

State Rent Control Fight Looms

Conferees Agree To Let Governors Rule Rent Control

WASHINGTON, March 25 - (AP) - A senate-house conference committee voted tonight to let states, cities, towns and villages get rid of federal rent controls if the governor approved.

Stand-By Bill Urged By Demos

Governor Signs Fair Employment Practices Bill

By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman A partisan battle over a proposed stand-by rent control bill loomed Friday in the 75-day-old Oregon legislature.

Democratic legislators announced they will force the house state and federal affairs committee to act on their bill to set up state rent control to take over if federal rent control is abolished.

'Axis Sally' Sentenced to 10 to 30 Years

WASHINGTON, March 25 - (AP) - A federal judge today sentenced Mildred E. (Axis Sally) Gillars to serve 10 to 30 years in prison for broadcasting Nazi propaganda during World War II.

Reps. Phil Dreyer and Howard Morgan, Portland democrats, said they would take action on the floor Monday to withdraw their bill from the committee if the group refuses to pass it out.

(Senate and house conferees in congress met Friday in Washington, D. C., attempting to compromise on an extension of the federal rent control act.)

The stand-by rent act proposed in the legislature would take effect when the federal law goes out of existence. The state act would be administered by a supervisor appointed by the governor, and would expire June 30, 1952.

She also was fined \$10,000. The Maine-born woman, now 48, is the 13th American tried for treason in the last war and the sixth found guilty of the only crime mentioned in the United States Constitution — betrayal of her country.

White but unflinching, Miss Gillars took the sentence dry-eyed with no display of the emotional outbursts that marked her seven-week trial.

Smelt, Anglers Both Flock to Sandy River

PORTLAND, March 25 - (AP) - Hundreds of smelt dippers flocked to the Sandy river today as the first run picked up momentum. Commercial fishermen said the run looked like a good one.

Two Oregon state game commission trailers were at the Troutdale bridge to sell licenses at 6 a.m. Last year, 32,600 were sold.

Troutdale took on a carnival aspect, with hastily-painted signs offering to rent dippers for 50 cents and gunny sacks for a dime. Hot dog and coffee stands boomed.

But the appearance of the fish in the Sandy isn't expected to make much difference in the price on retail markets.

Fishing is prohibited from midnight Sunday to midnight Monday to give the smelt a clear run to their spawning grounds.

Bill Passes to Permit Non-Joining School Districts to Consolidate

The senate passed and sent to the governor Friday a bill to allow consolidation of school districts which don't touch each other.

The bill was introduced to allow a district near Corvallis to consolidate with the Corvallis district, but the law would be effective statewide.

The sub-committee is pondering whether there should be an immediate cash bonus, whether the bonus would go to the veterans and if a fair trade (price minimum) provision should be tacked to the 2-cent-a-pack cigarette tax.

They also wonder if the bonus should be denied to veterans who have received state educational aid or farm and home loans.

FEP Bill Signed Gov. Douglas McKay returned to Salem Friday afternoon from Idaho and immediately signed into law the fair employment practices act.

Enforced by the state labor commissioner, the law will forbid unions and employers to discriminate against any person because of race or religion.

The house passed and sent to the governor a measure setting up a seven-man commission to plan development of the state capital area in Salem.

The senate passed and sent to the house a measure setting up a nine-man legislative interim committee to investigate conditions at the state penitentiary during the next two years.

The senate voted 18 to 14 to kill a bill that would have increased the required training for barbers from six to nine months.

Monday the house will tackle a long calendar and decide whether two 1947 laws restricting labor should be repealed.

The senate today expects to adjourn at noon after acting on a light calendar.

The senate resumes at 10 a.m. today and the house at 9 a.m. or Monday.

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7 U.S. Airmen Safe After Crash Landing Above Magnetic Pole

RCAF Plane to Attempt Contact Today

GOOSE BAY, Labrador, March 25 - (AP) - All seven men aboard an American air force plane forced down in the Arctic are safe and uninjured, a radio message from Resolute Bay on Cornwallis island said tonight.

The message said the plane had made a successful belly landing and that all members of the crew were safe, with plenty of equipment and supplies.

The craft, a U. S. C-82, crash-landed last night on ice at Barrow Strait, about 350 miles north of the magnetic North Pole. It was on a 1,000-mile trip from Frobisher Bay, on Baffin island, to Resolute Bay, on Cornwallis island, to drop supplies.

An RCAF Lancaster from the search and rescue squadron at Greenwood, Nova Scotia, arrived here today. It will take off tomorrow in an attempt to locate the downed plane.

The exact position of the craft would be relayed to Resolute Bay. A ski-equipped plane then might pick up the men, or a party might start overland to the crash scene.

