

New Pact May Solve Greenland Problem

WASHINGTON, March 12-(AP) High U. S. officials told Denmark's foreign minister today that the Atlantic treaty would provide a "framework" to solve the long-pending problem of American air bases on Greenland.

American strategists are known to believe that if American bases in Greenland, Iceland and the Azores — or use of them — can be arranged under the pact it will permanently strengthen defenses of the entire Atlantic area.

But today's talk between state department leaders and Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen provided the first definite information that American officials do in fact feel the treaty will greatly ease the base solution. Rasmussen seeks to ascertain the benefits and obligations for Denmark in joining the pact.

In today's talks the U. S. emphasized three points:

1. The proposed Atlantic treaty would provide a "framework" for dealing with the base problem in the future.
2. The treaty will be primarily useful to prevent attack. It would array beforehand powerful forces to strike back at any aggressor, so that the attack might never occur.
3. Under the treaty the member nations in North America and western Europe will be able to take all the cooperative actions necessary to strengthen the defenses of the whole area.

During World War II the United States took defense of Greenland under an agreement which still is in force but which the Danes, two years ago, proposed to terminate. The negotiations have been dragging along ever since.

Major Legislative Knots Unsolved after 62 Days

Oregon's legislature wound up its 62nd day Saturday with action still incomplete on major tax and highway revenue bills but with the tempo markedly increased.

The scorecard shows the legislators have approved 23 per cent of the 839 bills introduced thus far (compared with 901 introductions at the same time in the last session which lasted a record 84 days). Another 10 per cent has been defeated or withdrawn.



By Charles A. Sprague

Faced with the fact that the people approved the Dunne bill for old age pensions, later held invalid by the attorney general, the legislature has realized it has a difficult problem to respect the will of people as indicated in the vote on the Dunne bill, and still avoid legislation that would bankrupt the state. The bill which the social welfare committee has worked out (HB 436) certainly does the former. While it will not bankrupt the state it will add considerably to the burden of the welfare program.

In some ways the bill is more generous than the Dunne bill. It accepts \$50 a month as a minimum of living, which certainly is not unreasonable in these times. This does not mean that every person on the old age list would get that amount, but that they would receive enough to bring their monthly income up to that level.

The \$50 a month is a minimum. The welfare commission is authorized on editorial page)

Ard Pratt Wins Reinstatement

PORTLAND, March 12-(AP) Sheriff Marion L. "Mike" Elliott lost his fight today against the nephew of the man he beat for election last fall.

The county civil service board ordered Elliott to reinstate with back pay Deputy Ard L. Pratt, who had been fired after a raid on a police social club meeting.

Elliott accused Pratt of playing slot machines at the meeting.

But the civil service board accused Elliott of playing politics.

Pratt, nephew of Martin J. Pratt, former sheriff, denied he knew there were slot machines in the meeting building.

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The house will act Monday on seven bills comprising the highway revenue program and truck fee rate changes. The proposals, in part, will boost license fees from \$5 to \$10 and gasoline taxes one cent a gallon to raise money for highways. The truck measure will switch truck fees from the 1947 mileage-tonnage basis to a fixed fee-tonnage schedule.

The senate tax committee will start work Wednesday on house-approved bills making up the 1949-51 tax program.

Legion to Use House

The house moved swiftly Saturday to complete its calendar, but the senate argued 2 1/2 hours to approve eight bills—none of them earthshaking.

The house approved and sent to the governor measures allowing the legislature to sue in court when the house and senate chambers for its convention August 4, 5 and 6, and boosting the pay of Benton county officials about \$600 each.

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The Beavers had won the first Pitt Friday night by a 53-41 count.

The two clubs will clash here Monday night in the rubber contest for the PCC title and a berth in the NCAA regional finals at Kansas City.

(Additional details on sports page.)

Wayne Johnston Wins First in FFA Speaking Contest

Wayne Johnston of Salem high school won first place Saturday morning in the upper Willamette valley Future Farmers of America public speaking contest at Independence. He was followed by Floyd Fox, Jr., Silverton, second, and Conrad Hamann, Independence, third.

