

Proposal Would Add Story to Court House

Discussion of a newly-proposed juvenile detention department which would add a story to the new Marion county courthouse monopolized the courthouse building commission meeting here Wednesday.

The top-floor quarters would require construction of only a partial story. Much of the space would be devoted to a solarium similar to that at the new Oregon state treatment hospital. This would expand fresh air and exercise facilities for the juveniles.

The plan also would separate juveniles from the jail and remove the stigma of convicts from them as one member put it.

Both jail and juveniles would be on the top floor if plans remained as they were. Under plans suggested a matron would have quarters on the top floor and be available for call with women prisoners below.

The new plan would add a sixth floor, including the basement to the new courthouse. It would enlarge the quarters for housing juvenile boys to 14 or 16 as compared with a capacity of eight in earlier plans. Space for girls would remain at four. Accommodations in the new jail were set for 80 men and 10 women.

Interest in space for mental cases was reduced from six to room for one man and one woman.

Sentiment prevailed among members that the new story can be added without exceeding the estimated estimate of \$1,500,000. It is hoped that floor space can be held to 100,000 square feet and building costs to about \$12 per square foot.

Grant Murphy, Marion county judge, requested that rough estimates be secured as soon as possible on the building's cost.

Minor changes in plans were made on recommendations to Architect Pietro Belluschi by the county clerk, assessor, recorder, treasurer and county judge. Revised plans will be submitted to all county officials.

Belluschi is studying the possibility of preserving the goddess of liberty now atop the courthouse tower, he said. Possibility of incorporating a clock in the new structure also is under study, the architect said.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Children used to write in copy-books: "The sun never sets on the British empire."

Now the sun doesn't rise on the old British empire, but the British flag still flies round the globe and the British king is still the symbol of a unity of nations. A few days ago Britain went through another of the metamorphoses that have enabled it to survive as a political going concern. The ties that bind were greatly relaxed and some were severed as with Ireland, but Britain has shown a remarkable adaptability to change, ever since the American colonists smacked George III in the snoot and got away with it.

The latest change in relations with overseas one-time segments of the empire was the adoption of "Commonwealth of Nations" as the title of the country which recognize the kind of Britain as the "emblem" of the free association of nations. No allegiance to the king is required. This change was made so that India, now an independent republic, could still be considered a member of the "club" Ireland of course severed the last tie, and South Africa under the Afrikaners (Dutch descendants) is restless. But by the rephrasing of language in the Statute of Westminster which transformed the British empire into the British Commonwealth of Nations, a continuity of relationship, tenuous though it be, is preserved. Canada is independent and Australia and New Zealand, but they still profess allegiance to the king.

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Woodworkers Sign Contract

Several shops in Salem that are not members of the Woodworkers Employers association have signed 1949 wage agreements calling for a 17 1/2 cents an hour increase. F. D. VanSwearingen, executive secretary of the Salem building trades council, said Wednesday.

Still idle are about 100 members of Millmen's local 1411 employed at four Salem firms belonging to the Woodwork Employers' association. Divisions of the firms employing millworkers closed April 16 following a strike by AFL millworkers at a Portland plant.

Band Fund Drive Tops Half Mark

Leaders of the parents' organization for Salem high school band and orchestra said Wednesday half the \$1,500 goal has been attained and a tag day will be held Saturday to further the campaign for funds to send the music groups to a state contest in Klamath Falls.

Band and orchestra members and their parents will meet at 7:30 tonight in the school cafeteria to make the tags for the Saturday solicitation.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Dulles Warns Senate Pact Vital to Peace

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—John Foster Dulles told senators in effect today that the decision for war or peace is in their hands.

Dulles, American delegate to the United Nations, testified to the senate foreign relations committee that "war is highly probable if the United States does not ratify the North Atlantic security treaty."

Under the constitution, treaties must be ratified by the senate before they become effective.

Dulles reasoned that failure of the United States to ratify the pact would be regarded by some of the other 12 signing nations as repudiation of the American attitude toward mutual defense, causing them to change their plans.

