

# Solons Back Deschutes Dam, Ask State Vote to Treble Pay

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The university world has been greatly concerned over the dismissals of three faculty members at the University of Washington and termination of service for two and a half years over the invasion of what is called "academic freedom." Out at Willamette a few nights ago there was a panel discussion of the nature and scope of academic freedom. Dr. Rademaker, professor of sociology defined it as the "freedom of teachers and students to discuss and act freely in the search for knowledge and in its application to daily life without let, hindrance or dictation from anyone." That is the broad definition cherished by university teachers.

In the discussion I took the position that academic freedom is not absolute and unrestricted. Our freedom of the press is limited by the law of libel. Political freedoms likewise are not unlimited. As Justice Brandeis wrote in an opinion in the case of Whitney v. California:

"But although the rights of free speech and assembly are fundamental they are not in their nature absolute. Their exercise is subject to restriction, if the particular restriction proposed is required in order to protect the state from destruction or from serious injury, political, economic or moral."

Likewise with the university there is an orbit outside of which freedom may not range. The nature and extent of that orbit.

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## Oregon Pulp Superintendent Dies in Salem

Douglas Boyd Armstrong, general superintendent for the paper division of Oregon Pulp and Paper company, died unexpectedly Thursday at his home at 1685 N. 18th st., at the age of 47 years.

Armstrong complained of not feeling well about 10:30 a.m. while at work. About 11:30 he arrived at his home where he died about 2 hours later.

He had been employed in the paper manufacturing business nearly all his life. He began working at Oregon Pulp and Paper company in 1924 and became general superintendent five years ago. Armstrong was a member of Elks lodge and the Methodist church.

Born in Stevens Point, Wis., July 8, 1901, he moved with his family to Hamilton, Ohio, where he graduated from high school. He worked for the Champion Coated Paper company at Hamilton and at the International Paper company in Niagara Falls, N.Y., prior to coming to Oregon. He was married at Hamilton on May 1, 1901.

Survivors are the widow, Norma Armstrong, Salem; sons, Douglas, Jr., William and James, all of Salem; brothers Thomas Armstrong, Salem and Donald Armstrong, Cascade Locks.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later from the W. T. Rigdon chapel.

## Meat Prices Turn Higher in Portland

PORTLAND, March 3-(P)—The price of meat, declining for some time, took a sharp upturn today. Meat was selling on the Portland wholesale dressed meat market at \$1 to \$3 more a hundred pounds than it had earlier this week. Pork rose in price less than beef.

## CHINA PEACE TALKS DUE

NANKING, March 3-(P)—Official talks seeking "an honorable, equitable settlement" of China's civil war are expected to begin in Peiping about March 15, Premier Sun Fo told a press conference today.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"... so they live in trees and build their nests out of twigs and pieces of string and the mother brings them worms, and..."

## Henderson Probe Killed By Legislature

By Wendell Webb

Managing Editor, The Statesman

The Oregon legislature in effect approved a \$12,000,000 power dam for the Deschutes river Thursday, decided to ask the people to treble legislators' pay, and killed a proposal to investigate the activities of Wilber Henderson, former attorney for the state liquor commission.

It was a busy day. The power dam issue came to the fore in a bill which would reserve the Deschutes and Metolius rivers for fish. The house defeated the bill 41 to 18. The dam is contemplated by private interests.

The legislative pay resolution, already approved by the house, was passed by the senate 22 to 8. It would be referred at the next general election. The measure calls for \$1,200 a session. Present pay is \$400.

The senate also took the decisive action on the proposal to investigate the liquor attorney who recently presented the liquor commission with a bill for \$15,000. The proposed probe was beaten 21 to 8.

Other major actions in the house comprised approval (49 to 10) of the plan to increase the state game commission from five to seven members and reorganize its duties, and tentative approval of the plan to bar any county from having more than two state senators (vote 31 to 27).

Action on the latter measure came when the house considered a divided committee report. The majority recommended "do not pass" and the minority "do pass."

The minority report was accepted and the final vote on the measure is scheduled today. Neither the game commission nor senate limit issues have been acted on by the senate.

The house also passed and sent to the senate a bill to prohibit a guest in a private airplane from suing the pilot or owner for death or injury unless the accident was caused by gross negligence or drunkenness.

Rep. A. J. Swett, Tillamook, introduced a bill to increase the auto drivers license fee to \$5, and give 60 per cent of the revenue to counties and 40 per cent to cities.

