

By Charles F. Sprague

When administration of the milk price-fixing law was transferred from the board of three to the director of agriculture, I commiserated with Director Peterson over the duty given him.

Just now Peterson is under fire from newspapers because he is denying admittance to reporters at a series of hearings and investigations.

Riding herd over the quarrelling, bickering factions in the so-called "milk industry" is a difficult assignment. The milk board was in hot milk all the time, so is the director of agriculture who succeeded to their job.

All of which becomes tiresome to John Q. Public. Here is a law which virtually insures profits for producers, distributors and retailers (forcing some of the latter to take more profit than they want).

Refusal to Eat Leftover Food Ruled Cruelty

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 6 (AP)—A Camden court held today that it's cruel to refuse to eat leftover food.

It all began when Mrs. Sarah Munro filed divorce proceedings against her husband, Oliver of Haddonfield, N. J. She said she tried to keep down her household bills by using leftovers, but that her husband refused to eat anything but freshly cooked food.

McNary Dam Project to Start

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Construction of a major section of McNary dam—a section which will cost \$21,648,793—will be started August 16 by the McNary Dam Contractors.

The contractors will employ only 100 men at first. By November, when concrete pouring starts, 500 or 600 will be employed. The payroll will be expanded to about 1,000 by March.

McNary Dam Contractors was organized by three firms which won the contract on their joint bid: Guy F. Atkinson company, Ostrander Construction company and J. A. Jones Construction company.

The work will require concrete pouring from November, 1948, to January, 1950. More dormitories, a mess hall and a guest house will be built at the site for workmen.

Animal Crackers



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MEAT BOYCOTT SPREADS OVER STATE

Reds Hint at Plan to Force Planes Down

Denies Charge Claim Air Violations At Berlin



WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 6 (AP)—Oscar Ewing, federal security administrator, denies charges that he balked at an anti-communist campaign in the nation's schools.

Solon Claims Uranium Sent To Reds in '45

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—The United States shipped Russia a "significant" amount of uranium metal—the base stuff of atomic bombs—no later than 1945, Rep. McDowell (R-Pa.) told the house today.

He said it followed up shipments of 2,720 pounds of uranium. NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (Saturday)—The Daily News said today that a three-man house un-American activities subcommittee arrived here last night "and immediately began to question a mystery witness."

Composing the committee, the paper said, were Reps. John McDowell (R-Pa.), Richard M. Nixon (R-Calif.) and F. Edward Hebert (D-La.)

compounds in 1943, when Russia was asking for the rare material by the ton. McDowell is a member of the house committee on un-American activities.

The committee took a breather in its recent communist inquiries today, but did so with a flourish. Acting Chairman Mundt (R-SD) said a picked group from the committee had been dispatched to a secret rendezvous with a mystery witness.

Senate investigators shut down their red spy hearings, too. Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich) complained that an order from President Truman has caused the withholding of needed loyalty files.

McDowell said yesterday a total of 1,300 pounds of uranium compounds had been shipped to the Soviets in 1943.

He more than doubled those figures today in his speech to the house. In addition to the 1,300 pounds, he said, 200 pounds of uranium oxide and 220 pounds of uranium nitrate, furnished by the S. W. Shattuck Chemical Co. of Denver, were shipped by air from Great Falls, Mont., to Moscow.

Also, McDowell reported, 500 pounds of uranium nitrate and 500 pounds of black uranium oxide were furnished by the Canadian Radium and Uranium corporation, transported to Great Falls, and sent from there to Moscow.

McDowell said those shipments, made in 1943, were sent to Col. A. N. Kottikov of the Soviet government purchasing commission. The actual uranium metal went in 1945, he said. He told reporters he "understands" the amount was some 25 pounds.

West Envoys, Molotov Confer

BERLIN, Aug. 6 (AP)—The official Soviet news agency charged tonight that British and American airplanes violated flight regulations 62 times in five days and hinted that planes committing violations can be forced to land.

This was the first time since the start of the big Anglo-American aerial supply operation into Soviet- blockaded Berlin that the Russians have mentioned the possibility of forcing planes down.

Previously, the Russian- controlled press had talked of declaring closed one or two of the three air corridors to Berlin from western Germany.

Point to Regulations The official Russian agency AND said there are specific regulations for forcing down planes which fly over unauthorized areas. The agency said the 62 violations occurred between July 31 and August 4, and consisted of low-level flying over Soviet airports and towns.

On the currency front, western occupation authorities announced that attempts to reach satisfactory arrangements for the release of blocked east-mark accounts "have now been brought to nothing by the insistence of the bank of issue (in the Russian sector) upon clearly unacceptable conditions."