"Out of that would come a war," he asserted.

He did not specify what nations he thought would revise their security precautions in the event the United States failed to ratify the treaty.

Dusting Rate For 1949 Set \$3.15 Per Acre

The Polk County Dusting Cooperative has established \$3.15 per acre as the 1949 crop dusting charge. Charles Ross, president has announced.

Ross states that this charge includes the cost of dust delivered to the plane and the application by airplane. Surplus funds at the close of the year's business will be refunded to members of the cooperative on an average basis. In 1948 growers were refunded 66 cents per acre out of the original \$3.60 charge.

Contracts for dust application has been let to Joe Card and Evan Egan of Dallas and Ace Flying service at Salem.

Ross reminds all Austrian pea and hairy vetch growers that grower contracts are now available. Contracts may be signed with the county or directly with the county extension office in Dallas.

Directors are Charles Ross, Dallas; John Dickerson, Independence; Wesley Shenk, Willamina; Gerald Freeman, Rickfall; and Wiley Gardner, Dallas. (See Farm Pages 6 and 7.)

Frost Forecast In Salem Area

Local frosts are predicted for tonight and early Friday morning in the Salem area by the U. S. weather bureau at McNary's field.

Temperatures are expected to rise higher today to about 68 degrees. A low reading of near 34 degrees is expected tonight. The weather bureau reported early this morning.

The anticipated 17.5 foot crest for the Willamette river at Salem failed to materialize. The waters crested late Tuesday at 14 1/2 feet and the river continued to fall all day Wednesday.

Smoke, Gas Thwart Attempts To Rescue 4 Trapped Miners

GIRARDVILLE, Pa., May 4—(AP)—Smoke and gas fumes tonight drove back rescue workers attempting to reach four miners trapped 800 feet underground in a burning anthracite mine.

Four large fans were in operation, attempting to clear away the smoke and fumes.

Members of a rescue crew stood by ready to go into the mine with a fog nozzle attached to a fire hose. It is hoped the fog will help disperse the smoke.

A member of the crew said earlier tests showed a monoxide content of the fumes as high as 10 per cent and that usually one-half of one per cent proved fatal.

"We haven't the least idea of whether the men are dead or alive," said the company spokesman. "We are just hoping."

The miners were trapped shortly before last midnight in the No. 5 colliery of the Gilbertson Coal company, two miles from this eastern Pennsylvania hard coal community.

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Not a sound or sign has come from them. Fire cut off the mine's communications system. Voices don't carry beyond the first level, 300 feet below the surface.

Several rescue workers, wearing asbestos suits and gas masks, went down the smoking shaft. They reached 500 feet but smoke forced them back.

Fire broke out while only the small night force of eight men was underground. Four miners, partially overcome by smoke and gas, reached the surface safely. But four were trapped as dense smoke collected in the damp, dark tunnels.

Officials reported the fire halted operation of all water pumps. This raised the fear the entombed men may drown in the rising waters.

Trapped are William Kelly, 49, and Joseph Wowak, 34, both of Shennandoah, and Raymond Eye, 35, and William O'Brien, 53, of Girardville.

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End of Berlin Blockade Set for May 12

Surprise Reversal Junks Wood's Bill By Narrow Margin

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—The Wood labor bill to re-enact most of the Taft-Hartley law was junked today as the house sent it back to committee by the hair's breadth margin of 212 to 209.

This surprise reversal of yesterday's vote by which the house accepted the bill, 217 to 203, was hailed by Truman democrats as a tactical victory.

But all sides recognized that the victory was tactical only. It left the Taft-Hartley act, bitterly denounced by President Truman and labor unions, still on the statute books.

On the senate side today, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) introduced a bill to "retain the best features of the Taft-Hartley law." He said it would preserve 22 important provisions while making 28 changes.

Today's tense vote in the house was the climax to months of maneuvering and bitter fighting. The administration had produced a bill, known as the Thomas-Lesinski measure, to repeal the Taft-Hartley act and revive the Wagner act with some changes.

Deciding that this measure had no chance in the house, Speaker Rayburn produced a compromise yesterday. This would have retained some major features of the Taft-Hartley act, notably the 80 day injunctions to stall off "national emergency strikes."

The house rejected even this compromise yesterday. Then it approved the Wood bill, sponsored by Rep. Wood (D-Ga.) and backed by a strong coalition of northern republicans and southern democrats.

But the vote for it was not final. Overnight Rep. Priest (D-Tenn.), the democratic whip or assistant leader, worked feverishly as did other administration members. The result was today's reversal, an annihilation of cheers from the administration side and solemn silence from the other camp.

Communists Press Central China Attack

By the Associated Press

Chinese government forces were reported preparing Wednesday to abandon Hankow before the growing peril of a communist envelopment to the southeast which threatens to isolate that central China fortress.

A Chinese communist broadcast from Peiping announced the capture of Loping, only 80 miles northeast of Nanchang. The communists said government soldiers were in flight before them and that most of the national 68th army -- possibly 20,000 men -- was wiped out.

The capture of Nanchang, Kiangsi province capital, would expose to attack the railway from Hankow to South China. Nanchang is 165 miles east of the railway and an equal distance southeast of Hankow.

Previous reports had said most of the officials of Kiangsi province already had fled from Nanchang.

Reliable reports to Canton, in South China, said Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi, commander in central China, would move his headquarters from Hankow to Changsha within 48 hours. Changsha, capital of Hunan province, is 200 miles south of Hankow.

Travelers from Changsha said the hard-pressed Pai had sent three divisions of his 200,000-man forces south to prevent Gen. Cheng Chien, governor of Hunan province, from making peace with the Reds.

General Cheng has been represented as favoring a peace deal with the communists similar to that by which Peiping was surrendered.

Hankow faced imminent isolation without the advance of Red columns.

Firebug Fireman Says Sirens Sooth Heart, Cool Nerves

SEATTLE, May 4—(AP)—A former volunteer fireman has confessed he set four fires in a partly built high school building because the sound of the siren soothes his nerves, county detectives said today.

Detectives Gordon Sandell and Harold Wieland identified the man as Richard (Ace) Brundage, 22. He was arrested and held without charge. The detectives quoted him as explaining:

"Whenever I am lying around not working, my heart starts acting up. I get nervous and lose consciousness. The sound of the siren cools my nerves."

Sheridan Church Sued for \$110,000 By Former Pastor

SHERIDAN, May 4—The Rev. George B. Forrester, former pastor of the Christian church here, is suing local church officials for \$110,000 damages, a court filing in Portland showed today.

Forrester resigned the pastorate last winter after a dispute with five church officials. He maintains his telephone was disconnected, the basement padlocked so he couldn't get fuel, and repair of frozen water pipes was rejected by the elders.

Forrester asks \$50,000 for injury to his reputation, \$50,000 for punitive damages and \$10,000 for injury to his credit standing in Sheridan.

Baby Recovering From Head Wound

PORTLAND, May 4—(AP)—A three-year-old girl, shot when she got hold of her state policeman father's pistol, was recovering in a hospital here today.

Karen Lee Wadsworth, daughter of State Policeman William Wadsworth, was flown here by chartered plane from her Medford home. She was shot in the head late yesterday while she and a 4-year-old cousin played with her father's pistol.

A grandmother, Mrs. Emma L. Wadsworth of Salem, met the plane here and rushed Karen to a hospital. Attendants said today the lot was not in critical condition.

New York Couple Expected Triplets, Got 2 Boys, 2 Girls

NEW YORK, May 5—(AP)—Quadruplets—two boys and two girls—were born to a Bronx mother late today.

Lebanon hospital, where they were born, said the mother is Mrs. Ethel Collins. The hospital said "everything's under control."

The odds against quadruplet births is one to 551,271. An average of about three sets a year are born alive in the United States.

"My, how wonderful," Mrs. Collins said when told of the multiple births.

The babies were placed in an incubator and were reported "doing well."

The father said the babies will be named Andrew Raymond, Edward Charles, Linda Carol and Barbara Ellen.

Mrs. Collins was admitted to the hospital about two weeks ago. An examination indicated that she might bear triplets. The hospital said, but the possibility of quadruplets was considered remote.

Said the father:

Amity Marks End of Blockade Conference



NEW YORK, May 4—United States Ambassador-at-Large Phillip C. Jessup (second from right) and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jakob A. Malik shake hands at the conclusion of a conference here today to end the Berlin blockade. Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan (left) and Jean Chauvel watch. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Efforts to Head Off Strike Fail

DETROIT, May 4—(AP)—Ford and the CIO United Auto Workers failed tonight to head off a strike of 65,000 workers set for noon tomorrow.

Another last-minute conference was set for 9 a.m. (6 a.m. PST) tomorrow, three hours ahead of the strike deadline.

Union leaders said no progress had been made toward settling a speed-up dispute at the company's sprawling Rouge plant.

The company said "nothing was settled" at today's sessions. It added that tomorrow's parley was called at the union's request.

A Rouge plant strike would directly affect 65,000 workers but since it manufactures many parts vital to operations in 48 other plants across the nation, the company said its other factories would be forced to close in two weeks or less.

John S. Bugas, Ford vice president in charge of industrial relations, headed the company negotiations at the eleven-hour conference. Secretary-treasurer Emil Mazey led the union delegation.

UAW President Walter Reuther did not attend despite Bugas' invitation.

As the talks opened, the UAW held fast to Reuther's charges of company "double dealing, bad faith and speed-up in violation of contract."

Bugas, denying any quickening of the assembly line pace, said he was not accusing Reuther of bad faith.

Almost lost by the unexpected and bigger Rouge plant developments was a scheduled walkout of 3,500 workers at Ford's Lincoln-Mercury plant here. That also is set for tomorrow noon and stems from a similar speed-up dispute.

Detriot Project Fund Included In Senate Study

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—Federal funds for flood control and river bank protection on the Willamette river and the Detroit reservoir were included in the \$87,665,800 earmarked by a senate appropriations subcommittee today.

Oregon would get the major share of appropriations approved—a total of \$70,521,500. Biggest single item was \$40,000,000 for the McNary lock and dam on the Columbia river near Damulla.

Breakdown on the projects, with the army engineers' distribution of house-approved funds in parentheses included:

Rivers and harbors—Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, \$163,800 (\$11,000); Yaquina Bay and harbor, \$35,000 (\$24,000); and Depoe Bay, \$442,000 (none).

Flood control—Detroit reservoir, \$11,300,000 (\$8,408,200); Willamette river (bank protection) \$500,000 (\$372,100); Dorena reservoir, \$2,924,000 (\$2,175,700); Fern Ridge reservoir, \$208,000 (\$154,800).

The subcommittee's report goes next to the full appropriations committee where amounts for individual projects stand a chance of being decreased. After senate and house differences are adjusted the bill will be returned to both chambers for final action. The bill also includes funds for projects in Washington, Alaska and Idaho.

Ingrid Rejoins Husband, Ends Italy Romance

ROME, May 4—(AP)—Ingrid Bergman said today she will rejoin her physician husband, Dr. Peter A. Lindstrom, after completing the film "God's Earth."

The ash-blond Swedish star, putting at uneasy rest reports of a romance between her and Roberto Rossellini, Italian director-partner in that film, cabled her statement from Messina, Sicily, "for the protection of my family."

The family is made up of herself, Lindstrom and their daughter, Pia, 10. The statement was issued through the Rome office of Radio-Keith-Orpheum, the company which is backing the film.

Miss Bergman did not explicitly deny Rome newspaper declarations that she had planned to divorce Lindstrom in order to marry Rossellini, but said she and her husband "discussed and clarified our situation." She said she planned to join Lindstrom later in their native Sweden or the United States.

