

Federal Controls Eased on Installment-Plan Buying

Russians Refuse to Budge



FRANKFURT, Mar. 2—U. S. soldiers talk today outside Russian repatriation mission in Frankfurt, Germany, which has been blockaded following Russian refusal to comply with American orders to leave the U. S. zone of Germany. Four Russian officers and four soldiers and their families are in the mission. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Blockaded Russians in Frankfurt Ask for Water

FRANKFURT, Germany, March 2—(AP)—A plea for water came tonight from the Russian repatriation mission, blockaded here by U. S. military police because they rejected Gen. Lucius D. Clay's order to leave.

In Berlin Soviet Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky denounced the blockade as "shameless police operations." In a statement distributed by the official Soviet news agency SNB he said the blockade represented "new proofs of deliberate violation of international commitments by U.S. occupation authorities in Germany and the U.S. government."

The statement did not disclose whether the eight-man repatriation mission would be ordered to leave Frankfurt. The red flag of the Soviet Union flew over the headquarters.

Plea for Water Made

A plea for water was made when a Soviet colonel, not a member of the mission, was allowed to visit the besieged mission headquarters with Col. Sterling Wood, Frankfurt provost marshal, and an American interpreter.

Water lines of the mission were cut this morning, along with electric telephone and gas service. The house was in darkness, lit only by the rays of a flashlight.

Asked whether the Russian plea for water would be granted, Wood told reporters:

"My orders were that the water be shut off. They have not been changed."

Singing Russian Songs
Wood said the mission members were sitting together, singing Russian folk songs, when the party entered. He said no new proposals were advanced by either side, except that the Russians asked for water.

"Clay asked the repatriation mission to get out of the U. S. zone by March 1 on grounds there was little for it to do.

The mission members, headed by Col. Vasily L. Argonov, said yesterday they would be classed as deserters if they left their post without orders from the Soviet command in Berlin.

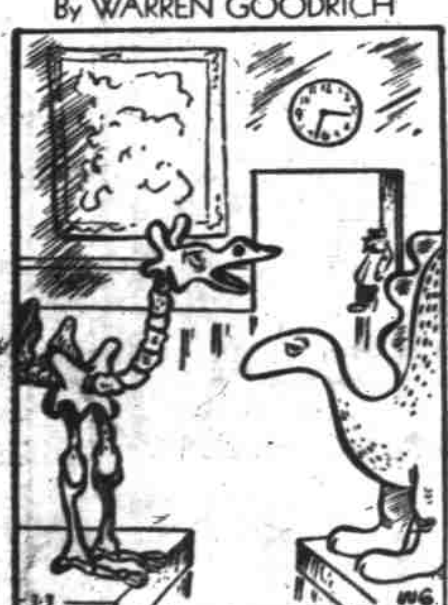
EUROPEAN STORM DIES
LONDON, March 2—(AP)—The winter's worst European storm blew itself out today, leaving 33 persons dead and hundreds injured.

PERON HONORS HACKETT

BUENOS AIRES, March 2—(AP)—President Peron today honored First Lt. William D. Hackett, U.S. army infantry officer from Portland, Ore., for his successful ascent of Mount Aconcagua. Hackett is the first American ever to scale the 23,000-foot peak, the highest of the Andes.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I wish they'd fix that clock—it loses a minute every day."

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Road Cleared to Isolated Miners' Camp

School Bill Sent To Senate

By Wendell Webb
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The house killed a move to establish a new state-wide school directors' association Wednesday — opponents declaring they wanted "no more school lobbies" — after passing and sending to the senate an amended bill increasing from \$17,000,000 to \$27,000,000 the annual basic school support fund.

So far as the house is concerned, the action wound up one of the major issues of the session. But it is expected to have another one before it today — the state withholding tax. Committee reports — one favoring amendment to exclude farm labor and the other asking outright repeal — are to be debated on the house floor.

The school fund bill passed Wednesday would add \$30 to the present \$50 per census child. The original bill, returned to committee last week, would have added \$45.

The school support measure was passed 43 to 17. The bill to create a school directors' association was defeated 44 to 14.

French Opposes Bill
Rep. Giles French of Moro, opposing additional school support, said that "French can't prove education is any worse (as a result of the initial basic school fund) any more than I can prove it is better."

Meanwhile, the senate Wednesday defeated 22 to 7 a measure providing for increasing the state highway commission from three to five members. It also declined to double the \$5,000 auto insurance required under the motor vehicle liability act, and to exempt from license fees automobiles used only for display purposes.

Passed by Senate
Passed by the senate and sent to the house were measures requiring property owners to report improvements to assessors; providing for the election of party committeemen at primary instead of general elections, and requiring candidates for president and vice president to file expense accounts with the state.

