

Adding Machines Busy as Duel Over Congress' Record Mounts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Democratic and Republican spokesmen dueling with adding machines today over the record of the 80th congress.

House Republican Leader Halleck of Indiana claimed his party saved more than \$6,000,000,000 in the year and a half that republicans have held a majority in both houses. In the second session alone, Halleck said, they appropriated \$2,741,811,291 less than President Truman requested in the regular departmental appropriation bills, deficiencies, supplementals and so on.

Not so, said Senator Barkley of Kentucky, minority leader in the

senate and President Truman's running mate on the democratic ticket.

Barkley said the republican controlled congress appropriated and authorized federal expenditures amounting to half a billion dollars more than Mr. Truman's original 1948-49 fiscal budget.

Both Halleck and Barkley inserted their claims in tomorrow's post-session issue of the congressional directory. Halleck's copy ran 32 typewritten pages. Barkley's was shorter, but contained more figures. They were made public by each party's national committee.

Halleck said the republican-

controlled congress had achieved \$6,000,000,000 of savings was achieved over "reckless and sometimes demagogic resistance."

"And," he added, "This does not include the rejection of the president's \$20,000,000,000 high living, vote-luring political recommendations."

Barkley contended that congress actually pared the administration's spending requests during the second and the extra sessions of the 80th congress by \$1,309,000,000. More than offsetting this, he said, supplemental appropriations and authorizations amounting to an additional \$1,821,000,000 will be required before next June 30.

337,000 Refugees In Palestine Facing Death in Epidemic

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Count Folke Bernadotte appealed to the United States today to rush emergency food for an estimated 330,000 Arabs and 7,000 Jews, disease-ridden and driven from their homes by the fighting in Palestine.

The United Nations mediator said the refugees face a great "sudden, human disaster, comparable to an earthquake or tidal wave."

He told Secretary of State Marshall that hopes of peace in the Holy Land hinge on quick dealing with the problem.

The state department made public the appeal and said it is being given "urgent consideration."

Refugees Scattered

The refugees are scattered over Arab-held parts of Palestine and in four neighboring countries. The Swedish count said they are being swept by epidemic diseases and that with winter approaching "many must die."

Bernadotte advised the United Nations yesterday he was appealing to U. N. member countries for help. Britain announced last week it has donated about \$400,000 worth of tents and medical supplies for Arab refugees. American and other private agencies have sent some shipments.

A new flare-up of the Palestine war has indicated in a trans-Jordan government announcement Tuesday night that its Arab legion had killed "several hundred" Jews in repelling an attack in southern Jerusalem.

Jerusalem dispatches reported a five-hour large-scale artillery duel between Arabs and Jews.

St. Paul Girl To Reign as Flaxaria Queen

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 17.—Mary Jane Gleelan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gleelan of St. Paul, was named Queen of Flaxaria tonight when a crowd of 2,000 people awaited the final count as they watched the outdoor program at the reviewing stand at the city hall grounds.

Walter Smith was master of ceremonies.

Regina Trager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Trager, Mt. Angel, will be crown princess, with Rita Drescher of Monitor, Marilyn Myers of Salem and Bette Twyn of Woodburn completing the court.

Appearing in the amateur hour were the Dummer family orchestra; Mary J. Rasmussen in a song, accompanied by Bill Bolmeier, Silvertown; Janet Teifer, Lois Shepherd and Hubert Aspinall, Mt. Angel, in a vocal trio; Jeanne Woest, Yakima, solos; A. Perkins in slight of hand tricks, and Maurice Hammer as a story teller. Dr. J. E. Harmond of Corvallis showed slides on the progress of the flax industry.

The coronation ceremonies and queen's ball Friday night at 8 o'clock will lead off the tenth celebration of Oregon's flax festival. This will be held in a new setting this year on the state constructed playgrounds.

(Additional Details on Page 2.)

Fertilizer Plants In Merger

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman

The multi-million-dollar merger of fertilizer interests in Salem, Boise and Salt Lake City, with a combined capacity designed to fill the fertilizing needs of farmers throughout the northwest, appeared a reality today. A Houston, Tex., plant also figures in the deal.

In a telephonic conversation with The Oregon Statesman last night, J. O. Gallagher of Seattle, president of the Columbia Metals fertilizer plant operating in No. 10 at Salem, confirmed reports that he and an unnamed partner had purchased outright the \$5,000,000 Salem plant which was built for the government during the war to produce alumina from clay.

Metzger Vice President

Gallagher also disclosed that Arch W. Metzger, manager of the Salem plant, had been named vice president of the new firm, the name of which will remain unchanged. Metzger is to stay in Salem. Headquarters will remain in Seattle, with Gallagher as president.

