

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Washington isn't the only place with a "bipartisan" policy. Salem has one, too, at the statehouse. The republican secretary of state deserted the republican governor to team with the democratic state treasurer in ousting two tried and experienced tax commissioners in favor of two without experience. Secretary Newby cites as proof there was no deal the fact that he wouldn't join Pearson in appointing Rep. Howard Morgan to the office. An effective barrier however was the constitutional prohibition against appointing a legislator to an office where the salary had been increased, as is true of tax commissioner.

Newby's first choice for commissioner was Robert C. Gile of Roseburg, who ran into the same road block, as member of the legislature. Gile is best remembered over the state as chairman of the House tax committee (under Speaker Hall's appointment) which brought out the abolition of a tax program in the 1947 session, the key of which was a sales tax which the people promptly smacked down. I would put Gile above ever a good many notches above any Smith, Portland politician-out-town, who got the appointment.

Our bipartisan policy at the statehouse embraces also a "biparty" policy. For example a party was held at Newport during the recent crab festival. Present were republicans John H. Hall and Secretary Newby and democrats Treasurer Pearson and Senator Tom Mahoney, and other politics. Whether the tax commission deal was cooked there along with crabs I don't know. I understand they looked farther ahead and touted.

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Salem Joins Metropolitan Market List

Salem, with an estimated population of 52,800 joins the select list of "Metropolitan County Areas" of the nation, in the new \$56-page annual "survey of buying power" issued by Sales Management of New York City.

It is the only Oregon city outside of Portland, so included. There are 178 cities on the list. The table on the nation's top 200 counties in regard to gross cash farm income shows Marion 72nd on the list, with Umatilla in 84th and Malheur in 155th as the only other Oregon counties recorded.

For Oregon as a whole, estimates give it 1.05 per cent of the nation's total population, but 1.15 per cent of retail sales last year.

The survey estimated Salem had increased 1300 persons since last year. The Salem chamber of commerce Tuesday said it had the names and addresses of more than 400 new families moving to Salem since January 11.

Ford Back-to-Work Plan Turned Down

DETROIT, May 17—(AP)—A Ford proposal that would have sent all but 5,000 of the company's 102,000 strike-idled employees back to work within a few days was turned down today by the CIO United Auto workers.

Ford suggested that the union call off its strike in all the sprawling units of the company's key Rouge plant except the "B" building. It also said the Lincoln-Mercury plant here could remain strike-bound.

PTA HEAD NAMED

ST. LOUIS, May 17—(AP)—Mrs. John E. Hayes, a trim little grandmother from Twin Falls, Idaho, was elected president of the national congress of parents and teachers tonight. Mrs. Hayes polled 682 of the 690 votes cast by delegates attending the 32nd annual convention of the congress.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Tell me about yourself, Baby—you must be beautiful."

NEW YORK, May 17—(AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. won a seat in congress tonight in a triumphant battle with Tammany hall which his father fought early in his political career 35 years ago.

The lanky, handsome young scion of one of the nation's famous political families was the first of the last president's children to run for office.

He piled up such a commanding lead in the 20th congressional district special election that his democratic foe conceded defeat an hour after the polls closed.

Roosevelt, running on the liberal and four freedoms parties tickets after Tammany denied him the democratic nomination, garnered 41,166 votes in the 20th district's 179 voting districts.

Municipal Court Justice Benjamin H. Shalleck, who got the Tammany nod, received 24,352 votes.

William H. McIntyre, republican, won 10,020. Annette Rubinstein, American Labor, trailed with 5,348.

The bitterly fought contest, which kept Manhattan's west side in an uproar for a month, was for the seat of the late Sol Bloom, veteran democrat.

Roosevelt assailed Tammany throughout his campaign but at the same time he announced his support of President Truman's fair deal program, with emphasis on housing and civil rights.

He described himself as a 100 per cent democrat and is expected to try to serve under that party label in congress. His term runs until the next regular election in November, 1950.

