

East-West Talks Switch to Berlin; 4 Leaders Meet

BERLIN, Aug. 31—(AP)—East-west negotiations to break the 69-day blockade of Berlin shifted from Moscow to this city tonight with a meeting of Germany's four military governors, their first in five months.

Coupled with their discussion on practical steps for lifting the siege of Berlin was the highly technical problem of finding a way out of the confusion created by two rival currencies in this city of three and a quarter million people.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sorensen

The Library of Congress will hold an exhibit to commemorate the Oregon territorial centennial, starting September 11th. From its extensive collection it will show original documents, sketches and maps dealing with the Oregon country. They will cover the period of the discovery, exploration and settlement of the great northwest, from the account of Sir Francis Drake's voyage in 1653 and a manuscript atlas of 1630 by Joao Teixeira to journals, letters and guidebooks of the mid-19th century.

Included in the exhibit will be an illustrated report of the adventures of Father Pierre Jean De Smet, early Catholic missionary, letters from Dr. Marcus Whitman and Rev. H. H. Spalding; the handwritten report of Captain Bonneville and manuscripts by Hall J. Kelley relating to his efforts to colonize Oregon in the 1830's.

The original logbook of Capt. Robert Gray's ship "Columbia," first to enter the Columbia river; a letter-book of the Capt. Charles Wilkes expedition of 1841; Gabriel Franchere's narrative of the first Astor expedition of 1811 which was published in French in Montreal; original maps of the Hudson's Bay company - these are among the items to be shown.

What should prove of great interest is a series of lithographs from sketches made in 1845 by Capt. Henry J. Warren, who was sent by Great Britain to survey conditions in the Oregon country in 1845 when the boundary question was still at issue. Also on display will be sketches made by artists who accompanied railroad survey parties, showing forts, Indian encampments, burial places as well (Continued on Editorial Page)

Stores, Offices To Stay Open On 'Salem Day'

City and state offices and Salem retail stores will remain open as usual on Wednesday, September 8, Salem day at Oregon state fair, it was announced Tuesday.

City Manager J. L. Franzen said he hadn't given the matter a thought up to Tuesday, but indicated municipal departments would remain in operation throughout the day.

The state board of control, meeting Tuesday, turned thumbs down on a proposal to close state offices.

"It is my opinion that only a small percentage of state workers would attend the fair on Salem day if the board agrees to let them off," Gov. John H. Hall commented.

James Beard, secretary of the Salem Retail Trade Bureau, said his group had agreed more than a week ago to keep all stores open for business on Salem day.

The decision was reached, Beard said, after the board became uncertain as to whether a Salem day would be held during this year's fair. Declaration of the day was not announced until this week.