White said he was not at liberty to divulge the name of his new partner. It was believed he is J. R. Simplot, head of similar enterprises in Boise and Salt Lake City, who joined forces with Gallagher and the Best Fertilizer company of Oakland, Calif., in the recent successful effort to obtain eight million dollars in federal aid in the rehabilitation of the Simplot plant there.

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SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Spurgeon

Governor Earl Warren left the Centennial banquet at Portland Saturday night to fly to New York, he has spent several days with Governor Thomas E. Dewey. They have been planning the Dewey to persuade Governor Warren to accept the vice presidential nomination. Four years ago Warren had declined the same tender, saying he preferred to remain as governor of California.

When he assented this year there were stories that Dewey had assured him he would make a real place in the government for the vice president. Warren, it was said, had expressed his distaste for the office, which previously had been one of prominence, but lacking in power.

The constitution provides that the vice president presides over the senate, but that he has a vote only in the event of a tie. The only other provision for the VP is this:

"In case of the removal of the president from office, or of his death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve upon the vice president."

The vice president, aside from presiding at sessions of the senate, sticks around to succeed the president if anything happens to him. The office of vice president for many years was largely social. The incumbent had the chore of doing most of the entertaining (or of being entertained). That has been the case since the 1920s, when he has been accustomed to administering large affairs in a great and growing state.

After the republican convention it was reported that Dewey's plan was to give Warren charge of administrative reorganization, which (Continued on Editorial Page)

Blackberry Prices Fall

Minimum price to be paid growers for evergreen blackberries was revised Tuesday night from 11 cents per pound to 8 cents, as the result of a two-night meeting by the Oregon Cane Fruit Control Board, Inc., at Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Kenneth Coomler, Brooks, board president, said the price change was found necessary because of a break in the Washington state blackberry market, where it is reported berries are selling as low as 6 cents per pound to the grower. The local price last year was 10 cents.

Officials said the harvest in the valley is "just nicely started."

Bear Fails to Show Gratitude

ST. HELENS, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP) Jessica Longston, newspaper publisher and radio station operator, narrowly escaped injury from an infuriated bear during a pet parade here.

The bear, sponsored the Sentinel-Mist, honored the parade. One of the entrants was a pet bear, entered by Master Larry Brook.

As the bear rode through the long parade in a wheelbarrow, dogs yapped at it. When Miss Longston was awarding Larry a prize, the animal took a swing at her.

She lost her nylons and her skirt was ripped. But she was unharmed.

Liquor Boards May End 2-State Trusteeship Plan

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The Washington and Oregon liquor commissions next week will consider terminating a trusteeship that was formed in 1943 to acquire some three million gallons of whiskey.

J. O. Freck, Oregon commission chairman, said the two state groups will meet next Thursday.

The trusteeship involved \$16,437,748 worth of whiskey purchased at a time when the two state-operated liquor control systems faced a drought of supplies. The liquor was acquired by purchase of the distilleries of Waterfall and Frazier and Shawhan companies.

Miss Bentley Asks Commies to Talk

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP) Elizabeth Bentley, avowed former spy, tonight appealed by radio and television to American communists to come forward and tell what they know.

Her address was beamed by CBS over both its television and radio networks.

"If you were taken in as I was, now's the time to come forward and do something about it," Miss Bentley said. She has been telling her story of wartime espionage activities in congressional investigations.

Czech Athletes to Stay on West Side Of Iron Curtain

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Two self-exiled Czechoslovakian Olympic swimmers reported today they have been granted permission of the British government to remain indefinitely in England.

They were among eight Czech and Hungarian competitors in the recent Olympics who had indicated their intention of not returning to their home countries.

Both swimmers, Jiri Linhart and Jiri Kolár, mechanical engineering students from Prague university—said they hoped to go to Canada.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"You and your new-fangled ideas!"

\$750,000 Farm Machinery Exhibit Planned for State Fair

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Manager Leo Spitzbart reports that nearly three quarters of a million dollars in farm machinery would be on display during the Oregon state fair in Salem, September 6 to 12.

This will be the largest farm machinery display in the history of the exposition. It will cover completely an area equal to two city blocks plus the farm machinery shed, a building 570 feet long.

George Challenger, Vancouver, B. C., has been named judge of all 17 classes of the fair. Other dairy cattle judges include D. L. Fourty, Moscow, Idaho, and Charles Hart, Filer, Idaho.

Proud winners of blue ribbons at the livestock show will have plenty of time this year to display their exhibition laurels. Manager Leo Spitzbart is hoping to have all judging in the open livestock classes done during the fair's first two days. Judging will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Monday.

More pigs with the new look than ever before will be on exhibit, reports Edwin Ridder of Sherwood, the fair's swine department superintendent.

Time when huge hogs were

characteristic of fair's swine exhibit, Ridder points out. But that day has passed, he adds, explaining that hogs that slaughter from 200 to 240 pounds now hold top favor.

