

Russ Kidnap 19 in Berlin Despite 'Safe Conduct' Vow

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Shady Lawn One of State Fair Attractions



Shady lawns at center of the Oregon state fairgrounds are popular with fairgoers resting between "sights" during hot weather Monday and Tuesday. Clear skies lent a spectacular aspect to the fair and yesterday's breeze helped modify temperatures that reached 89 on the official Salem weather bureau thermometer and doubtless higher in crowded fairgrounds area. (Farm photo for The Statesman.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Souque

The CIO oilworkers' union chose a propitious time for pulling a strike. They caught their employing companies not with their pants down but with their pockets bulging with profits running for the half year as much as 100 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago. And the companies weren't exactly poor in 1947.

From the stockholders' standpoint the "oils" have been favorites this year as earnings zoomed under the combination of huge demand and high selling prices. Price markups were justified as necessary to keep wildcaters on the prowl for new fields; but the earnings have been terrific.

Here are the per share earnings of companies now struck for the first half of 1948 as compared with all of 1947:

Standard of California \$5.97 for six months, \$8.25 for all 1947.
Texas Cos. \$5.07 for six months; \$7.90 for all 1947.
Shell Union of which Shell Oil is a subsidiary, \$4.15 for six months; \$4.44 for all 1947.
Richfield \$2.12 for six months; \$2.96 for all 1947.
Tide Water Associated \$3.09 for six months, \$4.57 for all 1947.
Union Oil \$3.42 for six months, \$3.85 for all 1947.

The ad inserted by the oil companies says wages on the offer made would show an increase of 83 per cent since 1941. There is scarcely a major company on the coast whose earnings are not running at least 50 per cent over last year.

Maybe wages of the oil company workers are high enough, but

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Mac Slaps at Soviet Policy

TOKYO, Wednesday, Sept. 8.—(AP)—General MacArthur has sharply criticized Russia for failure to fulfill her agreement to repatriate Japanese prisoners of World War II.

Allied headquarters reported a letter, in MacArthur's behalf, was sent to Lt. Gen. Kuzma N. Derevyanko on Friday saying that for 15 months Russia has failed to abide by the agreement.

"... Reliable information available to the supreme commander indicates that conditions approaching slave labor continue to apply to the estimated more than 500,000 Japanese still held by the Soviets," said the letter.

It added that allied headquarters had complied explicitly with all provisions of the repatriation agreement of Dec. 19, 1946 "and expects other signatory... to do likewise."

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"See—I told you it was foolish to spend good money for luge seats."

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Besieged City Hall Cleared

BERLIN, Wednesday, Sept. 8 (AP)—Nineteen western zone Berlin policemen were kidnapped by rival Russian-backed police and soviet tommy-gunners today as they left the Berlin city hall under a Russian safe conduct guarantee.

Their release has been negotiated by the French with the Russians.

They had been cornered in the city hall—in the soviet sector of this divided, blockaded city—since Monday. They had taken refuge in the western allies' liaison offices in the building.

About three blocks from the city hall, after they were released along with 11 American, British and French liaison officers and correspondents, they were flagged down by two jeepsloads of Russian soldiers.

As the convoy stopped, about 20 soviet zone police jumped out from behind a building and surrounded the western zone group.

Another four jeepsloads of Russian tommygunners drew up from behind. Then another truck carrying about 65 more soviet sector police roared up. It seemed obvious the affair was a carefully planned trap.

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Fair Crowds Larger Than 1947

Harness Races Draw Small Betting Total

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Harness races may be nice from the spectator's viewpoint but they don't pay so well, state fair officials announced Tuesday at the close of the second day of the pari-mutuel play of the 1948 Oregon state fair. The take was but \$23,745 in comparison to \$31,974 on the second day of last year when running races predominated.

Officials also said that the Tuesday races were an experiment which will not be repeated. Today's races will include eight running with only the Governor's handicap set for 4:30. Governor John Hall will be a special fair guest for the day.

Feature of the Tuesday race was when Jockey R. W. Black was fined \$25 for rough riding astride "Irene Angel" during the only running race of the afternoon. He was also suspended for a period of 10 days for misconduct following the assessing of the fine. Black was out in front at the beginning, however, and won by nine lengths.

Attendance continued to hold up in comparison to the 1947 count for the second day which totaled 20,868. Tuesday's total was 22,318, with paid admissions at 15,406, well over 500 more than a year ago.

Beneath the betting stands in the pavilion, Chin Uppers were rejoicing Tuesday that they had taken in \$200 on opening day for sales of materials in their booth.

Gertrude Fisher and Dolores Meyer, both of Salem, who are in charge of the booth reported that patronage of fair-goers was very good to the physically handicapped.