MAN 'CAN'T DROWN' PORTLAND, Aug. 31—(AP)—A man who twice has jumped into the Willamette river was rescued by the harbor patrol today. The man, who leaped from the Broadway bridge this time, complained he "just couldn't drown." He refused to give his name.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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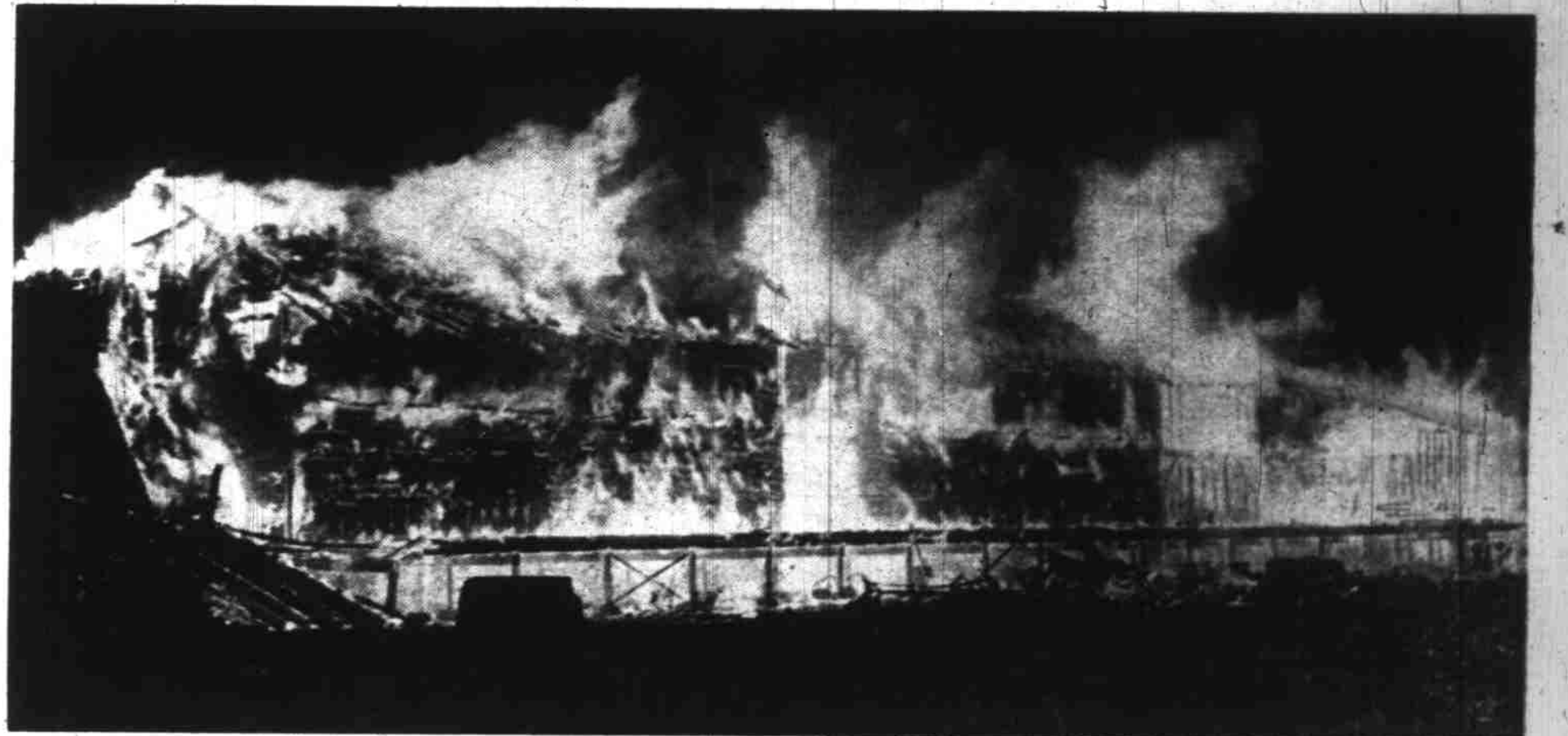
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Lakebrook Hop Yard Kiln Sweeps Evening Sky with Flame



The Lakebrook Hop ranch's \$100,000 hop drying kiln building was completely leveled Tuesday night when a fire of undetermined origin swept through the wooden structure. The photo above, taken from the west side of the building, was taken about 20 minutes after the blaze was discovered. (Statesman photo).

Firemen Save Hop Buildings

By Lester Cour

Staff Writer, The Statesman

A spectacular fire Tuesday night destroyed the giant wooden kiln building at the Lakebrook Hop yard, 10 miles northeast of Salem, at an estimated loss of \$128,000.

The blaze was discovered about 8 p.m. and swept out of control within 15 minutes, endangering several nearby buildings before burning itself out at 11 p.m. Yard officials said the flames broke out in the middle of five kilns, but the cause was still undetermined late Tuesday night. No one was injured.

Only fast work by the Brooks fire department prevented the white-hot inferno from spreading to a surrounding warehouse, baling shed and several smaller buildings.

The 18-man department, led by Capt. Mike White, arrived shortly after the blaze was discovered and poured a steady stream of water from its tanker on the threatened buildings to quench numerous roof fires spread by flying embers.

Quelled Roof Fires

An estimated 1,500 persons watched as flames and smoke shot hundreds of feet into the evening sky. Eager youths were helpful, stamping out numerous brush and grass fires ignited by sparks.

Hop yard workers were credited with saving the baling shed located about 100 yards east of the burning kiln—when they chipped and tore away a feeder track connecting the two buildings shortly after the kiln broke into flame.

The leveled building, two stories high and about 125 by 50 feet, was located about one block from the highway. It was surrounded by the baling shed on the east, a grain field on the north, a four-story dormitory on the west and cottages on the south.

West Wind Helped

Firemen fighting the blaze said only a brisk wind blowing from the west prevented the flames from spreading through all of the 472-acre yard.

Remains of the building were still smoldering at 10:30 p.m., but firemen reported the danger was virtually past. Salem sent two fire trucks to the scene.

Tom Livesley, president of T. A. Livesley and company, owners of the ranch, said the kiln was valued at about \$100,000. Fred E. Fraick, office manager, estimated about \$28,000 worth of baled and sacked hops went up in smoke, although an inventory has not been completed.