The democratic national chairman, U. S. Sen. J. Howard McGrath, put the national administration behind Shalleck in the campaign. State Democratic Chairman Paul E. Fitzpatrick followed suit.

The defeat was a sharp blow to Tammany, which is facing a city election next November snubbed by Mayor William O'Dwyer. Tammany also is smarting from a drubbing in an important Manhattan surrogate fight last year.

Earlier the assembly approved the A section giving Britain a trusteeship over Crete, where the British were reported planning to build military bases on the Mediterranean coast.

The whole resolution still had to be voted upon.

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Student Held For Bombing Parents' Home

PORTLAND, May 17—(AP)—A University of Washington student was held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation tonight in the bombing of his parents' Vancouver, Wash., home.

In an exchange of letters, the president said he agreed with Wallgren that the nomination would have been confirmed if his name had been allowed to go before the full senate.

"I want you to know that my faith in you is undiminished," Mr. Truman told Wallgren, former Washington state governor and his one-time associate in the senate.

The family also had been subjected to food poisoning January 1 in which both parent and a daughter, Marie, were stricken.

Aged Man Pulled From Calapooia

ALBANY, Ore., May 17—(AP)—An elderly man who was discovered walking into the Calapooia river and pulled ashore by men working nearby was in a hospital here tonight.

Police Chief James Beverly said the man gave his name as Walter G. Wright of Albany, but this has not been confirmed. The chief said the aged man was in the water up to his armpits when discovered by Hayden Brown.

Workers from the Albany ice and cold storage plant helped in the rescue.

Break Ground for Stayton Hall



STAYTON—Business men and students are shown pitching in to dig foundation for Stayton's new community hall at a ground breaking ceremony Monday. The hall will be financed by funds derived from the annual Stayton bean festival, past and future. Roy Phillips is chairman of the building committee. (Photo by Bob Hagen.)

Texas Floods, Tornados Leave 13,200 Homeless; Eight Known Dead From Storms

Decorated



Lucius D. Clay

General Clay Honored for Berlin Service

WASHINGTON, May 17—(AP)—Four-star General Lucius D. Clay returned to a hero's welcome at the White House and on Capitol Hill today to crown the historic accomplishments of the Berlin airlift.

From President Truman, the trim, mild-eyed military commander received a second oak leaf cluster and a spoken accolade for services "of supreme value to his country and to humanity."

Then, before packed spectators' galleries, Gen. Clay addressed the U. S. house of representatives and was hailed by Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) in these words: "An old friend has come home from his labors, which have been stupendous and great."

It was just short of 11 months ago, on June 26, 1948, that Gen. Clay as German military governor in Germany signalled the beginning of the Berlin air shuttle that was destined to break the Soviet blockade and mark a memorable turn in the cold war with Russia.

Congress members stood and applauded as Gen. Clay walked down the long center aisle in the dim-lit house chamber, and there were cheers and whistles from the floor.

Spain Suffers Second Blow; Loan Rejected

WASHINGTON, May 17—(AP)—Spain suffered a second sharp setback today as officials said the United States has turned down Madrid's informal request for a multi-million dollar loan.

The development came less than 24 hours after the United Nations assembly rejected proposals for ending a diplomatic boycott of the Franco government.

Responsible administration officials said both the state department and the government's export-import bank have refused to consider—at least for the present—the loan plea made by a visiting Spanish official.

The Spanish representative, Andres Moreno was informed, these officials said, that Spain's present financial situation makes her a poor credit risk.

MONMOUTH ON DAYLIGHT

MONMOUTH, May 17—(Special)—Mayor Howard Moran announced today that Monmouth would go on daylight saving time Monday at 12:01 a. m. joining other Willamette valley cities which have adopted fast time.

SEEK HIT-RUN DRIVER

ROSEBURG, May 17—(AP)—Police sought today a motorist believed to have killed Mrs. Sybil Florine Nichols, 35, whose body was found in a roadside ditch between Sutherlin and Oakland yesterday.