In the house, Rep. Phil Dreyer's motion to recall and defeat the house-approved measure to bar state property tax was beaten 44 to 16. Dreyer contended house failure to put all personal income tax revenue in the general fund would make personal income tax unconstitutional if the property tax base were removed from the law.

Both the senate and house have heavy calendars today. They will resume at 10 a. m. (Additional details page 6.)

Plane Circles Globe Non-Stop

Corvallis Man Navigator of Long-Range Plane



FORT WORTH, Tex., March 2—A U. S. B-50 bomber comes to a halt at Carswell air force base here today (top photo) after circling the globe in 94 hours, one minute. In lower photo (left) Earl Rigor, (right) Corvallis, Ore., and Tech. Sgt. Burgess Cantrell, Pound, Va., show weary expressions which resulted from the long flight. Rigor was second navigator on the trip. Cantrell was radio operator. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Pact Wording Settled; Danes Ready to Join

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson today indicated all major issues involved in writing the North Atlantic security treaty have been settled.

The seven countries drafting the pact, however, have not yet determined what other nations should be brought in as original signers, he disclosed. The question of inviting Italy is receiving especially careful study.

Late today American officials were cheered by a news dispatch from Copenhagen saying diplomatic informant predicted Denmark may decide tomorrow to join in the talks.

Acheson told a news conference that he did not know of any outstanding differences on the text of the treaty. He expects to meet with the ambassadors of Britain, France, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg tomorrow and possibly again early next week to try to wind up details of drafting.

The treaty would commit the United States and all other member nations to resist an attack against any one of them, but each country would decide what steps it would take in fulfilling the commitment.

KURILES AIRFIELD PLANNED

TOKYO, Thursday, March 3—(AP) A former private in the Russian army, Innokentiy Zyryanov, who fled to Japan last fall said today the Soviets are planning to build an airfield in the Kurile islands 20 miles from northern Japan.

Food Sent To 6 Atop Cascades

ELKHORN, March 2—(Special)—A desperate battle to reach a group of five snow-bound miners and one woman marooned high in the Cascades was termed a success late tonight by hard-working rescue workers.

Giant 23-ton bulldozers broke through the last of giant 20-foot deep snow slides on the tortuous road along the little north fork of the Santiam river and freed the employes of the Pacific Smelting and Refining company's mining camp.

Although the last of their supplies had nearly given out Justin Trippett, of the mining company, told The Statesman last night that rescuers found the snowed-in party in good health, the snowed-in party in good health.

Trippett directed the rescue work from the Ken Randall guest ranch, a way point to the mines for the past 80 years. Trippett praised highly the work of the "tractor drivers."

"At times," he said, "these bulldozers were operating on a road so narrow that their machines actually hung over the edge. Most of the ledge road is hundreds of feet above the river."

Although the road to the mines is not completely open supplies are being trucked in, Trippett said.

Erill Wilson of Mehama, owner of the two 'cats, said they had been battling the heavy snows since last Thursday. The machines averaged about one and a half miles per day. The mines lie about 11 miles from Elkhorn and Elkhorn is about 16 miles above Mehama.

Trucks Took Over
The machines Wednesday stopped two miles short of the mines when they reached "Half Bridge," a narrow span too weak to hold a heavy bulldozer. Trucks broke the way from there.

Trippett said he visited the marooned miners on snow shoes several weeks ago and returned to Elkhorn. Some of the miners have been cut off since early December and a few snow-shoed out last month.

Remaining at the mines were Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman, Adolph Cavella, Hans Nilsson, Gordon Olson and Darrell Lanthier. They were part of a skeleton winter crew, Trippett said.

The Pacific company mines contain some copper but most operations are directed at the zinc deposit there, said to be one of the largest in the United States.

B-50 Aloft 94 Hours In 23,452-Mile Flight

By Elton C. Fay
FORT WORTH, Tex., March 2—(AP)—The United States air force has circled the globe non-stop for the first time in history.

The Lucky Lady II, a B-50 medium bomber, and her happy, weary crew of 14, surprised the world today by winding up the epochal feat here. Refueling on the wing made it possible.

Ninety-four hours and one minute after its unannounced take-off from Carswell air force base here, Lucky Lady settled gently back down on a Carswell runway at 9:22 a. m., central standard time. She had made an eastward flight around the earth at almost the greatest girth—more than 23,000 miles — taking on gasoline four times from flying tankers.

The grinning crewmen stepped off the plane to a warm welcome by the air force's highest officers. Both the high command and the men who made the flight said they saw some strategic and tactical lessons in the experimental mission.

Minnesota Pilot
Capt. James Gallagher of Melrose, Minn., the chief pilot and commander, summed it up like this at a news conference:

"It seems to me you can go just about anywhere in the world any time."