Known as the intermediate type, the smaller hogs do not look as imposing, but more important for full meat utility in relation to today's consumer market, the 200 to 240-pound animal meets the demand.

Entries in the combined culinary and textile divisions are being received daily. The new division is expected to be the largest ever held with premiums more than tripled over last year. Daily frozen demonstrations and afternoon organ demonstrations are features of the homemakers' department under the supervision of Mrs. Anne Hunt McKennon of Salem.

There will be no files on his fair, Leo Spitzbart claims. All livestock areas are being sprayed with DDT and the same treatment will be applied on some of the other buildings as well. At present a large crew of painters is busy applying final touches to the fair's principal buildings. The entire livestock area and the fair's restaurant row will be sprayed with DDT prior to the exposition's opening.

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Hiss Recognizes Ex-Red Accuser; Communist Inquiry Suspect Dies

Widow Dies

UVALDE, Tex., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. John Nance Garner, pictured at the time her husband was vice president in the 1930s, died here this afternoon of Parkinson's disease. She had been confined to a wheel chair for the past year. Garner frequently referred to her as "my right hand."

Heart Attack Claims White, Ex-FDR Aide

Henry Wallace Blames Committee for Death

FITZVILLIAM, N. H., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Harry Dexter White, 56, former assistant secretary of the U. S. treasury, who last week denied he was a member of an "elite" group in the communist apparatus in Washington, died yesterday at his summer home.

A heart attack, suffered Saturday, only a few hours after his return from Washington, caused his death, Dr. George S. Emerson said.

White testified before the house un-American activities committee that the accusations of Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley were "unqualifiedly false."

Succumbs

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17 (AP)—Harry Dexter White, 56 (above) former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, died at Fitzwilliam, N. H., after being stricken at his home. White had recently been accused by Elizabeth T. Bentley of giving information to communist agents. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Truman Said Holding Files On Spy Ring

Hiss Claims Chambers Called George Crosley

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Representative Nixon (R., Cal.) said tonight that Alger Hiss has identified Whitaker Chambers, his accuser in the congressional spy hearings, as a man he had known under a different name. Representative Nixon gave this information to a reporter by telephone from New York, where members of the house un-American activities committee said they had brought Hiss and Chambers face to face for the first time for purposes of identification.

Nixon said Hiss testified that he had known Chambers, who has accused Hiss of being part of a pre-war communist underground in Washington, as a man named George Crosley.

Chambers testified here under oath that he was a communist from 1924 to 1937, serving as a courier for the underground in Washington.

He named Hiss as one of the members of that underground.

Also testifying here under oath, Hiss gave a directly contradictory statement. A former state department official, who now heads the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, Hiss said he had not known any man named Whitaker Chambers and denied he was or is a communist.

"The impression was given to the public," Nixon said, "that Hiss (Hiss) had never known this man at all. This identification today is a direct contrast with that impression."

Nixon said Hiss told the committee under oath that he had known Chambers during the period that Chambers claims to have known Hiss. Nixon said that Chambers maintained, however, that Hiss knew him under the communist party name of Carl.

Did Not Recall

Chambers, Nixon said, could not recall having used the name of George Crosley.

The two men, Nixon said, were brought together at the Commodore hotel today. The entire purpose, he said, was to make sure there was no case of "mistaken identity" in advance of appearance in public hearings by Chambers and Hiss together.

In New York, Nixon said later Hiss had denied again all the accusations Chambers previously had made against him in the committee hearings. The two have been subpoenaed for public hearings already scheduled to be held here August 25.

In Washington the committee promised new spy disclosures even as a hot dispute exploded within the committee itself.

Chairman Thomas promised "full focus" soon on "still another espionage ring" in a statement to reporters. He said it involves government employees and that it obtained "vital information."

He refused details, but committee sources have hinted at reports of wartime efforts to get industrial secrets in America.

Censored Information

Thomas said President Truman has tried to conceal from the public information on communist espionage. He said the locked-up files of the executive branch of government contain "the complete story and full facts of this sordid chapter in our history."

The chairman was mum, however, about the internal trouble of his own committee, which suddenly boiled up today over an angry members' contention that someone within the committee or its staff had "violated an oath" not to talk about a closed meeting yesterday.

50,000 Pass By Casket of Baseball Idol

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Babe Ruth lay tonight in the flower-banked rotunda of Yankee stadium for nearly seven hours while 50,000 admirers paid him tribute.

So vast was the crowd that filed around the huge ball park where Ruth rose to fame that the stadium doors had to be kept open several hours longer than originally planned.

Hour after hour, five abreast, they waited to pay their last homage to the baseball idol who lay dead of cancer after a long illness.

When the doors were closed at nearly 11 p.m. police estimated that 50,000 had walked by the candlelit bier.

Last in the line was Bill Robinson, Negro dancer and long-time friend of Ruth.