THE WEATHER

Loc.	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	63	47	.00
Portland	58	47	.00
San Francisco	60	46	.00
Chicago	62	50	.00
New York	78	52	.00

Willamette river 4.2 feet. FORECAST from the U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Considerable cloudiness this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Highest temperature today, near 60; lowest tonight near 46. Conditions favorable for most farm activities today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to May 18)
This Year 48.06 (Last Year) 44.87 (Average) 35.51

'No' Vote Blow to Russians

BERLIN, May 17—(AP)—About a third of the Germans voting in the single ticket central elections behind the iron curtain have upset forecasts and dropped a big "no" in the ballot box, official communist figures disclosed today.

A total of 4,080,272 votes was registered in opposition. Berlin's communists appeared dazed by the results of the Sunday and Monday election of 2,000 delegates to a "People's Congress."

A Soviet-model parliament which they had expected would show an almost solid "yes" vote.

A quick wrapping of official secrecy had covered the results for nearly 24 hours after the polls closed when the Soviet zone election bureau finally issued these figures.

Eligible to vote, 13,533,071; total vote, 12,887,234; total "yes" vote, 7,943,949; total "no" vote, 4,080,272.

Even the figure of 66.1 per cent voting yes appeared not entirely correct. The election bureau apparently counted the more than 800,000 invalid ballots to reach that percentage figure. Actually, only slightly more than 60 per cent of those voting cast "yes" ballots.

In eastern Berlin the result was even more emphatic. There 41.9 per cent voted against the ticket, 58.1 per cent for it.

The conditions of the voting had led observers to expect a 90 per cent or better "yes" vote. There was only one list of candidates, all screened by communist organization. The voter could not write in his own preference.

The election campaign had been tuned to catch the votes of the nationalistic German, regardless of any coolness he might feel toward communism, even former Nazis had been urged to vote.

Chinese Reds Drive in South; Shanghai Held

By The Associated Press

The communist tide surged against Shanghai again Wednesday from east, north and west.

On other Chinese war fronts, free-wheeling raids were reported 87 miles from the southeast part of Foochow and only 225 miles from Canton, nationalist refugee capital.

Shanghai's newly exploded eastern sector was getting the brunt of the renewed assault as the reds reacted to setbacks at Woosung on the north and Lungwha on the south.

Pressing in an almost encircled Shanghai from the China sea side, the reds were concentrating on Pootung dock and warehouse area across the Whangpoo river from the famed bund. The springboard was Chwanhsia, 12 miles from the river.

The reds also began hammering again on Woosung, guardian of the ship channel to the sea, and sprawling Hung Jao on the city's western outskirts. For the moment at least, they seemed to have given up the attack on Lungwha, site of Shanghai's big international airport.

FOREST FIRE SPREADS

ROSEBURG, May 17—(AP)—A forest fire that has spread over 800 acres is not expected to be under control before Sunday. The fire, apparently started by lightning last week, is in the old Beaver Creek burn in rough mountains east of Tillier. More than 200 loggers and forest service men are cutting timber in a five-mile perimeter in front of the fire in hopes of stopping it there.

SCIO JOINS FAST TIME

SCIO, May 17—This community has also decided to join the growing list of Willamette valley towns going on daylight saving time. Clocks here will be advanced at midnight on Wednesday, May 18, when this towns moves to the fast-time schedule.

Uranium-235 Missing At Atom Energy Plant

WASHINGTON, May 17—(AP)—The Atomic Energy commission announced tonight that a small quantity of uranium-235 was missing for a time from one of its laboratories, but that most of it has now turned up in waste material from the lab.

Moreover, it said the remainder is not believed stolen or lost. A search for it is continuing in the salvage material from the laboratory.

All told 32 grams (1.05 ounces) was originally found to be missing from the commission's Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago. Of that, 25 grams have been accounted for.

The commission issued its statement after a flurry of reports that a larger quantity of the precious stuff of which atom bombs are made had disappeared.

