

Salem's Russell Brooks Rests From Long Consulate Service; Says World Laborers on Rise

By Winston H. Taylor
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"I don't think war is in the cards at present, but we cannot continue to plug up every hole in the dam we're erecting against communism," Russell Brooks, retired consul-general, told The Statesman Monday.

Brooks and his wife have returned to Salem following his retirement from the consular service, in which he spent 31 years. They do not expect to settle here, but for now are visiting his mother, Mrs. Mildred Robertson, and aunt, Mabel Robertson.

Europeans and many Americans on that continent "felt all the time that Truman would be elected," said Brooks, "because the world movement is to the left and the U. S. is not big enough to change the course." Everything for a long time to come, he asserted, will be tinged with what labor is going to do. Labor he described as "coming into its own." To remain there, he added, it needs only good common sense so it will not antagonize public opinion.



RUSSELL BROOKS

Already A War
The fight against communism is already a war, said Brooks, in the loss of lives on the Berlin airlift, in the cost of European recovery measures and in waste. "Russia is counting on time" to aid it, he averred, since it costs the U. S. plenty to stop revolutionary movements "which cost them nothing." However, he feels that neither country wants war and that Russia is not able to wage war at the present.

He described Russian work as an attempt to break down the U. S. economic fibre and make Americans easier prey for communism. If an economic crisis comes and the U. S. is unable to continue aid

to European nations' rehabilitation, then "Russia can step in." Because of that, he said, French officials have not been enthusiastic about ERP, for fear that in rebuilding too much dependence would be placed on American strength.

U. N. Strengthened
The United Nations organization is stronger now than in its early stages, believes the former consul, for strong "nationalism is on the way out." However, he stresses that "the questions aren't as one sided as we attempt to show. If we were in the minority we'd buck, too, and use the veto."

Regarding France, where he has spent the most recent years in government service, Brooks says the reds are trying to wreck the national economy, impoverish the land and make the people turn communist, but "honestly, I don't think they're succeeding."

Brooks characterizes Gen. Charles DeGaulle as strictly honest and

sincere and thinks he will be in power eventually and by legal means. However, DeGaulle is strongly nationalist and will be hard to get along with, he reminded.

Home again after more than a year at Bordeaux, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are "amazed" at the large amount of goods available in the stores—"and so many of them useless."

Plans For Future
He hopes to continue in some type of international political activity, and would regret if he could not employ somewhere the benefit of his experience in France. Some writing may also be in the future, drawing from long experience in the foreign service. Plans for the Brooks' now are to settle in California.

Mrs. Brooks, who is a native of France but now a U. S. citizen, says she thinks Salem the prettiest American city she has seen.

The last day of November will mean the end of the consular service job that began at the end of World War I. In 1918, after graduation from University of Oregon and Willamette university law school, he was appointed as vice consul at Rotterdam, then went to Newcastle on Tyne, London and Dresden. Becoming a consul in 1928, he was sent to Belfast, back to London, Curacao, Johannesburg, Capetown and Durbin.

He came home in January, 1942 for several weeks and then was asked to be the hot spot of Casablanca, where in November the Allied forces invaded North Africa. After World War II he was sent to Lyon, France. He visited there in June, 1947 and at that time received word of his promotion to consul general at Bordeaux, France.

Sentenced Japanese File Appeal

Truman, Aides Set ERP Plan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—(AP)—"A vigorous program" for European recovery was mapped today in a White House conference between President Truman and three top aides.

That outline of the 45-minute talk came from W. Averell Harriman, roving ambassador for the European recovery administration. Paul G. Hoffman, ECA chief, described the conference as a "very interesting" one, devoted to general ECA matters in western Europe.

The third man in on the discussion was Secretary of State Marshall, author of the U. S. plan to help Europe with billions in grants and loans pegged to a self-help basis.

Last Friday President Truman authorized use of the full \$4,000,000,000 in Marshall plan grants by next April 2. The choice of this date, three months earlier than it could have been, means that congress will be asked for about \$1,250,000,000 more to carry the recovery program through next June 30.

Also today, Senator Connally (D-Texas) predicted on his own authority that the Russian land blockade of Berlin "will be lifted soon." Connally will be chairman of the senate foreign relations committee in the new congress. He visited Europe this fall.

Connally told a news conference "There is bound to be a way out" of the deadlock over Berlin. He said the argument over circulation of Russian currency in Berlin does not justify the cost of the allied airlift supplying the city and does not relieve us of any threats of conflict.

Connally called for joint control of any currency distributed in Berlin.

He also called for steps toward a peace conference on Germany and Italy, but said that "There should be no treaty until the Russians lift the Berlin blockade."

Welcome Carpet Ready For Madame Chiang, but Aid for China Doubtful

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—(AP)—The U. S. rolled out the carpet for visiting Mme. Chiang Kai-shek today, but her chances for getting all-out aid for her husband's government looked doubtful.

