

## Airlift Bolstered; Berlin Scene 'Gloomy'

### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The hearing on the discharge of Joseph O. Freck before Governor Hall was a shell. The defendant was refused the privilege of introducing testimony to prove what his attorney claimed was the real purpose of his discharge as liquor commissioner. Governor Hall held the hearing within strict limits of answers to his two specific charges: namely that Freck's stationery store had sold merchandise to the state, and that Freck had put in too much time at the commission office at \$10 per diem. Facts on each charge were not in dispute. It merely remains for the governor to decide whether Freck violated the law and so merit his discharge; with every indication that the order of dismissal will not be reversed.

But what about the countercharges made against Hall by Freck and corroborated by his colleague Mayor Eaton of Astoria? The governor says he will prepare a statement of his side of this matter and file it with his findings with the secretary of state. That will be an ex parte statement. He is not subject to cross-examination. Other witnesses are not heard.

For example, in a qualified hearing what would Harry Garvin, purchasing agent for the commission, say with respect to the allegation that Governor Hall sought to constrain him to issue a firm order for certain liquor? What is the text of the memorandum he is said to have given to the commission which occasioned a physical tussle between Harry Bolvin and Orval Eaton?

Governor Hall may issue his "explanation" but the people will (Continued on editorial page)

## French Police, Strikers Stage 4-Hour Battle

PARIS, Sept. 15 (AP)—More than 100 police and 30 workers were injured in four hours of street fighting today when 90,000 aviation, automobile and steel industry workers went on strike. While a communist spokesman for the general confederation of labor was telling Renault automobile workers to "strike until victory," the French franc sank to a new low and Premier Henri Queuille hastily called a news conference to deny his government planned drastic monetary steps.

The fighting broke out when a crowd of 4,500 aviation workers marched down the Boulevard Hausmann protesting the dismissal of 1,700 employes of the national aviation industry. The workers demanded a meeting with company representatives and the fight started over whether or not the labor delegation should have a police escort. Pushing and shoving led to fist fighting. In a few minutes the air was filled with paving stones and anything else on which the rioters could get their hands.

The strikers pulled up iron grill work around the trees, broke it into bars and began hurling the formidable missiles. Police used night sticks and fists. Fifteen of the police were seriously injured before reinforcements increased the steel-helmeted police and mobile guardsmen to about 2,000.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Junior hasn't been worth a nickel since he fell in love."

## Hall Refuses to Permit Freck To Testify on Countercharges



Joseph O. Freck, sr., deposed liquor commissioner, had his day in "court" Wednesday. Seated left to right in the board of control room are E. F. Bernard, Portland, Freck's attorney; Freck; Ray Shoemaker, Portland attorney acting as Freck's reporter, and Gov. John H. Hall. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

## Governor Agrees to Issue Reply to Freck in Statement; Hearing Airs Misconduct Charge

By Wendell Webb

Managing Editor, The Statesman

Strong objection to Gov. John Hall's refusal to entertain testimony against himself highlighted a comparatively fruitless hearing Wednesday for Joseph O. Freck, sr., deposed liquor commissioner. Freck, charged with misconduct and inefficiency, sought both to answer those charges and to prove they were a "screen" to cover Hall's anger at Freck's refusal to buy \$1,000,000 worth of over-ripe whiskey.

The governor repeatedly repulsed efforts to turn the hearing in that direction, but he promised to submit a "screen" to his findings, "a written statement as to my actions in this entire controversy and my reasons."

The findings, to be submitted to the secretary of state, are expected to spell "guilty."

Lawyer Ernest Bevin, attorney for Freck, declared the governor was "unduly restricting" the hearing; said Freck would like to have it "wide open," and commented that "this might get to the courts."

The governor allowed entrance

## Salem Highest In Placement Of Farm Labor

The Salem office of the state employment service placed more seasonal farm laborers on jobs last month than any other office in the state.

Bean and hop harvests boosted the placements to 6,882 in Marion county, the state unemployment commission reported Wednesday. Albany came next with 3,510.

So far this year Marion county has placed 24,371 seasonal workers in jobs—second highest in the state. In industrial job placements, however, this county ranks third with 3,154 workers placed since January. Portland and Eugene offices are first and second.

The number of industrial workers placed on jobs here so far this year is 6 per cent less than for the same period last year. No comparison can be made on farm placements, the commission reported, because this is the first year since 1941 that the state has control of the farm labor program.