Johnston, who spoke on "Rattus Rattus," concerning rat control, will compete in the state finals April 1 at the Oregon convention in Tillamook. Except in 1947, when it did not compete, Salem chapter has won the district contest the past five years. William McKinley, coach, has trained district winners here and in Pendleton for the past six years.

Banners were given the winners Saturday by a state grange representative. Other teams participating were Corvallis, Albany, Woodburn, Eddyville and Perrydale.

2 McMinnville Youths Held on Liquor Charges

Two McMinnville youths were arrested on charges of illegal possession of liquor Saturday night by city police.

Neal Douglas Durliner and Jack Weinstein were held in the city jail on \$75 bail on the liquor counts, and Durliner was also charged with reckless driving, liquor involved with bail set at \$100. The pair was arrested in the 1800 block of C street about 9:30 p. m. Saturday.

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Like Stalin?



HAVANA, March 12—A mask, above, the type used in Havana, Cuba's carnival season, now being worn by a protest from the Soviet legation in Havana to the Cuban Ministry of State, that masks resembling Premier Stalin are being sold in Cuba, termed this a discourtesy and asked the government to prevent sale. Cuba refused. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

91,150 Seek Work in State

Oregon employment offices reported 91,150 persons actively seeking work as of March 1, an increase of 7,100 during February and 20,000 higher than in early 1946, the state unemployment compensation commission reported Saturday.

Western Oregon, including Salem, Astoria and Coos Bay, reported slight improvement in their unemployment situation after their worst winter in years.

Nearly half the claimants were from lumber and logging plants, which are resuming operations slowly following the prolonged spell of freezing temperatures, the commission said. About 27,000 veterans are seeking jobs now, highest total since the end of the war. More than five of every six job-seekers are men.

British Man Red Sea Port

LONDON, March 12-(AP) Britain ordered reinforcements today to Aqaba, Trans-Jordan's tiny Red sea port. Five miles away, across the Gulf of Aqaba, Jewish arched columns are in possession of the Negev's short Red sea coastline.

Trans-Jordan, which signed a cease-fire pact for the whole Palestine front yesterday at Rhodes, has informed Britain officially of the Israeli advance to the Red sea shore. It says the territory is hers under the United Nations partition arrangement.

Newspaper Strike Extended by Publisher-Printer Controversy

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12-(AP) There appeared little chance today that Portland's two daily newspapers will get back into operation before late next week—if then.

The shut-down of the papers was in its 23rd day today, and threatened to stretch out much further as publishers and two AFL unions tangled over pay and new working agreements.

Meanwhile the strike that started the shut-down was ended officially. The AFL pressmen, who walked out February 18, signed a new contract yesterday.

The AFL typographical union, laid off with other employees the day after the strike began, demanded pay for the period they have been idle, plus adjustments in working conditions. The mailers' union did likewise.

Each side blamed the other for prolonging the closure. Publishers said they had attempted to get

Union Urges More Security, Cut in Profits

WASHINGTON, March 12-(AP) The CIO today called for (1) "substantial" fourth round wage increases, (2) a slash in corporation profits, and (3) an expanded security program for workers.

"If the country fails to take these corrective steps, a serious depression condition is almost certain to develop," said the CIO News. The labor organization's weekly newspaper summarized the thinking of CIO economists and researchers.

Says Profits Not Falling

The CIO said that prices are not dropping, so wages must be lifted. It didn't call it a fourth round increase (there have been three since the war ended), but it spoke in general terms, saying:

"Substantial wage increases will provide a great reservoir of buying power. They will help relieve the piling up of merchandise and the drop in jobs" in the consumer goods industries.

"For Common Good"

Corporation profit "must be trimmed for the common good," the CIO said.

"The high rate of profit is throwing the economy out of kilter. It has led to cutting of production, and to limitation of expanded production capacity," the paper said.

The three-pronged program "is obviously called for," the CIO said, because full employment is threatened now for the first time since the war.

Game Warden Follows Aroma Of Frying Fish

Game Warden R. E. Steele has a nose for fried trout, especially when trout season is still several weeks off, so Alice Elizabeth Jefferson, Salem route 7, was cited to appear in district court Monday charged with illegal possession of trout in closed season.

