Potts insurance agency.

The Greyhound announcement said the company recently acquired additional property at the terminal site to provide for larger passenger accommodations.

In the same section of downtown Salem, a Trailways bus station is being established at High and Marion streets.

Pictorial Photo Entries Posing Difficult Choice

Judges in The Statesman's photo contest today were facing their most difficult decision thus far, in regard to the pictorial-scenery classification. Their verdict will be announced Sunday.

Quality in the other classes slipped "just a trifle" this week, the judges said. Biggest faults appeared to be lack of sharp images, or a foginess, occasioned by inaccurate focus, over-enlargement or camera movement, and stiff posing -- a factor particularly damaging in news pictures.

Entries now are being received for the final week ending at midnight next Wednesday.

Chicago Business Man Slain in Car

CHICAGO, July 28 —(AP)— A wealthy industrialist was killed today by three gunmen who pulled alongside his car in rush hour traffic and fired a shotgun blast which blew off the top of his head.

The gunmen's car raced away after the shooting on Chicago's south side. Killed was Nathan Gumbin, 56, owner of the General Fiber Co. Gumbin was riding with his son, Owen, 19, who was not touched.

They were returning from a meeting at the plant which police said concerned labor problems there. They added no apparent motive for the slaying had been uncovered.

Survivor



Sgt. Sigyh R. Gustafson, 32, reported to be the only survivor of the crash off the south coast of Arabia of one of the three B-29s circling the globe. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

16 Feared Lost As Superfort Plunges to Sea

ADEN July 28 —(AP)— One of three B-29 superfortresses on an around the world flight crashed in the sea within sight of this port on the south coast of Arabia last night. At least 16 American crewmen were believed lost.

One man was rescued, but it was not learned immediately the exact number of men aboard the giant American bomber. Authorities here imposed restrictions on outgoing dispatches concerning the crash.

Five bodies were recovered from the sea during the day and were buried with full military honors.

The crash occurred at 7 p. m. shortly after the planes took off for Ceylon.

Cause of the disaster still is unknown. Eyewitnesses said the plane was airborne when the motors suddenly became silent.

The other planes returned to Aden and are awaiting instructions.

The customary complement of a B-29 is nine men but two of the globe-girdling planes carried double crews, while the third carried 17 men.

The lone survivor, identified only as Sergeant Gustafson, was picked up by local fishermen. He was reported resting comfortably in the RAF hospital.

Davis-Monthan Field in Tucson, the ship's home base, issued a list of 18 men aboard the ship when it left Tucson which included M. Sgt. Sigyh R. Gustafson, 32, Norwood, Mass.

The three big bombers left Tucson six days ago. The air force called it a "routine long distance training" flight.

MINERS' FUNERAL SET

PRINCETON, Ind., July 28 —(AP)— Sorrowful families today gathered up the bodies of 13 coal miners killed in yesterday's explosion at the King's mine and prepared to bury them in a series of funeral services that will extend through Sunday.

The current building activity has caused real property values to increase to \$40,477,580 as compared with \$39,199,250 last year, an increase of about 3 per cent. Personal property in the county assessed valuation went up to \$2,342,000, or an increase of \$39,800 over a year ago.

In the real property classification a breakdown shows 511,116 acres of tillable county lands as-

Taft Assures Hunt for Curb To Inflation

By Ed Creagh
WASHINGTON, July 28 —(AP)— Senator Taft (R-Ohio) promised tonight that congress will try to work out some cost-of-living curbs without resorting to "police state methods."

But he declared flatly: "Price control and rationing will not work in America in time of peace. This congress has learned that when powers are once granted to a left-wing administrator they are freely used. . . . Once you start to fix prices you have to regulate every detail of every sale and transaction."

Going Home Quickly
And he said congress is going to go home in about two weeks. As a matter of fact, Taft said, "we would be fully justified in adjourning at once."

Taft and other GOP leaders went on the air to answer President Truman's address to congress yesterday.

Mr. Truman asked for limited price controls, standby rationing and wage control powers, and an excess profits tax to check rising prices. He also asked house action of a senate-approved long-range housing bill.

On the radio, Rep. Halleck of Indiana, house majority leader, said the 80th congress had generated a building boom by removing "red tape" and restrictions.

And Senator Wherry of Nebraska said congress was ready to consider favorably "any legislation found to be of an emergency character."

"It is appalling," the senator said, "that on foreign policy the president was absolutely silent and not once did he mention the threat of communism at home."

In congress itself, civil rights grabbed the spotlight.

Senator Taft, chairman of the GOP policy committee, said the southerners probably would "debunk" the poll tax bill all day tomorrow and Friday with daily sessions winding up about 5 p. m.

Amendment Proposed
A civil rights peace plan was put forward by Senator Hayden (D-Ariz.). He said: Why not try a constitutional amendment to outlaw the poll tax requirement for voting in federal elections, since the southern democrats are so strongly opposed to doing it by act of congress?