The first report, that three quarters of a pound of the uranium had disappeared, had caused considerable excitement in the capital.

Last March, Mexican secret police reported that a capsule of uranium 235 had been found on the person of a Mexican crossing the border from the United States.

However, Attorney General Francisco Gonzales De La Vega later said that the material was not uranium 235.

At Frankfurt, Germany, on April 29, nine Germans were arrested for allegedly trying to sell four and a half pounds of uranium ore for 10,000,000 Deutschmarks (\$3,000,000).

An army spokesman said the arrests followed six weeks of investigation but the source of the mineral had not been discovered.

Bad Weather Thwarts Hunt for 'Plane Wreck'

Bad weather Tuesday thwarted attempts of searchers to find reported wreckage of an airplane spotted in the Cascade mountains southeast of Detroit.

Marion County Sheriff Denver Young and a representative of the state aeronautics board were forced to turn back after flying as far as Gates. Young said another attempt will be made when weather permits.

C. W. Nelson, of the state aeronautics department here, said the object under investigation is located near the top of a high mountain southeast of the Detroit damsite and in Linn county.

Three persons have reported what appears to be a wrecked plane, Nelson said. These include Marion County deputy Sheriff Lawrence Wright, and two engineers employed in surveying operations at the Detroit damsite.

Nelson said the wreckage, if it is such, could be one of three planes unaccounted for during the past few years. A ground crew did not attempt to reach the spot Tuesday but such a crew may be used later.

Columbia River To Go Higher, Area Warned

By The Associated Press

The lower Columbia river swelled further today, but upstream the danger was believed about past in two tributaries.

The Kootenai river, which came within six inches of spilling over dikes at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, was believed to have reached its crest. The St. Joe river at St. Maries, Idaho, also was believed to have crested.

More, the Snake river level at Lewiston yesterday, a foot below the flood level.

The weather bureau at Portland warned the lower river area, however, that the Columbia crest would be higher than anticipated earlier. They warned of a 23.8-foot level at Vancouver, Wash., by Saturday. Earlier a 22-foot crest had been expected. Flood stage is 15 feet.

Except for last year's disastrous 30-foot flood, it was the highest flood level in 15 years—and forecasts did not say that this would be the peak.

In the upper valley a dozen homes were flooded near Okanogan, and a thousand acres inundated near Tonasket.

Hard rains complicated the dike-strengthening operations near Bonner Ferry, washing out or making nearly impassable some secondary forest service roads near the dikes.

With the Snake river crest not certain, the Portland weather bureau told the lower Columbia area that "the outlook is not quite as good" as earlier believed.

At that the expected 23.8-foot level at Vancouver on Saturday will be more than six feet under last year's flood.

At Kalama, Wash., a single mill and a plywood plant were closed by high water.

Rainfall Of Foot at Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 17—(AP)—Floodwaters from a 12-inch cloudburst left 13,200 people homeless, six known drowned, and two missing today.

The figure on homeless came from a Red Cross survey. The flood, latest result of a series of storms which ravaged parts of the Texas panhandle and North Texas, cut off the city's water supply.

Army Sends Aid Two 500 gallon an hour water purification units were being rushed here from the army's Camp Hood. The state health department said it was sending 10,000 units of typhoid vaccine.

Dallas sent eight 1,500-gallon water trucks here to haul drinking water, and two big pumping station motors.

Flooding was greatest here on West Seventh street, a mile and a half from downtown, and in the heart of the automobile, used car, and trailer court business district. Water in spots was as deep as 18 feet.

The high waters, rolling down the Trinity river, threatened the lowlands of Dallas, 30 miles to the east.

Tornado Lashes Elsewhere in Texas a tornado lashed early tonight at the county seat of four miles northwest of Spur, Tex. In the south plains, Mrs. W. S. Camel, wife of a farmer, all home operator, said two persons were killed, and eight injured. As the rains struck here last night another tornado was hitting the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, killing a farmer in Oklahoma and injuring three at Stratford, Tex.