Employs 1,000

The ranch, one of the largest in the world, is currently employing about 1,000 workers. Picking of early hops was completed last week, and the harvest of late hops was only three days old when the fire broke out.

With the principal bulk of the yard's hops yet to be picked and cured, Livesley pointed out that the company will be hard pressed to get its hops dried for the market. He announced, however, that picking would continue as usual today, and was contacting other kiln owners throughout the valley requesting use of their dryers. Persons with available kilns were requested to contact Livesley.

The razed kiln building, one of the most modern in the valley, was constructed in 1946. Each of its five kilns had a capacity of 300 sacks an operation, and could process several thousand sacks daily.

Truman Calls for 'Fair Play' as Eggs Aimed at Wallace

By the Associated Press

President Truman called for "fair play" yesterday in the 1948 election campaign as he decried the heaving of eggs and soggy tomatoes at Henry A. Wallace on Wallace's tour through the south.

A Dixie police chief declared Wallace's own progressive party "sympathy."

Zhdanov Dies



LONDON, Aug. 31—Andrei A. Zhdanov, Marshal Stalin's "right hand man" for many years died today in Moscow, the Red radio reported tonight.

Candidate for Stalin's Post Dies in Russia

LONDON, Aug. 31—(AP)—Moscow announced tonight the death of Andrei A. Zhdanov, a leading contender in the behind-the-scenes rivalry for the job that Prime Minister Stalin must one day lay down. Zhdanov died this afternoon after a serious illness, an official Moscow broadcast said.

Zhdanov, 52, was secretary of the central committee of the communist party. He was a major force in the cominform's sensational attack of two months ago on Marshal Tito.

He, along with Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and L. P. Beria, for many years chief of Russia's secret police, have generally been considered the chief candidates to take over when Stalin dies. Stalin is 68.

His most powerful position was as a member of the policy-making politburo and as secretary of the Russian communist party, a post formerly held by Stalin. The Russian public was reported deeply shocked at the news.

Since the inception of the cominform (communist international information bureau) almost a year ago, Zhdanov had been one of the leading inspirers of its activities.

Zhdanov was always described in the Soviet Union as the "closest associate of the great Stalin."

On holidays when pictures of members of the politburo were displayed on buildings Zhdanov's portrait was placed next to the one of Stalin.

Zhdanov, like Stalin, was a Georgian.

Edward Benes Seriously Ill

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 31—(AP)—An official bulletin said tonight former President Eduard Benes has become unconscious and that his condition is "extremely serious."

Benes' doctors said in a report issued at 7 p.m. that he lapsed into unconsciousness at 5 a.m. today when he underwent a "new and serious deterioration."

The 65-year-old co-founder of the Czechoslovak republic, who resigned the presidency in June, suffered a stroke a year ago and has been in poor health since then.

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Polk, Marion Courts Okeh Plan To Merge County Health Units

Tentative plans to merge Polk and Marion counties into a single district health unit were approved Tuesday by both county courts.

Members of the two courts drew up a proposal to form the unit. Marion County Judge Grant Murphy said he expected the combined unit, barring legal obstacles, to be in operation within a few weeks.

In welding the two counties into a common health unit, neither the status nor existing programs of the two counties' health departments would be disturbed, Judge Murphy said. Expenses of the program would be borne by both counties on a population percentage basis.

According to the proposal advanced at the local courthouse Tuesday:

The district health board would comprise members of the two county courts. The Marion county health department executive committee will be reduced from a supervisory board to an advisory group.

The joint program will administer health service and health

education as authorized by the new board which will audit and approve all accounts, and will make available health services to other government units on a cost basis.

Changes in health department location are not planned for this year, but selection of a more accessible office than the present one in the Masonic building here considered necessary, either in Salem or West Salem.

A comparative physical inventory will survey equipment in the two counties' health departments. At next budget committee meetings, appropriations are to be made which will "bring the equipment to a parity in the two counties."

Next step in the process, Judge Murphy said, is to translate the proposal into resolutions which will meet legal requirements. Adoption by the county courts will place the program into effect. Judge Murphy said he did not believe state health department consent is necessary.

(Additional details page 7.)

CIO Official to Defy Probers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24—(AP)—James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, today said he "must respectfully decline" to testify at congressional hearings on the question of communism in the CIO union.

A house labor subcommittee will open hearings on the electrical workers Thursday. It had asked Carey to testify.

Carey gave reporters copies of a letter to Rep. Kersten (R-Wis.), chairman of the subcommittee.

He wrote Kersten that he believes "such inquiries are not within the competence of congress."

