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State Highwaymen Authorize Marion Street Bridge Project

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The only way Anna Louise Strong could explain her course from the USSR is that some man in the press bureau got vexed over her persistent efforts to obtain a visa for travel overland to China, and had her labeled as a "foreign spy." She wanted to get to China to resume her study of the Chinese communists. Her observations on a previous visit from July, 1946 to July, 1947 are reported in a book newly published in this country, "Tomorrow's China," which by the sweep of the reds south across the Yangtze might well be renamed "Today's China."

Enthusiastic over what she found in red China, as have been other writers like Agnes Smedley and Edgar Snow (Red Star over China) Miss Strong's book is of value in revealing the program of the communists. She outlines their platform, and I confess her summary as follows:

1. "China is today a semi-feudal, semi-colonial country. Her people's goal today is not the socialist revolution but to secure national independence from foreign imperialism, to smash feudalism and establish modern industry under forms of capitalism and democracy. . . . China's capitalism and democracy will not copy the forms of the rest but take new forms."

2. "The democratic revolution will not be led by the bourgeoisie as it was in western lands. Nor will there be at present a dictatorship of the proletariat as in the USSR. The democratic revolution in China will be led by the working class, with the peasantry as the main force, and with the participation of progressive people of many classes."

3. "Land to the tiller is the basic economic program."

4. "Capitalistic enterprise must be encouraged to break down feudalism and to develop industrial production rapidly. But private (Continued on editorial page)

Couple Charged With Jailbreak Aid Nabbed in Salem

A young man and a 17-year-old girl were arrested in Salem Wednesday night by Marion County Sheriff Denver Young and city policemen on charges of aiding an inmate to escape from a Brownsville, Tex., jail last month.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"... and Saturday we're having a barbecue, we'd love to have you come. There'll be quite a crowd so bring a friend..."

PORTLAND, May 18—(P)—A second bridge over the Willamette river at Salem was authorized formally by the state highway commission today.

The commission allocated \$1,250,000 for the Salem-West Salem bridge, of which \$50,000 is expected to cover acquisition of right-of-way needed for the Marion street bridge site. The remainder is for actual construction.

McCloy Picked For German Commissioner

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Plane Wreck Search Ended

What appeared to be plane wreckage apparently was a path of clean snow, reported Sheriff Denver Young Wednesday as he ended a search of the mountainous area southeast of Detroit for an airplane wrecked at Hammond of the state aeronautics department flew over the area yesterday.

Young advised all airmen to terminate the search, calling air conditions in the area of the proposed dam site so tricky as to invite other disasters.

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Russians Slow Motor Traffic To Berlin; 4-Power Talks Fail

BERLIN, May 18—(AP)—The Russians put restrictions today on motor traffic to Berlin and the Soviet zone. Western German officials said the move was prompted by a decline in the value of the Soviet zone east mark.

Health Perils Follow Flood At Fort Worth

By the Associated Press
Peril to health in flood-stricken Fort Worth, Tex., mounted Wednesday and the rampaging Trinity river rose to its highest level in Dallas in 41 years.

Volunteers Work on Columbia River Dikes

PORTLAND, May 18—(AP)—Volunteers were building a dike today near Vancouver, Wash., as a flood crest of the Columbia river swept past Umatilla, downstream toward the heavily populated Portland-Vancouver area.

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Patients Escape Unharmred; Two Salem Firemen Injured

Flame and smoke burst through the roof of the Fairview home hospital (above) Wednesday after the building caught fire in late afternoon, causing nearly \$300,000 worth of damage to structure and equipment. Photo at left shows fireman Gilbert Noffsinger taking desperate 12-foot leap to dodge flaming cornice which is seen falling above him. He suffered non-serious injuries to ankles. (Statesman photos). (Pictures also on page 2.)

21-35 Age Limits Ruled For City Police Officers

New age limits of 21 to 35 years were set for Salem policemen Wednesday by the city civil service commission, but officers now serving outside these limits will be given opportunity to take civil service examinations.

Oregon Herds Scheduled for Jersey Classic

Announcement was made Wednesday that an even dozen herd from Oregon's best Jersey herds will be consigned to the Western Jersey classic at Sacramento, Calif., to be held May 31 in conjunction with the American Jersey Cattle club convention. This is the first time this convention has come to the west coast.

Remodeling Plans For Police Station Being Considered

Plans to remodel the Salem city police headquarters at city hall are being considered. City Manager J. L. Franzen said Wednesday.

Dundee Boy Drowns In Swimming Pool

NEWBERG, May 18—(P)—Peter John Groat, 12, drowned today in the private swimming pool at the Dan Harmon home in nearby Dundee.

Safecrackers Take Strong Box \$3,000 From Busicks Market

Salem city police Wednesday were investigating the night-time burglary of the Busick Market here in which a strong box containing an estimated \$3,000 was carted away by safecrackers.

Baseball Scores

Team	Score
WESTERN INTERNATIONAL	
At Salem 2, Spokane 1-4	
At Victoria 16, Vancouver 6	
At Tacoma 7, Bremerton 6	
At Wenatchee 4, Yakima 17	
COAST LEAGUE	
At Portland 17, Oakland 2	
At Seattle 3, Hollywood 1	
At Los Angeles-Sacramento, rain	
At San Francisco-San Diego, rain	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
At Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 8	
At Washington 6, Detroit 5	
At New York 6, Cleveland 6	
At Boston 7, Chicago 8	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
At Cincinnati 15, Boston 9	
At Pittsburgh 5, New York 3	
At Chicago 5, Brooklyn 14	
At St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 2	

U.N. Refuses to Tackle Gerhart Eisler Case

NEW YORK, May 18—(AP)—The United Nations assembly late today slipped down a Polish move to bring up the case of Gerhart Eisler, fugitive communist.