The house social welfare committee introduced its \$50 monthly minimum old age pension bill, requiring 8-year residence in the state, and the joint ways and means committee voted to continue the Klamath Falls vocational school another two years.

Other new house measures would let school districts consolidate even if they don't touch each other; prohibit loaded guns on public highways; prohibit elections to dissolve union high school districts; and let private clubs replenish the liquor lockers of members without the members themselves having to trek to state stores.

In the senate, most controversial issue may be the proposal that state departments must weed out all communists.

Meanwhile, Rep. Warren Gill of Lebanon offered a new soldiers' bonus measure calling for a \$500 maximum, to be financed by a 2-cent cigarette tax and to be paid in certificates cashable whenever the cigarette tax fund was large enough to permit. The house military affairs committee will introduce the measure.

Both the senate and house will resume at 10 a.m. today. (Additional details on pages 12, 13 and 14.)



SEC. JAMES FORRESTAL Resigns



LOUIS JOHNSON Nominated

## Sec. Forrestal Quits; Johnson Named to Post

WASHINGTON, March 3-(P)—President Truman today accepted the resignation of Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal and chose for the post Louis A. Johnson, who was army mobilizer on the eve of World War II.

If confirmed by the senate, as is expected, Johnson will take over from Forrestal on March 31. The 58-year-old Johnson, a West Virginia and Washington lawyer, was assistant secretary of war under Franklin D. Roosevelt and directed the planning for army mobilization a decade ago. Last fall, he was fund raiser for the Truman campaign for the presidency.

Forrestal, first man to head up the army, navy and air force under the unification act, was the last remaining member of the Roosevelt cabinet.

President Truman's decision to put a new man in Forrestal's place had long been rumored. However, as is customary in such cases, the White House today made public correspondence in which Forrestal urged acceptance of his resignation for "urgent personal considerations" and the president "reluctantly" acquiesced.

Forrestal's letter reviewed his government career of 8 1/2 years, first as undersecretary and secretary of the navy under Roosevelt, and for the past 18 months as secretary of defense.

Mr. Truman wrote Forrestal in reply: "Your entire service has been characterized by vision, foresight, and a broad appreciation of the vital importance of relating our military potential to the requirements of our national policy."

## MEDALS RECOMMENDED

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 3-(P)—Distinguished flying crosses were recommended today for the 14-man crew who flew the B-50 "Lucky Lady II" on the first non-stop flight around the world.

# Russ Withdraw Besieged Mission, Hit Back Demo Leader, Truman Split over Filibuster

## President Asks Majority Vote Stop Debate

WASHINGTON, March 3-(P)—President Truman came out today for a simple majority vote to end filibusters, and ran into opposition even from his party's leader in the senate.

"I regret that I am compelled to disagree with my chief," Senator Lucas (D-Ill) told reporters who advised him of the president's news conference comment.

Lucas added that he is already on record for requiring a "constitutional majority" to shut off debate in the senate. That would be 49 votes, a majority of the whole senate. A simple majority would be half of those present and voting.

Now it takes a two-thirds vote to end talk and the senate is tied up in a filibuster aimed at preventing a rule change that would let even that number cut off talk anything other than an actual bill.

Lucas' comment was mild alongside that of southerners who are in the forefront of the filibuster to save filibusters.

Said Senator Russell (D-Ga) quarterbacking the southern group: "If the president can work his will he will be in absolute control of the senate and there will be an end to government of checks and balances."

Senator Byrd (D-Va) said that if the president's idea were adopted the senate would "become a rubber stamp for the executive."

Meanwhile, Dixie orators breezed through the fourth day of their "anti-gag rule" fight, elated over fresh signs of apparent indecision in the opposite camp.

## Ten Perish in Michigan Fire

MUSKEGON, Mich., March 3-(P)—Ten persons lost their lives today when an explosion and fire trapped them in their crowded, flimsy home.

The victims included a poverty-stricken mother, eight of her 13 children, and a roomer in the house.

They were among the 22 persons who perished today in fires around the nation and in Canada. A flash fire in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Michigan family died when their home, a ramshackle frame structure, went up in roaring flames a few moments after a stove exploded while the mother, Mrs. Maude Clover, 46, was making breakfast.

