

West Asks Stalin for 'Yes or No' Answer in Berlin

Dewey Advises U.S. Aid in Formation of West European Union

Thomas E. Dewey said last night that world peace and economic security at home are urgent issues that can't be separated — and he offered plans for both.

The republican presidential nominee spoke at Albuquerque, N. M., in his third major campaign appearance. Farther west, President Truman paused at Reno, Nev., to label some republican congress leaders as 1890 "mossbacks" and recommend that they be "fired."

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

Last year the department of agriculture and the Commodity Credit corporation struggled to take care of the potatoes unloaded on the government at support prices. The government lost around \$80,000,000 on the deal. This year the department urged growers not to plant so many potatoes. The response of growers and of nature was in the reverse. Production this year is estimated at 408.3 million bushels against 284 million last year. Again the government is wallowing in potatoes — and increasing its loss by converting potatoes into flour.

With the cotton crop the biggest in 11 years and with cotton the prime favorite under the government guarantee (92 per cent of parity) it is anticipated the government will have to dig up around 900 million dollars to take over the cotton surplus. The wheat market is hovering around parity so the government may have to buy up half a billion dollars worth of wheat to live up to its guarantee.

The agriculture department is urging a reduction in wheat acreage, but none is in sight. Since the government guarantee is extended another year the wheat grower is tempted to raise as much wheat as he can. On basic crops a graduated scale, which goes down as production increases, goes into effect in 1950, but already Senator Maybank and other cotton state senators are planning to restore higher parity guarantees for farmers.

The argument for the government guaranty enacted during the war was to encourage production; but the war is over now for (Continued on editorial page)

Dock Pickets Leave Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22—(AP) CIO longshore pickets withdrew today from strikebound Oakland ports and the removal of commercial cargo was expected to get under way tomorrow.

The picket removal was the result of an agreement between union and port of Oakland officials to clear the wharves and warehouses to make room for army cargo.

Union officials emphasized loading or discharge of struck ships is not involved. Terminal workers and checkers at the port will be paid pre-strike wages with any strike-won wages to be retroactive.

6 Taken from Stricken Ship

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 22—(AP)—Six passengers have been removed from the British freighter Lochmonar, grounded on Little Cayman island in the Caribbean sea, and will be taken to Kingston, Jamaica, the coast guard reported tonight.

They were removed by the SS Caymanian, bound for Kingston, the coast guard said. The crew of 87 remained aboard the Lochmonar and the tug Curib is standing by for salvage operations.

The Lochmonar ran aground in heavy seas Sunday and was on the fringe of the passing tropical hurricane.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Oh, no—Rodlow MacNusgrove is just my pig pen name."

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American Corpse Found in Polk County Well

Slain in Palestine

TEL AVIV, Israel, Sept. 22—(AP) Arabs ambushed a United Nations-sponsored Jewish convoy today and killed an American technician and three Jews, Israeli army authorities announced.

The convoy, carrying the white flags of the U.N. truce, was attacked near the Latrun pumping station while en route from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The American was identified by U.N. headquarters as John Locke Lewis of Philadelphia, who arrived here a few days ago as a consultant expert on railways.

The Jewish dead included a woman and the commander of the convoy.

(Cairo was the scene of another mid-east violence. At least nine persons were killed and 12 wounded when a blast rocked the Jewish quarter. Rioting flared after the explosion.)

United Nations officials said the convoy was being led by French Col. Dumonceau, a senior U.N. observer in the Latrun area.

Jewish witnesses who hid in a ditch 20 minutes before escaping back to Tel Aviv with most of the convoy told this story:

The Arabs opened fire with rifles and a light machinegun as soon as the white jeep carrying the French colonel had passed.

The Jewish commander in the second car was wounded. While the U.N. man in the first car was shot, he was not killed.

He was shot in the chest and the other three men in the other cars dived into ditches along the road.

The Arabs approached at point blank range and killed the wounded Jewish convoy commander and the other three from his car who had taken refuge in the ditch.

