

79 Seamen Rescued in Atlantic Gale; 7 Believed Lost

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Eighteen western Oregon counties are sharing in \$2,201,000 which is 50 per cent of the proceeds of sales from O&C lands. This is the largest "melon" to be cut since the passage of the 1937 law covering distribution of O&C revenues. Its size is directly due to the activity in the lumber market and the scramble of loggers for stumps to furnish hungry sawmills. This may be the highest income for a period of years because the September offering brought bidders for only 18 of the 28 parcels of timber listed.

The distribution to the counties is on the basis of O&C acreage at the time of reversion by the government. At the top of the list is Douglas county which will get \$602,388. Next is Jackson to receive \$408,740, and third is Lane at \$335,569. Marion county is well down the list with \$431,338 coming at the bottom in Lincoln with \$10,610.

In the case of the counties with large intake from this source budgetary problems arise. Both Douglas and Jackson built courthouses out of the windfall of first receipts in lieu of accumulated taxes. But they can't build courthouses every year. Lane county included in its estimate of receipts, \$100,000 from O&C. It will get three times that much and more. What about the excess? Will the county court hurry to spend it? Will it be tucked away in some kitty? Or will it be used to reduce the amount of the next tax levy? (Pepith the thought!)

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\$15,000 Fire Burns Keizer District Garage

A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Chevrolet service station-garage on Winsor Island road in the Keizer district Thursday night. The station was purchased by C. A. Clark, last Friday by Thurmon Green.

Keizer district's school, directly across the road from the garage, was protected by a northwest wind which fanned flames away from the large frame building. Former owner, C. A. Clark, said that the plant was valued at about \$10,000. Loss of stock and equipment owned by Green and Jack Langford, who has been leasing the station, was estimated at about \$5,000. The plant, and equipment owned by Green were covered by insurance.

The blaze was first noticed by B. C. McDonald, Salem route 8. He notified the Salem and Brooks fire departments. McDonald said he spotted the fire about 10:45 p.m. At that time, he reported, the east end of the garage was already burning rapidly. It quickly spread throughout the building and firefighting was confined to keeping the blaze from spreading to surrounding houses.

Phone Union Strike Averted

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A countrywide strike of 25,000 telephone workers set for tomorrow morning was averted today.

After all-night negotiations, company and union representatives met again and compromised. They agreed on a variable pay raise of from eight to 15 cents an hour for the workers, who make telephone equipment.

The agreement must be ratified by members of the union, the CIO American Communication Equipment Workers (ACEW).

The union negotiated with the Western Electric Co. for workers in 43 states and the District of Columbia.

Animal Crackers



"Excuse me, ma'am, but I have a rather personal question."

Blind Thumber



CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Clarence Peddicord (above), 30, who is blind, arrives in Chicago from his Portland, Ore., home. He is hitch-hiking to New York where he will undergo an eye operation in hopes of restoring his sight. Peddicord said he left home with \$7 September 10 and arrived in Chicago with 92 cents September 15. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Dairy Licenses Revoked; Firms Plan Appeals

State Director of Agriculture E. L. Peterson revoked the licenses of five Portland dairies Thursday for violations of the state milk code.

The action followed a hearing in Portland last month of cases involving 36 milk dealers. Those losing licenses are Vest's dairy, Alderwood dairy, Silver Crest dairy, Stockdale dairy and Idlewild dairy.

Sixteen others whose licenses were revoked but with the revocation stayed on condition they immediately comply with milk order provisions are:

Holbrook dairy farm, Silver Hill dairy, Sunny Brook farms, Alpenrose dairy, Sunshine dairy, Broadview dairy, Rose dairy, Pleasant Valley dairy, Mt. Scott dairy, Hazelton dairy, Maplewood Cream company, A. R. Holloper, Dietz dairy, Ideal Dairy, Meier Dairy farm and Boulevard dairy.

Charges against 15 dairies were dismissed, Peterson said. The five dairies which lost licenses were charged with mislabeling, failure to file reports and failure to pay dues.

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Dairymen whose licenses were ordered lifted by state Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson said today they will appeal the revocation to circuit court.

Five dairies were ordered to halt sales to consumers. Sixteen were handed suspended revocations.

Samuel B. Weinstein, state milk control board attorney, said the "producers-distributors" affected by the revocations can sell their milk to other distributors or to creameries. Those orders merely prohibit them from engaging in wholesale and retail milk distribution.

Legion Head Backs Universal Military Training

ASTORIA, Sept. 16.—(AP)—James F. O'Neill, national commander of the American Legion, told the Oregon convention at Astoria Thursday that universal military training should be substituted immediately for the present selective service act.