## THE WEATHER

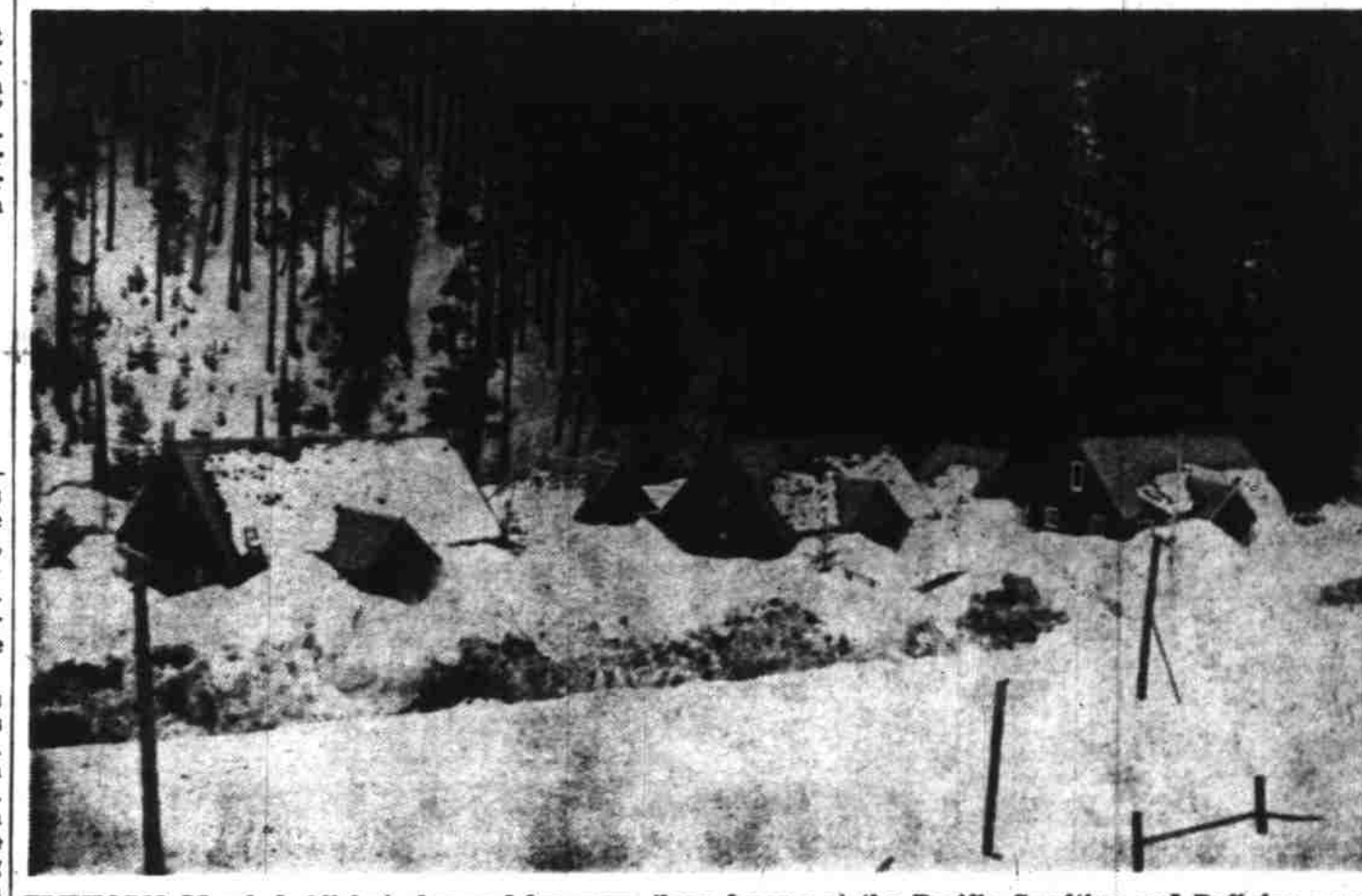
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Salem	55	40	.01
Portland	56	39	.01
San Francisco	55	47	.18
Chicago	38	28	Trace
New York	39	29	.00

Willamette river 4.9 feet.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fairly cloudy today and tonight with a few widely scattered showers. High today near 54. Low tonight near 35.  
SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Mar. 4)  
This Year 34.51 Last Year 22.93 Average 27.79

## Heavy Snow Crushed Mill, Marooned Miners



ELKHORN, March 3—This snow-covered wreckage is what heavy snow and storm left of the Pacific Smelting and Refining company's pilot mill which J. P. Hewitt used in development of huge zinc and lead deposits on his property 11 miles above here. The heavy snow marooned five miners and one woman in camp here until a rescue party arrived Wednesday.



