

Truman May Stump Nation in Defense of 'Fair Deal'

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Detroit Dam Bids Opened; Under Army Estimate

Russ Send Troops To Norway Border

HELSINKI, Finland, Feb. 24 (AP)—A well-informed Finnish source said tonight Russia has strengthened her garrisons along the Soviet-Norwegian border.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Not since appropriations for WFA has the administration hung out the "Come and Get It" banner with such abandon as in the bill sent up to congress this week for expansion of social security.

One provision in the proposed legislation has merit, that is to increase the annuity paid out under the social security law.

Fourth Month Of Price Drop

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The labor department reported tonight a fourth straight month's drop in living costs.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Isn't that cute? I wish we had a camera."

Decision On Bids Pending

PORTLAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—The army engineers opened bids on construction of the Detroit dam on the North Santiam river today.

The informant, who was not quotable by name, said there was no indication of any similar troop movements against the Finnish border.

Low bid on the dam itself was \$28,230,509, submitted by Consolidated Builders, Inc., Portland. It was well below the government estimate.

The job covers a concrete gravity dam with outlet gates and valves, penstocks, trash racks, stilling basin, control house, and other structures.

Yugoslavs Ask South Austrian Slovene State

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Yugoslavia asked the Big Four today to set up a self-governing Slovene province in southern Austria as a compromise move to break the Austrian treaty deadlock.

The long-standing Yugoslav claim for 800 square miles of southern Austria and 150,000,000 in reparations has been the main stumbling block to East-West agreement.

MacArthur to Stay in Japan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The senate armed services committee decided today not to call General MacArthur from his work in Japan to testify on conditions in the far east.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) had asked that he be summoned as a witness.

More FHA Loans for Farmers Asked by State Farmers Union

AURORA, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—More FHA loans for farmers were asked today by the Oregon Farmers union at the close of its 39th annual convention.

Sunny Skies Lift Temperature to 62 State Civilian Defense Agency Urged

School Fund Hike Wins House Vote

By Wendell Webb Managing Editor, The Statesman

A public hearing on the bill to prohibit erection of signs along highways and county roads will be conducted by the senate roads and highways committee today.

33 to 27 against accepting a minority report of its education committee recommending that the bill be killed.

Milk control survived when the senate voted 22 to 8 against a bill to repeal the act.

The proposal for a civilian defense setup came from the house military affairs committee.

The measure mentioned "the existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of a disaster of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action."

The house Thursday passed and sent to the senate a bill to allow union high school districts to operate junior highs.

The senate passed and sent to the governor the house-approved bill allowing blind persons to choose their own assistant in marking ballots, instead of relying on the polling clerks.

In addition to bills for civilian defense, new introductions in the house included measures to increase salaries of Linn county officers; bar sale of fireworks except to the party national committee.

The latter bill, introduced by Reps. Francis Ziegler and Giles French, also would add state committee and state committee women to the county chairman and vice chairmen who now make up the state committees.

Seventeen measures will be up for final action in the senate today, including those to repeal the community property law, let high schools offer university extension courses, and increase industrial accident benefits.

Both the senate and house will resume at 10 a.m. (Additional details pages 6 and 7.)

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max., Min., Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.

Sheds Coat



Maiman Clifford Stephens, 1368 N. 4th st., found Salem's weather too warm for a jacket on Thursday, so he strapped it to the front of his mailbag, adding another note of spring to Salem's warmest day of the year. (Statesman photo.)

Robins Head For Northwest

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Feb. 24 (AP)—Take heart, you chill-bitten northerners: If the robins are right, your winter's about over.

Thousands of them, migrating northward, spent a noisy night in Santa Monica canyon, and took off again today.

Many robins usually winter in southern California, but with their unerring instinct headed for Mexico this season — in advance of this section's record-breaking January cold.

Dr. W. E. Martin of USC said the feathered flight probably is bound for its normal summering near the Canadian border.

Rodeo Faces Union Trouble

PENDLETON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The cowboys and the rodeo owners were wrestling today over union rules.

The International Rodeo association declared that the Rodeo Cowboys association were making demands which "violated open-show agreements."

The cowboy group had asked that only contestants holding RCA cards be allowed to compete, and that RCA members who halt pay-join him. He made the announcement after a long conference with Ives.

Willamette Near Flood Stage Here

Spring weather came to Salem Thursday with the mercury climbing to a heart and soul warming 62 degrees.

The sharp rise of temperature accompanied by bright sunshine Thursday didn't worsen the valley's flood situation.

Springlike weather blessed the whole state Thursday with Medford copping the high mercury reading of 66 degrees.

Salem's 62 was the highest reading recorded here since last October 19 when the mercury rose to 64.

Umattilla county meanwhile struggled with problems left by Monday's floods.

Bulgars Reveal Long List of 'Confessions'

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Bulgarian justice ministry made public tonight voluminous documents represented as mass pleas of guilt and repentance by 15 Protestant churchmen going on trial tomorrow on charges of spying for the United States and Britain.