The generalissimo's wife is due in Washington Wednesday, pre-

However, President Truman's former personal plane, the Sacred Cow, will fly her to the capital from San Francisco on Wednesday. Secretary of State and Mrs. Marshall have invited her to be their house guest at their nearby Leesburg, Va., home.

The plans to receive her as the distinguished wife of the chief executive of a friendly government were announced without comment by the state department.

As a special pleader for a national cause, Madame Chiang is put by top administration officials on a par with Winston Churchill, Britain's war leader. But they have made it clear privately they lack enthusiasm for her new mission at a time when Mr. Truman and Secretary Marshall are facing a knotty and painful decision.

sumably to ask this country to underwrite the hard-pressed Chinese government's war against communists.

There was no hint that the administration looks with sympathy on her unofficial errand.

Execution To Await Decision

By Roger D. Greene
WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—(AP)—Two wartime Japanese leaders, condemned to die as war criminals, made an eleventh-hour appeal for their lives to the United States supreme court today.

The high court previously turned down similar appeals by Germans convicted at the Nuremberg war crimes trials.

The condemned Japanese are: Gen. Kenji Dohihara, 68, nicknamed the "bird of evil omen" by Chinese who drenched his exploits as the Japanese army's undercover agent in China and Manchuria.

Former Premier Koki Hirota, 70, who helped engineer Japan's pre-World War II expansion.

Five other Japanese war leaders, including former Premier Hideki Tojo, 63, are also awaiting execution following their conviction by an international military tribunal. No appeals were filed on their behalf.

American attorneys for Dohihara and Hirota filed petitions asking the supreme court to review the sentences of death by hanging. They asked that the executions be stayed and hearings be held here.

Appeals on behalf of five other Japanese, who were convicted of war crimes but given only prison sentences will be filed later, the attorney said.

The supreme court is scheduled to meet again Dec. 6. There was no indication as to when it will act, however.

TOKYO, Tuesday, Nov. 30—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur said today he would "certainly not" be executed while appeals are pending before the United States supreme court.

He did not specify whether the execution of all seven sentenced to the gallows or only the two who appealed would be delayed. Among those waiting to die is Hideki Tojo, Japan's Pearl Harbor premier.

The statement issued by MacArthur's public information office said: "In reply to a query from the press as to whether the condemned Japanese war criminals would be executed before action could be taken on appeal to the supreme court of the United States, General MacArthur categorically replied 'certainly not.'"

This was the full text of the announcement. Headquarters officers did not amplify it immediately. There was no mention of any stay of execution, although MacArthur undoubtedly will use this legal form to hold up the hangings.

No announcement has ever been made on the date set for the executions. It had been thought likely the former warlords would die sometime this week. They were sentenced Nov. 12 by the international military tribunal.

Sixteen others were given life imprisonment and two received shorter terms.



WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—Madame Chiang Kai-shek (above) will arrive here Wednesday to seek American aid for the beleaguered Chinese Nationalist government. She will be a house guest of Secretary and Mrs. George Marshall during her stay.

McKay Resigns Senator Post

Governor-elect Douglas McKay Monday said his resignation from the state senate was mailed to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and should reach him Tuesday morning.

Senator McKay said he has delayed his resignation until completion of his work on the legislative interim committee on highways and highway revenues.

The Marion county court is expected to meet in a week or 10 days to pick McKay's successor in the senate.

There is no indication as to who will get the job, with about 20 names being mentioned.

Communist Troops Near China Capital

NANKING, Tuesday, Nov. 30—(AP)—Official dispatches pointed up the growing peril to this capital of China today.

The government's Suchow garrison was ordered to withdraw from the besieged city and rescue an entire army group trapped by communist troops, but gave no indication of complying.

Kuomintang (government party) newspaper, reported today communists had captured the town of Kouanchen on the north bank of the Yangtze river, only 65 miles east of Nanking, on Sunday but nationalists recovered it the following day.

It was believed the reds at Kouanchen were local troopers with which the area has been long infested. Except for some forays against railroad lines, it was the deepest penetration yet by communists battling to drive the nationalists out of Nanking.

The fate of this frightened capital may depend on the ability—or willingness—of the 250,000-man Suchow force to quit its fortress 211 miles northwest of Nanking.

Latest battlefield dispatches said the government's 12th army group—totalling about 140,000 men—was encircled by communists 67 miles south of Suchow and 145 miles northwest of Nanking. Little defense remained on the route to Nanking.

This group, inferior to the well-equipped Suchow garrison, had marched from Hankow on the southwest to help defend Suchow, only to fall into a red net.

The only details given were that the group, under Gen. Huang Wei, was south of the Kwei river, 12 miles north of communist-held Suhsien. Communist general Liu Po-Cheng was the foe.