ELKHORN, March 3—All but obscured by snow, these houses at the Pacific Smelting and Refining company camp were pictured by rescue party which bulldozed through 20-foot snowdrifts to reach six marooned persons here Wednesday. The camp is 63 miles east of Salem. (Photos were sent to The Statesman by Justin Trippett of the Pacific company, who directed rescue work.)

## Technicality Voids Dallas Bond Election

DALLAS, March 3-(Special)—A technicality has invalidated the \$250,000 bond issue for a new Dallas school building, and another special election will be held March 22 at the junior high school.

## 18 CHILDREN DROWN

MANILA, Friday, March 4-(P)—Twenty-three Filipinos, 18 of them children, drowned Monday when a sail boat capsized off Samar island in the central Philippines, delayed reports reaching here said today.

## Mill City School Bids Top Estimate

MILL CITY, March 3-(Special)—The school board rejected all bids opened here today on the new elementary grade school and gymnasium because they greatly exceeded estimates for the project.

The school board will negotiate with low bidder, Erwin Batterman, Salem, to see if the project can be pared to meet the budget set aside for construction. The low bid was \$199,481.50, or more than \$50,000 above preliminary estimates. Second bid was entered by Howard Halverson, Portland, for \$208,475.

## RENT CONTROL BILL REVISED

WASHINGTON, March 3-(P)—The house banking committee revised the administration's rent control program today, voting 23 to 2 to extend the controls for 15 months instead of the requested two years.

## Truman to Air Views On Single Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON, March 3-(P)—President Truman said today he will let congress know within a few days his views on whether there should be a single chief of staff for the armed services.

## Battleship 'Sunk' During Maneuvers

VIEQUES ISLAND, Puerto Rico, March 3-(P)—An "enemy" air attack probably "sank" the battleship Missouri in the big war games thundering around this Caribbean island, the navy said today.

## AUSTRIA REDS JOIN CHORUS

VIENNA, Austria, March 3-(P)—The Austrian communist party today pledged support to the Soviet union in case of war.

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The first accident occurred about 11 a.m. when a loaded logging truck operated by Oliver Farmer, Philomath, came into the business district across the Willamette river bridge. He told police he began to stop, seeing he might not reach the intersection on the green light, but his brakes wouldn't hold, so he accelerated, hoping to cross in time.

Meantime traffic had started across his path, including a city bus, carrying about 40 school children, and driven by Vern Grabaki, Albany, and a Barrett Bros. pickup truck driven by R. E. Hermens, Albany.

Grabaki put the bus in reverse and didn't stop until he was safe by half a block. But Hermens' pickup was struck squarely and demolished by the logging truck. The latter sheered off a steel light pole, shattered a mail box, straddled a fire hydrant and broke into flames which wrecked its cab.

Farmer was arrested on a charge of reckless driving and fined \$25 and given a five-day suspended sentence, in city court. Hermens was shaken up, but Farmer jumped and escaped injury.

Later on highway 99E near the Pierce Auto Freight warehouse, autos driven by Uriah Roth, Albany route 3, and Merle Kropp, Harrisburg, were badly damaged when they collided. The former's 5-year-old son, Spencer, suffered slight concussion. Mr. and Mrs. Kropp incurred bruises and cuts, mostly around the knees, and Roth's knees were bruised, but Kropp's two children escaped injury. The others were treated at the hospital and dismissed.

## PLANE WRECKAGE FOUND

DEL RIO, Tex., March 3-(P)—The charred wreckage of a missing C-47 air force plane was found today in Mexico, far off its California-to-Texas course. All nine persons aboard were reported killed.

## U.S. Squads Told to Leave Russian Zone

FRANKFURT, Germany, Mar. 3-(P)—The Russians bowed today to American pressure and ordered a blockaded Soviet registration mission to leave Frankfurt.

The Russians struck back quickly at a two-day siege imposed by U.S. army authorities by ordering U.S. grave registration men out of the Soviet occupation zone at once. A Russian news agency dispatch said grave registration personnel in the Sonderhausen and Tarchin districts had already left. Their numbers were not given.