Then the police detail on duty walked silently by. The casket was closed. But even then the public would not be, could not be ignored.

Two hundred men and women arrived at the stadium, saying they were on their way home from night jobs.

On orders from the Babe's widow, the casket was reopened and they filed past.

The public will again be able to view the great home run king's body from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow. (Additional details on sports page.)

Man Accused of Killing Companion For Relief Check

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—A 37-year-old man was accused here today of beating his aged drinking companion to death for his \$30 relief check.

Chief of Police Calvin H. Baird said Elmer Jesse Moser admitted that he beat and robbed Willis Moffitt, 80, and left him unconscious in a Roseburg alley last Friday night. Moffitt died Saturday in a Eugene hospital.

The Mosers have five children. Chief Baird said bloodstains were found on the clothing of both Moser and White.

Man-Made Lead, Brass 'Mine' Offered for Sale

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The army engineers today offered for sale a man-made lead and brass "mine" near Focattello, Ida.

Col. O. E. Walsh said the "mine" is an ridge used for target practice during the war-training program.

Plat of Salem Subdivision Draws Protest

Plat of a proposed residential subdivision near the southeast edge of Salem drew protests from neighbors Tuesday night at the city planning and zoning commission's meeting and resulted in appointment of a committee to view the site and recommend changes in street locations.

The area is the Fairmont View addition being developed by E. M. Larsen, Salem realtor, between Reservoir street and South River road and between the extensions of Lefelle and Luther streets, with large lots and with \$200,000 building restrictions.

Col. F. W. Allison and W. M. Hamilton, owners of adjacent properties, objected to the proposed improvement of a portion of Reservoir street for access to the addition, on the grounds of "detriment to our property" and "excessive cost" of retaining walls.

Allison said the hillside where the street would run is "so steep the cows have slipped on their trails."

Named to view the area, after Mel Propp, surveyor, presented the plat, were City Engineer J. H. Davis, Robert Stanley, W. W. Rosebaugh and Milton L. Meyers.

Following a public hearing which drew no remonstrances, the commission granted permission for Estella Walrath to remodel a residence at 450 N. 15th st. for use as a two-family dwelling. The permit does not change the zone classification from residential I.

Price of Eggs Jumps On Wholesale Market

The price of eggs jumped two cents on the wholesale market in Salem Tuesday, bringing the price to a high mark since last year. Large double A's were quoted at 73 cents and mediums at 70 cents, both at wholesale.

The price increases followed a pattern set in Portland this week. Poultry prices also were up, about one cent a pound.

W. E. (Dan) Burns Dies in Portland

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Walter Elliot (Dan) Burns, 68, who pioneered the automotive supply industry in Oregon, died at his home here tonight. He had been ill for over a year.

Prior to establishing the auto supply business in Salem, he was a civil engineer for the Southern Pacific railroad and built numerous bridges. He was a 33d degree Mason, a Shriner and a former member of the Salem Cherrians and Rotary club.

Highway Commission Asks for Extra Space in Office Building

Even the five-story state office building now under construction at Court and Capitol streets will not solve the space shortages for state offices, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said Tuesday.

As a result, it appears the state highway commission will be required to erect an office building, although commission members told the state board of control yesterday they would prefer to spend the approximately \$1,500,000 on Oregon highways.

T. R. Banfield of Portland and Ben Chandler of Coos Bay, members of the highway commission, appeared before the board to see if additional space could be made available to highway department offices which are now included in the present Court street state office building.

The board of control in other business Tuesday directed a call for bids on a \$248,000 addition to the nurses' home at Eastern Oregon State hospital, Pendleton.

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County Treasurer Dies

CORVALLIS, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Death today claimed Mrs. Susan B. Taylor, 70, Benton county treasurer since 1921. Mrs. Taylor was a candidate for reelection in the November general election.

Hog Price Sets Record

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A new record price of \$33 per hundredweight for butcher hogs was set on the North Portland livestock market today.

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Weather

| Place | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem | 75 | 50 | 0.00 |
| Portland | 78 | 55 | 0.00 |
| San Francisco | 69 | 57 | traced |
| Chicago | 78 | 55 | 0.00 |
| New York | 73 | 44 | 0.00 |

Willamette river - 11.5 feet.
FOR ADMISSIONS, contact Webster bureau, McHenry field, Salem: Mostly cloudy this morning, becoming partly cloudy this afternoon and evening. Widely scattered showers. High today near 76, low tonight near 51. Conditions good for all farms.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

| This Year | Last Year | Average |
|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 5.17 | 6.52 | 5.75 |

Inch of Rain Falls in Portland, Sets Record

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Rain-fall here was one inch in a 24-hour period ending at noon today, highest for any August day since 1890.

The weather bureau said the 1.23 inches of rain so far in August has more than doubled the August normal of .64 of an inch.

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