

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

One of the bills where sentiment got the better of sound judgment is the measure submitted by the last legislature to establish a "boys camp" at Timber, making use of an abandoned CCC camp. The bill is the outgrowth of the desire to "do something" about juvenile delinquency. An interim committee appointed by the 1945 legislature made a report on the general problem. Its report on the whole was constructive, but the plan for the camp as developed in this bill is bad. I note that the executive committee of the Oregon council of churches endorsed the bill but I doubt if the members made any study of it. A committee of the Portland council of social agencies did make a careful study and came in with an adverse report which was adopted by the council subject to review in October. This committee pointed out that the camp would be 65 miles from Woodburn, too far from the nearest town for recreation and in a rain belt not conducive to morale during the rainy season.

I confess I cannot see any virtue in taking delinquent boys between the ages of 12 and 17 and housing them in an abandoned CCC camp over in the rain belt of the coast mountains. A boys' camp is a grand place in the summertime, but not when the heavy rains set in — and how it can rain in the mountains of western Oregon. A camp of boys with a predisposition to devilment would "explode" under such conditions. The old CCC camps were for older youths, were generously financed, had definite work programs, and were designed for underprivileged, not delinquent youth. It is true that the board (Continued on Editorial page)

Gasoline Quota Near Normal; Heat Oil Short

SEATTLE, Sept. 28 (AP)—Service stations in Oregon and Washington will continue during October to receive 90 per cent of their July consumption—a figure that is expected to more than meet needs in some areas because of the usual season drop in gasoline use. But at the same time, the 24-day-old oil strike may hit householders, requiring them to conserve heating oils.

These announcements came from the oil industry's allocations committee. The announcement had this to say regarding heating oils: "Normally at this time of year the oil companies are accumulating inventories of heating oils required during the winter season. But because of the current strike . . . the industry has been unable to process and accumulate the normal volume of these products. Therefore it is suggested that the consuming public commence to give consideration to methods of conserving heating oils during the coming winter."

3-School Vacation To Continue Today

The unexpected vacation for pupils of three Salem schools will continue today at least, but Garfield is expected to have its new heating plant functioning this afternoon. However, both weather and furnace installation will determine when West Salem elementary and junior high schools will reopen. All three have been closed since Monday morning.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	64	50	25
Portland	63	49	25
San Francisco	71	49	00
Chicago	72	55	00
New York	83	60	00

Willamette river - 1.4 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Considerable morning cloudiness and fog, becoming partly cloudy this afternoon with a few scattered showers. Thursday fair with morning cloudiness and fog. High tonight 68, low tonight 50. Weather generally favored to clear work in morning and early afternoon.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

(From Sept. 1 to Sept. 29)

This Year	Last Year	Average
1.20	1.01	1.42

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Truman Terms GOP 'Unwitting Ally' of Reds

(Story in Col. 4)

Salem Shakes as B-36 Circles Area

The U. S. air force's B-36, world's largest land plane, "buzzed" Salem for 2 minutes Tuesday night, shaking buildings and creating a wave of excitement among awed spectators as it skimmed the city at low level. The giant bomber arrived at about 6 p. m., enroute to its base at Fort Worth, Tex., from McChed field, Wash., and circled the Salem area until 6:25 before continuing on its flight south. Virtually every resident in the area ran outdoors or peered through windows when the gigantic, silver craft swooped noisily overhead, rattling dishes and kitchen utensils below. With speed belying its size, the lumbering monster made at least four passes over the city and six over Salem's McNary field. Hundreds of motorists, thinking it would land at the field, jammed roads leading to the airport. It was the B-36's second visit to the Salem area this month. The first flight, however, was at 14,000 feet on Air Force day September 18, and no one but the birds was able to see the craft. The plane, with a gross weight of 300,000 pounds, is 163 feet long and has a wingspread of 230 feet. It carries a 15-man crew and a relief crew of six men. Its bomb bays contain 12,000 cubic feet of space, the equivalent of four railroad cars. Six pusher engines of 3,333 horsepower each develop a total output of 20,000 horsepower.

Religion Class Waits on Citywide Church Action

Salem school district's board of directors Tuesday night withheld action on the first formal request for releasing pupils during school hours to attend church-sponsored religious education classes. Board members served notice education problem on the basis of a released time program proposed by a citywide interdenominational group rather than meet conflicting, uncoordinated requests from separate churches.