The eight men in the Soviet mission hauled down the red flag and left the blockaded building a few hours after receiving their orders. The Russians had been cut off from all water, food, gas and electric powers for more than 36 hours. All the U.S. army would offer them was hospital service—under armed guard—if any one took ill.

The Soviets made their announcement through Col. Sterling A. Wood, Frankfurt, Provost Marshal, who visited them in company with Col. A. Laserve, chief of the Soviet military mission here.

The mission ignored U. S. army orders to leave the premises on March 1. Gen. Lucius D. Clay contended there was not enough repatriation business for Russia to warrant the mission staying any longer.

## Decentralized West German State Urged

FRANKFURT, Germany, March 3-(P)—The three western military governors called today for a decentralization of powers in the forthcoming western German republic and excluded Berlin from the federal regime.

Western German political leaders assailed the changes, suggested by the military governors in the proposed constitution for the republic.

The rights and powers of the individual states in western Germany would be strengthened in relation to the projected central government. The Germans were also told to reduce the central government's financial powers.

Members of the Bonn council said the military governor's commendations represent a "complete victory" for the French, who fear a revival of German nationalism.

## Mail Expenses Show Solons' Pens Active

Members of the Oregon house of representatives apparently have been writing a lot more letters and having a lot more bills mailed for them than in former years, it appeared today.

So far this session, the house stamp expense has totalled \$5,825.51, compared with \$3,779.30 at the same time two years ago, an increase of \$2,056.21.

As the total stamps drawn by members for their own correspondence (\$829.75) already is nearly twice what it was for the entire session in 1947 (\$379.48), it was learned in official compilations obtained Thursday.

Increase in mailing rates accounts for part of the over-all expense increase in regard to mailing bills, state officials pointed out. The individual "draw" on stamps has ranged from \$1.50 (by Rep. Alex Barry, R. H. C. Bennett, Earl L. McNutt and Douglas Yeater) to \$50.50 by Rep. James H. Moore of Portland. The average thus far is \$10.50—compared with \$6.35 for the entire 1947 session.

Stamps issued to other members include: Adams \$18.00, Allen \$10.50, Anderson \$2.50, Baum \$7.50, Brad \$7.50, Carey \$10.50, Chadwick \$10, Chindgren \$29.50, Condit \$2.50, Coulter \$10.50, Crosby \$10.50, Day \$10.50, Dickson \$10.50, Dwyer \$12.50, Dyer \$20.50, Dyer \$20.50, Erwin \$7.50, Fisher \$10.50, Francis \$10.50, French \$10.50, Geary \$7.50, Gadden \$9.50, Gill \$7.50, Gill \$7.50, Greenwald \$10.50, Gresham \$10.50, Gundersen \$10.50, Hill \$7.50, Housell \$7.50, \$12.50, Kimberling \$10.50, London \$11.50, Louisa \$7.50, Low \$10.50, MacNeil \$10.50, Meyer \$4.50, Ralph \$10.50, Morgan \$9.50, Morse \$4.50, Peck \$10.50, Peterson \$10.50, The average thus far is \$10.50—compared with \$6.35 for the entire 1947 session.

## Cardinal Spellman Oversees Digging Of Graves in Strikebound Cemetery

NEW YORK, March 3-(P)—With Francis Cardinal Spellman as overseer, 100 young seminarians and priests dug graves today in a strike-bound cemetery where 800 bodies are unburied.

Union gravediggers picketed the Calvary cemetery in Queens, largest Catholic burial ground in the area, as the volunteer gravediggers entered the cemetery and went to work.

The cardinal, who remained at the cemetery all day in a raw March wind but did no digging, said at the end of the day's work that he was well pleased with results. He said about 90 graves were dug.

Bitter comments came from some of the regular gravediggers, who are all Catholics, and a union official called the 100 seminarians and priests strikebreakers.

The cardinal said "I hoped we'd never have to do it but we'll remain here until our task is done." Spellman has termed excessive demand of the gravediggers, members of the CIO United Cemetery Workers, for a five-day week at the same pay — \$59.40 a week — which they now get for six days.

He said he originally had offered them \$61.20 for a six-day week, or a three per cent increase, and later had raised the offer to eight per cent or \$64.15 for a six-day week.

NEW YORK, March 3—Francis Cardinal Spellman (center), Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, watches two seminarian students dig graves this morning at Calvary cemetery in Queens where grave diggers have been on strike for seven weeks. Student diggers are Daniel Peak (left) and William Boldt of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoody, Yonkers, N. Y. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)