Several bases are operated by American personnel in northern Canada. U. S. aircraft participate in supplying the bases. Resolute Bay is one of these. It has landing facilities with limited accommodations for planes. A small detachment of men from the U. S. air force is stationed there.



Joan Barnes SHS CARNIVAL QUEEN



Mary Ruth Dowd CROWN PRINCESS

Mertie Phillips CROWN PRINCESS

Joan Barnes Reigns at Salem High's Carnival

By James Cooke Statesman School Correspondent

State Queen-elect Joan Barnes reigned as the annual Civics club carnival was presented with traditional color at the high school auditorium last night to a capacity crowd.

"The Gay Nineties," presented by members of the French and Crescendo clubs, was judged best of six skits given by club groups on the theme, "So This is Salem." Snikpoh's production of "Legislature" won second, and Philistorian and Spanish clubs' "Early Salem" took third place.

Queen Joan I is the daughter of Mrs. Chester A. Downs, and sister of Suzanne Barnes who was named this week to be Salem high's Cherryland princess.

The carnival queen's court consisted of Crown Princesses Mary Ruth Dowd, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Dowd and Mertie Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Phillips, and 14 other princesses.

Announcement of Queen Joan's selection and presentation of the entire court began the evening's program.

Both "Living Pictures" by Home Economics club and "Indian Days" by the Vikings brought rounds of applause as specialty skits "Living Pictures," first place specialty skit, brought back clothes of the past, including bathing "uniforms," and Charleston dresses plus a narrative of Salem's growth by Barbara Senter.

"Indian Days" with the buckskin-clad cast dancing and singing cigarette commercials gave the audience many laughs.

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Senator States CCC Missing \$350 Million

WASHINGTON, March 25 - (AP) - Senator Williams (R-De) told the senate late today that books of the government's commodity credit corporation "are \$350,000,000 out of balance."

He asked unanimous consent to have the agency's records brought before the senate immediately for an investigation.

Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois blocked the request as an attempted "sneer" and a "preposterous proposal."

Because of the objection, Vice President Barkley said the Williams request must "go over" for later action.

Ralph S. Trigg, a member of the board of directors of the corporation, told a reporter "there has been no misappropriation of funds by anyone in this agency."

Williams declined to disclose the source of his allegations.

Hayesville Sunday School Convention At Quinaby Sunday

HAYESVILLE, March 25 - The Hayesville district Sunday school convention will be conducted Sunday at Quinaby Royal Neighbors hall, south of Hoppner, in charge of J. E. Clark, district president.

The program will include classes at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11, followed by a basket lunch. At 1:30 p.m. will be a song service led by Mrs. R. Curran, devotional by Kenneth Runner, special numbers by groups from Keizer, North Howell and Middle Grove, business session, discussion of teaching methods by Mrs. J. J. Quiring and convention message by the Rev. Lloyd Anderson, pastor of Salem First Baptist church.

Mrs. Wiley Biggins will have charge of children's program. (Additional church news on page 6.)

Amity Band Shows Off New Uniforms in Parade

AMITY, March 25 - (Special) - The school band uniforms arrived this week, and the band paraded up Trade street in blue jackets, white trousers and blue caps.

Plays, musical events and food sales have figured in the efforts to raise funds for the uniforms. Events scheduled for the future are a minstrel show at the high school April 1 and a band concert April 15.

Leahy, Smith Leave Jobs in Administration

WASHINGTON, March 25 - (AP) Two officials who have played prominent roles in the cold war with Russia stepped down today from key positions in the Truman administration.

Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, 83, resigned as U. S. envoy to Moscow, a post he has held since March 1946. He is returning to army service at his regular rank of lieutenant general.

Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, 73, chief of staff to the late President Roosevelt and to President Truman, was detached from that White House assignment. He will devote his time to writing his memoirs.

Their departure, however, does not mean any change in U. S. policy, officials emphasized.

General Smith is due to be named commander of the first army with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York. His successor in the Moscow post has not yet been selected. Diplomats are speculating that the state department will recommend that Mr. Truman choose a professional diplomat for the job.

Rankin Redrafts Vet Pension Bill

WASHINGTON, March 25 - (AP) - Licked once but still confident, Rep. Rankin (D-Mass) bounced back today with a new veterans pension bill to replace the one killed by the house 24 hours before.

He said it would provide \$72 a month for World War One servicemen at age 65 so long as their incomes do not exceed \$2,000, if single, or \$3,000 if married or with dependents.

Only yesterday the house rejected Rankin's mutilated proposal which originally called for \$90-a-month pensions to all veterans of both world wars at age 65.

Kirsch to Manage Farmers Co-op

SILVERTON, March 25 - (Special) - Bernard Kirsch, 29-year-old World War II veteran, Mt. Angel, will succeed Carl Hande as manager of the Valley Farmers Co-operative association.