Steele was checking the Little Pudding river area east of Salem Saturday morning. When he came by one house he got a whiff of what he was sure was frying fish. Investigation bore out the suspicion and Mrs. Jefferson readily admitted preparing the illegal breakfast. But she didn't get a chance to eat it for Steele confiscated the cooking trout.

Martin Herbert Baughman, also of Salem route 7, was committed to the Marion county jail in lieu of \$50 fine when he was found guilty of angling for trout in closed season. He was arrested by Steele Saturday.

Police 'Copter Rescues Man

NEW YORK, March 12-(AP) A police helicopter today saved a stranded man as he was being pulled by a soft mud in Jamaica Bay.

The helicopter bucked a 58-mile wind for six minutes to reach Frank Vaccaro, 34, of Brooklyn, who was up to his neck in the slime.

Vaccaro's 10-year-old son, John, was rescued from the same mud bank by a human chain, but the father has been out of reach.

The father and son limbed out into the ooze to dislodge a rowboat in which they were fishing after it became stuck against the mud bank 150 feet off firm land.

Both were in "fair" condition.

Flying Saucers Now 'Secret'

WASHINGTON, March 12-(AP) Remember the flying saucers? For what it may be worth the armed services won't talk about them any more. Any information on investigations of reports concerning them is now "classified" along with information on atomic bombs and guided missiles.

Few here know what to make of this—if anything—and they of course talk. Some well-connected persons have concluded, although without any real information, that it's just possible something new in aerial locomotion may have been developed in either this or some other country.

Silverton Project Contract Awarded

SILVERTON, March 12—The bid for excavating 9,000 feet of ditch for the new 12-inch cast iron water main on McClellan street has been awarded to the John Luyben company of Portland, at an hourly rate of \$10, R. E. Borland, city manager, announced Saturday. Tentative plans call for starting the work on March 21.

A special meeting will be called shortly to discuss plans for improvement of the local water system which is in a serious condition, members of the council stated Saturday.

King George Undergoes Surgery; 9 Doctors Aid

LONDON, March 12-(AP) A gray-haired Scottish surgeon operated on King George VI today in the hope of relieving his serious leg ailment.

The nine royal doctors who gathered around an operating table set up in a Buckingham palace bedroom reported later the king's condition was "entirely satisfactory."

A later bulletin tonight said the king "had a restful day" and his recovery from the operation is "proceeding smoothly."

The operation was brief, but delicate.

The surgeon, Prof. James R. Learmonth, severed a nerve near the spine which controls the tension of the main artery in the king's right leg.

For five months King George has suffered from faulty blood circulation in the legs that might have caused gangrene and loss of the feet.

By cutting the nerve—an operation called lumbar sympathectomy—the doctors hoped to relax the artery and permit the blood to flow more freely.

The king's ailment—called thrombo angitis obliterans—was discovered last November after he complained that his feet felt numb.

He has been resting most of the time since. A tour of Australia and New Zealand by the royal family this spring was postponed.

Coast Bids for Valsetz Trade with New Road

VALSETZ, March 12-(Special) A new road for this community's residents to reach drier and lower ground was in the making today—but it will head for the coast instead of into the Willamette valley. Local individuals and lumber companies are working to recondition the now closed Rock Creek road into the Siletz area.

The work started three weeks ago when dissatisfaction grew over the impassability of the road to Falls City to the east. That road could be traveled today for the first time in more than three weeks, following winter freezing and the company trucks from here have been hauling gravel for it.

Week end volunteer work by mill and woods employees, using heavy equipment furnished by Valsetz and Western Lumber companies and trucks of the Heinz company, has progressed about one-third of the six miles to the Polk-Lincoln county line.

Promised by Lincoln County

There they will meet the results of road improvements promised by Lincoln county court. County Judge F. E. Gilkey of Newport told The Statesman that the mile or so of the road in Lincoln county would be bladed and graveled along with some bridge and culvert repair, following a request by the company.

He said the road had been closed for about three years.

Judge C. F. Hayes of Polk county said the Rock Creek road had not been maintained for several years because no one resided along it.

By Railway "Speeder"

For more than three weeks, Valsetz' 1,200 residents' only connection with the "outside world" has been by the railway "speeder." It was reported that a man who became sick here Friday was taken to the valley by speeder because the company ambulance did not dare to try the Falls City road.