## West Salem Area Without Water as Main Severed

WEST SALEM, Sept. 15—Water supply was disrupted in part of industrial West Salem Wednesday when a line was broken during digging for extension of the Murkirk avenue sewer line. Oregon Flax Textiles and other nearby plants were minus water for several hours.

The sewer extension is nearing completion as it approaches 7th street, its terminus for the winter period.

## Union High District 6 To Meet at 8 Tonight

Union high school district 6 will hold an election tonight on a proposal to dissolve the district, formed several months ago after two elections were held.

Districts comprising the union high school district are Aurora, Broadacres, Butteville, Donald, Hubbard and White. The vote will be taken in the respective school houses at 8 o'clock tonight.

of Freck's written answer and "offer of proof," but said only those portions "pertinent" to his charges against Freck would remain in the record.

No demonstration

The hearing, in the pine-paneled board of control room at the statehouse, attracted less than 30 observers. There was no demonstration and, but for a couple of isolated instances, there was a friendliness even if forced. The proceedings were in accordance with state law giving a deposed commissioner a chance to defend himself before the governor, who is sole judge, juror and executioner.

The hearing centered on two questions in the public mind:

Did Freck, Portland stationer, profit unduly or illegally by \$8,000 worth of purchases from his store, and was \$1,240 too much per diem pay (\$10 per day) for him to have collected since Hall appointed him last November?

Motive Questioned

Or did Hall fire Freck because he refused to purchase 30,000 cases of two-year-old blend from a company which reportedly had agreed to retain Hall as attorney after his present term as governor?

To the first question, Freck answered "no" to both parts.

To the second question, Hall in effect said he would answer later. On actual testimony at the hearing, there were two major clashes.

A. N. Wyson, assistant purchasing agent at the state board of control, testified that an investigation showed his office could have bought for \$3,200 the 400,000 cellophane liquor-license holders for which the purchasing department of the liquor commission paid Freck's company \$3,200.

Contradictory Testimony

In contradiction, Esther Carrigan, assistant to the liquor commission's purchasing agent, testified that the lowest bid other than Freck's company was \$5,600 by the J. K. Gill firm, and added that Freck never tried to influence such purchases.

The other clash was between Freck and Assistant Attorney General John K. Crowe as to whether Crowe, who is assigned to the liquor commission, ever told Freck that state laws, barring officials from participating in state contracts, did not apply to liquor commissioners except regarding the purchase of liquor. Freck said Crowe so advised him. Crowe said he could not recall ever doing so.

Telephoned Hall

Crowe also testified that on August 27, the day after a liquor commission meeting at which Hall's purported request for the liquor-purchase had been aired, he (Crowe) had "phoned Hall about the \$5,200 license-card hold-up; because he thought something might be "wrong." It was four days later that Hall asked Freck's resignation.

Wyson and Crowe were the only witnesses called by Hall. Miss Carrigan was the only one called by Freck.

Freck, testifying briefly just before the hearing ended, said he had found an "excessive" inventory of \$17,000,000 when he went on the commission, and that he thought "we did a pretty darn good job" by whittling it down to \$12,000,000 in six months.

He said it was his work on the inventory, as well as the fact that he was the only commissioner residing in Portland, which led him to spend considerable time at the commission offices and thus collect the \$1,240 per diem. He also testified that Crowe on August 16 had told him "you inherited it (the inventory); let the next fellow have it."

Officer Status Doubtful

Bernard, Freck's attorney, cited

several cases designed to show that Freck was not a state officer under the constitutional provision barring the entering of state contracts.

The attorney also touched on the question of the legality of the liquor commission. He said by law the legislature is empowered to create state offices for terms of four years or less, and that liquor commissioners are appointed "for six years."

Witnesses were not sworn at the hearing, Hall declaring there was no legal provision for such action. (Additional details page 2)

## 2 Die; Flaming Oil Showers Trailer Camp

INGLEWOOD, Calif., Sept. 15 (AP)—Flames from a burning oil tank farm spread today to a nearby trailer camp and ten persons were burned, two of them fatally. Mrs. Lillian Reynolds, 35, and three-year-old Judy Ziegler, the latter of Tacoma, died of their burns. Mrs. Ollie Ziegler, the girl's mother, was critically burned and a sister, Charlotte, seven, is missing. Firemen said she may have been trapped inside the trailer. One tank at the Basin Oil company's five-acre tract blew up with a roar heard for miles. Four explosions followed quickly as the fire spread across Hyde Park boulevard to the trailer park.