Hande's resignation as of March 1 was made known some time ago. He had promised, however, to remain on the job until his successor was named. Kirsch has been connected with the Farmers union warehouse at Mt. Angel and is a graduate of Mt. Angel college.

Metropolitan Opera Artists on Community Concert Series

By Maxine Buren Statesman Music Editor An evening of two complete operas, I Pagliacci and Cavaleria Rusticana, sung by artists of the Metropolitan opera company, is in store for holders of Community Concert association memberships for next winter. Selections of the Wagner opera and four other attractions was made Friday by members of the association executive board, of which Guy Hickok is president.

Licia Albanese, soprano, will sing here in October; the Philharmonic Piano Quartet will give a concert in November; Margaret Dilling, harpist, is scheduled for February; John Carter, tenor, will sing in March, and the operas will be given in April. The Wagner opera company is to be composed of from 75 to 80, with the leads rising young stars of the Metropolitan opera.



NEW YORK, March 25—Placards carried by pickets marching around the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here today tell the story of their protest against the so-called "world peace" conference of intellectuals scheduled to start in the hotel today. (AP Wirephotos to The Statesman).

Pickets Chant, Pray At 'Peace Conclave' Communism 'Sounding Board' Begins

By Charles E. Meacer NEW YORK, March 25—An English philosopher said tonight that, in any third world war, the British people will not be "wholeheartedly against Russia as we were against Germany."

The speaker, William O. Stapledon, opened the cultural and scientific conference for World Peace at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. As he spoke, hundreds of men and women prayed and chanted in a mammoth picket line on Park avenue outside the hotel.

Later tonight Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, told the delegates that Americans "do not want peace at any price" in a speech that was sharply critical of the convention.

Stapledon had told the conference previously that "the true socialist" in Britain "suspects America of embarking on a new imperialism." "And we are not anxious to sell our souls to America," he said.

Stapledon was the only British delegate admitted to this country for the conference. Secretary of State Dean Acheson has called the peace meeting "a sounding board for communist propaganda."

"The average British worker," Stapledon said, "after decades of admiration of the new Russia, is not going to be suddenly turned against Russia."

Neither anti-Russian propaganda nor "the stupid and unfriendly behavior of the Russian government," Stapledon went on, can destroy "that vast affection and admiration."

Eight hundred critics of the conference knelt in Park avenue at noon to pray for freedom for people "in enslaved countries of Europe."

They recited the "Lord's Prayer" and the "Hall Mary" in unison. The dramatic interlude was a break in hours of marching by the pickets.

Winds Bring Seven Deaths

Tornadoes and high winds ripped through parts of Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana Thursday and Friday killing at least seven persons and injuring 54 others.

The churning thunderstorms spun into the plains states Friday afternoon, threatening follow-up blows.

The heaviest casualties were in communities south of Greenville, Miss. Six negroes were killed in this section and 33 others were injured.

Car Parking In Courthouse Drive Scored

Marion county court was warned Friday by Salem Fire Chief W. P. Roble of the danger caused by parked cars in the courthouse square driveway.

Remarking in a letter to the court Friday that a blaze in the ancient structure would be difficult to control under any circumstances, Roble said that the cars would seriously "hampere life-saving and fire-fighting forces."

Roble said that usually, day and night, the courthouse driveway is so congested that it would be virtually impossible to maneuver heavy equipment into place to fight a fire or save lives.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Max, Min, Precip. Locations include Salem, Portland, Mt. Angel, Astoria, New York, and Chicago.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with rain today, becoming partly cloudy with occasional showers tonight. Little change in temperature. High today near 56. Low tonight near 36.

Table with 3 columns: Month, Last Year, Average. Months include March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Room service? When do we get clean sheets around here?



IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In the years of farm surpluses a new word was coined: "chemistry." Farm chemistry was the application of scientific knowledge to produce more things from farm products.

But the farmer calls on chemistry in other ways, too. In fact, the farm is fast becoming a market for the products of chemistry. Take fertilizer. A late circular of OSC, reviewing agricultural development in Oregon in the last 24 years, says the use of fertilizer on Oregon farms has increased from 8,000 tons in 1923 to 125,000 tons in 1948.

Farmers have to know the formulas to use for their soils for special crops—the right blend of nitrates, sulphates and phosphates; and the quantities to be applied. Strawberries, cane berries, hops, truck crops, mint—fertilizers usually are required to give a yield that will prove profitable.

Chemistry has long been of use to farmers in other ways. For years farmers have treated wheat with solution of blue vitriol or with chemical dust to kill smut on seed wheat. They learned long ago to use chemical sprays to get rid of insects in orchards.