The successful flight was a second start. Another B-50 turned back last Friday shortly after the takeoff because of an engine fire.

Secrecy shrouded the project for the whole 94 hours the Seattle-built Boeing B-50 bomber was in the air. Not even newsmen who were brought to Carswell air base were told the purpose of their trip until shortly before the scheduled arrival of the plane.

Refueled 4 Times
On the 23,452-mile flight the Lucky Lady refueled over the Azores, Dhahran in Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and Hawaii.

General Le May told reporters that one purpose of the secret flight was to find how good military security could be for a mission involving upwards of a score of tanker planes based at four points around the world. The bomber and the tankers had to use the radio frequently, but so well guarded were their words that no inkling of the flight was given.

MILL PRODUCE SOARS
ASTORIA, March 2—(AP)—The kids who fly kites make good business for the Uptegrove Lumber company here. The small lumber firm, which figured out a new way to make kite sticks, turns out 21 carloads of the sticks a year. That's enough to make a million kites.

Printers to Get 'Lockout' Pay

PORTLAND, March 2—(AP)—The closure of Portland's metropolitan newspapers was declared a "lockout" today by the International Typographical union.

The action was taken to enable printers to obtain lockout benefits from union funds. Al Clayton, secretary of the local, said marooned men would receive \$54 and single men \$36 a week.

Representatives of the publishers conferred again today with the Portland labor-management committee and separately with federal conciliators but not with pressmen.

Oregon Residents Asked to Observe Day of Prayer

Gov. Douglas McKay Wednesday asked Oregon residents to participate in the nation-wide observance of the "World Day of Prayer" on Friday.

Services sponsored by the Oregon Council of Church Women will be held throughout the state.

"Let us join with members of the council in a prayer for mutual understanding for universal peace and for a deeper communion with God," McKay commented.

THE WEATHER

Location	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	60	41	.01
Portland	59	40	.77
San Francisco	58	45	.05
Chicago	35	28	.77
New York	34	23	.00
Wilmington, river	7.4	feet	

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight. High today near 62; low tonight near 36.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to March 3)		
This Year	Last Year	Average
24.50	22.50	27.67

Term of Payments Extended

By Morgan Reynolds

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—The government tonight relaxed its credit controls to make it easier for the public to buy things on the installment plan.

The federal reserve board took this action, effective Monday, after President Truman's economic advisers had assured him earlier in the day that the business outlook is "still very good, bright and promising."

The board's action shows clear recognition of diminished demand — at current prices — for a number of goods that were in shortest supply until a relatively few weeks or months ago.

The board itself did not comment on the state of the nation's economic health in its order, extending time payments to 24 months and cutting the amount of down payment from 20 per cent to 15 per cent of the purchase price on all goods except automobiles.

People buying cars still must put up one third of the cost in cash, but they now will have a longer time in which to pay off the balance — thus reducing those monthly installments which auto dealers claim have slowed their sales.

Installment Credit Drops
The federal reserve board's order followed shortly after its report that the amount of installment credit outstanding dropped \$145,000,000 in January, making the first decline in three years. It said total consumer credit, including charge accounts, which are not controlled, amounted to \$15,376,000,000 in January.

The board has been under increasing pressure for a relaxation of the credit controls which were imposed last September and are due to expire June 30. One automobile manufacturer, Kaiser-Frazer, recently cut back its production and said it did so because the installment control regulations were slowing up sales.

No Distinction Made
As it applies to automobiles, neither the present regulation nor the modification makes any distinction between new and used cars.

Chairman Patman (D-Tex.), of the house small business committee, who has been the chief congressional critic of the way the reserve board administered the controls, said he was "disappointed" in the changes. He told a reporter he thinks the time payments should have been put at 24 months, "especially on automobiles."

Truman, Industrialists Talk
It was disclosed meanwhile that Mr. Truman has been meeting on his own with various industrial and financial leaders to get their ideas on the state of the nation's economic health.

Leon Keyserling, vice chairman of the president's council of economic advisers, told reporters after a White House call today that the business outlook remains "very good." He stressed that the season increase in unemployment — now about 3,000,000 — shows signs of tapering off, and that various other economic indicators point to a new upsurge in production.

Descendant of Linn County's Founder Dies

LEBANON, March 2—Charles H. "Jack" Ralston, Jr., died at his home here Wednesday of a heart attack at the age of 75.

He was the last male descendant of his grandfather, Jeremiah Ralston, who led a wagon train to Oregon and founded Lebanon and Linn County in 1847. He was born here in 1874 and attended Lebanon schools and Albany college.

