

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 19.—A brown and white mongrel was a quiet spectator all during a high school track meet yesterday until the gun sounded for the 440. Then he leaped into the act. For a while he led the field. But twice he broke the stride of Gene McDermott (right) by running between his legs, costing Gene a likely meet record. The finish, as shown, was: McDermott, first; Fido, second; Don Speiser, (left) third. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman)

Hilton Asks McKay Block Tax Board Appointees

Claims 'Experts' Required

PORTLAND, May 19.—(AP)—A republican party spat became apparent today as controversy increased over recent state tax commission appointments. In the latest development State Senator Frank H. Hilton, Multnomah county republican, urged Governor McKay to take legal action to prevent Ray Smith, Portland republican, and Robert Maclean, Waldport democrat, from taking office as tax commissioners. In a letter to McKay, Hilton described the two appointees as "men wholly inexperienced in tax matters."

Mixed up in this political observers said, was the rivalry between McKay and Secretary of State Earl Newbery for the republican nomination for governor in 1950.

Smith and Maclean were voted the tax jobs by Newbery and Walter Pearson, democratic state treasurer. McKay voted to retain democrat Wallace Wharton and republican Earl Fisher. Advocated Roberts

The republican state executive committee had recommended Carlisle Roberts, Portland attorney, as a choice to succeed Fisher, either at once or when Fisher becomes eligible to retire next fall.

Senate President William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, was quoted as saying, "this is the beginning of the civil war."

Ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague condemned the Smith appointment. He wrote in his column in the Oregon Statesman, "Smith has been a republican politico in Portland for a decade, a conniver who tries to play for the winner. I recall he was ousted from a position with the state department of health, but managed to snare another state job. My guess is that he is the choice of former Governor John H. Hall. He was a staunch Hall supporter a year ago."

Put into Office by Hall Newbery was put into office by Hall, then later won election. Hilton asserted the governor could block the appointments through a section of the state law that says, "Each commissioner shall be skilled and experts in matters of taxation."

The issue seemed certain to be kept alive—perhaps until the time when Republicans choose their next gubernatorial candidate in 1950. McKay commented, at the time Newbery and Pearson outvoted him on the appointments, that "the public will have the last word."

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Russ Lift New Truck Blockade Temporarily

CIO Asks Dissenting Far-Leftists to Resign

Big Smile From New Queen



LEBANON—Blonde and attractive Charlotte Pease, 18, Corvallis high school senior, is shown giving out with one of her best smiles after being chosen queen of the Lebanon Strawberry festival in June. She was selected at the Queen's ball Wednesday at the Cottonwoods dance pavilion. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pease. In the background is Queen Committee Chairman Ted Rodman.

Board Calls For 4th Round Pay Increase

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(AP)—The CIO executive board tonight ended a stormy three day meeting by asking its dissenting left wing board members to resign. CIO President Philip Murray grimly warned that if communist line CIO leaders continued to defy such CIO decision as "endorsing the Marshall plan they will be kicked out."

Rep. Moore Quits Legislature for Job As Cook at Jail

PORTLAND, May 19.—(AP)—State Rep. James H. Moore resigned his legislative post today to become chef at the Multnomah county jail. Moore, a Portland democrat, notified the secretary of state that he would be ineligible for the legislature. Under state law, a legislator can not hold another state or federal job. As jail cook, Moore will hold the rating of deputy sheriff. He was appointed to that job May 2.

Restrictions to Return Today, Soviets Assert

By Thomas A. Reedy
BERLIN, May 19.—(AP)—The Russians temporarily lifted their Heimgarten traffic restrictions tonight and permitted backlogged trucks from west Germany to flow again to west Berlin.

Shells Fall in Shanghai as Defenses Fail

SHANGHAI, Friday, May 20.—(AP)—Shells from the battlefront fell in Shanghai today for the first time and it appeared time was drawing short for this greatest city in Asia. Four high explosive shells, presumably from communist batteries east of Shanghai, landed last night in the crowded Rue Lafayette, in the old French concession, killing six Chinese civilians and injuring 10 others.

Salem School Vote Today on \$717,475 Levy

Salem school district electors will vote today on a \$717,475 tax levy and a proposal to add to the Salem district the present Salem Heights and Pleasant Point districts.

Bavaria Rejects West Germany Constitution

MUNICH, Friday, May 20.—(AP)—Bavaria rejected today the constitution for a west German republic but said if the other 10 states in the western occupation zones approve it will not stay out of the new government.

Polk County to Vote Today on Road Tax Levy

Polk county voters will go to the polls from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. (PST) today to cast ballots on a proposed 10-mill levy to finance county road improvement program.