## Woodburn School Registration to Commence Today

WOODBURN, Sept. 15 (Special)—Registration will be held at Woodburn schools Thursday and Friday for the new school term which begins Monday, September 20.

Increased enrollment has necessitated housing several grades in two rooms of the city hall and the American Legion hall. Students of the sixth grade will convene in Belle Pass school.

## FLOODS IN NORTH ITALY

ROME, Sept. 15 (AP)—Hundreds were homeless in northern Italy today following torrential rains. Floods left the towns of Alessandria, Asti, Nizza Monferrato, Rocchetta Tanaro and Ovigliotto partly submerged.

## State Department Reprimands Official for U.N. Accusation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—The state department today accused one of its own officials of misconduct because he charged that U. S. security was menaced by communists admitted to the country through the United Nations.

If the charges stick, the official, Robert C. Alexander, assistant chief of the Visa division, could be fired or otherwise disciplined. Dismissal is considered unlikely, however, in view of his 21 years of service.

Alexander would not comment on today's charges, made in a letter to him, but he said he would fight them.

Alexander, with two other Visa division officials, testified before congressional committees.

## British Say Reds Eye Asia

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—The air force said today it was adding 40 big C54 cargo planes to its Berlin airlift fleet and indicated it would send more planes if needed.

The announcement added emphasis to Secretary of State Marshall's rather gloomy outlook on the international situation, expressed at a news conference earlier in the day.

Things are so uncertain, Marshall said, that he had no idea how long he would remain at the United Nations meeting opening in Paris Tuesday.

Asked if he agreed with former British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden's remark that foreign affairs are going from bad to worse, Marshall hesitated and then said he had not had any period of great relief in the past week or ten days.

During this period, negotiations have been held in Moscow and Berlin on the Berlin blockade.

## Pessimism for Berlin

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP)—American diplomatic officials said tonight they believe there is little chance of concrete results from the Moscow negotiations over Berlin.

Other responsible diplomatic officials showed a growing belief that the whole issue over the blocked city will be turned over to the United Nations assembly which meets in Paris next week.

## Reds Aim at Seizure

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin charged today that the communists are following a plan aimed at seizure of southeast Asia.

He told parliament it was a part of the grand strategy of world communism for stirring up civil war everywhere and "no one can see the end of it."

Anthony Eden, the conservative party spokesman, pointed to communist uprisings in Malaya and Burma as "part of a plan" he recalled that Lenin referred to southeast Asia as the "backdoor of capitalist and imperialist power."

Bevin told a tense and sometimes turbulent house of commons that the scheme for stirring up civil war was an instrument of foreign policy, and that if it continues "then no one can see the end to which it may lead the nations who are promoting it."

## 33 Added to School Ranks

Enrollments in Salem public schools grew by another 33 pupils Wednesday, as adjustments were made to relieve overcrowding in some buildings. The total reached 6,585, compared to 6,552 Tuesday and 6,432 the opening day.

The figure included 3,329 elementary pupils, 1,670 in junior high and 1,586 in senior high school.

Reflecting the change in location of suburban pupils transported into Salem, Englewood school's enrollment dropped 26 from Tuesday, and Washington's dropped 14, while Garfield picked up the group of 40 and rose to a total of 247.

## County Gets \$456,709 Of School Support Fund

School districts in Marion county are to receive a total of \$456,709 in a distribution of the first-half payment of the basic school support fund.

Warrants aggregating \$8,132,946 for the statewide payment were released Wednesday by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

## Army Threatens to Use Troops to Move Cargo; Bridges Issues Warning

### Anti-Trust Suit Aimed at Major Meat Packers

CHICAGO, Sept. 15 (AP)—The government's fired anti-trust charges at the country's four major meat packers today in a shot aimed at splitting them into 14 "separate and competing" companies.

The civil suit accused Swift and Company, Armour and Company, the Cudahy Packing company and Wilson and Company, Inc., of conspiring to monopolize the interstate trade of cattle purchases and slaughters.

These alleged acts, the suit said, have resulted in higher meat prices to consumers.

The packers denied the charges. John Holmes, president of Swift, called the suit an attempt to "shift responsibility for inflationary prices" during the fall political campaign.

