

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

Last Friday was the third anniversary of the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima and Saturday was the sixth anniversary of the marine landing on Guadalcanal. It took the intervening three years to work our way up the stepladder of the islands to where we could work Honshu over preparatory to the final landing. The two atom bombs were enough: Japan capitulated without waiting for the invasion.

Somehow these events now seem long ago. How swiftly time has flown since we were fighting hard to keep that toehold in the Solomons. Except for those who fought through those engagements their very names grow rusty in memory: Tarawa, Kawajalein, Hollandia, Leyte, Palawan. The jungle has reclaimed the battlefields of the Solomons and New Guinea; and the flood of postwar events has nearly swept out of mind what loomed so large a few short years ago.

Yet the recurring crises of the postwar period which rob former events of attention have arisen because of an intense desire to make fruitful the blood that was shed in Europe, Africa and the Pacific. The sacrifice of the war was to insure certain freedoms for the world. The object of the postwar is the same; and the major threat is similar, the threat of the aggressive, totalitarian state.

Blaze Evicts 17 Patients At Albany

ALBANY, Aug. 9 (Special)—Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the third floor and attic and partially gutted the three-story Fessler rest home, 612 Maple st., at 2 p. m. today. Two nurses, a cook, a nurse's aid and a furnaceman got 15 of the patients out before the fire department was called.

Fireman Fred Koos and another fireman were slightly injured during the fire.

Patients lost nearly all of their belongings by fire and water damage. Three patients were taken to the Powell nursing home and three others to Mrs. Fessler's private home. The others were being taken care of at another rest home operated by Mrs. Alice Fessler at 219 W 4th st.

The fire started on the third floor of the house built about 1900 by Perry W. Spink, Albany pioneer and one-time lumber dealer here. The house was for many years known as the "house with the glass eye" because of a glass "eye-like" window which one of the early owners had installed. This has long since been removed. Mrs. Fessler purchased the property about six months ago. She plans to rebuild the home immediately, she said.

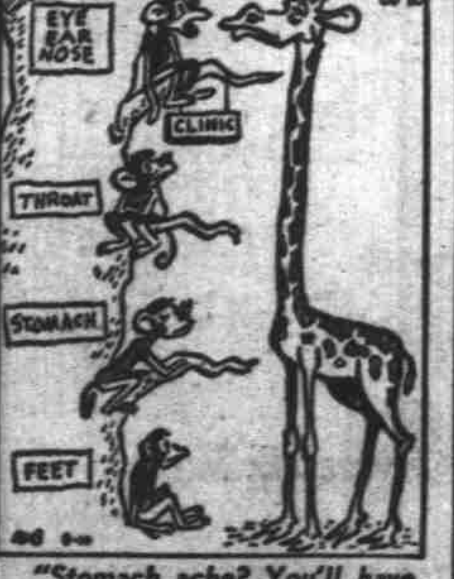
Five of the patients were bed-fast. Oldest of the 17 were Mrs. Minerva French, 94, and John Maxwell, over 90. All were apparently unharmed and in good spirits. They came from Albany, Eugene, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Jefferson and Springfield.

FORD LA WALKOUT ENDS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9 (AP)—A walkout of 700 CIO-UAW production workers which shut down the new Lincoln Mercury assembly plant here ended today. Both union and management agreed to submit the discharge of a worker, Amos Fitch, to arbitration.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Stomach ache? You'll have to consult Dr. Brown, second floor."

Reds Ask Custody Of N.Y. Teacher; Mystery Man Quiet

Consulate Takes One Teacher from Anti-Red Retreat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin demanded tonight that the United States government hand over to Russian officials Michel Ivanovitch Samarine, New York teacher who talked Sunday to the FBI.

At a hastily called news conference in the embassy, the ambassador disclosed that he had made the request in a formal note handed earlier to Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett.

The note, Panyushkin declared, said that Samarine, his family, and Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina, another New York teacher, had been "kidnapped" by the Tolstoy foundation, an anti-bolshevik Russian group.

The note called the foundation a "criminal organization" existing in "direct violation" of American-Russian obligations assumed when this country gave diplomatic recognition to the Soviet Union in 1933.

Mrs. Kosenkina was taken from a Tolstoy foundation retreat outside New York City on Saturday by officials of the Soviet consulate in New York. She still is in the consulate, "resting" according to Soviet officials.

The Tolstoy foundation version is that she was taken there against her will, fearful for her life.

Samarine is a Russian-born mathematics teacher who turned up at the New York FBI office and asked to tell his story.

At the same time, Panyushkin called Rep. Mundt (R-SD), a member of the house un-American activities committee, a "political youth" who is "sick of some nightmares."