15,000 Draft Call Issued For December

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22—(AP)—Fifteen thousand more men today were ordered drafted into the army. They will be in uniform before Christmas.

At the same time the army asked pre-induction physical examinations begin within two weeks for the first 10,000 men ordered induction under the new peacetime draft law.

The men in the initial draft call are expected to be in uniform in November. Most of them will come from the top age brackets, men 24 and 25 years old.

The second call, 5,000 larger than the first, will dip down into lower age groups, it is believed.

After the first of the year the monthly draft calls are expected to average about 30,000. The size will depend upon voluntary enlistments. If enlistments are high, the draft calls will be smaller.

Today's call was given selective service by the defense department. All men in both calls will go into the army. The air force and navy are not asking for draftees at present. They are relying on volunteers to fill their ranks.

Pre-induction examinations will begin by October 4, and men who pass will be in uniform in November. Men in the second call are expected to report for duty the first 20 days of December.

MacNaughton Installed Reed College President

PORTLAND, Sept. 22—(AP)—E. B. MacNaughton, chairman of the B. MacNaughton National bank and president of the Oregonian publishing company, was formally installed in a third job today.

He was installed as interim president of Reed college, to serve until a permanent successor is found.

Newby to Ask Solons to Ease Auto Insurance Requirements

Possible easing of state auto insurance requirements was forecast Wednesday by Secretary of State Earl T. Newby.

Newby said he was studying the state law requiring Oregon drivers to show proof of financial responsibility in case of any motor vehicle accident. "I doubtless will recommend some amendments to the legislature in January," the state official stated.

Newby said that while the act is fundamentally sound it is working an unnecessary hardship on many automobile owners. In most states a minimum damage of \$50 is set before provisions of the law apply.

Probably the most serious defect in the law, according to Newby, is a provision which, he contends, defeats the campaign

U.S. Delegates at General Assembly Opening



PARIS, Sept. 22—Members of the United States delegation attend opening session of United Nations general assembly in Paris. Left to right: John Foster Dulles, Warren R. Austin, head of the U. S. delegation, and Secretary of State George Marshall. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Picket Shot after Truck Runs Oil Walkout Lines

RICHMOND, Calif., Sept. 22—(AP)—A CIO picket was shot through the leg tonight after a group of pickets chased a truck which left the strikebound Union Oil refinery near Rodeo.

The Contra Costa county sheriff's office said, Richard Cunningham of Healdsburg, the truck driver, was arraigned on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and released under \$2,500 bail. Police did not arrest any pickets.

The picket, Harry Diaz of Torrey, was taken to a hospital in Vallejo.

Sheriff's deputies said the pickets "accused Cunningham of failing to stop at a stop sign" at the refinery gate and, jumping into an automobile, gave chase to make what they called a "citizens' arrest." Diaz was shot when the pickets forced the truck to stop and attempted to pull Cunningham from the truck, deputies reported.

Meanwhile, shortages of gasoline at the retail level developed in California's 19 - day - old oil strike. Some service stations in the bay area reported their tanks were empty before nightfall.

Butter to Take 3-Cent Skid

PORTLAND, Sept. 22—(AP)—Wholesale trade sources reported tonight that butter will skid three cents a pound on the Portland market tomorrow. It follows a one-cent drop today.

The reduction will affect all grades.

A major distributor said grade AA and A will be 77 cents a pound wholesale.

Uranium Cache At Air Base?

Uranium a stone's throw from Salem may be remote possibility, but the federal government just isn't taking chances.

When Marion county court received title Wednesday to the former army air base property opposite Salem airport, a clause in the deed from the U. S. government specified that it retains the right to mine any deposits of uranium or thorium or "other fissionable material" which might be found on the land.

Enrollment High At Willamette U.

Willamette university enrollment this week slightly topped last year's mark when 1,241 students were counted after registration Saturday and Monday.

Figures from the registrar's office at the local campus show 1,015 liberal arts college students, 146 law students and 80 music students.

In the freshman class of 332 students, 188 are men and 144 women.

HALLECK SPEECH SLATED

PORTLAND, Sept. 22—(AP)—Congressman Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, majority leader of the house in the 80th congress, will be the principal speaker at the annual convention of Oregon republican clubs here October 8.

Weight Hung on Body Points to Murder Case

Remains of a badly decomposed body discovered Tuesday night at the bottom of a 32-foot well west of West Salem led police to believe that they have an old murder to solve.

The body was discovered by Carl M. Williams and Clyde Edminster, Salem route 4, when they started to clean out the well Tuesday evening. Williams notified the Polk county sheriff's office which is investigating.

A large boulder wrapped with wire and another wire around a part of the body indicated it had been weighted down to hold it under the water.

Polk county sheriff, T. B. Hooker, said Wednesday night that the body would be taken to the University of Oregon medical school in Portland for examination to determine sex and cause of death.

House Abandoned

The well where the body was found is located on what is known as the "old Frye place" about four miles west of West Salem. The house at the site has been abandoned about five years with the exception of fruit pickers who have camped there.

Williams, who sold the tract to Edminster a week ago, reported that he had been helping Edminster clean out the well and early Tuesday night he and Williams resumed the job. Williams said he brought his tractor to the site to lower Edminster into the well.

Edminster found the body which he thought was some animal that had fallen into the well. Neither was aware that they had discovered human remains until Edminster had made a second trip down into the well and brought up more bones. Their suspicions were aroused when they noticed the shape of a leg bone. Williams then called Dr. J. H. Stewart, a neighbor, and the Polk county sheriff.

Deputy Sheriff Tony Neufeldt and Coroner J. Paul Bollman went to the scene and confirmed suspicions that it was a human body.

House, Well Abandoned

The well had been abandoned since the well had been abandoned since he bought the place four years ago. It had been used temporarily by eight or ten families picking fruit during that period, he said.

According to unconfirmed reports the body is believed to be that of an adult—sex undetermined—may have been at the bottom of the well for five years or more.

5-Year-Old Plane Wreckage Found In Canadian Wilds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22—(AP)—Air force headquarters reported tonight that an American transport plane missing for five years with 11 aboard had been found in the Canadian wilderness near Fort Nelson, B.C.

Officers, however, heavily discounted reports from Canada that a large sum in currency and gold bullion was aboard the plane.

The air force said the wreckage was found by Canadian trappers, according to its reports. The Edmonton account said the finder was a hunter from the United States.

The ship was a C-49, an early wartime transport model.

State Turkey Growers Told 'Cut' Fowls More Economical

By Lillie L. Madsen Farm Editor, The Statesman

Ninety-four per cent of Salem turkey growers buy more turkey when they can get a part rather than have to buy a whole turkey, a survey of a 10-week selling experiment in cut up turkey in Salem markets proved, Charles Fischer, Oregon State college economist, told the more than 200 turkey growers Wednesday at the ninth annual meeting of the Oregon Turkey Improvement association at the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Seven stores out of the nine which started, finished the experiment in selling. During that time 250 large turkeys were sold in cut up form. Of these, 77 per cent were sold in the downtown market area. The cuts were sold in pieces averaging 2.6 pounds; quarters averaging 4.6 pounds, and halves, 8.9 pounds, with the pieces the favorite form. Breasts proved the most popular pieces, with thighs second.

Every indication points to a good year for every branch of the turkey business for the remainder of 1948 and early 1949, Graydon McCully, Maple Plains, Minn., president of the National Turkey Federation, said in his address to the turkey growers. While he did not believe the industry should "cost" it will be a good thing that meat helps to keep up the prices of poultry, and with feed prices definitely on the downgrade, the turkey market outlook is quite favorable, he said.

An increase in production of birds is expected in 1949, however, McCully believed, and expected to see some "reasonably priced turkeys" by late fall in 1949. That there will be plenty of turkey for everyone who wants it this fall at a "reasonable price" when compared to other meats, was also his statement. He predicted that demand for hatching eggs would hold up well through the main 1949 season, although he advised hatcherymen to be more cautious about setting eggs without orders. Prices for hatching eggs will be much the same as in 1948 and some may go higher, he said.

Speakers were introduced by W. T. Geurts, Portland, who was elected president of the association at the business session. (Additional details on page 4).

3 Nations United in Demands

Bevin Says West To Stake Peace On Berlin Stand

By The Associated Press The United States, Britain and France made their final effort last night to solve the Berlin crisis through direct negotiations with Russia.

By joint agreement they sent identical notes to the Kremlin asking for a definite yes-or-no answer to their proposals for a precise agreement on control of currency in the Soviet-blockaded city, a French spokesman said.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the house of commons the western allies intend to stake peace on an unyielding stand in Berlin.

Bevin said the western allies were not only in absolute agreement on the policy of maintaining the air lift to supply the western sectors of Berlin "and of defending ourselves in Berlin, but in the policy we shall jointly pursue if it fails."

"I am not saying by that we are committed to war," he added. "We have not reached that stage yet."

The British foreign secretary also disclosed his country was lining up solidly with the United States in support of the late Count Folke Bernadotte's recommendations for establishing peace in the holy land.

The French were expected to follow suit, thus uniting for the first time the three big western powers on a specific Palestine plan. Russia said she would make her attitude known soon.

Addressing a packed and hushed house of commons, Bevin asserted the Russians are people "from whom you cannot buy peace" with concessions.

"Berlin stands out now as the symbol of resistance — a sort of salient," he said.

To save that salient, he declared, Britain and the United States will boost the "air lift" of food and fuel into the blockaded German capital, with most of the increased winter burden falling on the United States.

French foreign ministry spokesman in Paris said the notes of the three powers were addressed to the "Kremlin in Moscow instead of the Soviet Foreign Office in V. M. Molotov, and thus might come to the direct attention of Premier Marshall Josef Stalin.

WCTU Serves Notice of War Against Liquor

PORTLAND, Sept. 22—(AP)—The national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union declared "an eternal war" against the liquor industry tonight.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, Evanston, Ill., told the WCTU 74th annual convention this "Our goal is the complete elimination of alcoholic beverages."

"We serve notice here and now on those engaged in the traffic," she said. "Let us shall wage eternal war upon their business. No matter how powerful the booze barons may be financially, politically, or organizationally."

Her speech, entitled "Prohibition Is the Answer," came after the 2,000 delegates voted to work for legislation to prohibit the manufacturing and prohibiting persons engaged in the liquor, beer, or wine industry from taking public office.

French Elections Slated in October; Funds Unfrozen

PARIS, Thursday, Sept. 23—(AP) French Premier Henri Queuille was reported today to have received a helping hand from the United States at a time when the existence of his government is threatened by political unrest and strikes.

American sources, who declined to be quoted by name, said they understood U. S. officials have agreed to unfreeze a 70,000,000 franc (\$230,000,000) fund to help Queuille meet French labor's wage increase demands and still maintain a balanced budget.

The national assembly decided last night the elections should be held in October. The vote was 284 to 271. The communists and Gen. Charles de Gaulle's rightist rally of the French people (RPF) voted for the elections. The socialists and the Catholic popular republican movement (MRP) voted against the decision.

Bolt Cutters Help Free Woman from Grasp of Mixer

Living was a little mixed up for Mae Thompson, 765 N. Commercial st., Wednesday when the modern gadgets of modern kitchens may send her back to the old-fashioned stirring spoons.

It took first aid men and firemen from the city's department with a pair of four-foot bolt cutters to extricate Mae's hand from an electric mixer. She received only slight bruises to her hand.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip. and Average for various locations like Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette River.