Loans Authorized Consequently, the three western powers authorized loans in western marks for western sector firms whose east- marks have been blocked so they could pay wages. The British said yesterday the Russians had relaxed the money blockade to the extent of releasing enough funds for the city government to meet its week- end payments. However, it was reported tonight that the city had only been able to get a trickle of its estimated needs.

Keizer Granted 35 Mph Zone

Speedsters in the habit of racing through the Keizer district will have to watch their speedometers. The Oregon speed control board Friday approved reduction of the speed limit in the district from 55 miles per hour to 35. Zone covered by the new restriction extends approximately a half mile north and south of the school property.

Other changes approved by the board included increase of the designated speed through Canby from 25 to 35 miles per hour, and a portion of North Interstate avenue in Portland to 35 miles per hour.

Hospital Ordered To Release Baby Despite Unpaid Bill

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Aug. 6 (AP)—A state supreme court justice today ordered release of an eight-week-old baby from a hospital which the infant's mother claimed, refused to let the child go because of an unpaid hospital bill.

Justice William F. Santry issued a writ of habeas corpus directing Wilson Memorial hospital in nearby Johnson City in southern New York to release the son of Mrs. William Engle.

Mrs. Engle claimed hospital authorities refused to let her take the baby home yesterday unless she signed a note or made arrangements to pay a \$198 hospital bill for care of the child, reports said. She was unable to pay the bill because the family had "very heavy medical expenses."

Guerrillas Forced To Flee Greece

ATHENS, Aug. 6 (AP)—The "provisional government" of Markos Vafiades was reported to have fled into Albania today as Greek troops laid a 30-mile semi-circle of fire around the last bit of territory held by communist rebels.

Congress Plans to Quit Tonight

Senate Ignores Subsidies in Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Congress defied President Truman tonight by preparing to pass its own anti-inflation and housing bills tomorrow and then go home.

With GOP leaders in firm control, the legislature paid no attention to Mr. Truman's demand that it stop concocting "feeble compromises" and adopt his cost-of-living and housing programs.

The senate passed a home-building bill minus the slum clearance and low-rent housing subsidies the administration asked. Leaders expected house approval tomorrow. (Sen. Cordon voted for the bill, Sen. Morse abstained.)

To Vote at 3 p.m. The senate decided to vote at 3 p.m. EST, tomorrow on the GOP anti-inflation bill already passed by the house. It is designed to restore wartime curbs on installment buying, and to restrict bank credit.

If all goes according to GOP plan, the extra session the president called will be over early tomorrow night, and the legislators will be on their way home, probably to be followed by new denunciations from the White House.

Compromise Passes The senate, in passing the compromise housing bill, overrode its banking committee which had favored the Taft, Ellender-Wagner plan.

The compromise bill would broaden government loan insurance aids on the building of houses costing \$6,000 or less. It calls for a study to standardize building codes and measurements, and would guarantee a return of 2 1/2 per cent on equity investments in rental properties.

Dr. Bates to Take New Duties Monday At State Hospital

Dr. Charles E. Bates, for many years on the medical staff of the Oregon State hospital here, Monday will assume the duties of superintendent of the institution. He has been serving as acting superintendent for the past three months.

Dr. Bates will succeed Dr. John Evans, for 45 years with the hospital and superintendent since July 1, 1937. Dr. Evans served as assistant superintendent of the hospital for many years before being elevated to superintendent. He previously was on the medical staff.

Mt. Angel Royalty To Visit Silverton

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 6 (Special)—Six girls of the Mt. Angel area will carry the good word of this city's annual flax festival to Silverton Saturday and Sunday.

The five-girl court of the 1948 Mt. Angel flax festival will appear Saturday afternoon and night and Sunday at the Silverton horse show. Jeanette Hoffer, the 1947 flax queen, will award the prizes to winners of the horse show.

The three-day flax festival will open here Friday, August 20. Salem's Cherryland festival operated in the red again this year, but organizers of business sponsors' solicitation this month may bring financial affairs of the community celebration in balance.

This was the hope expressed Friday night by the festival board in its decision to go out as individuals seeking funds in support of the festival from local merchants. President Sidney L. Stevens said the deficit amounted to \$2,980 this year and \$2,500 last year when the Salem cherry fête was renewed after a lapse of over 20 years. Overall revenue covered by the festival board in 1948 was \$14,622, as compared with about \$22,000 last year.

Since the festival last month, some of the board members already have obtained donations from business firms and individuals overlooked in the pre-festival solicitation. Most of the money collected since the festival have contributed readily, giving an indication that the deficit may be wiped out, it was reported by Stevens.