Deadline for Voter Sign-up Set Saturday

The Marion county clerk's office will remain open until 8 p. m. Saturday to take care of last-minute voter registrations, Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd said Tuesday. Registration books for the November 2 election will close Saturday until after the general election. Although no complete figures were available Tuesday, Judd said the flow of registrants to his office's counters has been "moderate" at about 50 per day. His office also has received about 200 request for absentee ballots from Marion county residents scattered all over the world, he said. These must be returned by five days before the election. Approximately 42 official voter registrars are scattered over the county under the direction of his office, Judd said. The only one in Salem outside the courthouse is at the Salem Labor temple. Voters who must register are those who are newcomers to this county, those who have not voted since the last presidential election, those who have moved since they last voted and those who have changed their names through marriage or other processes. Registrants must have been a resident of this state for six months and now residing in Marion county.

U.S. Oil Men in Hungary Forced to 'Confess' Sabotage

VIENNA, Austria, Sept. 28 (AP)—Two American oil men said today police in communist Hungary forced them to sign confessions of sabotaging production in the Hungarian plant of the Standard Oil Company (N. J.). Paul Ruedemann, Hartsdale, N. Y., chairman of the American-owned Hungarian company, and his deputy, George Bannantine, St. Louis, Mo., were expelled from Hungary Saturday after seven days of questioning. They denied all charges against them, and said the entire case was part of a government campaign to take over the American-owned plant. They predicted all American interests in Hungary would meet a similar fate. The two men said they held out four days before signing the confessions. During questioning they were forced to go for long periods without food and were not permitted to see each other.

Hofstetter Named Permanent Draft Board Chairman

Hans Hofstetter, Salem dairy owner, was appointed permanent chairman of the Marion county draft board in a board meeting Monday night at the Salem armory. Paul Hendricks, local attorney, was selected permanent secretary. Third member of the board is Cleave Bartlett, Salem realtor. All three men were given temporary appointments to organize Marion county's selective service system for the peace-time draft. Hofstetter announced that the board will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to solve local draft problems. The Salem selective service offices are slated to move from the armory to quarters in the 300 block of Court street formerly occupied by the state. Hofstetter said the move will not take place until notice is received from Washington, D. C.

State Board Delays Purchase of Portland Site, Calls for Bids on Statehouse Air Conditioning

Decision to call for bids on a state capitol air conditioning system and deferring of action on acquisition of property for the proposed state office building in Portland were voted Tuesday by the state board of control. Despite State Treasurer Leslie Scott's protest that "nobody's perishing here" and that the legislature should amplify funds if air conditioning is wanted, the board called for bids on separate phases of the project. J. Donald Kroeker, consulting engineer, submitted estimates for the project of \$68,330 and which he said might run as high as \$80,000. A compressor for the cooling system would be the most expensive item at \$23,000, while other portions are ventilation of house and senate committee rooms, cooling for east and west wing offices and cooling of the

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President Berates Spy Hunt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (AP)—The election year debate over communism and alleged atomic espionage boiled up spectacularly in the capital and elsewhere today. Among the widespread developments were: 1. A declaration by President Truman in Oklahoma City that the Republican party is the "unwitting ally" of the communists, and that the communists would like to see the republicans win in the interest of promoting confusion. 2. Senator Homer Ferguson's rejoinder that the president's remarks were "utterly ridiculous." Ferguson (R-Mich.) said the republicans have been leading the fight against communism. 3. An announcement that a regional loyalty board has ruled there are "reasonable grounds to believe that William W. Remington, a suspended commerce department official, was disloyal. Remington has been under investigation for suspected communist contacts. 4. A disclosure that the department of justice has taken "under advisement" a request to investigate the way Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-N. J.) has run his office. Thomas is chairman of the house committee on un-American activities which has produced most of the evidence in the recent communist and spy investigations. In a major campaign speech at Oklahoma City, Mr. Truman charged the republicans have tried to "usurp" the functions of the federal grand juries and courts. He said they have impaired the atomic energy program by "intemperate and unjustified attacks" on scientists, without producing "any significant information about communist espionage which the FBI did not already have."