Fourteen persons were treated in Fort Worth hospitals today for shock and exposures.

Leaves Break Four major levees broke here as muddy, debris-filled water rose rapidly in this city of 340,000 people. Texas' third largest. The crest came about 10 a. m. and for several hours water dropped at about a foot an hour.

But levees in the eastern part of the city and in a section east of the downtown area were still threatened.

Police Chief Bob Dyser estimated that a tenth of the city's land area was under water.

City Manager W. O. Jones said it would be at least four days before water pumps could be dried and relieve the paralyzed water supply.

Travel Halted The torrential rains began late last night and continued until about dawn, accompanied by severe lightning. Every stream and arroyo burst its banks. But the greatest damage was done by the west fork of the Trinity river. The main river overflowed in lowlands at Dallas, where the U. S. weather bureau warned a major flood threatened.

Automobile travel downtown from west and north sections of Fort Worth was stopped by high water. The Texas and Pacific railroad started a shuttle train service to the north and west sections.

Homeless found food, clothing, shelter and medical attention at the city's huge Will Rogers Memorial coliseum, at coliseum exhibit buildings, at schools, churches, and the Craswell air force base.

About 1,200 persons sought shelter at the coliseum during the afternoon. The Red Cross said it was planning to house and feed them. It increased its relief grant to \$50,000.

Judge Orders Eisler Bonds Forfeiture

WASHINGTON, May 17—(AP)—A federal judge today ordered the forfeiture of \$20,000 in bonds posted by communist Gerhart Eisler.

A stay-in-lieu bench warrant for the arrest of the fugitive from England, if and when he is extradited from England also was issued by U. S. District Judge James W. Morris.

Judge Morris signed orders declaring that Eisler, alleged former No. 1 communist who skipped the country May 4, is a stowaway on the Polish liner Batory, is ineligible for further freedom on bail while his appeals are pending in two criminal cases here.

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Dysentery Cases Up In Marion County Area

Dysentery cases totaling 20 in Salem and 58 in institutions were reported for the week just ended by Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county health officer. Cases of mumps jumped to 10 from four reported the previous week within Salem. Measles continued at last week's rate with 51 cases again reported. About half of them were in other parts of the county.

Fedje Slates Talks At High Schools

Dr. R. A. Fedje, district superintendent of the Methodist Church here, is slated to deliver the baccalaureate sermons at two high schools next Sunday May 22 and a commencement address at a third school in June.

The sermons will be given at Milwaukie high school at 2:30 p. m. and at Halsey high school at 8 p. m. The commencement address will be delivered at Silverton high school on June 1 at 8 p. m.

Baseball Scores

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Salem—Spokane, rain.
At Tacoma—Bremerton 2.
At Victoria 3, Vancouver 11.
At Wenatchee, Yakima 11.

Word Due Today on Highway Funds

It is considered probable, however, that provision will be included for the rerouting of traffic on 99E through Salem. The by-pass route will be postponed because of its cost.

Mayor Elstrom thanked the commission for the work of Engineer Baldock and his staff in preparing the plan and said that while there had been opposition to certain features the council had voted to cooperate with the commission, and that other organizations had approved the general plan.

City Manager Franzen then outlined the step-by-step resolution adopted by the city council and furnished maps showing changes proposed for north Salem entrance of 99E.

Charles A. Sprague, who had previously urged the bridge location on Division street, reported

that the long range planning commission had concurred in the Baldock recommendation though there was difference of opinion in the matter. He based willingness to accept the Marion street location on the engineer's report that by directing traffic on bridges and connecting streets one-way a greater volume could be handled than with the Division street plan and two-directional traffic. He warned, however, that to pinpoint bridge traffic at the head of Edgewater street would force early construction of the parallel road along the river to relieve congestion.

Mayor Walter Musgrave reported that the West Salem council had endorsed the plan and was well pleased with its provisions for that side of the river.

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