Mundt, as acting chairman of the committee, had planned to call both Samarine and Mrs. Kosenkina before the committee.

A state department official said Panyushkin was told "we could not accept his assumptions in a case of this kind where there is a great deal of conflicting statements, and that proper American authorities are looking into the matter to establish the facts."

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Bond Interest Rate Boosted To Hold Line

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—The government, already preparing to clamp a 15-month limit on easy-payment credit, today boosted the interest rate on short-term government bonds "as a further anti-inflationary measure."

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder announced the interest boost, long-rumored in banking circles. Treasury certificates which have carried 1 1/2 per cent will, in the next offering, be posted at 1 3/4 per cent and other rates will rise accordingly.

The hoped-for result is a damper on credit expansion. This is because private interest rates usually follow the government pattern; if so, it will cost more to borrow money and to float bond issues.

In theory, at least, there will be less spending of borrowed money and hence the upward pressure on prices will diminish.

Romania Vote To 'Join' Set

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Aug. 9 (AP)—Romanian refugees sources reported today that Romania will decide in a plebiscite August 23 whether to become a part of the Soviet Union.

There was no means of confirming the reports here. However, there have been rumors for some time that such a plebiscite was contemplated and that Romania largely has been cut off from outside communications.

The refugees said four divisions of Russian troops have virtually surrounded Bucharest and have strengthened garrisons in other cities.

U.S. Offers Plan For Danube Pact; West Acts Unified

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 9 (AP)—With little hope of success, the United States today introduced its major requirements for a new international pact on control of Danube river shipping.

They represented, as a whole, the American price for any agreement with eastern Europe's communist bloc which would open the Danube to unrestricted traffic from Germany to the Black sea.

The United States' list of musts was presented in the form of amendments to a Soviet draft plan for Danube shipping control which would give the communist states exclusive control over the waterway.

Britain and France filed several amendments along parallel lines. Members of the western powers, delegations, outnumbered seven to three, held a series of private meetings today to chart a unified course of action when detailed debate on the Soviet plan opens tomorrow.

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Univis Strike To End

DAYTON, O., Aug. 9 (AP)—The CIO-United Electrical Workers' local 788 voted tonight to accept a proposal of the Univis Lens Co. ending a three-month-old strike against the firm.

The company proposed to rehire "without discrimination or loss of seniority" all except 11 of striking employees who were to return to work before 4 p. m. tomorrow. The company accuses the 11 of "flagrant law violations during the strike."

The vote was unanimous, a union spokesman said. The union had called the session after the latest company offer was transmitted to the local through Mayor Louis Lohrey. It was signed by company President M. H. Stanley.

The offer was substantially the same as one rejected by the local August 1.

Provisions of the company proposal accepted tonight included that rehiring of the 11 strikers accused by the company of "law violations" be put to mediation; the company and the union agree to abide by a national labor relations board ruling on an election in which Univis employees rejected the local as its bargaining agent, and the immediate end of picketing and violence.

Returning strikers would be entitled to an 11-cent-an-hour pay raise granted on July 27.

The Univis plant was the frequent scene of picket line disorders during the 97-day-old strike. National guardsmen were detailed there last Monday to maintain order. The guard was withdrawn Friday.

State Radio Net Modernizing on Road Board Plan

PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (AP)—The state highway commission today approved opening discussions with the state police on a \$215,000 program for modernizing and expanding the state radio communications system.

Additional office space for the highway department at Salem will be asked of the state board of control.

Also discussed were eastern Oregon state park improvements. Low bids on construction included: D. F. McKenzie company, Salem, \$13,930 for a .53 mile of bituminous macadam surface on Pine street in Central Point; J. F. Mack, Salem, \$30,083 for re-rolling 23.66 miles of Sherman highway at Kent-Cow Canyon junction.

The commission okeed a plan to allow sheep to graze on Humboldt mountain and on Cape Sebastian state park on the coast highway at 50 cents a head. Boardman explained the sheep will keep the grass cut.

Independence Meters In

INDEPENDENCE, Aug. 9—Parking meters have been installed here on Main street from B to D streets and on Second street from Main to a point between Monmouth and B streets, and also on some other principal streets. Installation is complete, work having been done by Duncan Meter corporation of Chicago.

Meters are manually operated, 161 of the two-hour type and 60 of the 12-minute limit (located two each in front of the postoffice and the bank). The meters require one cent for 12 minutes' parking and will take pennies, nickels and dimes.

While many persons were feeding the meters today, this will not be officially required until following the special meeting of the city council Wednesday night. The time during which the meters will be required will be from 9 a. m. until 7 p. m., according to present plans.