Marion county did very well throughout the judging on the second fair day. Merle Pearson of Turner won the coveted Golden Bell for the best pen of four sheep in any breed of either sex on his Shropshire display. Claude Stuesloff, Salem, won the prize awarded the best fitted and kept flock of sheep on display.

Marion county 4-H club contestants had a clean sweep of the two top places in the sheep showmanship contest with Floyd Fox, 17, Silverton, named champion, and Jerry Wipper, 14, Turner, runner up. Both winners showed Southdowns.

Fox will receive the Anthol Riney perpetual trophy and a scholarship to the 1949 Four-H summer school. Wipper will also receive a summer school scholarship, both provided by the state fair.

With open classes at the fair livestock judging almost up to schedule, only a few classes are left to judge today. The swine division was not yet completed and some horses were left to be judged.

In cattle, only the Red Polls are not yet started.

One feature of today will be the grand sweepstakes winner in the homemakers' division to be announced Wednesday afternoon. Superintendent Anne Hunt McKenno said. The winner must be a resident of Oregon and will have to be the most points in the combined textile and cooking competition of the fair. A refrigerator is the first prize.

(Additional details on pages 2, 3, 6, 7 and 14.)

Humidity Low Over Oregon

PORTLAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Rising temperatures and plummeting humidity readings in the western Oregon forests today increased the fire hazard conditions that normally suspend logging.

The weather bureau reported humidity was down to 16 at McKenzie bridge ranger tower and at Medford, at 19 in Eugene, 20 in Salem, 25 at Roseburg and 26 in Portland.

Temperatures at the same time soared to a high of 94 at Medford. The mercury stood at 90 in Roseburg, 89 in Salem, 84 in Klamath Falls, 85 in Portland and 91 in Eugene.

Logging normally suspends when the humidity drops to 30 per cent.

TO POLICE BENES FUNERAL
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Czechoslovak ministry of the interior said tonight it was guarding against any attempt to hold demonstrations at the funeral of former President Eduard Benes tomorrow.

PORTLAND SCHOOLS OPEN
PORTLAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Portland schools opened today with enrollment going up to 46,905, an increase of 1,735 over last year.

Less Than Month's Supply Of Gasoline In Northwest

Gasoline Sales Rise Rapidly In Salem Area

Salem service stations did a brisk business Tuesday as motorists continued to "fill 'er up" and store gasoline in containers to avert the threatened shortage due to the Pacific coast oil industry tieup.

A total of 20 service station operators polled by The Statesman reported their gasoline trade had increased from 25 to 50 per cent daily since CIO oil workers walked out at California's oil fields.

All said they had not yet been forced to effect rationing, but pointed out that some restriction would be put into effect within 10 days if the strike continues.

Five major oil company distributors supplying retail stations reported their stocks of gasoline diminishing rapidly, especially the premium quality. One company's spokesman said the firm's storage tanks of premium gas were down to 25 per cent of normal, and that distribution of this grade has discontinued.

By agreement all petroleum distributors will maintain their gasoline stocks at a minimum of 25 per cent of normal. The emergency supply will be used to supply state and city police and fire equipment.

One oil company official expressed concern over persons storing gasoline in containers, pointing out that the fire danger is extreme. He reported that service station operators have been instructed to discourage the practice.

Stassen States 'Truman Fails', Rebuttal Talk

DETROIT, Sept. 7.—(AP)—President Truman was tabbed by Harold E. Stassen tonight as "complaining" failure who has resorted to "demagogic appeals" in a bid for election.

Turning official republican fire on Mr. Truman's one-day political foray into industrial Michigan and Ohio, Stassen told a whistling cheering crowd of 3,000 here that the president "cannot urmise the essential leadership" the country needs.

In a speech billed as the official kickoff of the republican presidential campaign, Stassen drew a lusty cheer with the assertion that the GOP is "driving the red herring out of the official waters of the Potomac" with congressional inquiries into communist activities.

Mr. Truman has said these probes are only a red herring to take the people's minds off high prices.

"Too many red herring have been in Washington for too long a time," Stassen declared. "The president should help man the red herring nets instead of complaining against the fishermen."

Stassen said that Mr. Truman had "dishonored labor with an extreme demagogic appeal to set class against class."

14-Year-Old Wins Furniture, Names 20-Year-Old Tune

Joyce Kasper, 14, won a veritable shipment of household furnishings Tuesday when she correctly identified by telephone a 20-year-old dance tune, "Valencia," on an afternoon radio program from Los Angeles via KEX. The daughter of Mrs. W. H. McAllister, 840 Trade st., she won a garbage disposal unit, set of dishes, registered mirror, hassock, electrical roaster oven, set of luggage and two rugs.