Speaking to some 1,000 delegates at the convention opened, O'Neill called for passage of the Mundt-Nixon bill and suggested an amended version of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing act should be adopted.

Dr. M. E. Cooper, Klamath Falls, was elected grand chef de gare, succeeding Charles Eichel, Portland. Walter Kirk, Salem was elected grand commissaire voyeur.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	73	49	trace
Portland	72	53	.00
San Francisco	67	54	trace
Chicago	89	56	.00
New York	71	55	.00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tomorrow. High today near 75. Low tonight near 45. Weather will be favorable for most farm activities except for moderate winds in the afternoon.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Sept. 17)		
This Year	Last Year	Average
.12	1.00	.71

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'Pleasure' Driving Ban Sought

Firm Offered Army Cargo Job Army Using Civilians to Move Cargoes

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A Seattle stevedoring firm which has made a separate peace with striking CIO longshoremen has been offered contracts to load all army cargoes in San Francisco and Seattle. It has not decided whether to accept, it told San Francisco newsmen tonight.

The army meanwhile confirmed reports that it has begun to load cargo with its own civil service employees, hired despite longshore picketing this week at the army employment offices. Two army transports were being worked at the Oakland army base today. No troop were being used. The army also announced transfer of all such longshore hiring to Oakland; no more will be done at Fort Mason here.

As the independent firm, Griffiths and Sprague, made its announcement, CIO President Philip Murray in Washington was urging the army to use just such companies, rather than hire its own non-union stevedores.

The CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union said yesterday it had signed a satisfactory contract with Griffiths & Sprague. Although the contract calls for a 15-cent pay hike, longshoremen will be willing to work for the firm on army jobs at pre-strike wages, the union announced.

Most other companies are members of the Waterfront Employers' association, which has refused to handle army cargoes if it meant dealing with CIO longshoremen whose leaders have not signed Taft-Hartley act anti-communism affidavits.

Neon Sign to Note Progress Of Chest Drive

A 20-foot neon-lighted thermometer sign will record progress of Salem's community chest campaign next month, from the T. A. Livesley building, Drive Chairman Alfred W. Eubanks reported Thursday.

He said the sign provided by Martin Bros. Sign Co. will be "serviced" daily by Salem city firemen, to indicate by level of the red neon "mercury" how chest subscriptions are nearing the year's goal of \$110,000.

Lucks also disclosed that the chest already has received, unsolicited, \$3,850 in miscellaneous donations. The drive will open October 5. Meanwhile, division leaders will be conducting meetings with their team captains to organize the citywide solicitation.

Division leaders this year are: Automotive and transportation, W. L. Phillips, Jr.; contractors and builders, Russell Pratt; out-of-town corporations, E. Burr Miller; educational, Carl Aschenbrenner; general gifts, Kenneth Potts; governmental, George Alexander; industrial, Harold Robertson; industrial, Joseph Dodd; professional, Henry Kopp; rural, Frank Doerfler; utilities, Fred Street; women, Mrs. Conrad Paulson; West Salem, Rex Gibson.

Wreck Ends with Steam Shovel as Collar for Motorist

MATEWAN, W. Va., Sept. 16.—Ed Taylor drove into town yesterday to get his mail and parked beside tracks where a railroad crew was digging a ditch with a clam-shell power shovel.

A switching engine struck the shovel car, the boom swung around and knocked down a utility pole. A network of telephone lines whipped down on top of Taylor's car.

He opened the door and stuck his head up to see what was going on. The clam-shell banged down on top of the car and locked his head inside the bucket.

The bucket didn't close completely, but it took half an hour to get Taylor's head out. He was resting today at Matewan clinic. A doctor said he has only a few scratches but is suffering from shock.

Vote Sustains North Marion School District

HUBBARD, Sept. 16.—A move to dissolve North Marion union high school district 6 was defeated tonight by a two to one vote in the six districts affected.

The move was disapproved by a majority of 183 and by four of the six districts in the union.

The vote by districts was: Hubbard, no 181, yes 14; Broadacres, no 27, yes 15; Butteville, no 13, yes 60; Aurora, no 71, yes 56; White school, no 35, yes 36; and Donald, no 67, yes 30.

The total vote was yes 394 and no 211. Voting against the move to dissolve were Hubbard, Broadacres, Aurora, and Donald. Voting to dissolve the union high school district were Butteville and White school.

The union high school was formed after two elections were held a few months ago. The first vote was negative and a second one was sought due to illness which prevailed at the time of the election and alleged lack of information. The second vote resulted in formation of the district but persons who objected petitioned for a vote on the move to dissolve the district.