Taxed Power Lines Cause Area Blackout

Overloaded power cut out the Baker sub-station in northeast Salem early Monday night, blacking out homes in about 80 blocks in the area during the dinner hour.

Frederic G. Starratt, division manager of Portland General Electric company, said the power failure set in about 5:55 and lasted through 7 p.m.

He attributed the overload to excessive use of electricity during the critical evening period. Less than a week ago the company warned all customers they must conserve electricity during the early evening hours if power failures, such as Monday night's were to be averted.

Starratt also pointed out that service could have been restored in the area within fifteen minutes after the failure if customers had disconnected unnecessary appliances until the power was restored.

He said the sub-station switch was cut out at least 10 times Monday night when crews attempted to close it because nearly every station in the line failed to disconnect appliances.

The affected area is bounded by Garnet and Thompson streets on the west and east and by Madison and D streets on the north and south sides. The Baker sub-station is located on Baker street just off Market street.

Both the company and the Statesman were flooded by telephone calls from unhappy housewives who had half-cooked meals stranded on cold stoves. Those fortunate enough to have dinners cooked were forced to eat by candlelight.

Starratt emphasized that more similar power failures will occur during the winter months unless Salem residents make a concerted effort to cut down use of electricity during the critical early evening hours. He said Monday night's load must have been "terrific" to cause the sub-station to cut out.

Portland Dock Area Shaken by Gas Explosion

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29—(AP)—A waterfront blast shook a four-mile square area of the city tonight, demolished one building and set fire to stacked lumber.

One man was thrown 200 feet when the blast shattered a frame Portland dock commission office. He was not critically hurt, but suffered burns and shock.

Firemen had the blazing half-block sector of debris and dock piled lumber under control an hour after the explosion. A concrete vault portion of the building remained intact.

Damage to the dock facilities was estimated at under \$75,000. Gas mains in the area were disrupted and flames flicked from the ground under nearby railroad tracks and riverfront pavement cracks. Police cordoned off the zone while firemen worked.

Firemen on the scene said Walter Kratt reported he stepped into the dock commission office, smelled gas and flipped on an electric light. The explosion followed.

Butter Prices Due for Two-cent Jump Tuesday

PORTLAND, Nov. 29—(AP)—Wholesale butter prices are due to rise two cents a pound on grade B pound prints here tomorrow.

Trade sources said it reflected a 2 and 3 cent rise in Chicago and New York markets.

Walsh Claims Edge in Senate President Race

PORTLAND, Nov. 29—(AP)—Sen. William E. Walsh of Coos Bay asserted today he was holding the lead in the race for the presidency of the state senate.

He said the claims of his opponent, Sen. Carl Engblom of Pendleton, were exaggerated. Engblom's supporters insist they have 14 to 15 pledges.

Walsh said he had 13 (and named them. Normally 16 are required, but Senator-elect Richard L. Neuberger, Portland democrat, has said he will abstain.

Walsh listed his pledges as: Alan G. Carson, Salem; A. Chase, Eugene; Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg; William Medford; Marie Wilcox, Grants Pass; Dean Walker, Independence; Eugene Carl Engblom, Pendleton; Paul Patterson, Hillsboro; Howard Belton, Canby; Jack Lynch, Portland; Irving Rand, Portland; Austin Dunn, Baker. His own vote would make the 13th.

UPRISING THWARTED

GUATEMALA, Guatemala, Nov. 29—(AP)—A government minister said tonight authorities in Puerto Barrios, chief seaport of Guatemala, had captured arms and ammunition and prevented what apparently was a plot to seize the city's military base.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
SALEM	44	33	83
Portland	—	32	—
San Francisco	58	45	—
Chicago	44	31	—
New York	40	27	36
Williamette river	62 feet.		

Forecast (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with rain this morning, becoming partly cloudy tonight with showers. High today 46, low tonight 33.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to Nov. 30)

This Year	Last Year	Average
12.15	15.55	10.43

MARINES IN CHINA

TSINGTAO, China, Nov. 29—(AP)—Some 1,200 more American marines arrived at this American naval base from Guam today on the Navy transport Bayfield.

County's First Postwar Draftees Leave for Service



It was a cold, dark morning Monday when the first contingent of Salem draftees met at the bus depot at 6 a. m. on their way to induction in Portland. Shows just before boarding their bus are, front row, left to right, Robert J. Haeck, Floyd R. Ranson, Joseph N. Gerspacher, and Francis J. Beyer. Back row, left to right, Richard J. Cremer, Robert G. Krschnick, Ernest T. Thompson, Alfred H. Bahnsen, and Joseph H. Annen. Standing at right is Ernest H. Miller, temporarily in charge of the group, reading the roll. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Ten Marion Men In Initial Group Set for Induction

With the high probability that all will soon be in army uniform, 10 Marion county young men left Salem Monday morning as the county's first contingent in the new military draft.

