West to Accept Russ Offer--If No Strings Attached

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Salem School Budget Jumps \$300,000

Fertilizer Plant May Vote Due Shanghai 50 Miles Process Army Ore On Extra

SEATTLE, April 26-(AP)-A \$5,-600,000 plant built at Salem, Ore., to produce aluminum from northwest clays may be used to process army ore stockpiles.

The plant is now operated by Columbia Metals for making ammonium sulphate fertilizer.

Pres. John R. Allen of Manganese Products Inc., reported his firm had been given 30 days to submit a price to the army on ferro-manganese production.

Allen said he would have the plant producing fertilizer and processing ferro-manganese at the same time. He said the army had a large stockpile of ore at Las Vegas, Nev. Eventually Manganese Products, Inc., would produce its own manganese ores

seems

in the Ladd & Bush bank build-

Why, it may be asked, should

people contribute for support of

these institutions? Why shouldn't

the state pay the bill and take it

out of our taxes? Of what concern

is it to people in this county for

(continued on editorial page)

Ship Shelling

attacked the labor government.

By WARREN GOODRICH

"I think it's about time the

county did something about

Stirs Debate

na's civil war.

ed are located elsewhere?

the state's contribution

Defense Hints At Romance In Spy Trial

Tuesday night at Salem that he

was unaware of the project. He said, however, that Manganese

Products, Inc., was one of the firms bidding for the plant.

of fertilizer still on hand. About

TO ME The defense hinted broadly today that Judith Coplon, 27, pretty former government worker, in-The annual meeting of the Oregon Chest held Monday in Salem tended to marry the Russian agent was a heartening affair. Men and with whom she was seized in an women gathered from many parts alleged espionage conspiracy. of the state to review the work

Defense counsel Archibald Palof the past year and plan ahead. The Oregon Chest, in case you mer gave this surprise twist to the do not know, is the vehicle which case as selection of the jury was completed in Miss Coplon's tworaises money for the support principally of eleven child-caring day-old espionage trial. Eight men agencies in the state. It shares in and four women including five government workers-were chos-

munity chests though the largest Accused with Miss Coplon in portion of such funds remain in the locality to support local instiseparate indictment in New York tutions. The Oregon Chest grew is Valentine A. Gubitchev. 32, a out of the Oregon War Chest which Soviet engineer and former United Nations employe. Gubitchev was raised money for the National War Fund during the late war. At the The Soviet embassy posted the meeting Monday Loyal Warner of released today on \$100,000 bail. Salem was reelected president; the huge bail. executive director is Irl S. Mc-

Step by step, Palmer asked the Sherry and the Chest has offices prospective jurors if they would have any prejudice in the follow- ities today. ing instances:

> Against a divorced person, or an American contemplating marrying a citizen of another country.

A. W. Metzger, manager of the lant for Columbia Metals, said plant for Columbia Metals, said

By Robert E. Gangware

City Editor, The Statesman Salem district school voters will Operations by Columbia Met- be asked to approve a tav levy als will cease Friday except for \$717,475 outside the 6 per cent the disposal of 800 to 1,000 tons increase limitation in a school election May 20, it was decided 15 of the crew of 65 will be kept Tuesday night by the district on until June 30 to sell the fer- school board and budget committilizer and maintain the plant. tee.

(The government opened four The \$717,475 necessary to balbids for the fertilizer plant sev- ance the school district budget for eral months ago, but none was the year 1949-50 compares with accepted although negotiations \$420,083 which was voted last continued for disposal of the year in excess of the limitation.

This levy if approved would result in an estimated tax of 41.7 mills, an increase of 5.7 mills over last year's actual levy of 36 mills. but the estimate is subject to revision depending upon the year's assessment valuations.

Bulk of the increase in the recommended levy for this year would said he was deeply disturbed bepermit buildings and grounds im- cause Johnson acted "so drasticprovements and repairs which ally and arbitrarily" without conhave been deferred since the war sultation with the navy. years and, in some cases, before, according to Superintendent Frank Base salaries for teachers and

administrators remain the same in this budget, but the cost of instruction is up some \$78,000 due to an expected 17 new teachers, increases in teacher tenure status and in cost of supplies. Figured in the budget as an

emergency fund item is a \$40,000 the amount estimated as possible receipts in federal aid under a new act now under consideration by congress. (Additional details on page 2.)

Portland San Francisco Chicage New York Chicage 74 85 95 New York 87 45 trace Willamette river 2.5 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem); Mostly eloudy today and tonight. High today near 78. Low tonight near 43. Weather will be favorable for most farm activties today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Ahead of Red Army

By Fred Hampson

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, April 27-(AP)-Communist - menaced Shanghai got more jitters today with the disruption of telephone service to Soochow (Wuhsien). It could mean the reds were within 50 miles of this great city.

The break came in mid-morning after red troops, boasting they already had crushed two Nationalist armies, were advancing southward to the west of Shanghai heading for Hangchow. **Sullivan Quits**

Cabinet Over

Carrier Dispute

WASHINGTON, April 26 -(AP)

John L. Sullivan resigned today as

secretary of the navy, firing a

roaring broadside at Secretary of

Defense Johnson for halting con-

struction of the navy's super-

The New Hampshire Irishman

Johnson dismissed Sullivan's

"I regret very much that my old

Sullivan's resignation, widely

so that twice they have sacrificed

SEN. LUCAS IN HOSPITAL

attack with a terse statement from

regret his action of today."

his office:

carrier, the USS United States.

Long-distance service to Soochow, 50 miles northwest of Shanghai, went out at 10:45 a. m. Communications officials said the

This could mean either of two things: Red troops already had

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, April 27 -(AP) - Communist forces have launched an intensive attack on Soochow (Wuhsien), the Shanghai garrison command announced today. The announcement said the reds - 10,000 strong - were attacking the key rail junction 50 miles west and slightly north of this nervous metropolis from two di-

moved down past Suchow or merely that communist guerillas operating in the area had cut the line. Shanghai which remained calm when the reds broke the Yangtze

friend and colleague, John L. Sul- river line, began to show signs of livan, has joined the aircraft car- panic. Business was almost at a rier issue on personal grounds, and standstill. The money market was I believe that he, too, will soon chaotic.

Nervousness increased as the United States and Great Britain expected since Johnson lowered moved heavier naval units out of the boom on the big flat-top Sat- the Whangpoo. They were anurday, came in an exchange of chored in the Yangtze to the north letters with President Truman.

Both of their communications were couched in the polite pattern

chored in the Yangtze to the north to avoid possible involvement in any fighting. protocol. But Sullivan cut loose More than 250 Americans and

his pent-up wrath in a letter to other nationals were getting out the new secretary of defense. He | Many more elected to stay. U. a said that navy planners consider headquarters packed up to move its construction "indispensable" economic administration associato the continuing development of to Canton, South China city now American sea power" - so much serving as the Nationalist capital. (The communist radio in Pei-

other construction to give it top ping announced that lives and property of foreign nationalists would be protected.)

WASHINGTON, April 26 - (AP) that he is in a hospital here for a way from the Yangtze to Hanggeneral checkup and rest. He ex-chow, 85 miles southwest of cattle-men at 11 a. m. pects to return to duty in two or Shanghai.

> government's 20th and 99th armies came after a long discussion. Marwere "wiped out." It asserted more ion County Judge Grant Murphy than 13,000 troops were "wiped cast the lone dissenting vote, He out" and an equal number cap- said he favored a general increase [ial)-The Woodburn school board Less Optimism in Germany

ricans in Shanghai.

Another group of Americans is liner Wilson, which is due tomor-

Gibby, Silver Crest, water color: Appeal of Ruling on constable and a \$1,250 budget for high and grade school facilities Marlyn Shelton, Stayton, and Richard Hayden, Roberts, forestry; and Doris Lane, Liberty, In-

Appeal of the case of the legality Irving building will be open Wed- of North Marion's Union high nesday from 5 to 10 p.m. There school district No. 6 to the state will be a bread baking demon- supreme court has been withdrawn stration at the Christian church and official note from Bartlett from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednes- Cole, attorney for the objectors, tary disclosed Tuesday.

Decision of Circuit Court Judge E. M. Page supporting the legal-William G. Gooding, Jack Murray and Edwin J. Miller.

The appeal was abandoned on agreement that a date would be set for voters to pass on dissolution of the district. The district election date for May 16.

of the Marion County district boundry board, threatened to hours, landing at 11:45 a.m. (PST) too. withdraw the dissolution election. to the cheers of their townspeople. Marion County Assessor Roscoe Abandonment of the appeal was

SCIO, April 26-Fire starting

Wistaria Unseats Porch Post U.S. Says



vine shown above has torn the post from its mountings and new clutches it firmly in snake-like colls. The vine is at the home of Miss Dora Phernetton, 1573 Bellevue st., where it was planted 20 years ago by her mother. Leaves and blossoms of the wisteria almost hide from view the porch when the vine is in full bloom, (States-

County Budgeters Okeh \$10 Raise for Employes

Staff Writer, The Statesman

Approval of a \$10 per month wage increase for Marion county employes and action on several departmental budgets marked the taken the position that they were first day's work of the Marion county budget committee which willing to discuss any German is-Tuesday sat down to form this county's 1949-50 budget.

The six-man committee will continue deliberations this morning The communist radio said red when three hearings are scheduled. They include hearings on the

columns had esptured Ihing and county agent's budget at 10 a. m., Aides of senate democratic leader Chingtai, about 80 miles west of Lucas of Illinois disclosed today that he is in a hospital here for a that he is in a hospital here for a that the is in a hospital here for a the Vangton to Hang-

> A communist broadcast heard 85 county employes and does not in Shanghai said the "bulk" of the include elective officials. The vote At Woodburn of \$15 per month in most cases and will conduct a public hearing at 8 In Germany, both Gen. Lucius (The location of this fighting more or less than this amount in

included those of the county assessor for about \$40,000 compared U. S. Consul John Cabot esti- with \$38,782 as the current budmated 100 Americans had boarded get; circuit court, \$23,265 commoval in an emergency. Most of er, \$1,635 compared with \$1,585; them were women and children. county court and commissioners, That still would leave 2,400 Ame- \$15,595 compared with \$15,878; county court house, \$17,264 compared with \$16,264; district attor-\$7,160; registrations and elections

\$18,895, compared with \$23,325. for the Jefferson justice district grade schools. Surveys of both Bonn, Stuttgart and Kassel becussed but not voted into com- building needs. A district meeting pletion were budgets for the coun- will be called later to cope with taken to a hospital. ty clerk and for the county health this problem.

Slated for probable balloting to- MEN RULE STAYTON P-TA

The pay increase affects about Meet Tonight

WOODBURN, April 26-(Specp.m. Wednesday at Lincoln school Clay and Robert D. Murphy, foron the district's proposed \$202,900 mer political advisor to the mili-Department budgets approved budget for the 1949-50 fiscal year, tary governor and now head of

by \$107,953. Only \$21,496 of this mism expressed at the state deyear's \$129,450 school tax levy partment in Washington. falls within the 6 per cent limit.

tendance and higher operating costs. The district also is faced western allies and Costs and Costs are the same of west costs. with losing \$40,000 of state basic school support funds because of ment Also approved was a \$255 budget non-standard conditions in its The

day will be budgets of the county STAYTON, April 26-(AP)-The sheriff's office and county jail and Parent-Teacher association here is district court. Judge Murphy was an all-male affair - - among offielected chairman of the committee and D. B. Hill of Mill City, secremond Frey; vice-president, Hal (Additional details on page 7) Reynolds; secretary, L. H. Burns; and treasurer, Harold Wodtly.

House Debates T-H Act Repeal

WASHINGTON, April 26-(AP)-Before packed galleries, the house plunged into stormy debate today over an administration bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley labor law. Rep. Lesinski (D-Mich), sponsor of the repeal measure, shouted that the present law was "Driven through congress" two years ago "In spirit of hysteria and venge-

But Rep. McConnell (R-Pa) told the house that the Lesinski bill atomic energy commission to protext atomic secrets from commun-

ist labor officials." House leaders said a final vote is not expected before late Friday.



These are pertinent questions. I'll try to answer them. As to state responsibility: the state does contribute at a fixed rate for support of court-committed children;

example, since the institutions aidexample, since the institutions aidexample, since the institutions aidexample are located elsewhere?

4-H Poster Awards Made at Show

and the legislature granted an increase in the rate this year. But LONDON, April 26-(AP)-Prime Minister Attlee promised parliamentary critics today Britain will "take every possible step" to pro-tect British subjects caught in Chi-The shelling of four British warships on the Yangtze river by communist artillerymen last week set off a parliamentary debate. Con-servative Leader Winston Churchill and many other legislators Labor members drowned out some questions with shouts that "The Tories (Conservatives) want **Animal Crackers**

Gene Fowler and Reba Smallwood, Marion coun- Shelton said he estimated it from an oil brooder stove destroyty's healthiest boy and girl, according to the would take about a year to ap- ed a brooder house and 310 sevencontest at Silverton Monday morning which opened the five-day praise all property in metropoli- teen-day-old poults at the M. annual 4-H Spring Show being held at Silverton. Gene is the son tan areas in the county and that Binkley place here Tuesday. Loss, of Mrs. Lillian Fowler of Bethany school and Reba is the daughter from four to five years would be estimated at \$750, was covered by of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smallwood of Keizer. Both youngsters are required to complete the appraisal National Turkey Federation in-13 years and in the seventh grade. (Statesman Farm photo).

SILVERTON, April 26 - Paul tured. Cooley, Hayesville, won grand champion honors in the health was not given. Presumably it was others. poster division at the 4-H clubs somewhere on the front around annual spring show here today. Nanking, red-occupied, Nationalist There were 394 entries in the capital.)

Cooley was entered in the 5th and 6th grade divisions. Reserve U. S. naval vessels here for re- pared with \$20,265; county coron-West Salem, winner in the 7th and 8th grade section. Second to Cooley in the lower grade division was Martha Anderson, Hayesville. Richard Hein, Cloverdale, was reserve champion in the expected to board the President ney's office, \$7,324 compared with upper division.

Other exhibit winners named row from Hong Kong. Tuesday were David Gilham, Union Hill, woodworking; Sharon termediate knitting. Judging of exhibits will be completed Thurs- Vote Withdrawn

Displays at the Washington

Entries in the spring show total

Reappraisal of City Property In County Due

A plan to appraise real property in Salem, Silverton and Woodburn for county tax purposes within the next year was revealed Tuesday.

"Tad" Shelton appeared before the in answer to the threat. Marion county budget committee Tuesday and sought a \$2,000 fund to have the job done. The money, 310 Poults Destroyed as he said, would pay expenses of two appraisers from the state tax Brooder House Burns commission, whose salaries would be paid by the commission.

on all rural property.

Objectors to the union had been California Endurance Fliers Land Plane After 6 Weeks Aloft FULLERTON, Calif., April 26- quickly embraced his wife, June,

Tired, but smiling and freshshaven, the two Fullerton airport employes were able to walk away left March 15. from their little Aeronca monoplane, "The Sunkist Lady," with-

out help. 36-year-old, graying Barris. "The them to Florida and back.

This is our last try." was first out of the plane. He years ago.

boundry board recently set the (A)-Six weeks of droning mono- and two children, Dickie, 10, in a tonously through the skies ended wheel-chair with arthritis, and After withdrawal action had today for Bill Barris and Dick Barbara, four. Barris' wife, Betty, would cut out a provision of the lagged Agnes C. Booth, secretary Riedel. They boosted the world's and their two children, Patty, two, present law "Which enabled the endurance flight record to 1,008 and Steven, one, were right there,

An estimated crowd of 8,000half of Fullerton's population and then some-turned out to welcome the boys back to the field they

Thus, after three previous unsuccessful attempts, Barris and Riedel became the first fliers to "We're pooped, but we'll be all stay up more than 1,000 hours right in a short time," said the consecutively. Their flying took

worst thing was the monotony of On April 14, they passed the the engine. It just about drove us previous endurance record of 726 crazy. We'd never try it again. hours set by Wes Carroll and Clyde Schlieper of Long Beach, His blond partner, Riedel, 34, Calif. The old mark was set 10

Siege End Possible By John M. Hightower \ WASHINGTON, April 26-(A)-The western powers vir-

tually accepted today Russia's public proposal to lift the blockade of Berlin in exchange for a four power comference on Germany. But 18 was made plain that the offer is accepted only if no secret strings are attached. A state department statement declared that if Moscow's policy actually stands as it was reported

in a dispatch by the Tass (Russian) news agency early foday "the way appears clear for a lifting of the blockade and a meeting of the council of foreign minis-At the same time, however, the was learned that the Russians have been told that the United States Britain and France do not intend to delay their plans for unifying

western Germany and creating German government, probably by Since some top officials believe that the real soviet purpose may be to upset these plans, it is still doubtful whether a real and final agreement on the Berlin blockade

will be reached. President Truman was in close touch with the developments, and there was no question but that he approved the state department action, as he does all major foreign policy steps. Philip Jessup, ambassador-at-large who had been conducting talks with the Russians, conferred with Mr. Truman on the problem this morning.

State Department Report

The 1,000-word state department report on the situation was issued here as a direct result of the Tass report. The Tass article said in substance that if a date can be agreed on by Russia and the west for a meeting of the big four councils of foreign ministers then "reciprocal restrictions on communications and trade could be lifted before the meeting.

This appeared to be a concession by the Kremlin, Freviously the Russians had insisted on prior settlement of outstanding currency issues in Berlin. On some occasions at least they had taken the position that a foreign ministers meeting should be held more or less simultaneously with the lifting of the blockade.

Western Position The western powers have long sues with the soviets - - after the lifting of the blockade.

The state department said negotiations have been under way since February 15 between Amhassador-at-Large Phillip Jessup for the United States and J. A. Malik, Russian representative on the

U. N. security council. Jessup himself appeared optimistic over chances of reaching an agreement with the Russians. After making a personal report to President Truman on his talks with Malik, Jessup told reporters "things look hopeful."

The hearing will precede a dis- the state department's German ditrict election Thursday from 2 to vision, took a wary attitude toward the soviet offer to lift the blockto exceed the 6 per cent tax limit ade. This was in contrast to opti-

BONN, Germany, April 26-(A)budget are due to increased at-The struggle among Frankfurt,

came so tense that Emil Neujean, the Breitenbush justice court. Dis- are being made to determine who coordinates claims of the capital candidates, collapsed and was