U.S. Demands Soviet Pay for Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (AP)—The United States has called upon Russia in a new note to resume negotiations for settling its long overdue lend-lease account of \$11,000,000,000. Officials disclosed tonight that the state department had sent the note about two weeks ago to Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin. The department kept all news of the action secret, they said, for fear of upsetting the delicate discussions with Russian officials on the Berlin blockade. Top American officials felt Moscow might mistake a public announcement of the lend-lease note as an American maneuver to embarrass the Russians at a critical stage in diplomatic negotiations. Now that these talks with Moscow have collapsed, these officials revealed that the state department has: 2. Expressed willingness to talk over the latest Soviet counter proposal on lend-lease as a means of hastening agreement. 3. Suggested the two sides get together for their first face-to-face meeting on the subject since last March when negotiations were suspended.

Fertilizer Plant Output for Next 2 Months Sold

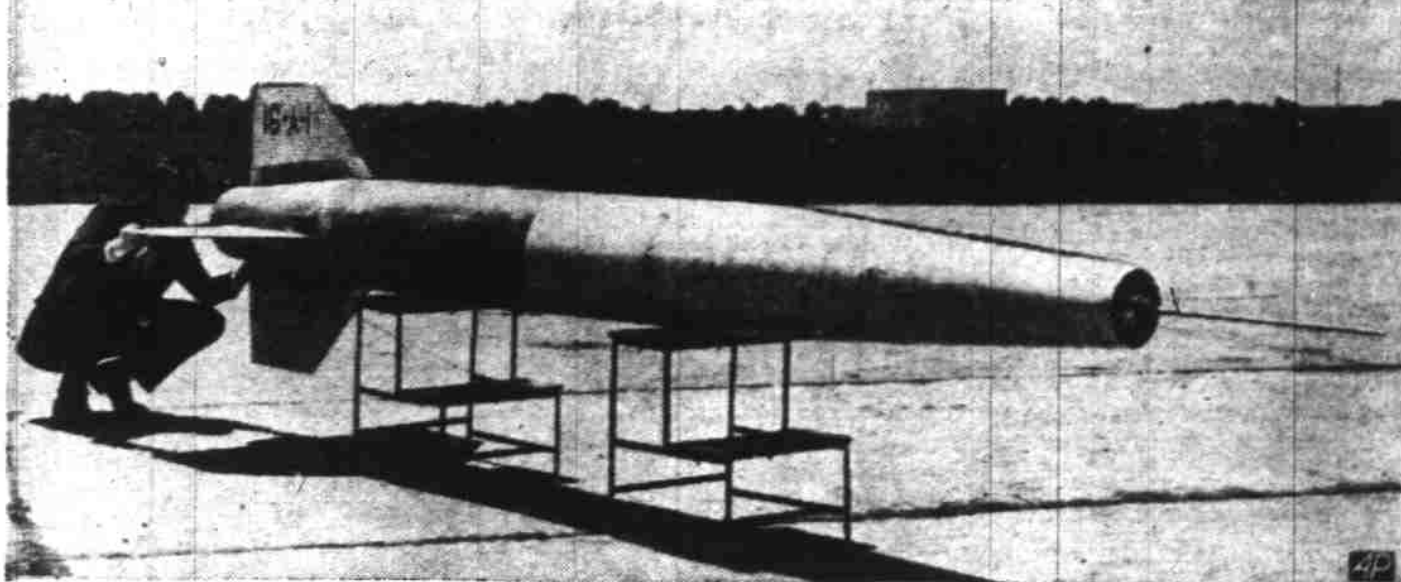
BOISE, Sept. 28 (Special)—The entire output of fertilizer from the Columbia Metals Corp. plant in Salem for October and November already has been contracted for and prospects for future capacity operations are bright. This was the statement tonight of Otto Power, vice president of J. R. Simplot Co., co-owner of Salem operation. Power was a guest at a dinner tonight given by Idaho Power Co. for a group of Oregon newspapermen who were flown here from Portland and Salem by a plane of the Morrison-Knudsen Co., builders of Idaho Power Co. hydroelectric projects. Tom Roach, president of Idaho Power Co., was leading the group which tomorrow will view dams under construction in the Gooding area 100 miles east of here. Roach and Harry Morrison, president of the construction company, were speakers at tonight's dinner at Boise hotel.

Butter to Drop 2 Cents, Pound

PORTLAND, Sept. 28 (AP)—The butter trade reported tonight the wholesale price would skid two cents a pound tomorrow morning. The Portland price will be 75 cents a pound for Grade AA and A prints at wholesale level. In New York prices slipped to 66 cents a pound—lowest of the year—and in Chicago the quotation was 64 1/2 cents. The new price level here represents a drop of six cents in five days.