Long's Son in Election Lead

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 31—(AP)—Russell Long, son of the late Huey P. Long, snatched the lead by 392 votes over Judge Robert F. Kennon for the United States senate late tonight.

Mounting returns from rural boxes, including some Long family political strongholds, overcame a 25,734 lead given Kennon by New Orleans voters in the democratic primary election. Some strong Kennon areas, however, still were represented only by fragmentary returns.

The unofficial total for 1136 of the state's 1,883 precincts, including some from 58 parishes, gave Long 162,420 votes, Kennon 162,028. Kennon was running ahead in the cities of Shreveport, Baton Rouge and Lake Charles.

Addition to State Hospital Laundry Wins Board Okeh

The state board of control Tuesday approved a \$75,000 appropriation for construction of an addition to the Oregon state hospital laundry in Salem.

The money for the project will be taken from the capital outlay appropriations fund, the board said. Also passed was the employment of a psychologist at the hospital at a starting salary of \$290 a month and establishment of a training school for young physicians who desire to be psychiatrists.

The young doctors, under the plan, would work part time at the hospital and would receive about \$100 a month and maintenance from the state. They would take their psychiatric training at the Portland Medical school or some other institution close to Salem.

Eugene Mayor to Seek Solon Spot

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 31—(AP)—Mayor Earl V. McNutt was named a Lane county republican nominee for state representative tonight.

The county central committee elected McNutt on a second ballot and then made the choice unanimous. He will take the ballot position vacated by the death of Rep. John Snellstrom in a plane crash in Klamath county.

Climber Scales Courthouse Pole

Spectators gaped Tuesday afternoon as they watched a pole climber replace the broken pulley atop the 95-foot flagpole in front of the Marion county courthouse. After replacing the pulley R. E. Northness, 1073 Seventh St., West Salem, began painting the pole with aluminum paint as he worked his way down.

Independence Hop Fiesta Starts First Post-War Show Tonight

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

INDEPENDENCE, Aug. 31—(AP)—The Hop Day Fiesta at Independence, will open again Wednesday, September 1, for the first time since 1940, to form the 8th annual festival.

Joe Lamb, president of the Hop Bowl Incorporated, which sponsors the fiesta, tells that the first one was held in 1933 and from then for the following seven years was held annually, stopping only with the war.

Banners and hop decorations were up throughout the town today with Gene Malecki, Salem, on hand to make final arrangements.

"There will be something doing each night Wednesday to Saturday inclusive," said George Corwin, general fiesta chairman, "but during the day everyone is going to pick hops. Even the carnival will run late at night." Picking of the late hops started Tuesday in many yards with several following up Wednesday and Thursday.

The fiesta will get underway Wednesday night with a five-act vaudeville show, the free entertainment starting at 8:30 at the high school gymnasium. Acts will include Hugh Aspinwall, known

Skunk's Age Belies Ability

COOS BAY, Aug. 31—(AP)—A friend gave Patrolman Jerry Wickman a young skunk. A veterinarian said the animal was too young to have a scent sac.

So Wickman put the skunk in a box on the police car front seat and drove off. The skunk jumped out and hid under the seat. Wickman reached for it. The police car will be out of service a few days.

Ex-Legislator to Replace Fluhrer

MEDFORD, Aug. 31—(AP)—William McAllister, Medford attorney and former member of the state legislature, today became the Jackson county republican candidate for state senator.

The county republican central committee named him to succeed William H. Fluhrer on the November ballot.

Fluhrer was one of the four republican candidates killed in a crash of Fluhrer's plane at Lake of the Woods August 22.

Independence Hop Fiesta Starts First Post-War Show Tonight

As the "singing troubador," Florence Polter and Suzan Howell, accordionists; dance routines by students of the Paul Armstrong School of Dance from Salem, and impersonations by Malecki, who will be master of ceremonies.

A total of \$100 in prizes will be awarded in the Thursday night 7 o'clock children's parade and the grand fiesta parade will be held Friday night with other Willamette valley folk invited to participate. The Salem Saddle club will give a horse exhibition adjacent to the high school athletic field following the parade.

Saturday night is dance night with the Richard Dix eight-piece orchestra furnishing the music. Dancing started at 9:30 o'clock and more than \$500 in prizes are to be given away.

Assisting Corwin on committees are Joe Lamb, ticket sales; Dee Taylor, dance; Hal Mellinger; and Bob Morgan, children's parade; Bob Craven, grand parade; Dr. M. J. Butler and Tom Smith, reception committee.

All proceeds from the fiesta will go to the Independence high school recreation fund. Plans call for making this a community recreation project with eventually a swimming pool added to the recreational area.