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State Fair Today

Wednesday
Sept. 8

Salem-Governor's Day

8 a.m.—Gates Open

9 a.m.—Future Farmers Swine Judging

10 a.m.—Demonstration, Junior Building

11 a.m.—Free Vaudeville acts, Midway

Organ Music, Ag Building

Eugene-Band concert

1 p.m.—Horse races, Lone Oak

Award of Grand prizes, Ag building

Farm Machinery demonstration

4:30 p.m.—Governor's handicap

6:30 p.m.—Free vaudeville acts, Midway

8 p.m.—Helene Hughes Showboat

10 p.m.—State fair dances

Midnight—Gates close

Firm to Rebuild Razed Sawmill At West Salem

A \$50,000 rebuilding and improvement project for the burned-out West Salem Lumber Co. mill on Wallace road just north of Glenn Creek road was announced Tuesday by Ernest Parcher, manager, who hopes the new mill will be completed by November.

The mill was destroyed by fire July 25, and only planning work has been done there since. The planning will continue while rebuilding progresses at the present site.

The new mill will have a capacity of 30,000 board feet per eight-hour shift, Parcher said, and will be fitted with the latest type of equipment including a double circular head rig with vertical edges and addition to the plant of a new re-saw unit.

Building and operation of the mill upon completion will be supervised by O. V. Snider, Portland man who has just been added to the incorporation which includes Parcher, to become sales manager and log buyer; Norman L. Acoff, retail manager, and J. Norman Acoff of Los Angeles.

The mill will resume employment of about 45 men when it is in full operation.

Growers Push Crop Harvests

An attempt is being made by bean and hop growers to complete their harvests by the time school starts, William Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the state employment service, said Tuesday.

"Pickers are badly needed in the Independence hop fields and Stayton bean yards," Baillie stated. Workers may drive out to the fields or they may use the free transportation provided each morning at the Salem office between 6 and 6:30 o'clock.

The beans, Baillie said, are of the late variety and are "in fine shape." Both bean and hop yards have camping facilities. An OSES office at Independence will direct workers to yards.

New French Cabinet Falls

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Premier Robert Schuman's French government resigned tonight 64 hours after it had been laboriously put together.

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Phone Union Plans 43-State Strike Sept. 17

PORTLAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A spokesman for the oil industry here reported tonight the northwest area has 13 days of premium gasoline and 27 days of regular gas in storage.

The announcement followed release of a west coast survey made by the voluntary allocation committee of the struck oil firms and was released by Reese H. Taylor, president of the Union Oil company of California.

He said the total supply represented about 25.5 days' normal gasoline consumption.

Other oil products in the northwest appeared in good supply.

By the Associated Press
Already in the grip of three major strikes, the nation Wednesday was threatened with a fourth work stoppage which CIO union leaders said would cripple the country's telephone service.

The Association of Communication Equipment Workers, whose 25,000 members install telephone equipment, announced it had set September 17 for a strike of Bell telephone workers in 43 states.

Meanwhile strikes in the oil, trucking and shipping industries continued and there were no indications of any early settlement of any of the three disputes.

Gas rationing in far western states loomed as a possibility as the strike of 15,000 CIO oil refinery workers remained unsettled.

An industry spokesman predicted west coast motorists would be without gasoline in the latter part of next week if a settlement is not reached in the wage dispute.

Shell Oil Co., while it talked over the wage issue with union people today, obtained a temporary restraining order to prevent mass picketing at its Martinez, Calif., plant.

State conciliators last night announced that four more major oil companies involved in the coast strike had agreed to reopen wage negotiations with the union.

Conciliator Glenn Bowers said Union Oil would meet with representatives of the union in Los Angeles at 2 p. m. today, and Standard Oil would renegotiate both at Richmond and El Segundo Thursday. Associated Oil will meet union representatives in San Francisco on Friday.

Eggs Greet Republicans

KINGSPORT, Tenn., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Hilbilly Singer Roy Acuff and Republican National Committeeman B. Carroll Reece were targets of a fruit and egg barrage here tonight.

Acuff, republican candidate for governor, was hit by a grapefruit. Reece, former chairman of the republican national committee and republican candidate for U.S. senator, was struck by an unidentified missile.

The candidates addressed a campaign crowd estimated at more than 10,000 persons in an automobile parking lot.

CROSS BURNS IN GEORGIA

VALDOSTA, Ga., Sept. 7.—(AP)—About 20 robed but unmasked klansmen burned a cross in the negro section of this south Georgia town tonight on the eve of the state's democratic primary election.

ROOSEVELT'S KIN TO WED

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Miss Edith Kermit Roosevelt, 20-year-old granddaughter of Theodore Roosevelt, will be married tomorrow to Alexander Barmine, 40-year-old ex-soviet diplomat.

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