The suit charged the four companies refrained from competing with each other in the purchase of livestock and the sale of meat.

### Flares Blamed For Report of Attack on Ship

TOKYO, Thursday, Sept. 16 (AP)—The liberty ship Moses Brown radioed today it was circled Monday night by two unidentified planes which dropped parachute flares.

There was nothing in the vessel's radio report to its agents in Japan that it had been fired upon, as had been reported earlier. (The earlier report was received also by the state department in Washington, but the department had no details.)

Myles S. Waterman of the C. F. Sharp Co., agents for the Shepard lines which operates the Moses Brown, said the vessel radioed while it was en route from the port of Toro on Sakhalin island to a port in north Korea.

The ship is under charter to the Russians. It was carrying a cargo of coal from Toro.

Waterman said information on nationality of the planes, dropping flares, first reports that the ship was fired on were discounted by an army intelligence source, who said it was believed now that parachute flares were used.

### Plaque Honors Rep. J. W. Mott

ASTORIA, Sept. 15 (AP)—A bronze plaque honoring the late U. S. Representative James W. Mott was unveiled here today by his widow at a ceremony held on the waterfront at Mott basin.

The commemorative credits the Oregon congressman with establishment of the Columbia river's first substantial naval base. Mott basin is the moorage area for surplus war vessels near Tongue Point.

Admiral T. L. Gatch, USN retired, presided at the ceremony. Other dignitaries attending were state Secretary of State Earl Newbry; Mayor Orval Eaton; U. S. Senator Guy Cordon; Capt. Colin Campbell, fleet commander at the Tongue Point base; J. J. O'Brien, base commander; and State Senator Douglas McKay of Salem.

### Plane Lost on Oregon Flight

PORTLAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—A red and black private plane flown by Synes R. Doyle, of Tacoma, was sought in the area between Medford and Salem today.

The state board of aeronautics director said Doyle took off from Medford yesterday morning, intending to land at Eugene or Salem. He was last seen over Grants Pass.

McChord field searchers joined other planes in the hunt.

### Squeeze Tightens On Hyderabad City

NEW DELHI, Sept. 15 (AP)—Indian forces aided by parachute troops today captured Hyderabad, important road junction 84 miles west of the capital of Hyderabad, an army headquarters report said.

In the southeast sector Indian troops advancing from Suriapet against stiff opposition squeezed Hyderabad closer to Hyderabad city and its military suburb of Secunderabad, the report added.

### Longshore Leader Calls for Assistance from Other Unions

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15 (AP)—The army said today it would even use troops if necessary to move military cargoes out of strikebound west coast ports.

The threat drew a quick retort from Harry Bridges' CIO longshoremen, key union in the 14-day-old maritime strike.

While Bridges' white-capped pickets at army employment offices here and in Seattle were discouraging dock applicants, his office issued this reply to the army troop warning:

"If any labor union in the country, regardless of affiliation or political or economic ties, stands idly by while the army engages in strikebreaking in behalf of a group of arrogant employers who will bargain with a union only if they can select the union's officers, then the organized labor movement and collective bargaining are on their way to extinction as free institutions."

Army Secretary Royall announced in Washington that efforts at negotiation of civilians would continue but added:

"To the extent that the army is unable to load its cargo by employment or by contract, troops will be used to do the loading."

Applicants Called Scabs

The CIO pickets told men applying for army loading jobs here they would be "scabs" and the ships they worked would be listed as "hot."

At Seattle 500 pickets milled about the army employment office and handed out pamphlets accusing the army of doing "a clever job of strike-breaking on behalf of the shipowners."

The Waterfront Employers association would not comment on Royall's announcement.

The possibility that an unaffiliated Stevedoring concern might handle the army cargo was raised by the CIO here. The union said it had a contract with Sprague and Co., of Seattle and would work for the company loading army cargoes.

### CIO Signs Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15 (AP)—The CIO Longshore union, on strike against most west coast shippers, announced today it had reached an agreement with the Owen Parks Lumber company, which operates ships between Rainier, Ore., and San Pedro, Cal.

The union said the contract calls for preference of employment and continuance of the "present methods of hiring and discharging."

Workmen Dodge Rocks

NORTH BEND, Sept. 15 (AP)—Workmen dodged rocks today as they crossed a CIO picket line to repair the lumber carrier, Rolando, center of a CIO-AFL jurisdictional dispute.