Although it is expected that the Rock Creek road will be only suitable for summer use, various residents have complained that the Polk county court "walks until trouble comes before doing anything" for the Falls City road.

77 Local Firms Help Sponsor Spring Opening

Seventy-seven Salem firms have signed to participate in this Thursday night Spring Opening, and by Saturday they had exhausted supplies of tickets which they will begin handing out to customers tomorrow morning.

Merchants had claimed all the 100,000 tickets to be used in drawings for prizes, but more will be printed, said officials of Salem Retail Trade Bureau, sponsors of the opening.

The event, reviving annual openings held for years until 1941, will include a window display contest, for which judging will begin at 6 p.m., with the public display to start at 7:30.

(List of participating firms on page 17.)

Distance Mark Set By Crippled B-36

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 12-(AP) A crippled B-36 super bomber landed at Carswell air base here today with a new distance record for the giant planes.

The great silver ship, with two of its six pusher-type engines dead and two hours worth of gasoline left in its tanks, touched earth after a 9,600-mile non-stop non-refueling flight over the nation. For 5,000 miles, the "36" toted 10,000 pounds of bombs. It had been airborne 43 hours and 37 minutes.

The sensational flight topped by 687 miles the former B-36 distance flight record.

Santiam Bean Festival Slated to Start July 26

STAYTON—The 1949 annual Santiam Bean Festival has been set for the last week in July, beginning Tuesday, July 26.

Conference of Senate Groups Seeks Solution

WASHINGTON, March 12-(AP) President Truman today signaled for a settlement of the senate filibuster.

The 12-day talkathon may be at an end.

With his legislative program at an absolute standstill in the senate, Mr. Truman gave his blessing to a conference called for Sunday to work out a compromise.

Any agreement would mean an end to his fight to smash the filibuster. The administration had lost in a test vote. Its only weapon left is to try to wear out the southerners while vital bills gather dust.

Mr. Truman talked to his senate lieutenants from Key West, Fla., where he is vacationing. Senator McGarrah (D-R.I.) reported the president is "agreeable to anything that will work out a solution."

Senate Recedes

The senate recessed abruptly at 7:51 p. m. EST in the midst of a night session when it was announced that a solution was to be attempted. Leaders of administration democrats, southern democrats and republicans will be in on the Sunday huddle.

The senate is hung up over an administration effort to force through a rules change whereby two-thirds of senators voting could cut off any debate. This would make it easier to put across the Truman civil rights measures and the southerners balked.

Attempt to Choke Failed

They organized the filibuster to talk it to death. The administration tried to choke them off last night by bringing the issue to a vote and was roundly defeated. Today's session relied monotonously on.

3 Injured as Panel Truck, Car Collide

Three persons suffered head cuts in the collision of a car and panel truck Saturday about 9:30 p.m. at Fairgrounds road and North Cottage street.

Clifford W. Evans, 533 E. Liberty st., Ginger Voss, 818 N. Liberty st., a passenger in Evans' car, and Bruce K. Boatman, 1655 Jefferson st., driver of the panel truck, all were treated by Salem first aidmen. Evans was cited to appear in municipal court Monday on a charge of reckless driving.

Boatman told police he had just pulled away from a stop sign on North Cottage street when Evans' car crashed into the rear of the panel truck owned by Jary Horton. The impact turned the truck around and forced it up on the parking on the northwest corner of the intersection police said. Both vehicles were heavily damaged by the crash.

Sheep Killed by Dog in Pringle District

PRINGLE, March 12-(Special) Pringle area sheep owners are launching a campaign against unleashed dogs after three sheep were killed on the F. L. Brownell place Friday night.

Dog owners are requested to be sure that their pets are tied up at night. Other sheep owners in the area have been troubled by dogs chasing sheep at night, it was reported.

Educate Your Sweet Tooth

Home candymakers can go professional after attending one of the four lectures this week by E. Remington Davenport on methods of preparing candy. Monday afternoon at 1:30, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:30, Mr. Davenport will prepare three types of candy to give his listeners a rounded out knowledge of making almost any candy. The shows, free to the public, will be at the Portland Gas and Coke company kitchen and are being sponsored by The Statesman. Demonstrations will be identical.