Draft Sign-Up Lags in Oregon

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—(AP)—State selective service officials warned tonight that many young men 18 to 25 years of age face prosecution because of failure to register for the draft.

Registration closes Saturday, but the five Multnomah county boards, for example, have registered but 19,196 of the estimated 28,000 eligibles.

Col. Francis W. Mason, assistant state selective service director, said the lag in registration was general throughout the state. He said Oregon was expected to have 102,000 men registered by the September 18 deadline, but the total will fall far short.

4-Day Supply Left in Gasoline Storage Tanks

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—(AP)—State oil coordinators of four western states today urged the public to stop all "recreational and social" driving, to conserve gasoline during the CIO oil workers' strike.

Officers of the oil workers' International union meanwhile took steps in cross-bay Richmond to prevent any recurrence of strike violence.

The coordinators conferred this afternoon with A. C. Stewart, vice president of Union Oil company and head of the industry's allocation committee, then issued this statement that said in part:

"It is estimated that at least 25 per cent of general automobile mileage is used for recreational and social driving. We urge that this driving be postponed until the end of the present emergency."

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—(AP)—More automobile service stations were running low on gasoline today, and the state oil coordinator asked the public to use trains, buses, and streetcars where possible.

Several Portland service stations reported only about four days' supply of gas left. They are restricting sales to essential cars. Four stations reported they are out of gas.

Typhoon Rakes Tokyo; Flood Toll Set at 148

TOKYO, Friday, Sept. 17.—(AP)—A typhoon which brought heavy rains to Tokyo howled out to sea today, leaving at least two Japanese dead, an estimated 33 missing and 53 injured.

Threats of floods in the Tokyo area subsided. All Americans were safe, although 250 of them still were marooned temporarily in a resort town southwest of Tokyo.

As up to 12 inches of rain fell last night over Tokyo and adjacent areas of Honshu, numerous flash floods were reported. The worst was at Ichinoseki, 240 miles north of Tokyo, where the Kitagami river burst its levees and swept away or destroyed 2,000 homes. Ten were missing and 50 were injured in that city alone.

Kyodo news agency reported extensive damage to crops, highways and river levees in 10 prefectures. The typhoon, which moved out into the Pacific northeast of Tokyo, had maximum winds of only 60 miles an hour. Consequently wind damage was small.

TOKYO, Friday, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The U. S. army said today the toll in Sunday's flash floods on Kyushu had increased to 148 dead, seven missing and 56 injured. The last previous toll listed 127 dead.

\$900,000 STRAW BURNS

WINDOM, Minn., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Flames fanned by a strong wind raced through a storage yard here tonight, destroying 45,000 tons of baled straw valued at \$900,000.

Warren Off on Campaign Tour



SACRAMENTO, Sept. 16.—California's Gov. Earl Warren, republican candidate for vice-president, his wife and daughter Virginia, pecking between her dad and mother's shoulders, smile happily as they left Sacramento yesterday on a 31-state campaign tour. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Stories on page 2 and 6).

Lead, Bismuth Induced To Produce Super-Fast Atom Energy Explosion

By Rennie Taylor Associated Press Science Reporter

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 16.—(AP)—An atomic energy explosion faster than the atom bomb and two new groups of radioactive elements of prime interest to scientists were reported today by researchers from the University of California's famous radiation laboratory.

The high-powered explosion, called fast fission, comes, from substances such as lead, bismuth and tantalum rather than from uranium, the parent element of atom bomb material.

Despite its viciousness the new nuclear explosion process could not be used in an atom bomb because it is not self-starting, as in the case of uranium and plutonium. It takes a big atom smasher to detonate lead, bismuth and tantalum.

The new radioactive elements also are creations which at present can be turned out by high energy bombardment.

The fission that causes an atom bomb explosion takes place in a small fraction of a millionth of a second, which is painfully slow alongside the bismuth blast found by Periman and Goekerman. The new type of fission is millions of times faster.

When an atom of bismuth is hit by a 200-million volt particle of heavy hydrogen it quickly turns into another element, polonium. This polonium is highly unstable. In a small fraction of a billionth of a second it throws off about a dozen neutrons, which are components of its nucleus. This leaves the nucleus in such an unbalanced state that it splits into even halves in an incredibly small interval of time.

The energy released in this spectacular blowup is somewhat less than that in the slow fission of uranium or plutonium but the blast is very hot, scientists said.

The new radioactive groups are made by bombarding thorium, a raw material out of which atomic fuel can be made, with moderately high voltage particles of heavy hydrogen.

Board Asked to Set 35 mph. Zone on 12th Street Cutoff

A petition from the Salem traffic improvement committee, asking that speed limits along South 12th street be lowered, has been sent by Marion county court to the state speed control board.