Fine, said the Dixie lawmakers. The anti-poll tax bill already has passed the house.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.) said the south has no objection to a constitutional amendment which would wipe out the poll tax. What southerners do object to, he said, is congress making rules for state and local elections.

A number of republicans were cool to Hayden's proposal. But Senator Morse (R-Ore.), temporarily acting as majority leader, said GOP leaders "will take whatever amendment any formal offer you have to make."

Morse added, however, there would have to be a "gentlemen's agreement" that the Dixiecrats wouldn't filibuster if a constitutional amendment, instead of a straight bill, is proposed. An amendment, if voted by congress, would have to be ratified by 36 states before it could become effective.

(Addition details on page 2)

Marion County Valuation Hits Record High of \$55,836,483

A record Marion county assessment roll of \$55,836,483 -- about \$2,804,370 larger than the 1947 roll -- was reported Wednesday by County Assessor Roscoe (Ted) Shelton. The increase is about 5½ per cent.

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Senator Announces GOP Plans



WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28 — Chairman Eugene Millikin (Colo.) of the republican senate conference uses a gavel for emphasis as he outlines GOP strategy in the senate for the special session of congress. He said after a three-hour caucus of republican senators that GOP leaders decided to have committees study President Truman's requests for housing and anti-inflation legislation and to debate the poll tax. Sen. Milton Young (N.D.) is at left. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

5-Year-Old Wins Fete Amateur Show

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
STAYTON, July 28 — Pretty blonde 5-year-old Darlene Christensen tonight, for the second consecutive year, literally danced away with sweepstakes at the ninth annual Santiam Bean festival's amateur hour.

Dressed in a brief black velvet and chiffon costume, Darlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Christensen of Stayton, opened with the festival "Bean Song" and closed with a tap dancing number to win the loudest applause of the 18 contestants. Applause meters were the judges for the entire show, given on the porch of the Stayton Woman's clubhouse under the direction of Gene Malecki, festival manager.

Majory Jordan, Salem, showing fine finish, won first in the adult division with her whistling number. Kenneth Buford and Mary White, each singing a number, won second and third.

Evelyn Baxter, also 5, was a close second to Darlene in her song number to win first in the junior contest. Three very small girls, Catherine Johnston, Clarice Humphreys and Sandra-Jean Forest, played accordions and marimbas, placed second, and Janice Edminston, in a song, placed third.

The audience had increased tonight and more than 1,500 helped swell the applause on the half-hour broadcast, the first radio program ever to originate in Stayton.

A special feature was interpretations given by Malecki.

Thursday night's big event will be the pet parade at 7 p. m., followed by dancing. Announcements will also be made on entries for the grand parade set for Friday at 7 p. m.

Got Any Ideas To Curb HCL?

WASHINGTON, July 28 —(AP)— Chairman Tobey (R-NH) of the senate labor committee today invited producers, manufacturers and distributors to submit "practical plans to curb inflation by voluntary methods."

"Unless they do so before it is too late," Tobey warned in a statement, "more stringent methods of halting inflation must be adopted for the welfare of the people and the good of the nation."

Tobey's committee will start hearings tomorrow on the president's recommendation to curb inflation. He told reporters he expected the hearings to be open.

HATELY TO ENFORCE

PORTLAND, July 28 —(AP)— The state labor committee today employed a new enforcement division supervisor today — William A. Hatley, former secret service operative. He succeeds Edwin C. Snow, now on military leave of absence.

Petitions Set For Substitute For Manager

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman
A move to substitute a paid commission government for the present city manager plan in Salem was launched Wednesday night by a committee of local labor leaders and other citizens.

Forty men and women who gathered in Salem Labor temple to discuss a change in form of local government designated a 10-man steering committee, which in turn organized under the chairmanship of Lloyd F. LeGarie, delicatessen operator and former city alderman.

Committeemen are to prepare petitions for a voters' referendum against the charter amendment which Salem voters approved to establish city manager government here Jan. 1, 1947.

The proposed ballot measure would substitute an elected mayor and two commissioners, to serve full time on a paid basis, for the present elected mayor and seven aldermen who serve on an unpaid basis and who employ a city manager to direct city affairs. Salaries Not Determined

The measure would set the salaries for the three-man commission (including mayor), but a definite salary figure awaits committee study. Several members favored tentatively salaries of \$5,500. The city manager's salary now is \$9,000.

H. E. Barker, secretary of the Salem Trades and Labor council, and C. F. Burt, business agent for four local unions, called the Wednesday meeting by inviting expression of opinion on manager government from labor and other organizations of Salem.