Practical Jokers Attach Real Ball, Chain to Groom

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 6 (AP)—Larry Flaughter, 24-year-old aeronautics student, headed for his Michigan bridal date tonight weighted with a real worry.

It was how to get rid of an 18-pound ball and chain—the iron variety. He is to marry Miss Lucille Hemminger, 19, Sunday. Just before he boarded his plane, fellow students seized him and padlocked the chain about his ankle. He yelled for the key. The key, it seemed, had been mailed to Miss Hemminger.

Flaughter's plan was due to stop in Chicago, where he hoped he'd find a locksmith shop still open.

NBC Delays 'Give-Away' Program Plans

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—The National Broadcasting company announced tonight it would accept no new give-away type programs pending action by the federal communications commission on its proposed new rules on radio contests.

The FCC said the new rules, disclosed yesterday, were planned as a guide in determining whether radio prize programs violated the federal communications act's ban on lotteries.

The NBC statement said the company "welcomes the action of the FCC in proposing definite standards for the determination of the legality of 'give-away' programs.

The legal uncertainties arising from the lottery provision of the communications act, said NBC, "have troubled the industry since its enactment."

An American Broadcasting company spokesman said all the contests being broadcast on its network "have been carefully examined by counsel and are in full accord with provisions of the communications act."

A statement by the Mutual Broadcasting System said: "It is our present opinion, from examination of the regulations in the form in which they appeared in the press, that very little of our programming would be affected in any respect."

Tax Suit Rehearing To Delay Word of Levy

The state tax commission announced Friday it may be late in August before the 1948 state tax levy is released due to rehearing of the suit brought by Charles A. Sprague to prevent transfer of surplus state income tax revenues to the state's general fund.

It was not expected that a decision would be forthcoming for a week. The surplus funds are now estimated at approximately \$40,000,000.

Dedication Set at Ecota State Park

ASTORIA, Aug. 6 (AP)—The newly expanded Ecota state park, which now covers more than 1,000 acres and provides a vista of 40 miles of the Pacific shore, will be dedicated this week end.

A banquet in Sesside will honor Samuel Herbert Bosselman, who established Oregon's park system. Another ceremony at the park will mark the formal dedication Sunday afternoon.

Conferences On Berlin Issue To Continue

MOSCOW, Aug. 6 (AP)—U. S., British and French envoys met today with Foreign Minister Molotov and will hold more meetings with Russian officials before any final agreements materialize as a result of the current four-power talks, it was learned tonight.

A highly informed source said there may be another conference with the Russians tomorrow, but this is unlikely. A meeting Sunday seems more probable, the source said.

Today's conference with Molotov was described as "very thorough." It lasted three hours. Prime Minister Stalin was not present.

Make Another Try At this meeting U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, French Ambassador Yves Chataigneau, and Frank Roberts, special British envoy, visited the Kremlin for another try at solving east-west differences.

It appeared tonight that several more meetings may be in order before the current conversations come to an end. It was almost a certainty they would continue into next week.

Although the going may seem slow, it was learned an excellent authority that there is no need for pessimism. In fact, the opposite is true. It was learned that the western power negotiations with Molotov are proceeding smoothly.

Longer Meeting The western envoys' conference with the Soviet foreign minister today lasted an hour longer than their meeting last Monday with Stalin. They emerged from it smiling but non-committal.

"We met with Molotov. No comment," Smith told newsmen. Fluetscher, in a hurry to confer with his colleagues, he shifted his bulging brief case from hand to hand.

Bandmaster Resigns Post

Vernon L. Wiscarson, Salem High school bandmaster, will become a partner in the Willis music store, 432 State st., it was announced Friday when Wiscarson made known his resignation from Salem school district's instruction staff.

Wiscarson, who holds degrees in business administration as well as in music, will take charge of the small instrument department of the music store now operated by Saul S. Jantz. The business was founded 67 years ago by the late George C. Willis.

Wiscarson supervised instrumental music in Salem public schools the past nine years. Schools Superintendent Frank B. Bennett said he expects to be able to replace Wiscarson by the opening of school next month.

Cherry Festival Group Reports \$2,980 Loss on Recent Show

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Salem Unaffected by Drive; Clubs Support Ban in Three Cities

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP)—The meat boycott spread to three Oregon cities today—Portland, Eugene and Klamath Falls. Representatives of women's clubs in Portland pledged at a special meeting to buy no more beef until prices go down 33 per cent and to pay no more than 60 cents a pound for any kind of meat.