Portland to Host Silverton to Host Portland Chamber

SILVERTON, May 4—(Special)—Silverton's Chamber of Commerce entertained 50 visiting chamber members from Portland today with a tour of the city and a luncheon at Silver Falls state park.

The visitors arrived at 11:30 a.m. and inspected Silverton plants before leaving for the park. Welcoming them were Victor Runyan, Silverton chamber president, and Glenn Briedwell, chairman of the reception committee.

The group returned to Silverton at 4 p.m. by way of the Waldo Hills district and went directly to Mt. Angel where they were guests of that chamber at a special banquet.

Bandit Robs Store

PORTLAND, May 4—(AP)—A slender young man described as extremely nervous held up the Pacific drug store in midtown tonight and fled with about \$200.

The store was closed at 11:30 p.m. and the robbery was reported at 12:15 a.m.

The bandit was described as being about 25 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with dark hair and eyes, wearing a dark suit and tie.

He was armed with a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver and a .45 Smith & Wesson pistol.

He threatened the store manager and employees and fled with the money.

The store manager reported the robbery to the police.

The police are searching for the bandit.

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Cold War Eased by Decision

By Francis W. Carpenter

NEW YORK, May 4—(AP)—Soviet Russia and the western powers agreed today to end the Berlin blockades May 12 and to discuss currency and other German issues at a council of foreign ministers meeting in Paris May 23.

These decisions were reported in official and unofficial quarters here after reports from the Soviet Union, France, Britain, and the United States met behind closed doors for an hour and a half.

The dates were not officially announced but a source in touch with the situation said they were agreed upon and will be announced in a communique from the four-power capitals tomorrow at 8 a.m. (4 a.m. PST).

The British were said to have urged the Russians to end their blockade May 9, with the western powers listing their counter-blockade at the same time. The Russians, who originally wanted a date in June, replied they could not do so because there was not enough time to notify their local commanders. So May 12 finally was agreed upon.

The conference of the four powers envoys was the first time all four powers had met on the problem since their ambassadors failed to find an answer last summer.

The Paris meeting will be the seventh session of the council of foreign ministers formed in the closing days of the second World War. The last meeting was in London from Nov. 25 to Dec. 15, 1947. At that time the ministers did not even agree on what to talk about and General George C. Marshall, then secretary of state, broke up the meeting with a suggestion the ministers adjourn.

The Soviet Union shortly afterwards began its restrictions in Berlin and the western powers stepped up the pressure to set up a western German government.

The Berlin blockade finally was put on by the Russians last June 19. The western powers quickly retaliated with a counter-blockade and with the airlift. The airlift has given about 2 1/2 million and British lives and more than \$150,000,000 from the U. S. treasury.

The currency issue goes back before the blockade. The west tried to agree with Russia on the money to use in Berlin. They could not agree on the terms of a western zone "B" mark in Berlin.

This and other factors made the Russians angry and they retaliated with the full blockade in June. The reasons given by the Russians were that controls were necessary to prevent infiltration of western currency into their zone of Berlin and of Germany. Actually, some western leaders said, the Russians hoped to squeeze the western powers out of Berlin and used the currency issue as an excuse.

Latvian Asked To Take State Hospital Post

The State Board of Control, by long distance telephone, Wednesday extended an invitation to Dr. K. Apinis, Latvian eye specialist and general practitioner who was displaced from his native Latvia by the Russians and then by the Germans, to come to Oregon.

He would be assigned to a position on the medical staff of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. Dr. Apinis is now employed as a civilian with the American army of occupation in Germany.

Dr. Donald Ware, eastern Oregon state hospital superintendent, said he was advised that Dr. Apinis desires to come to Oregon. Both Gov. McKay and State Treasurer Walter Pearson agreed that Dr. Apinis would prove a valuable addition to the eastern Oregon state hospital medical staff.

In event his reply is favorable, Dr. Apinis and his wife would be brought here as displaced persons.

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