The petition was referred to the board without recommendation of any kind from the county court. County Judge Grant Murphy said Thursday. The request sought a 35 mile an hour speed zone instead of the present 55 miles per hour.

Blasts Unites Brooklyn Tube

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A 30-pound dynamite blast 115 feet below the surface of New York harbor late today linked two ends of the Brooklyn battery vehicular tunnel.

The explosion blew a four-foot hole through the remaining five feet of rock, ending a burrowing job begun in 1940 and suspended three years during the war.

2 Vessels Wallow in High Seas

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The coast guard and two merchant ships teamed up today in violent seas to rescue 79 seamen from two vessels in the North Atlantic. Seven men were believed lost.

Both rescues took place within a few hours. A badly listing British freighter was contacted 750 miles east of New York while a fishing craft, wallowing in the high seas, was reached about 390 miles northwest of the freighter.

Both rescues took place within a few hours in an area about 300 miles southwest of Cape Race, Newfoundland, amid thunderous waves and staggering gales.

The veteran coast guard cutter Bibb removed 40 crewmen from the Portuguese fishing schooner Gaspar. One man was lost overboard from the Gaspar before rescue of the remaining men by the coast guard.

39 Seamen Saved The American freighter Cecil N. Bean and the Argentine freighter Tropero took a total of 39 seamen from the sinking British freighter Leicester. Six of the freighter's men were presumed lost.

Battling the high waves and gale, 20 Leicester crewmen reached the Bean in lifeboats while 19 others, including the freighter's captain, H. N. Lawson, were taken aboard the Tropero in similar fashion.

A coast guard spokesman said the Bibb was headed back to its base in Argentina, Newfoundland. The spokesman added that the Gaspar will be destroyed, if its captain permits, because of its menace to navigation.

Capt. Edward Serafin of Norfolk, Va., on his maiden voyage as commander of the Cecil N. Bean, reported two of his motor lifeboats smashed by towering waves. Saw Signals

Capt. Serafin said the Bean, beating through the hurricane track in ballast from England for New Orleans, saw the Leicester's distress rockets late last night.

Heaving to, the Bean stood by until dawn when the hazardous task of picking up the Leicester's men began. None of his crew was injured. One Leicester crewman suffered a minor scalp injury in the waves buffeting.

The Bibb, skippered by Capt. D. J. Jacobs, former commander of the coast guard's international ice patrol, arrived at the Gaspar's side today after beating through heavy seas from Argentina, Newfoundland.

New Woodburn School District Budget Valid

The state tax commission Thursday ruled valid the August 19 election in which voters approved the 1948-49 budget for the newly formed first class Woodburn school district 103C.

The August election, the third on the proposal, approved by an 181 to 127 majority, a tax levy \$59,320 in excess of the constitutional 6 per cent limit. The total budget is \$79,600.

In Thursday's ruling, the commission said the election was carried out in conformance with state law, and ordered the Marion county tax levies under the additional levy of the tax rolls.

The commission on Monday conducted a hearing on petitions of some district residents alleging the vote was illegal because the budget board of a newly formed school district has no right to authorize a levy in excess of the 6 per cent limit.

The commission, however, said budget boards of newly formed districts have full power to formulate tax levies under terms of laws passed in the 1947 legislature.

Proposal for a budget of \$99,750 was first rejected by a 25 to 14 majority on June 17, 1948. The \$79,000 budget was approved by voters in an election July 14, but the vote was set aside because the ballots failed to contain reasons for the increased levy.

Romania Blamed For Recall of U.S. Diplomatic Mission

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The United States today accused Romania's communist movement of forcing the recall of four members of the American diplomatic mission in Bucharest, by charging them falsely with spying.

The four — two officials of the legation and two women clerks — were detained overnight by Romanian secret police in the city of Giurgiu. They were reportedly denied food and water for 18 hours and otherwise treated in a manner which the American government denounced as "inexcusable."

The complaint of espionage was based on a charge that the four had made photographs in a forbidden area.

BRITISH TO ADD PILOTS LONDON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Air Minister Arthur Henderson said today the Royal Air force will seek almost 6,000 new recruits for the recruiting drive Britain will open October 1.

West Salem Extending Murlark Street Sewer



WEST SALEM, Sept. 16.—Construction of West Salem's sewer line extension along Murlark street will halt for the winter upon reaching 7th street, which is about two blocks from the present work on Murlark street, as shown above. The sewer extension will serve the industrial area in the northeast corner of West Salem where a half dozen plants are located including Miles Linen mills and the National Battery Corp., plant. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)