They were given final examinations Monday at the Portland army induction station. They are in the 24-25 year age group.

Representing the selective service board in giving the youths a sendoff at the bus depot was Hans Hofstetter, board chairman.

When sworn into the army they will be sent to Fort Ord, Calif., for basic training as the beginning of their 21 months' service.

In the group leaving Monday were the following:

Richard Joseph Cremer, Henryton route 1, box 257; Joseph H. Annen, Mt. Angel route 1, box 92; Robert Jerry Haeck, Salem route 5, box 243; Robert George Krschnick, Gervais route 1; Ernest Theodore Thompson, 403 N. Church st., Silverton; Alfred Henry Bahnsen, Salem route 6, box 138; Floyd Richard Ranson, 1245 Chemeketa st., Salem; Francis Joseph Beyer, Mt. Angel route 1, box 111; Ernest Henry Miller, 153 S. High st., Salem; Joseph Nicholas Gerspacher, Sublimity. The latter was a transfer from his registration in Washington county.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

It seemed something artificial, during the late campaign, when the papers reported that Candidate Dewey was in regular communication with John Foster Dulles, U. S. delegate to UN, over matters of foreign policy. In fact, Dulles flew back once for a personal conference with Dewey. At the same time, of course, Secretary Marshall, head of the delegation, was reporting to President—and candidate—Truman. This was explained as part of our bipartisan foreign policy. Probably it was; but it seemed anomalous. The complex is continued with President Truman's appointment of Dulles as head of the delegation during Marshall's absence.

A sage remark in politics is that our differences should end at the water's edge. But is that a rule always to be followed? If there are differences of opinion about our foreign policy should they not be threshed out in all the forums available. Other wise, whatever policy the administration adopts, good or bad, would have to be accepted without protest. That doesn't make sense.

When the next congress convenes, will foreign policy be declared "off limits" for controversial discussion? Or will it be thrown open for debate?

In the British house of commons there is unlimited debate on matters of foreign policy, and the opposition may press the government so hard it is forced to resign if it cannot convince commons its policy is sound. In the interval between the wars, Winston Churchill was a frequent and sharp critic of the Baldwin and Chamberlain failure to rearm in the face of the rising menace of Hitler. No arm-in-arm stuff there.

We want internal unity, to be sure, and our country must back up its government when the chips are down; but in the determination of policy there ought to be ample and informed discussion. The 81st congress gives an opportunity to review both the methods and the aims of our foreign policy; and it should be used. Bipartisanship should not mean suppression of debate.

Board Approves \$362,616 Bid For Remodeling Parrish School

Remodeling of Parrish junior high school is to be done here next fall by Visoko and Post, Salem contracting firm which entered low bid of \$362,616 to the Salem district school board Monday night at the public school administration building.

The project will add an auditorium and gymnasium, and will convert the present gym into a girls' school.

Many Attend Candy School; Closes Today

By Maxine Buren
Woman's Editor, The Statesman

It was standing room only, and not even that, at the candy-making school of E. Remington Davenport held at the Portland Gas and Coke company and sponsored by The Oregon Statesman Monday afternoon and evening.

Though only two kinds of candy were actually turned out and completed, a host of ideas such as only the professional candymaker knows were given during the lecture.

He discussed the cause and prevention of candy "turning to sugar," and told about the importance of washing the sides down, and why some recipes say "cook without stirring." A discussion on sugar, glucose and the use of the candy thermometer was held.

Today's program, at 1:30 and repeated at 7:30, will include after-dinner mints and English toffee.

The show is free, and open to the public. Pamphlets and larger books containing formula and suggestions may be purchased if desired.

Christmas Spirit Clears City's Jail

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Market Slump To Close Mill

MILL CITY, Nov. 29—Mill City Manufacturing company, employing 80 men and in continuous operation for the last 12 years, will close down Tuesday, November 30, for an indefinite time because of the slump in the lumber market.

This was confirmed here today by Willis Potter, general manager, who said length of the shutdown was indefinite and depended upon market conditions. "We do not want to cut high priced lumber for a low priced sales."

Jurisdiction Question Delays End of Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29—(AP)—There was no clear end in sight tonight for the West Coast maritime strike tie-up—which is 90 days old tomorrow.

Although the CIO Longshore union over the weekend raised a new dock contract, the sea-going unions still were in conference with shipowners, or—in the case of the non-striking AFL sailors—waiting for settlement of jurisdictional questions.

KING GEORGE IMPROVES

LONDON, Nov. 29—(AP)—Doctors said today the general health of King George VI has shown improvement and "there is less cause for immediate anxiety regarding the right foot."



"I really don't eat much, doctor, could it be glands?"

22 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS