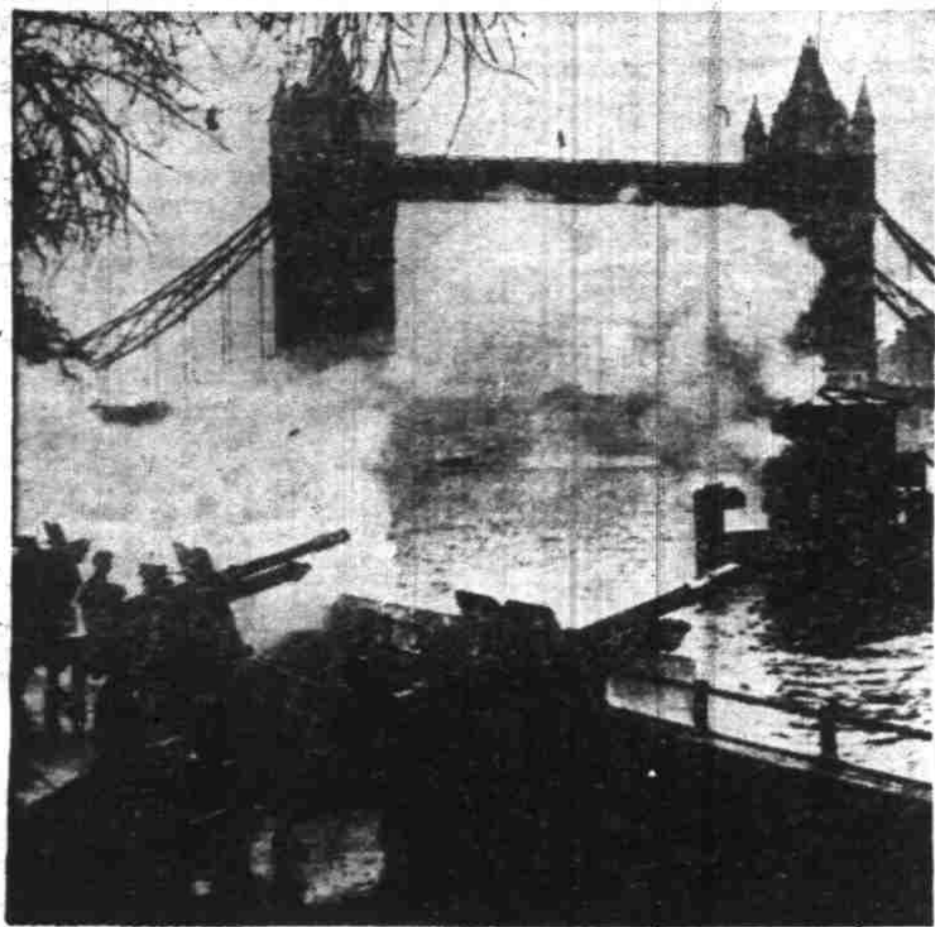


## Royal Salute for New Prince



LONDON, Nov. 15—With Tower bridge in background, the cannons of the honorable artillery company fire a 41-gun salute to herald the birth of Britain's new prince, born to Princess Elizabeth in Buckingham palace. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman via radio from London.) (Pictures, story also on Page 2).

## Elizabeth, New-Born Heir Reported as 'Doing Well'

By Edward L. Campbell  
LONDON, Nov. 15 (AP)—Princess Elizabeth and the bonny day-old Prince of Edinburgh were said to be doing well tonight.

Throughout the nation and the far reaches of the commonwealth and empire Britons celebrated the birth of the infant who probably will be their next king. There was cannon firing, bell ringing, toasts and cheers, trumpets and bands blared.

The prince, second in line to the throne weighed seven pounds, six ounces at birth last night. Physicians said that was almost the perfect weight for a first-born.

Sir John Weir and Sir William Gilliat, who assisted in the birth, called at Buckingham palace tonight to see the princess. Earlier it was declared that both the mother and child were in satisfactory condition.

More than 4,000 telegrams of congratulations were received at the palace. The court post office said it was a record for a single day.

President Truman and Gen. Eisenhower were among those sending messages. In Paris, the Duke of Windsor, great uncle of the child, wished the baby "every possible happiness." In time the child doubtless will be designated Prince of Wales.

Prime Minister Attlee delayed parliamentary proceedings on the labor government's great steel nationalization bill to announce that a formal resolution of congratulations is to be proposed tomorrow.