French Miners Protest Bill

PARIS, Aug. 9 (AP)—French communist labor bosses pulled 10,000 northern coal miners out on strike today in protest against Premier Andre Marie's economic reform bill.

The walkouts were announced as only temporary, with the longest of the scattered strikes being set for 24 hours.

The miners left the pits as the national assembly passed the end of its debate on the measure to give the French cabinet wide power to decree economic and financial laws.

Envoys Confer With Molotov

MOSCOW, Aug. 9 (AP)—American, British and French diplomats conferred for three hours tonight with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov. They were believed to have heard Russian views on proposals for negotiating east-west differences on Germany and perhaps all of Europe.

U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, British special envoy Frank Roberts and French Ambassador Yves Chateigneau all appeared in good spirits. As was the case after the previous conferences here, the western envoys had nothing to divulge beyond the fact that they had seen Molotov.

Soviet Defense Work Reported; Officials Doubt

BERLIN, Aug. 9 (AP)—Russian army commanders were reported today to be concentrating strong forces, building defenses and sending weapons, including rocket guns, to the border between the Soviet occupation zone and western Germany.

The report came from the British licensed newspaper Telegraph and from a German journalist who said he fled Russian arrest. The Telegraph quoted German sources who said they were pressed into service by the Russians.

At Hof, along the American-Russian zone frontier, German and U. S. border officials said, however, they had no indication the Russians were erecting weapon points there.

The German journalist, Alfred Biemer, 29, evaded border police in a week-end flight with his wife. He said in Hamburg that strong Soviet forces were concentrated 30 miles east of the British zone and contended border control points had been strengthened with both German and red army guards.

Biemer also brought fresh reports of a critical food shortage in the Soviet zone. He said about three ounces of the official 10-ounce monthly fat ration is being delivered and that sugar and cheese are being substituted for some missing items.

As the Berlin blockade passed its fifth day, Dr. Ferdinand Friedensbuttel, Bavaria's minister of health of Berlin, and the city government was marking time to "avoid hasty actions that might prejudice the negotiations in Moscow."

Representatives of the 11 states of the U. S., British and French zones will meet in Bavaria tomorrow to thrash out their ideas of just how western Germany should be organized.

Party Tickets Finished for State Ballot

Oregon states for the socialist and the progressive parties were completed Monday as filing deadline for the November general election passed at the statehouse.

Wendell Barnett of Brooks was nominated for governor by socialist party supporters, but because the party is not recognized in Oregon, Barnett's name and the others will be designated on the ballots as "independent."

Nominations and official endorsements of candidates previously nominated by other parties were made by the progressive party filings which generally adopted the state of candidates drawn up at a recent party convention in Portland. (See story on page 4.)

The socialist candidates filed here included Norman Thomas of New York for president, Tucker P. Smith of Michigan for vice president; Don Sweland of Portland for U. S. senator; and the following for presidential electors: Herman Brooks, Milwaukee; Dora McFadden, Gladstone; Hazel G. Miller, Sherwood; Lloyd Danzeisen, Mabel Snyder and Ruth Verbeck of Portland.

Traffic Lights Ordered For 3 Salem Intersections

Accused Spy Talks to Attorney Traffic Studies Kept Up; Cinder Control Nears



WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9 (AP)—Victor Perlo (left), government employee identified by previous witness as member of red spy ring, confers with his attorney, Ira Gollobin, during hearing of house un-American activities committee in Washington, D. C. Perlo refused to answer many of the questions put to him. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Traffic signal lights will be placed at Court and Capitol streets, South 12th and Mission streets and South Commercial and Owens streets as a result of city council action Monday night.

The council heard encouraging reports of improved crossings for the Southern Pacific mainline and of cinder control for the Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. plant here during its meeting last night in Salem Chamber of Commerce hall, but devoted most of its attention to traffic and parking problems.

City Engineer J. H. Franzen reported that paper mill officials are now fully prepared to erect a new 100-foot smokestack equipped with a cinder washing machine to eliminate cinders which have brought widespread complaint from local citizens. Franzen said he was told that the equipment will be put in operation as soon as a heavy-duty crane can be obtained from Portland for the installation.

City Engineer J. H. Franzen told councilmen that a Southern Pacific extra gang this week started minor patching work at crossings from D street north and will continue working there "until we are satisfied with the improvement." He said also he had been assured by SP officials that the major improvement project for crossings from Marion to Ferry streets, along 12th street, is awaiting only the approval of SP head offices in San Francisco of the required \$40,000 expenditure.

