

IT SEEMS TO ME  
By Charles A. Sprague

Satisfaction was felt when announcement was made that boards of the two local hospitals had agreed on a program of financing designed to provide new hospitals for Salem. The previous disagreement had held up all activity on this line. Meantime the need for added hospital facilities continued with both hospitals forced to restrict admissions closely, hasten discharges and continue housing patients in corridors or makeshift rooms.

To the bystander, however, the plan proposed and agreed to does not appear practical. It contemplates a single money-raising campaign, with donors permitted to designate which hospital their money is to go to; and all undesignated contributions to be divided equally.

The great danger is that the amounts raised will not be sufficient to do the job for either institution. Each hospital has had a goal of at least one million dollars in mind. The cost of constructing and equipping a modern hospital is such that it will take that much for an economical unit for a city of this size. But two million dollars seems beyond the reasonable expectation from Salem. The money is here, to be sure, but not the liberality to provide it. The practical goal would not be in excess of a million and a quarter dollars. Unless virtually all of that went to one hospital neither one would have enough to do the job.

(Continued on editorial page)

## Boards Grant Fund to OCE For Remodeling

A \$91,000 remodeling program for Oregon College of Education at Monmouth was approved Monday by the state board of control and state emergency board in a joint meeting here.

The boards learned that bids for the teacher training building work already have been received. The money was appropriated from the state building fund. Another \$50,000 was appropriated by the emergency board for paying the cost of Oregon national guard service at the Vancouver flood area this spring. Balance of the \$72,173 requested by Maj. Gen. R. E. Rilea, adjutant general, is to be made up by the 1949 legislature after it is spent from current guard funds, the board indicated.

The board also passed from \$25,000 to \$15,000 a requested appropriation for enforcing state brand inspection. Central and eastern Oregon cattlemen made the request, explaining that a recent legal action reducing collectible inspection fees by 60 per cent has left the state with inspection points only at Ostario and North Portland.

Two requests were denied when the board passed over a \$14,000 request from state education officials for maintaining on-the-job training inspection, and rescinded a \$6,200 state historical society grant of last month on advice from Attorney General George Reuter that it was illegal. Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of Fairview home, advised the board he would later request an emergency appropriation of \$8,405 required to operate a new children's cottage at his institution until the next legislature. He said the cottage would be opened September 1 instead of January 1 as originally proposed. The money would be used for salaries and operating costs.

## Round World B-29s Arrive at Yokota

TOKYO, Tuesday, Aug. 3 —(AP) Two B-29 bombers landed this morning at Yokota airfield, 20 miles west of Tokyo, on their around-the-world flight. They started July 22 from Tucson, Ariz. The planes will take off at 9 a. m. tomorrow for Anchorage, Alaska.

Three planes began the long training flight, but one crashed at Aden last week.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"What do YOU want a pogo stick for?"

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## GOP Anti-Inflation Proposals Prepared; Solons Deny Cloture

### Filibuster Gains 2nd Wind in Talk For States' Rights

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 —(AP) Filibustering Dixie senators won a major round today in their effort to talk the anti-poll tax bill to death.

The presiding officer, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), decided that an effort to curb the debate was in conflict with senate rules, and so the talkathon continued.

It was highly doubtful whether the senate would reach a vote at this extra session on the bill to the reasonable expectation from Salem. The money is here, to be sure, but not the liberality to provide it.

The situation was this: Last Wednesday, Senator Wherry (R-Neb.) made a motion to take up the bill which is part of President Truman's civil rights program.

Southerners immediately started a filibuster against the motion, and since then the senate has been tied up in knots.

Cloture Denied  
Today Wherry proposed that the senate invoke "cloture," which would limit each senator to one hour's talk. Wherry's proposal would have required a two-thirds vote to become effective.

But it never got to a vote. Vandenberg ruled it out of order. He did so reluctantly, he said, because he personally favors the anti-poll tax bill.

He said it seemed plain to him that when the senate adopted its rules about cloture in 1917, it meant that they should apply to pending bills, not to pending motions.

And the matter pending before the senate today was a motion — to take up the anti-poll tax bill — and not a bill.

Plan Rules Change  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 —(AP) Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said today the GOP will try to change the senate rules next January so that a debate can be shut off whenever a filibuster starts it. Chairman of the republican policy committee, he made the announcement after southerners had started filibustering an appeal he made against a ruling by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), the presiding officer.

## County Health Proposal Held Not Permitted

If Polk and Marion counties go through with a recent proposal to share expenses of a joint health officer, then Polk county cannot share in federal matching funds for its health department, Dr. Gordon E. Edwards said today. The department told Marion county court Monday.

At a recent meeting of the two counties' courts it was decided to hire an additional health officer and to split his services between Marion and Polk counties. Polk county has no health officer at this time, its county court said, but will pay \$3,000 toward an officer's salary.

Dr. Edwards said Monday that federal matching funds cannot be used when a health officer is employed only part time. He suggested that the two counties join in a two-county health district. As of last night the Marion county court had not been advised of any new plans of the Polk county court. Dr. Edwards said he would advise the Polk court of the situation immediately.

## French Seek 52 Aboard Missing Plane at Sea

PARIS, Aug. 2 —(AP) — Air France said tonight it was forced to concede that only some mechanical defect could explain the disappearance of its huge flying boat which is missing over the south Atlantic with 52 persons aboard.

Therefore, the air line officials said, they were grounding all seaplanes of that type — the 73-ton, six-engine Laticore 631 — pending an exhaustive study of the plane.

Bad weather tonight hampered rescue ships and planes which have been searching the ocean since the giant airliner vanished nearly two days ago. It failed to arrive at Port Etienne, Mauritania, West Africa, after taking off from Martinique in the French West Indies.

The last radio report from the missing plane said all was well. Air France said since the weather was favorable, it was unreasonable to assume the plane had been battered by storms.

### Bank Credit Curbs, Aids for Housing Said on New Bill

By Francis W. LeMay  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 —(AP) — The congressional republican high command today drew the outlines of a GOP anti-inflation program, flatly rejecting most of President Truman's proposals.

Chairman Wolcott (R-Minn.) of the house banking committee told reporters he probably would introduce the republican bill on Wednesday.

The GOP program, in a preliminary stage and not formally announced, was reported to include:

1. Legislation to tighten bank credit by increasing bank reserve requirements.

2. A housing bill that would enact (a) the so-called "title 8" under which the government insures mortgages on new dwellings; (b) legislation giving investors in rental property tax savings by increasing the rate of depreciation of the property; and (c) yield insurance, guaranteeing a profit for investors in large rental properties.

The housing bill, eliminating the controversial federal low-rent housing and slum clearance, passed the house during the regular session and is pending in the senate.

Mr. Truman has asked for that measure, with the subsidized housing feature back in it, along with price and rationing controls, and a multi-billion dollar excess profits tax.

Installment Curbs Tabled  
The republican program outline was drawn at a meeting of house Speaker Martin, Senator Taft of Ohio, House Republican Leader Halleck of Indiana, and Wolcott. They also discussed whether wartime controls on installment buying should be restored. Indications were that no agreement was reached on this subject.

The session was held amid indications that congress might clean up its extra session work and quit in a few days.

The Truman profits tax bill was sent to the capitol earlier in the day.

Republican leaders let it be known immediately it has no more chance of enactment than the president's price control.

### Aug. 4 Quitting Defeated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 —(AP) — The senate late today voted down, 53 to 13, a resolution to adjourn the special congressional session August 4.

The resolution was offered by Senator Johnston (R-SC). It gathered support only from his Dixie colleagues while northern democrats and republicans joined forces to defeat it.

Population of Salem now is estimated at 51,584 by Postmaster Albert C. Gragg. The estimate is based upon residential stops made by postal carriers within the city limits, Gragg said.

This is an increase of 5,680 over August, 1947, when the estimate was 46,904, Gragg said. The stops considered do not include any in the business district although some persons do live in the business district, Gragg said.

### CITIES SEEK SALES TAX

SPOKANE, Aug. 2 —(AP) — Washington's cities will ask the next state legislature for part of the state sales-tax funds or a sales tax of their own, it was indicated today by Paul Schiffer, assistant corporation counsel for Spokane.

## Navy Pooh-Poohs Mines

SEATTLE, Aug. 3 —(AP) — United States navy and coast guard headquarters early today discounted a Vancouver (B. C.) News-Herald story that stray Russian mines are endangering west coast shipping.

The 13th naval district said that numerous reports of Russian mines in Pacific northwest waters have been received during the past year, but all proved false.

The 13th coast guard district also confirmed that no Russian mines have been sighted off Washington and Oregon coasts.

Both branches of the service said that each of the 60 mines detonated on northwest beaches since last February has been Japanese. Prevailing tides have prevented any mines from drifting ashore in the past 30 days and none are expected until con-

## Budenz Talks With Chairman of Hearing



WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2 — Louis F. Budenz, former communist editor, talks with Chairman Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) of a senate subcommittee in Washington, D. C., before testifying that "the communist party of the United States is a fifth column of Soviet Russia." Left to right: Budenz, Sen. Irving Ives (R-NY), Edward Thye (R-Minn.) and Ferguson. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## West Salem Orders PGE Poles Removed

WEST SALEM, Aug. 2 — West Salem city council tonight ordered Portland General Electric company to remove poles recently acquired from Mountain States Power Co. from city streets and also refused the PGE permission to replace a pole on Edgewater street.

Demand for removal of the Mountain States poles was adopted by a divided vote. Councilman Elmer Burk urged that the company be directed to come before the council and explain what use was to be made of the Mountain States lines through town which PGE recently acquired. Burk voted against the motion while Councilmen W. C. Heise and Chester Douglas did not vote. Councilmen Donald Kuhn, A. F. Goffrier and Roy Stevens approved it.

City Attorney Elmer Cook reported the change in ownership effective since the last meeting. The long-standing complaint against the Mountain States lines, that they interfered with radio reception in West Salem, was repeated by several.

Councilmen who favored removal of the poles, were firm but hotly debated about their demands. Councilman Stevens in discussing it with Burk said, "They have had a million chances to explain," to which City Attorney Cook interposed, "Well, at least a hundred chances."

The request to replace the pole near Puritan market was dated May 27 and denial was made by adoption of the committee report which said the "pole was good as it is" (Additional details on page 2)

## Negroes Denied School Entry

NORMAN, Okla., Aug. 2 —(AP) — A state court today denied admission to the University of Oklahoma to three negro women, and negro leaders announced they would carry the fight against Oklahoma's racial segregation laws again to the supreme court.

One of the three rejected was Mrs. Ada Fisher of Chickasha, who for more than two years has waged a court fight to enter the university law school.

The others were Mauderie Hancock — Wilson and Helen Maxine Holmes, both of Oklahoma City. District Judge T. Justin Hinchshaw denied court orders sought by the three women to compel the university to enroll them for graduate studies.

## Driver Must Pay \$8,000 Damages In Fatal Crash

Lloyd C. McKenzie, Salem, was ordered to pay \$8,000 damages by a Marion county circuit court jury decision Monday night in a negligence suit brought against him by Grant C. Rogers.

Rogers is the father of Betsy Lou Rogers, 18, who was killed in a auto-train crash near the state penitentiary last August 30. McKenzie is the driver of the car in which Miss Rogers was riding at the time of the accident.

Separate suits brought by Rogers against the Southern Pacific railroad company and Harvey Holzcamp, railroad employe, were dismissed by the court following jury action Monday night.

## Budenz Claims Commies Busy In Government

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 —(AP) — A "considerable" red fifth column has wormed its way into the U. S. government, senate investigators were told today by Louis Budenz, former editor of the communist Daily Worker.

And while some communists are "confused" enough to believe their loyalty is to the United States, he went on, the majority of party members would stand with Russia in case of war.

The party aim, Budenz asserted, is to serve Moscow's purpose of world domination, including "dominance of the Soviet government of Russia over the United States."

The party itself, he said, is a Soviet "fifth column."

Budenz gave that sweeping outline of communist goals and tactics in testimony to a senate expenditures subcommittee. He said he had "every reason to believe" a sensational espionage story previously told to the committee by Elizabeth Bentley.

Miss Bentley, telling of wartime activities as a Soviet secret agent, named dozens of U. S. officials and employes, all the way to the White House, as sources of a flood of secret information she said she collected.

Budenz furnished a moment of drama in today's hearing when he turned in the witness chair to identify the 40-year-old Vassar graduate as a woman he knew as a trusted Russian agent.

Budenz also told the subcommittee that the communist party gets "a very big take from Hollywood," as he discussed how the party financed its operations.

## Israeli Warns Of New Fight

CAIRO, Aug. 2 —(AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok threatened today to reopen the Palestine war if Arab armies continue to break the United-Nations-ordered truce.

Shertok told a news conference in Tel Aviv the "presence of invading armies on the borders of Israel is a continuation of a state of war and is quite intolerable."

He said he had learned the Egyptians had opened a full scale offensive in the south today with air and ground attacks in the Negev desert area.