Attlee's cabinet sent its own message this afternoon, offering congratulations to King George, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Two questions remained unanswered. What anesthetic was used for the princess? The royal physicians refused to answer on professional grounds.

What will be the prince's name? The answer was a royal family secret. Palace sources said it would be announced by Elizabeth and Philip.

Leading guesses were George for the king, Philip for father and just possibly Albert for Queen Victoria's prince consort.

**NEW CRUISER TESTED**  
BOSTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The U. S. S. Des Moines, deadliest cruiser afloat, joined the navy tonight after an all-day builder's trial on Massachusetts bay disclosed no flaws.

**No Date for Hearing . . .**  
**Officers Reinstatement Bids To Be Received Wednesday**

Reinstatement requests from two discharged Salem policemen will be received by the three-man city civil service commission in a meeting at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in city hall. Formal hearing on the case, however, probably will await return of Commissioner A. A. Gueffroy from California.

The police officers seeking to regain their jobs are Detective Hobart Kiggins and Patrolman Leland D. Weaver, who were fired by Police Chief Frank A. Minto on charges of campaigning against city manager government prior to the election.

Backing up Chief Minto and endorsing civil service attention to the matter, Mayor R. L. Elfstrom Monday issued the following statement:

"The civil service law of the city provides that no person holding a classified position shall take part . . . in political campaigns involving the election of any city official . . . further than to cast his vote and to express privately his opinions."

"Respective of my personal feeling as to the wisdom of this provision, it nevertheless is the law and as such should be respected and enforced. There were enough rumors and reports of alleged violations in connection with the election on Nov. 2 to require prompt action, and a public hearing is a matter of fairness both to the police and to the men involved.

"The civil service commission is composed of men of known integrity and fairness. Before they reach a decision they will have the benefit of facts developed by a careful investigation rather than rumors and reports. I believe the people of Salem are assured that the decision made will be equally fair to the interests of the city and to the officers concerned."

Meanwhile, Officer Weaver was back in uniform Monday, as a temporary policeman in West Salem. He is serving a vacation relief shift which he had arranged to work in addition to his Salem police job some time ago—before the current controversy developed.

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## Fertilizer Plant Bid Cancelled

By Wendell Webb  
Managing Editor, The Statesman

The Salem alumina - from - clay plant, a \$5,000,000 development of World War II, again was the property of the federal government today, but its continued operation in the production of fertilizer appeared certain at least for the next seven months.

The Statesman learned Monday that J. R. (Jack) Simplot of Boise, Idaho, and J. O. Gallagher of Seattle, owners, had cancelled their \$750,000 purchase contract with the government, and had taken a lease on the property until next June 30. New Bids Expected

In the interim, it is expected the government will call for new bids. It was believed probable Simplot and Gallagher again would bid on the plant, but Simplot was not available for comment and Gallagher, reached via 'phone in Seattle, said the situation had not clarified to warrant comment at this time.

It was understood the owners already had paid about 7 per cent of the purchase price, prior to cancelling their purchase contract under a clause permitting such action. Apparently reliable reports said the cancellation was motivated by a belief the price was too high, and that it was not economically feasible to pay 8 per cent interest on the entire amount when only about one-fourth of the plant's facilities were utilized in the production of fertilizer.

**No Comment on Status**  
There have been reports that part of the plant eventually might be used in the manufacture of cement, but no comment was forthcoming from any official source on this subject.

A. W. Metzger, general manager of the plant and vice president of Columbia Metals' firm name of the plant's operating company, said there was no concrete information on plans available. He did not comment on the present status.

**Supplying Demands**  
The original primary purchase of the alumina - from - clay plant (which produced alumina only for a few weeks just before the war ended) was by Columbia Metals, of which Gallagher was president. Later, he and Simplot bought the firm from its 22 stockholders and then entered the highest bid to acquire the Salem plant from the war surplus administration.

The plant was idle some months early this year, resuming operations after the army had been induced to divert enough anyrond ammonia to permit fertilizer production. The output of fertilizer now has reached a point enabling the plant to supply all demands in the northwest, it has been declared.

**Progress Reported in Efforts to Halt Strike**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15 (AP)—Waterfront strike negotiators held their first night session tonight in efforts to speed up settlement of the 75-day old west coast tieup. They again reported progress: A preliminary agreement on a 9-hour instead of a 10-hour longshoremen's day, and at least four hours' pay for any man reporting for work.