No one was hurt. The state police halted the rock hurling, and ordered pickets to move farther back from the ship.

The incident occurred when six men from the lumber company went to the vessel to do minor repair work.

This was the second outbreak in the union dispute, which started when CIO maritime workers objected to employment of AFL seamen on the Rolando.

### Portland Gas Supply Stable

PORTLAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—The informal gas rationing system has kept Portland's gasoline terminals with a 10-day supply—just the same as they had last Sunday.

That was the report of Robert Case, state oil coordinator. He said companies would continue to receive 75 per cent of their normal gasoline deliveries "as long as supplies last."

A few service stations reported empty pumps. But most, doling out gas to customers on an informal rationing basis, still had supplies.

### AFL Backs 18 Democrats for Senate Seats

By the Associated Press

The AFL political league yesterday threw its support behind 18 Democratic candidates for the senate. A turnover of only four seats there would take control from the republicans.

The GOP took command of the senate just last year after long years of democratic rule. But their 51 to 45 majority must stand the test of several apparently close contests in November. On the other hand, most democratic seats at stake are in the solid south with re-election assured.

The AFL league also has announced it will be out to defeat House candidates in 113 districts on the basis of their votes for the Taft-Hartley law.

The labor vote counted heavily in Michigan's primary Tuesday as seven states chose nominees for the November election.

Socialite G. Mennen Williams, 37-year old heir to a soap fortune, pulled the democratic nomination for governor out of a three-way race as the Detroit industrial vote rolled in.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson won a smashing victory over Gene Cervi, avowed new dealer, for Colorado's democratic senatorial nomination. Johnson often disagrees with the party leadership.

Democratic and republican vote totals were close in Washington where Mr. Truman's friends, Gov. Mon C. Waigler, was nominated for re-election. His republican opponent will be former Gov. Arthur B. Langlie.

### Oregon Men's Bodies Found On Seashore

SEATTLE, Sept. 15 (AP)—The coast guard identified tonight the bodies of three men washed up on the sand at Long Beach, Wash., earlier today.

Officers said the find definitely establishes two boat disasters.

Two of the dead were John Hill, 42, of Vancouver, and a man of Portland. They left Depoe Bay, Ore., Sunday in a converted naval lifeboat. The coast guard said the boat is believed to have overturned while crossing the Columbia river bar. It has not been found.

The third body was that of Al Jones of Warrenton, Ore. Jones was a crewman on the fishing boat Sunbeam, missing since it left Astoria last Saturday. Also aboard the vessel was the owner and skipper, W. Fales. His body has not been found.

A 14-foot section of the vessel was found near the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia. Another section was found near Long Beach.

### Cinderella Girl, Hitchcock Wed

FOLKSTON, Ga., Sept. 15 (AP)—Stephany Saja, the Pennsylvania coal miner's daughter, and Francis Hitchcock, 39, her wealthy fiancé, were married here tonight.

The simple civil ceremony was performed by Judge A. S. McQueen in the living room of his large eight-room home a few blocks from the Folkston business section.

The newly married couple left soon after the ceremony and Judge McQueen said he understood they were returning to Deland, where Hitchcock is a student at Stetson university.

### Noisy Thief Takes Empty Milk Bottles

If you hear the milk bottles rattle don't complain to the milkman. He may not be responsible.

Mrs. Leo Crabtree, 1119 N. Commercial st., reported to city police Wednesday that she was awakened about 11 p.m. Tuesday night when she heard milk bottles rattling on her front porch. She looked out just in time to see a young woman take five empty bottles from the front porch and climb into a car.

### OUR SENATORS

Some 1,400,000 pounds of Oregon flax fiber owned by the commodity credit corporation will be sold on competitive bids, the department of agriculture said today.

The flax, grown before 1947 and now held at Willamette valley processing plants, was bought by the CCC under the price support program.

Bids will be accepted by the USDA production and marketing administration up to October 5.

Weather

|               | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem         | 70   | 51   | Tr.     |
| Portland      | 71   | 52   | Tr.     |
| San Francisco | 71   | 52   | Tr.     |
| Chicago       | 66   | 41   | Tr.     |
| New York      | 75   | 58   | Tr.     |

Willamette river: 75 feet. Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tomorrow with occasional showers. Little change in temperature. High tonight near 78. Low tonight near 58. Weather favorable for most farm activities.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Sept. 15)

| This Year | Last Year | Average |
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