Through the 2,266 pages ran such phrases as: "I admit my guilt. I repent. I beg clemency. I want to be given a new chance to work for the motherland."

Ilia Timev, deputy minister of justice, produced 144 pages which he said were in the handwriting of the Rev. Vassil Georgiev Ziapkov, 46, head of the Congregational church in Bulgaria and religious representative of the United Evangelical churches — Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Pentecost.

Ziapkov is accused of being the main figure in plots to send American and British observers information about the Bulgarian army.

Marion County Sheriff Deputies Don New Garb

Deputies in the Marion county sheriff's office donned new tan and brown uniforms Thursday replacing the old green garb.

By the time the boom operator could get a boat to the scene, the three men had vanished.

Truman 'Well Satisfied' With Reaction to Cussin'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—President Truman is very well satisfied at the reaction to his use of the term "S. O. B." in a speech Tuesday night.

Controversial



WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—Mon C. Wallgren, President Truman's nominee for chairman of the National Security Resources board, shakes his glasses today as he denies before the senate armed services committee that he was "soft with communists" while governor of Washington state. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Wallgren Tells Senators 'Cain Mudslinging'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Mon C. Wallgren confronted Senator Cain (D-Wash.) in a spirited face-to-face session today and heatedly denied that he was ever "soft" with communists.

Testifying before the senate armed services committee, the former Washington state governor and President Truman's fishing companion, charged Cain is "trying to put me in bed with my enemies."

Cain has been Wallgren's chief opponent in senate hearings on Mr. Truman's nomination of Wallgren as \$14,000-a-year chairman of the national security resources board.

Earlier, Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) drew an acknowledgment from Wallgren that he had supported former Rep. Hugh de Dacy (D-Wash.) for congress in 1944.

Knowland then turned to thinly-veiled hints by a former democratic official that political plumbers available to party lawyers and bankers during Wallgren's regime as governor.

Umpqua River Claims 3 Men

SCOTTSDALE, Feb. 24 (AP)—The flood-swollen Umpqua river was dragged today for the bodies of three men, thrown out by a capsized tug boat yesterday.

The three victims were Alden Leach, 51, pilot, Reedsport; Clarence Andrus, 40, Reedsport; and Vernon Thornton, 25, Scottsburg.

All three were seen swimming through the swift current, but apparently failed to make shore.

A boom operator who saw the accident said the tug Adel was pulling a log raft when one log caught on piling. The tow line tightened, and pulled the tug stern under water.

By the time the boom operator could get a boat to the scene, the three men had vanished.

Opposes 'Special Interests'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—President Truman said tonight he may tour the country in a nationwide fight against "pressure groups" and "die-hard reactionaries" who he said, are trying to kill his legislative program.

Mr. Truman lashed out against "special interests" in a strongly-worded address prepared for delivery before a packed Jefferson-Jackson day dinner, the democratic party's annual fund-raising event.

He said these opponents are using lobbies, advertising space, editorial pages and columnists and commentators whom "they control" to "twist and misrepresent the measures the people voted for."

"Special Interests," he said, "are again trying to frighten the people with the old, worn-out bugaboo that socialism is taking over in Washington."

But Mr. Truman said he found out in his campaign travels last year that the people are vitally interested in what their government is doing.

"This concern on the part of the people is a fine thing for the growth of democracy and responsible government," Mr. Truman said, adding:

"I propose to do all I can to help it along. In fact, I may even get out there to tell the people how their government is getting on."

"If we keep the people fully informed," he said, "I am confident that they will support the congress and the president in our fight against the special interests."

He said his administration will not be deceived by the propaganda of those who cry "superstate."

Waves Batter Redondo Beach, High Tide Due

REDONDO BEACH, Calif., Feb. 24 (AP)—Forty-foot ground swells ripped homes on the Strand between Redondo and Hermosa Beaches today, causing the evacuation of several families and \$100,000 property damage.

Boilers from the huge seawall were tossed like marbles by the storm. Foundations were undermined, sections of sidewalk destroyed, paving caved in, and streets were flooded.

Electricity was cut off as the storm knocked down power poles. The coast highway was blocked by boulders and debris swept in by the storm waves.

At full tide some persons had to be taken from second story windows. Water was rushing four feet deep along the Strand.

Nearly all barricades erected on private property fronting the ocean were battered down.

The granite seawall which protects an area eight blocks long sank from one to four feet. Six-foot tides are scheduled early tomorrow.

Israel Makes New U.N. Bid

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 24 (AP)—Israel made a new bid tonight for membership in the United Nations.

Israeli spokesmen said their country expected to be admitted soon since Israel has been recognized now by 39 members, or more than a two-thirds majority of the 58 united nations.

Israel's previous bid for U.N. membership failed in the security council last December 17.

NEW RIOTS AT DURBAN FREETOWN, South Africa, Feb. 24 (AP)—Two hundred police are being sent today to Durban where renewed rioting between Indians and Zulus is threatened.

Scores of persons, mainly Indians, were killed in riots several weeks ago at Durban and there was another flare-up last Saturday.