**New Storms Predicted for Valley Areas**

A new storm was moving in from the Pacific toward the northwest early this morning as the Willamette valley attempted to shake off the effects of a week end buffeting.

Torrential rains blown by high winds left 1.25 inches of precipitation in Salem over the week end. The heaviest fall came on Sunday when .77 of an inch was recorded. A stormy Monday brought another .39 of an inch. The U. S. weather bureau said today's blow would be "severe."

Ten inches of new snow was reported Monday at the Santiam Junction on the South Santiam highway as heavy snowfall continued in higher mountain elevations. The use of chains was advised by the state highway commission.

**REDS CONFISCATE CARS**

VIENNA, Australia, Nov. 15 (AP)—The Russians are confiscating hundreds of Austrian locomotives and freight cars despite the efforts of Austrian officials to negotiate the soviet claims, authoritative sources said today.

## Steps Down



OTTAWA, Nov. 15—William Lyon Mackenzie King resigned today as Canada's prime minister after heading the government for more than 21 years. He was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent, a French-Canadian lawyer. He had held the office longer than any British commonwealth prime minister and retired at the age of 73 by choice.

## License, Gas Tax Increase To Get Study

The 1949 legislature will be asked to boost state gasoline taxes one-cent a gallon and double vehicle license fees to provide money for Oregon's immediate highway construction needs, it was revealed Monday.

The announcement came from State Rep. Ralph T. Moore, Coos Bay, chairman of the 1947 legislative interim committee on roads, highways and streets, following a meeting of the group in Salem.

**Needs for Highway**  
The financial recommendations will be incorporated in a report to the 1949 legislature.

The committee estimated immediate needs of the state highway system at \$10,000,000 in addition to current revenues. The current license fee of \$5 per vehicle would be raised to \$10 annually.

Committee members estimated the gas tax boost would raise \$4,800,000 annually. The increased license fee would bring \$2,500,000 a year in excess of the amount netted under the \$5 fee.

**Benefits Noted**  
Under the present refund law, counties and cities receive approximately nine cents of every dollar collected through gasoline taxes. By not refunding any portion of the one-cent tax raise, the committee said, the state highway department would net an additional \$400,000 annually.

The committee said the proposed new revenues would probably fall short of the additional \$10,000,000 needed for state highway needs, but estimated the amount would increase as the state's population grows.

The group is also investigating possibility of an amendment to the state motor transportation law under which state highway officials estimate the state is losing \$1,500,000 of truck fees annually. The act was changed in the 1947 legislature.

## Blank Checks and Records . . . Marion, Polk Taxpayers Jam Offices, Mail to Beat Deadline

Marion county taxpayers jammed the counters of the tax office in the courthouse here Monday to take advantage of the 3 per cent today's mail before the midnight deadline.

Over-the-counter collections by closing time amounted to \$1,270,014 of the \$3,990,000 tax roll, and checks in the unopened mail account for at least another \$1,500,000, it was estimated by Chief Tax Deputy Harold Domogalla.

The amount collected over the counter was just over twice as much as last year's collection, said Domogalla, explaining that the tax roll was out two weeks earlier this year. Receipts issued by last night total 17,845.

Domogalla predicted 80 to 85 per cent of the roll will be collected by the time all mail post-marked before Monday midnight is checked.

The penalty provision of two-thirds of one per cent a month will begin today.

## Payment Based on Old Pact

Awards which, with accrued interest, may approximate \$10,000,000 have been recommended by a United States commissioner appointed to determine the amounts owed to four tribes of Oregon Indians who ceded their lands to the United States in 1855.

News of the recommendation has been received by E. L. Crawford, one of the attorneys for the Indians.

The U.S. court of claims will review the recommendations of the commissioner, hear objections of the parties and render its decision. Then congress will have to appropriate funds and decide how the money shall be disbursed.

It is anticipated that many months will elapse before individual Indians share in the distribution of the \$10,000,000.

**Based on Hearings**  
The commissioner, Richard H. Akers, held hearings in Oregon in 1947 and received documentary evidence. He determined the value of the Indian lands in 1855 ranged from 60¢ to \$1.00 per acre, and computed his awards on that basis. The 1855 valuation was determined to be as follows:

Alice Tillamook	\$995,540
Cocille Indians	707,645
Toot-to-nev Indians	279,245
Chitco Indians	278,968
Total	\$1,461,398

Interest is to be figured on these sums since 1855 at the rate of four or five per cent as may finally be decided. The \$10,000,000 estimate is based on a computation at five per cent. After the amount is computed, deductions are made to cover cost of supplies furnished the Indians by the government, as follows:

Tillamook	\$396,901.25
Cocille	221,708.52
Toot-to-nev	144,441.24
Chitco	135,859.39

The claim of the Indians was based on a treaty made with the tribes by U.S. Indian Agent Joel Palmer in 1855. Under its terms the Indians were to convey their tribal lands to the United States and go on reservations. The government was to compensate them with goods in specific quantities.

The Indians complied with the terms of the treaties, but the senate never ratified the treaties.

**Congress to Study**  
Indian claims finally were litigated, the case reaching the U.S. supreme court, which in a decision handed down about two years ago, substantiated the claims. The subsequent proceeding were for the purpose of arriving at the amount due the descendants of the tribes.

No announcement has been made by the government as to how the individual Indians will fare, whether all the money will be distributed or whether some will be reserved and paid out in stages. Nor has any determination been made as to what degree of relationship is necessary to share in the awards. These announcements will be made after congress passes the appropriation bill which may set up the conditions for the distribution.

**Weather**

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
SALEM	52	43	.21
Portland	52	43	.21
San Francisco	59	44	.91
Chicago	58	43	.00
New York	58	43	.00
Willamette river	14	feet	

Forecast from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy with rain today and tonight with slightly warmer afternoon temperatures. High today 52.

**SALEM PRECIPITATION**  
From Sept. 1 to Nov. 15

This Year	Last Year	Average
8.76	15.23	7.26

## Americans Warned to Quit Country as Red Divisions Close on Chinese Capital

### Helpers for Street Cleaners



Still the leaves come down despite cold mornings and a week-end rain storm in Salem. Leaves in street gutters mean work for the city street cleaning department and, in the instance pictured above, help in their own way Monday morning from Sandra Lee Sieglaf, 4, daughter of Mrs. L. R. Barber, 755 Union st., and Dennis Harvey, 4, son of Mrs. Edith Harvey, 435 Division st. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

## Dead Leaves Plug Street Drains but Less Than Before

Street drains in various sections of Salem were plugged with falling autumn leaves over the week end as a heavy rain deluged the city, but City Engineer J. Harold Davis reported the situation "the best in many years."

Although a few streets were flooded Sunday, Davis reported most of them were cleared by city street crews early Monday. Davis said his department has received fewer complaints of stopped - up drains this year than in any of the past five years.

Davis said only four trucks and crews have been needed this year to handle the problem, compared with seven and eight in previous fall seasons. He explained that this year's drainage problem was eased because most of the leaves fell before the start of heavy rains.

## 12 Missing on Overdue Plane

MANILA, Tuesday, Nov. 16 (AP)—An American B-17 flying from Port Moresby, New Guinea, to Clark field with 12 persons aboard was overdue and reported missing somewhere east of Luzon island today by the U.S. 13th airforce.

Names of the crew members and passengers were not available. The airforce spokesman said the missing craft had flown from Port Moresby via Wewak. Contact was lost about 8:30 p. m. yesterday (7 a. m. EST).

**Drinks, Odd Loot Jail Ex-Con After 6 Hours Freedom**

Too much firewater and a strange assortment of goods landed a parolee convict back in jail Monday, less than six hours after his release from the state penitentiary.

City Detective Wayne Parker arrested Paul Raymond Scofield, 40, in downtown Salem Monday at 4:15 p. m. on an intoxication charge. Searching Scofield, Parker said he found three women's slips stuffed in his shirt front, two fountain pens clipped in his shoes and a new razor in his pocket.

A police check revealed that Scofield was released from the penitentiary at 11 a. m. Monday after serving nine months of a 14-month sentence for grand larceny. He was received at the prison February 5 of this year after being sentenced from Clackamas county.

**Murray Confident of Taft-Hartley Act Repeal**

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15 (AP)—President Philip Murray of the congress of industrial organization today said he was "confident" the new congress would repeal the Taft-Hartley act.

Arriving here for the national CIO convention, he told reporters he also expected the democrats to live up to a campaign pledge to increase the country's minimum wage scale to 75 cents. He said the minimum may be set higher.

## Edict Follows Reported Fall Of Defense Key

By Harold K. Mills

NANKING, Tuesday, Nov. 16 (AP)—The United States embassy today advised Americans to leave the war-torn country as the battle for central China thundered closer to the capital at Nanking.