Chain telephone calls by housewives will be used in an attempt to spread the boycott. At Eugene more than 100 housewives organized a similar campaign. They also attacked the rising price of milk, calling for the resignation of E. L. Peterson, state agriculture director.

Klamath Falls women sent word to the Portland group that they also would start a boycott. Unexpectedly, meat at Ontario, Ore., was selling at prices like this: Ground beef, 35 cents a pound; sliced bacon, 30 cents a pound.

This resulted from price-cutting started by a new grocery store. A chain store, which has a policy of meeting the lowest price in town, cut its charges to meet the competition.

With smoked meats down a dime since last week and beef and pork holding the line little buyers' resistance to meat prices has been noted in the Salem area it was reported Friday.

Seasonal Slump What little slump in buying has occurred recently, a group of local markets reported, is of a seasonal nature. August, they explained, always has been a poor "meat month," when preferences usually run to lunch meats, sausages and cold cuts and lighter foods.

Meats at this time almost always hit a seasonal price rise. Pork is scarcer than at other times of the year and grass-fed beef replaces grain-fed stock.

A major food firm, whose territory includes the entire west coast declared that meat prices have met little customer reaction. The firm also expressed doubt that prices would go much higher than the present peak.

Meanwhile good ham was averaging 69 cents per pound in Salem markets Friday and standard bacon was retailing at 65 cents. Both items are approximately 10 cents under quotations of a week ago. Beef and pork prices show a wide range in cuts but little change in price in the past week or so.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 6 (AP)—A Boise organization today began a buy-no-meat campaign in protest against high meat prices.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Retail food prices are likely to go still higher during the next few months, the agriculture department said today.

Meats and other livestock products will lead the advance. A department report on the national food situation said two factors appear likely to push prices higher:

(1) Record consumer buying power and (2) a decline in the output of meats and other livestock products.

Labor Lack Blamed as McMinnville Firm Closes

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 6 (AP)—The Wells-Lamont corporation, which has been making gloves here since 1936, will close its plant at the end of this month and ship its equipment to plants in other states.

The firm recently has been employing 80 people. The manager, M. L. Wells, blamed the closure on difficulties of obtaining workmen and a high labor turnover.

Methodist Bishop Allots 2 Days for House Hunt

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Oregon's new Methodist bishop paused here today and ran into the problems of all newcomers: House-hunting.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip and rows for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Willamette River.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly clear today and tonight except for early morning cloudiness. High today, 80. Low tonight, 54. Weather favorable for all activities except for wind in the afternoon.

Two Unhurt as Plane Crashes Near Silverton

SILVERTON, Aug. 6—A converted navy plane, which crashed-landed in a strawberry patch just southeast of here Thursday night, was loaded on a truck for return to Portland Friday.

Pilot O. R. Finley, Jr., and Leonard Delano, both of Portland, came down with the plane but were unhurt. They had been taking aerial photographs as far south as Roseburg Friday. On their way home to Portland a broken oil line forced the small plane down at 9:30 p. m.

Because it was dark and because "we came down faster than we expected to," the plane crashed into a fence and ripped off a wing. It landed on the farm of Roy Skaffe, located about 3 1/2 miles out along the extension of Eureka avenue. Skaffe guarded the plane at night while Finley and Delano drove to Portland.

Delano operates an aerial photography service in Portland.

Power Transfer To California May Save Rate

SPOKANE, Aug. 6 (AP)—The sale of northwest electric power to needy California might save the \$17.50 basic power rate in the Columbia Basin. Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville Power Administration director, said today.

Raver told members of the Bonneville regional advisory council that electricity from the northwest power pool could be shuttled to California between midnight and 6 a. m. when the power demand is low in the northwest.

He explained that the system would allow California dams to store water during those hours for later use. Raver estimated the revenue from the move would be between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 a year. The additional revenue might allow the Bonneville Power Administration to retain its \$17.50 kilowatt per year rate without removing the irrigation subsidies required of the BPA by the Government, he said.

Police Officer Bulldogs Thief

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6 (AP)—Excited spectators watching motorcycle officer William Jewell today must have thought he received his training in the cattle country.

He rode his snorting iron steed onto the sidewalk in a bustling business area, and leaped on a fugitive's neck, much like a cow-puncher bulldogging a steer.

Identifying himself as Howard Ledum, 22, the prisoner was booked on suspicion of robbery after a handful of \$1 bills had been snatched from a teller's cage in a branch bank.

Communists Re-elect 12 Indicted Leaders

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—American communists today reelected to high party posts all 12 leaders indicted on charges of advocating the overthrow of the U.S. government.

They also announced officially their support of Henry A. Wallace for president at the final session of the party's 14th annual convention.

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