## RAF Drops Bombs On Malaya Rebels

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya, Tuesday, Aug. 3 —(AP) — RAF Spitfires, dropping aerial bombs for the first time since the Malayan insurrection began, destroyed an insurgent camp in southern Perak state today, the RAF announced.

The RAF previously used rockets and machineguns in fighting rebels, but not aerial bombs. The communique gave no details of today's attack in Perak.

## Envoys Cheered By Talks With Soviet Leaders

MOSCOW, Aug. 2 —(AP) — Envoys of the U. S., Britain and France emerged smiling and in good spirits tonight after conferring in the Kremlin with Prime Minister Stalin on the chances of settling east-west differences in Berlin and all Europe.

Their two-hour-and-15-minute meeting was the longest any foreign representatives have ever had with the Russian leader. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov also was present.

The western power diplomats left the walled center of the Soviet government at 11:15 p. m. (6 p. m. PDT) and hurried to the American embassy where they immediately went into conference.

At the embassy the three western envoys — U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, French Ambassador Yves Chataigneau and Frank Roberts, special British representative — had no immediate comment to make on their conversations with the soviet leader. Obviously in a great hurry and in good humor, they pounded up three flights of stairs to Smith's office without waiting for the elevator.

Progress Said Made  
Even before their Kremlin visit there were indications of an easing of the tense international situation. Authoritative sources said progress already has been made among the four great powers.

During the night, official reports on the meeting with Stalin will be dispatched to Washington, London and Paris.

Other U. S., British and French officials already were in the embassy waiting for their chiefs to return from the Kremlin.

Smith told reporters: "Generalissimo Stalin and Mr. Molotov received us all at a meeting."

Then he added: "There will probably be a communique to that effect tonight. I don't think there will be anything more. I'm sorry, but that's all."

Big 4 Meet Speculated  
(British diplomatic writers speculated that the meeting with Stalin soon might lead to a conference of Stalin, President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and French Premier Andre Marie.)

(A strict official silence was observed by the U. S. state department and the British and French foreign offices on all aspects of the western nations' latest approach to Russia. British officials said any leakage of information about what the western powers are proposing might ruin the outcome of the Moscow talks.)

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## Crawford Site Approved For Union School

TURNER, Aug. 2 —(Special) — A seven-district vote tabulated here tonight showed that the Crawford site was favored by a 19-vote margin for the construction of the new Turner-Aumsville union high school. The site is about three miles southeast of Turner at the site of the present Crawford school on the Turner-Marion road. Its cost of the district will be \$6,000.

The ballots showed 219 in favor of the Crawford site and 200 in favor of the Darley site, which had been approved by an election last December.

Voters cast ballots Monday in the Turner, Aumsville, Marion, North Santiam, West Stayton, Crawford and Cloverdale districts.

## Guard Offices To Quit Salem

Oregon national guard offices, located in Salem since World War 1, are to be moved to Portland, probably by October 1, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea revealed Monday.

General Rilea said plans are now in progress to house the guard offices in the Portland armory. Considerable interior remodeling will be required, for which funds are now available.

Virtually all headquarters companies now are located in Portland, Rilea said, and most emergency units have been handled there. The guard offices were located in Portland before being transferred to Salem.

## Son of Toledo Couple Killed in Plane Crash

LODI, Calif., Aug. 2 —(AP) — Two Lodi flight instructors were killed instantly when their light plane crashed at the Lodi air show yesterday.

The fliers, Arnold Fahnzer, 28, and Lloyd Brown, 43, were stung by the plane when it plunged 150 feet to the ground. Both men are survived by widows and minor children. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde G. Brown, Toledo, Ore.

### Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	79	58	trace
Portland	75	56	00
San Francisco	82	62	trace
Chicago	82	59	00
New York	86	65	00

Willamette river — 2.5 feet.  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Generally fair today, becoming partly to night and tomorrow, clearing again in the afternoon. Little change in temperatures with high today 86; low tonight 57. Agricultural outlook good today except for morning cloudiness and moderate northwest winds in the afternoon.

(SALEM PRECIPITATION)  
(From Sept. 1 to August 31)

This Year	Last Year	Average
41.28	52.21	57.65

POSTMAN'S RAISE SOUGHT  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 —(AP) — Legislation to increase the pay of post office workers \$350 a year and to set up a 38-hour work week was introduced today by Senators Langer (R-ND) and Johnson (D-SC).