The warning to some 7,000 non-military personnel came on the heels of a communist radio claim that red troops had captured Suhsien, 50 miles south of Suchow.

Suchow, main defense point for Nanking, 200 miles southeast, has been "completely isolated," the communist broadcast asserted.

Government spokesmen and official newspapers announced on the other hand that the communists were withdrawing from the northern front of the big Suchow battle.

Latest information placed the government command headquarters of Liu Shih and Tu Yu-Ming at Suhsien.

The Kuomintang (nationalist party) Central Daily News published an extra and exploded firecrackers to call attention to its news story that the communists had started a general withdrawal from the main north front above Suchow. The dispatch said no information was available on the west, south or east fronts.

Whatever the outcome at Suchow, the American embassy considered it a loss enough to tell its nationals to get out of China or risk isolation in territory falling to the communists.

French Ambassador Jacques Meyrier, dean of the diplomatic corps, called an emergency meeting of all chiefs of missions here to discuss measures for the safety of diplomatic personnel.

The foreign diplomats, in their first such meeting since the present emergency, also studied the possibility that Chiang Kai-Shek now will be forced to set up his capital elsewhere.

The U. S. consulates at Tientsin and Peiping have been urging American nationals — businessmen and missionaries, mostly — to leave north China before it is too late to arrange transportation. Communist troops are expected to occupy north China shortly.

The situation has deteriorated rapidly since the government's recent defeat in Manchuria. The warning from the American embassy was the first addressed to U. S. civilians throughout China.

**Two More Gasoline Companies Join Price Raise List**

Two more gasoline companies were on the raised-price list in Salem today, and ethyl gasoline began to be in good supply again following the recent oil workers' strike in California.

Richfield's prices went up Saturday, and Signal's will rise today, following similar action last week by Standard and Union firms. All increases, on both grades of gas, were for two-tenths of a cent per gallon on gasoline, four-tenths of a cent per gallon on stove and diesel oil and 10 cents per barrel on fuel oil.

While some local distributors said they had had ethyl gasoline most of the time, even during the strike, most said they had just started receiving shipments again or were expecting them immediately.

**QUICKIES**

"Before we were married, I went in business with my wife—her Statesman Want Ad said she wanted a Silent Partner!"

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



... and for flies I use a spray with 3% D.D.T."

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

A few weeks ago a troupe of American rodeo performers were run out of Switzerland. The Swiss claimed that the visiting outfit had reneged on its offer of \$500 to any native who could ride one of their bucking bronchos. The rodeo people claimed he hadn't ridden the right mount. Anyway Switzerland remains safe for the yodeler with a feather in his hat, his leather jacket and shorts and his "see-see-oo" echoing through the mountains. No western cowboys with ten-gallon hats, yaller shirts and chaps are wanted in that country.

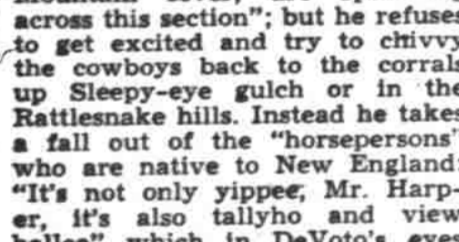
But the rodeo artists have spread out pretty much all over this country, to call off the invaders. DeVoto admits that rodeos "like such other western plagues as tularemia and Rocky Mountain fever, are spreading across this section"; but he refuses to get excited and try to chivy the cowboys back to the corral up Sleepy-eye gulch or in the Rattlesnake hills. Instead he takes a fall out of the "horsepersons" who are native to New England: "It's not only yippee, Mr. Harper, it's also talleyho and view halloo" which in DeVoto's eyes is worse. To quote.

"For the Berkshire bronc twisters are only on a weekend or a two weeks vacation, whereas the horsepersons spend most of the year with horses. Long ago they paid the inevitable tax: West, East, South, bluegrass, or historically, people who associate very much with nature's stupidest animal become incapable of associating with anything else. . . . A horseperson's horse can learn a few gaits and can learn to jump over obstacles of moderate size instead of.

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**BUS STRIKE AVERTED**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15 (AP)—A 10 to 14 per cent wage increase averted a strike today of Pacific Greyhound bus drivers and station attendants in seven western states. Some 3400 workers will be asked to ratify the pact in a mail referendum that will take 20 days to complete.

**Animal Crackers**  
By WARREN GOODRICH



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