

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Soupe

The Portland Chamber of Commerce some time ago organized a raw materials survey organization...

Such a conference is timely because the northwest has great need for fuel in its industrial progress...

Aid to Non-Red China Approved By Both Houses

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—Senate and house today overwhelmingly approved a \$54,000,000 "token" of American aid to non-communist areas of China.

In the senate, the action was unanimous. The house tally was 279 to 70.

The house foreign affairs committee said the money is intended to tide nationalistic China over until congress decides on long-range aid.

Actually, the China fund does not represent "new" money. It was appropriated by congress last year, but was never spent because of the uncertainties of the China situation.

The authority to spend the money, under last year's appropriation, expired April 2.

Nash Joins Cut In Auto Prices

DETROIT, April 4—(AP)—Nash tonight joined the parade to lower prices in the automobile industry, announcing a reduction of \$20 to \$120 on its two series of cars.

Nash attributed its action to greater availability of materials, increased production volume, reductions in materials and uninterrupted production.

The Nash announcement came on the heels of a price reduction by the Ford Motor Co., from \$12 to \$120 on its Ford, Mercury and Lincoln models.

Earlier auto manufacturers to announce price cuts include General Motors, Kaiser-Frazer and Willys-Overland.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Sorry girls—standing room only—could you come back tomorrow?"

Committees Favor Bonus, Cigaret Tax, \$55 Million Welfare

By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman

The house tax committee Monday recommended passage of a \$600 maximum bonus for Oregon veterans and a cigarette tax to finance the \$47,000,000 proposal.

The bills now go to the house which approved the bonus plant 47 to 12 in a test vote last week.

The bonus bill, as amended by the tax committee, would operate on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, eliminating hopes for immediate bonus payments.

The committee also agreed to tack a fair trades (minimum price) provision on the cigarette tax to guarantee dealers a fair profit.

Unless referred to voters by petition the cigarette tax would go into effect 90 days after the legislative adjourns.

The joint ways and means committee had a busy day Monday, approving a \$55,000,000 appropriation for old age pensions and welfare for the next biennium.

The \$55,000,000 is \$10,000,000 more than last biennium's welfare budget, but \$6,000,000 less than what the welfare department requested.

On other issues, the ways and means committee recommended a \$25 increase monthly for state policemen; construction of a \$430,000 state printing plant in the Salem area.

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Blonde Choice Of Dallas for Cherry Court

Dallas high school's Dorothy Neufeld, 18, was added Monday to the list of aspirants to the 1949 Salem Cherryland Festival court.

Born in Dallas, Dorothy is 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 105 pounds, has dark blonde hair and grey-green eyes.

At the high school, the princess candidate is a senior in the college preparatory course, with plans to enter Linfield college next fall.

Her activities also include membership in debate team, glee club, Girl's Athletic association, pep staff, National Forensics League, National Thespian society, National Honor society and Tri-Y.

Duke of Windsor Visits Brother

LONDON, April 4—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor visited his ailing brother George tonight at Buckingham palace.

Windsor drove down from Marlborough House, home of his 81-year-old mother, the dowager Queen Mary.

Court Upholds State Bans on Union Acts to Restrain Trade

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—The supreme court held unanimously today that states have the right to curb labor union activities which restrain trade.

The court held that under Missouri law a union had no right to picket an ice plant with the aim of forcing it to stop sales to non-union ice peddlers.

12 Nations Sign Atlantic Pact

Valley's Trees Don New Spring Attire



Continued sunny days, rising temperatures and the advance of the season are bringing forth the Willamette valley's famous blossoms.

Auto Mishaps Kill Boy And Man in Valley Area

Fifteen-year-old Arthur J. Dickman, Jr., 4035 Gary st., died at a local hospital Monday morning of injuries incurred earlier when the car in which he was a passenger overturned on a curve south of Liberty.

Gene Van Pellacher, 121 Williams ave., was in Salem General hospital with a fractured skull. His condition was described by hospital officials as "fair."

Dickman is survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Dickman, Salem; brother, Richard Dickman, Salem; sisters, Mrs. Beulah Cain and Mrs. Betty Flowers, both of Salem, and Mrs. Dolores Gardner, Rodehouse, Ill.

Clark and his brother had operated the sawmill at Sodaville since last December.