The traffic and parking developments last night included: Decision to place stop-go lights at the Court - Capitol, Commercial - Owens and Mission - 12th intersections as soon as state highway commission approval and equipment are obtained. These would be of the state - approved type similar to the Center street signals - suspended intersection light with four corner walk-wait signals to guide pedestrians.

Committee continued a special committee composed of Franzen and Aldermen Albert H. Gilie and Daniel J. Fry to further their study of Capitol - Court street congestion by considering alternate plans suggested by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock in response to a city move toward widening North Capitol street from Court street to Mill creek. The alternate plans involve one-way streets, new parking limits and possible highway relocation.

No-parking zone created for the west side of Front street in an area extending 40 feet north from Center street.

Disclosure by the city manager, in response to complaints of all-day parking in the vicinity of the Douglas McKay Chevrolet garage, that McKay has acquired a nearby lot which will accommodate the cars now parked outside the garage service department.

Traffic Study Ordered City manager directed to study of possible parking restriction around the "jog" on northwest corner of Chemeketa and Summer streets; to consider traffic police assignments at rush times near city schools where main nearby crossings have no traffic lights; to consult with Court apartments management about complaints of dirty streets and the inability of street crews to remove debris where cars park all night.

With regard to the three new traffic signals authorized, Manager Franzen agreed with aldermen that "about 10 or 12" major Salem intersections need such lights, but he explained that funds will not permit installations this year. He pointed out that already approved and ready for installation as soon as equipment arrives are lights on North Capitol at Market street and at Silverton road.

Franzen had recommended for the latest lights three locations along Chemeketa opposite the Center and Court street lights—at Commercial, Liberty and High streets—but several council members objected that greater need existed along the main thoroughfares of North Capitol, South 12th and South Commercial streets. Franzen said his judgment had been based on accident rates at the Chemeketa corners.

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GOP Blasts Truman; Meat Boycott Gains

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Republicans jumped in ahead of a predicted White House blast at congress today with the argument that the extra session gave President Truman all he needs to curb inflation.

They added that the price problem may soon solve itself anyway. Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the senate GOP policy committee, set forth these contentions in a statement and a news conference. He said:

1. War and administration policies of the last 14 years are the real cause of inflation; the tight controls Mr. Truman asked would "tie down the safety valve" while the furnace is being stoked.

2. When the president called congress together he already had enough powers to put a rein on inflation but the lawmakers gave him more.

3. While the present economic situation is "serious" there is nothing in it "likely to produce an extreme inflation or a depression."

4. Prices already show signs of leveling out and "by the time we get back we may be trying to do something about deflation."

The argument revolves around the consumer credit controls and increased bank reserve requirements which were all congress voted out of the list of anti-inflation measures Mr. Truman requested. The president wanted selective price and wage controls and rationing powers, among other things.

Associates predicted freely today that Mr. Truman will sign the bill and at the same time unburden his mind publicly on what he thinks are its shortcomings.

The same prediction was with reference to the other major measure passed at the special session ended Saturday night—a housing bill born of the public housing features Mr. Truman wanted.

Arabs Delay Talk Decision

CAIRO, Aug. 9 (AP)—An Arab league official said today the Arab nations had not yet made a decision regarding an Israeli bid for peace talks.

Abel Moneim Mustafa Bey, head of the Arab league's political department added, however, that an indication of the probable Arab reply could be found in the fact that since 1939 the Arabs have refused to have any conference or other direct contact with Zionists.

The Arab spokesman said the political committee of the Arab league plans to meet before the September session of the U. N. general assembly in Paris to study questions to be raised by the Arabs at the assembly. Among these questions he listed Palestine, Libya, and a recommendation for an Arab country to succeed Syria on the security council.

Negroes to Ballot In South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 9 (AP)—Negro votes to be cast generally for the first time in a South Carolina democratic primary tomorrow may vitally affect the outcome of the U. S. senate and other contests.

Indications are that negroes generally will vote as a bloc. At least, that was the prediction of one negro political leader.

Of a possible 450,000 to 480,000 eligible voters, 30,000 to 40,000 are believed to be negroes.

Weather

Salem	71	68	.00
Portland	71	68	.00
San Francisco	65	65	trace
Chicago	61	61	.00
New York	62	65	.00

Willamette river - 3.5 feet.
FORECAST (top of weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon and evening and cloudy again this tonight and Wednesday morning. High temperature today 78; low tonight 68. Agricultural outlook: Only fair weather during following 48 hours.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

(From Sept. 1 to Aug. 10)		
This Year	47.50	
Last Year	33.75	
Average	37.50	

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