He was associated with a Portland leather firm and later was superintendent of a Lebanon paper mill, now the Crown-Zellerbach pulp plant. Ralston was for many years chairman of the Lebanon school board and was a civic leader until he retired from public life in 1940.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jessie Ralston and two sisters, Mrs. Maude Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Jessie Landstrom, all of Lebanon.

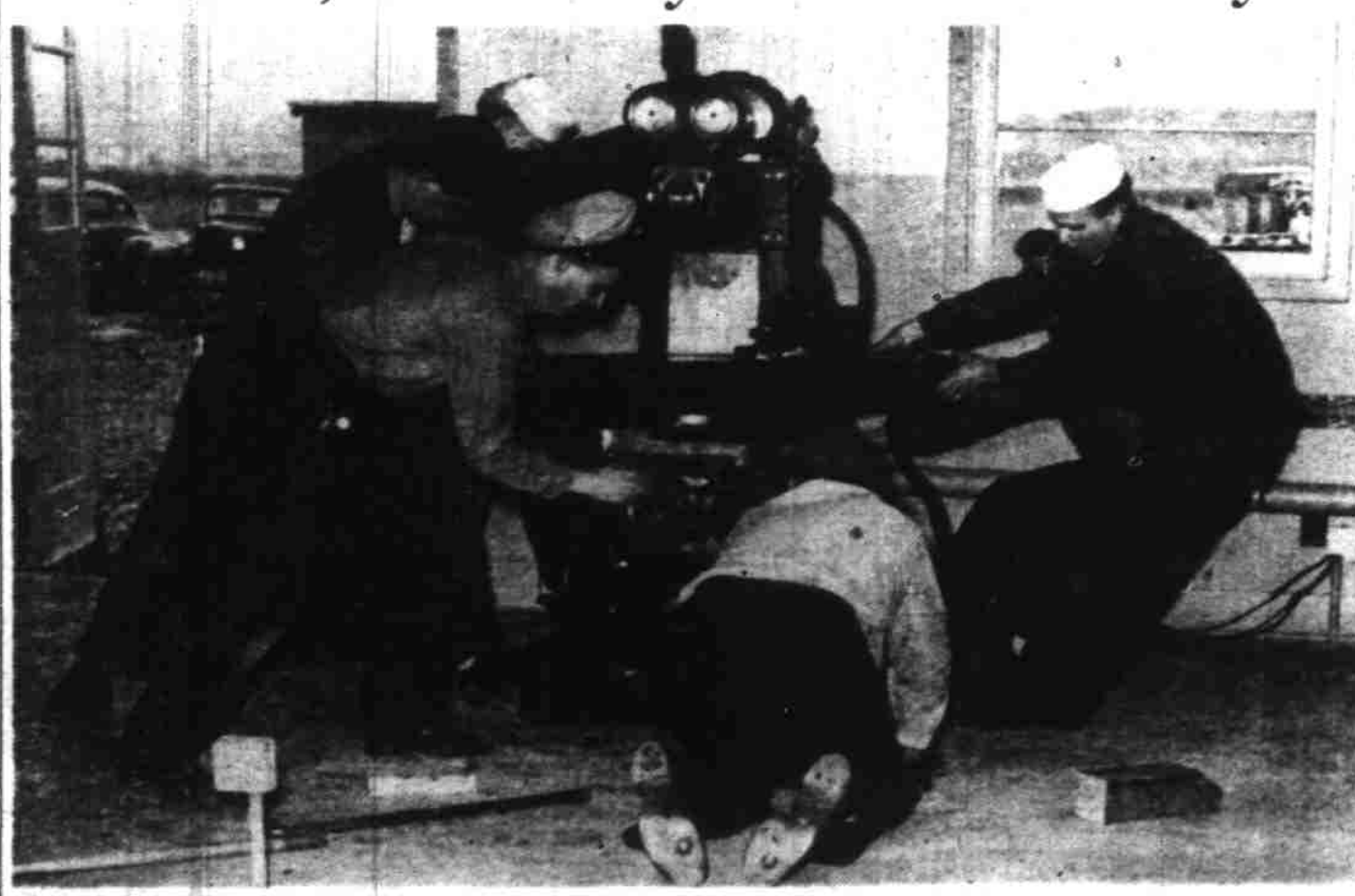
Your OWN home—a treasure house

Relaxation and health for you and your family, the joy that security is, the peace that contentment is—these are the prizes of happiness you get when you own your yard, your own lovely garden.

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'Heave, Ho' as Navy Moves into Armory



Grants and muscle are helping Salem's navy reserve personnel move into the new naval armory on Airport road this week. Shown above working a heavy machine tool into place in the machine shop are regular navy men assigned to Salem in the reserve training program. The building itself is 95 per cent completed, but installation of the heavy equipment called for by the training program will require several months. Offices of the reserve program will open in the armory Monday. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).