Also surviving are two other brothers, Nelson Clark, Albany, and Kenneth Clark in Colorado; nine sisters, Hilda DeWall, Albany, Mabel Conaway, Marysville, Calif., Christine Borges, Richmond, Calif., Ethel Rowell, Lebanon, Nancy Barber, Salem, Lorene Verley, Lakeview, Elsie Murphy, Roseburg, Nadine Trenton, Bend, and Louise Verley, Nevada; mother, Mrs. Mary Clark, Bend.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Fort Miller and Fredrickson with the Rev. Edward Terry officiating.

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Bulgaria Reds Oust Kostov

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Tuesday, April 5—(AP)—The Central committee of the Bulgarian communist party said today it had removed Tralcho Kostov as deputy premier.

The Sofia dispatch confirmed a report by Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, last Friday that Kostov had been expelled from the communist Politburo.

The union then appealed to the supreme court, arguing that the picketing only informed the public that the plant "sells ice to non-union peddlers."

Black said that while congress and the states may grant exemptions from freedom of trade laws to unions, organized workers are not entitled to "special constitutional protection denied all other people."

Truman Asserts Treaty 'Shield' To Aggression

By Edward E. Bomar WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—

Amid solemn diplomatic pageantry, 12 North Atlantic nations today signed a treaty designed to confront any Russian aggression with a united defense.

After hearing President Truman hail it as a "shield against aggression," the foreign ministers stepped up one by one to put their names to the historic, 1,040-word pact.

Previously they, like Mr. Truman, had proclaimed to Russia and all the world that their only purpose was peace and security.

Belgium's foreign minister, Paul-Henri Spaak, was the first to put his name down. The others followed in alphabetical order.

Many members of the senate which must favor the treaty with a two-thirds vote before it can go into effect, witnessed the signing.

Projecting American defense efforts in Europe, and treaty would pledge all 12 nations to take measures to resist an attack on any of them.

Mr. Truman termed "absolutely untrue" the charge that the treaty is aggressive in intent, a charge which Russia made in formal notes on the eve of the signing.

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Mercury 77; Clouds Today; Blossoms Set

Salem druggists reported the first season run on sun tan lotion Monday as the sun warmed the thermometer to 77 degrees—highest reading in nearly six months.

The weatherman warned, however, that clouds and showers are due again today, but promised a warmer than usual 67 to mid-70s tomorrow.

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W. Salem Support Renewed

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman

A substitute Salem traffic plan without one-way streets is in the making by Salem city aldermen, with every indication that the council will make this plan its official reaction to the Baldock highway improvement proposal.

Council members Monday, however, were considering no revisions in the Baldock plans for a new bridge at Marion street and a bypass highway east of Salem.

These policy developments emerged Monday after aldermen held their second closed meeting in three days to thresh out differences of opinion with regard to the \$7,600,000 long-range Salem highway and bridge plan developed by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock for the state highway

Anti-Merger Move in Air Meanwhile, the controversial Baldock report won strengthened support from the West Salem city council Monday night when Mayor Walter Musgrave and several council members said they would withdraw their backing of a proposed Salem-West Salem merger if opposition forces succeeded in thwarting the proposed Marion street bridge. (Additional details on page 2.)

Salem Alderman David O'Hara, mayor pro tem, said Monday the city council members reached agreement on an alternative to one-way streets in hopes of bringing this to the attention of the state highway commission at its April 11-12 meeting in Portland.

The Salem council plan, which City Manager J. L. Franzen was instructed to discuss with the highway department for cost estimates, would call for widening of North Capitol street and the highway north to the underpass and widening of Commercial from Pine street south to city limits, so that both arterials could handle four-lane traffic.

Fine Street Link Urged Link between the arterials would be Pine street, to be extended two blocks to connect with the highway about a block south of the underpass.

Aldermen said this Pine street plan would be necessary, at least at present, for one-way traffic handled by parallel streets. The Baldock proposal called for pairings of Norway and Shipping streets, North Capitol and Summer streets, South Commercial and Liberty streets and Court and Chemeketa streets to provide highway traffic through the city.

Some one-way traffic would remain necessary on approaches to the two one-way bridges in the Baldock plan which would change approach of present Center street bridge to overpass Front street and would add a two-lane bridge at Marion street, with similar overpass, each bridge for one-way traffic only.

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30 Feared Dead In Hospital Fire

EFFINGHAM, Ill., April 4—(AP)—Sisters of St. Ann's hospital said an undetermined number of persons are believed to have perished in a fire which destroyed the building late tonight.

A unidentified sister said 30 patients might have lost their lives in the blaze which broke out shortly before midnight. Nearly 15 others, she said, were badly injured in jumping from the four-story brick building.

A sister said normally about 100 patients are housed in the hospital and she believed there were that many in the institution when the fire swept through the brick structure.

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