Belgian Draws U.N. Cheers After Scathing Rebuke of Soviet Policy

Ram-Jet Test Missile Exceeds 1,600 mph



CLEVELAND, Sept. 28—Show (above) is a 16-inch diameter ram-jet test missile which has been clocked at more than 1,600 miles an hour in drop tests. The disclosure was made by the national advisory committee for aeronautics in Cleveland. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.)

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McKay Says 'Pour It on Harney County'

CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 28 (AP)—Douglas McKay, Oregon republican gubernatorial candidate, said tonight the idea of diverting Columbia river waters to California was fantastic. He said that before the water should be channeled that far south it should be "dumped into Harney county" in the semi-arid south-central section of Oregon. His statement was made on the port by U. S. Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Straus that suggestions to divert Columbia river water were under survey.

Record Marion County Welfare Budget Passed by Commission

A record Marion county welfare budget of \$3,090,000 for the next biennium has been approved by the state public welfare commission, it was reported here Tuesday. Marion Bowen, Marion county welfare commission administrator, said the 1949-51 request was \$500,000 more than the current 1947-49 budget. She ascribed the increase to the high cost of living, expanding population, and "post war unrest." Greatest increase for the next two years is in the old age assistance appropriation, she said. This county seeks \$2,000,000—an increase of \$400,000 over the current expenditures. Other items on the 1949-51 budget include general assistance \$600,000, an increase of \$100,000. Aid to dependent children, how-

Spaak Points to Red Spy Nets, 'Imperialism'

Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium accused Russia yesterday of having an imperialistic policy "more ambitious than the policy of the Czars themselves" and with sending fifth columns into every foreign nation. He told the United Nations general assembly in Paris that by comparison, Hitler's fifth column resembled "a boy scout movement."

Spaak, premier and foreign minister of Belgium, was cheered by all except the Soviet bloc as he delivered a sharp reply to the attack on the western powers made Saturday by Soviet Deputy Minister Andrei Vishinsky. Outside the assembly the Berlin case of the western powers against Russia was reported ready for immediately security council action. A source close to the diplomats drawing up detailed charges said the council might meet before the weekend on the explosive Berlin case. Said Threat to Peace

A French spokesman said the three western powers will ask the council to establish a new setup in Berlin, where they say the Soviet blockade threatens world peace. Details were not disclosed. The spokesman said three identical letters expected to be delivered today to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie cite both article 39 and article 40 of chapter seven of the U.N. charter. Article 40 empowers the council to establish a governing power in disputed areas pending a definite settlement. "Minimum of Good Will"

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman also spoke in the general assembly. He asked the council to do something about the Soviet blockade and called attention to a "minimum of good will" on the part of Russia. K. U. Kysilev of White Russia retorted that a war psychosis is being fanned in the United Nations. He charged the United States with engaging in an arms race and said "the feeling of the inevitability of a new war is being popularized in the minds of man."

The defense ministers of the five "western union" European nations meeting in Paris decided to establish a permanent international command to prepare for defense. 5 Pledge Common Aim

American and Canadian military officials attended the meeting of the representatives of Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. The five nations pledged one another another policy of common defense. A Tass dispatch from Paris informed the Russian people for the first time that the east-west dispute over Berlin is to be appealed to the security council. In addition the Soviet press carried the charge that the speech of British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin to the general assembly Monday raised the possibility of two camps in the U.N. going separate ways.

Idanha Tops Chest Quota

Idanha set the pace for the Marion county Community Chest campaign Tuesday when Huber Ray, drive chairman, announced his committee has exceeded the community's \$500 quota by \$200. It was a repeat performance for the city of a similar accomplishment last year. Actual completion of subscriptions are not scheduled to start until October 5, the opening day of the campaign. The announcement came Tuesday night in a meeting of Marion county drive chairmen in Chest campaign headquarters in Salem. Ray of Glatt Woodburn, Marion county campaign chairman, presided at the session. The 1948 quota for cities outside Salem is \$20,000. Speakers at the meeting were Loyal Warner, Salem, president of the state Chest campaign; Carl Hogg, former president of the Salem Chest; Al Loucks, Salem Chest committee-

ASKS SPECIAL SESSION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (AP)—Rep. Hartley (R-N. J.) said today that President Truman should call a special session of congress to deal with the west coast longshoremen's strike.