LeGarie's steering committee also includes: Vice chairman, Attorney Elmer Amundson, candidate for city alderman in November on an anti-city manager platform; secretary — treasurer, Barker; Burt; Attorney Fred Wilbams, former city attorney; Jack Cutler, new president of the building trades council; W. J. Entress, member of the city civil service commission; Henry Pratt, carpenter local president; Mrs. C. G. Conrad and Mrs. M. A. Olson.

August 15 Deadline
The committee will raise funds to finance the petitions by seeking voluntary donations. About \$50 was raised at the general meeting last night and at least \$250 more will be required, Burt estimated. Harry Read, manager of Salem Electric, offered to pay printing expenses.

Petitions with some 1,200 valid signatures must be filed with the city by August 15 to get the measure on the November ballot. Committeemen expected to have petitions ready for circulation next week.

George F. Thomason, teamsters' local business agent, LeGarie and Williams endorsed a city commission form of government in the general meeting last night, after Chairman Burt called for pro and con comment on the present form of government.

One Speaker Backs Manager
Milton L. Meyers, city zoning commission member, was the only speaker in favor of the city manager government. He asserted the city administration now handles business more thoroughly and promptly than under the old council system. He added, however, that he was not adverse to the commission type of government.

Barker said the Trades and Labor council opposes city manager government because it placed too much authority in one man and was undemocratic because the manager was not elected directly by the citizens.

Weather
Salem — 71 55 trace
Portland — 66 50
San Francisco — 55 45
Chicago — 83 62
New York — 80 73
Willamette river — 2.7 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Generally clear today and tomorrow except for passing clouds. High today near 75, low tonight near 50. Weather favorable for all agricultural activities except for moderate afternoon winds unfavorable for dusting and spraying.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to July 28)
This Year 47.90 Last Year 28.08 Average 37.66

Blasts Continue In Night

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany, Thursday, July 29 —(AP)— New blasts ripped the wreckage here early today in the wake of yesterday's explosion which killed more than 300 and injured 6,200, according to a U. S. army estimate. German police said between 500 and 600 were killed.

The army said there were 300 known dead, presumably from a count of bodies during rescue operations, and that an undetermined number of dead still remain in the blazing wreckage.

6,200 Said Injured
A U. S. army statement said 2,700 persons were treated for injuries suffered in the plant when the first blast occurred yesterday. At least 3,500 others were injured by falling walls and flying glass and debris outside the plant, the army said.

Because of new explosions and flames it was impossible for rescue squads to approach some sections of the factory in a search for bodies.

The entire area was evacuated late last night of all except firemen and rescue workers.

Just Before Quitting Time
The blast and resultant fire, which sent flames and smoke towering miles into the air, came just 15 minutes before the plant's 22,000 workers would have gone home for the day. Clocks for miles around were stopped by the concussion at 3:45 p. m. (6:45 a. m. PDT).

The disaster, the greatest in Europe since the end of the war, was described by Lord Mayor Valentin Hafer as worse than the explosion in a Farben plant in suburban Oppau in 1921 which took 565 lives. The last serious explosion in the Ludwigshafen plant occurred July 29, 1943, when 73 were killed.

Americans Aid Rescue
Although the explosion occurred in the French occupation zone, Americans played a major role in fire fighting and rescue work.

Lt. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, commander of the U. S. air force in Britain, said all available U. S. planes were ready to aid.

The explosion is believed to have occurred in a six-story building known as the "nitrate building."

The plant had been producing industrial chemicals, drugs and dyes. However, unconfirmed reports in recent months said the French also were using it to make high explosive propulsion fluids for experiments with V-1 and V-2 rockets.

I. G. Farbenindustrie Aktiengesellschaft, the gigantic German trust, along with the Krupp munitions works formed the backbone of Nazi Germany's industrial war effort. It was the largest industrial combine in prewar Germany.

The explosion which shattered Farben's big Ludwigshafen Chemical Works came on the eve of the general judgment Thursday by a U. S. war crimes court on the war guilt or innocence of 23 top Farben officials and directors.

Young Dallas Trio Located

DALLAS, July 28 —(Special)— Three children were found early this morning near small sawmill in the Oakdale community, after spending the night at the mill while Sheriff T. B. Hooper and a posse were searching for Polk county hills for them. They suffered no ill effects from the night in the open.

The children, playing "hunt Indians," were Dennis Overholser, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dal Overholser and his younger sister, Diane, and their cousin, Claudia Overholser, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Overholser. The children left their home in the Oakdale district about noon. They became lost after crossing some high ridges. They were fairly comfortable during the night, which they spent at the mill where a small fire was still burning.

Yugo Commies Re-elect Tito

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 29 —(AP)— Yugoslav communists unanimously elected Premier Marshal Tito and his entire staff of 65 candidates to the party's central committee today. This amounted to full repudiation of recent attacks on Tito by the conform — the international communist information bureau — which accused the Yugoslav leader and his lieutenants of deviating from the Marxist line.

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