Silverton Hills Farmer Kills 7-Foot Cougar

SILVERTON, May 19.—(Special)—A seven-foot cougar shot by a Silverton Hills farmer Wednesday night, was on display here today.

Reuther Issues Ultimatum to Ford

DETROIT, May 19.—(AP)—UAW President Walter Reuther threatened tonight to break off all talks in the Ford strike if the company does not agree to simultaneous contract negotiations.

Tito Seeks to Regulate Overhead Air Travel

BUDAPEST, Hungary, May 19.—(AP)—Yugoslavia today ordered Hungarian airlines flying non-stop between Budapest and Tirana, Albania, to land at Belgrade.

Gas Tax Takes Effect July 2

Oregon's increased gasoline tax should become effective July 2, but the increased tax on diesel and other motor vehicle fuels should become law on July 16. Attorney General George Neuner said Thursday.

Salem Student Robbed While Hitch-hiking

PORTLAND, May 19.—(AP)—A Whitman college student hitch-hiking from his Salem home to Walla Walla reported to police tonight that he was held up by two men on the highway near Vancouver, Wash.

Gold-Plated Lawnmower Offered in Lieu of Taxes

GLENDALE, Calif., May 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Marie Spangler, who won \$2,000 in prize on a radio program this week has been told by the bureau of internal revenue that she'll have to turn over 20 per cent to the government.

Gen. Vaughn Can't Wear Peron Medal

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(AP)—With a stern rebuke to the army, a house group refused today to let President Truman's military aide wear his controversial medal from Dictator Peron's Argentina.

West Salem Schedules Cleanup Drive May 24

WEST SALEM, May 19.—(Special)—Mayor Walter Musgrave announced today that a cleanup drive will be held here May 24 and 25.

Russia Offers to Help Settle Greek Civil War

LONDON, Friday, May 20.—(AP)—Russia said today she had offered to help settle the civil war in Greece on condition that military aid by foreign powers to the Greek government be ended and new elections held. The United States at present is giving both military and other aid to the Greek government as part of the Truman program to contain communism. The British also have military personnel in Greece.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	52	39	0.00
Portland	58	40	0.00
San Francisco	58	40	0.00
Chicago	58	40	0.00
New York	58	40	0.00

Willamette river 2.9 feet.
FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau: Partly cloudy with occasional showers. Intermittent light rain, partly cloudy this afternoon with occasional showers. Considerable improvement due Saturday. High today 67, low 43. High Saturday 75. Agriculture outlook conditions unfavorable today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

(Sept. 1 to May 20)

This Year	Last Year	Average
40.16	45.07	35.15

Fairview Hospital Fire Laid to Arson

Investigation Thursday of the \$250,000 Fairview home hospital fire revealed the blaze, which raced through the two story structure Wednesday afternoon, apparently was set deliberately. Lt. Thomas Sheridan, head of the state police arson squad, said in Portland last night that the fire broke out in a basement storeroom for beds and mattresses. Employees said there was nothing there to cause a fire accidentally. Sheridan reported after probing the smoldering ruins.

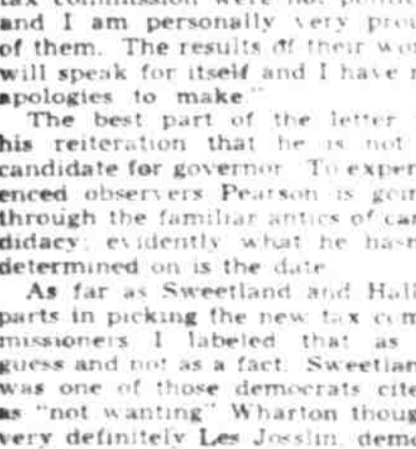
SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague
A letter from State Treasurer Pearson gives his rejoinder to comments in this column respecting changes on the tax commission. I quote pertinent paragraphs as follows:
"I want to categorically deny that either Monroe Sweetland or John Hall had anything to do with the appointments of the new tax commissioners. I also wish to inform you that the party at Newport which was given by Senator Gardner was entirely non-political. It may have been bipartisan, but I can assure you that the tax commission appointments were not discussed. Neither was Senator Mahoney's candidacy for the president of the senate, or anything else of a political nature. As a matter of fact there were several others invited to attend. Among them were President of the Senate William Walsh and Speaker of the House Van Dyke and several other prominent republicans. It so happened that Mr. Walsh and Mr. Van Dyke were unable to be at the Crab festival at Newport, and therefore were not at the party. Never, have I maligned anyone whom I have fired in private business, and when the tax commissioners were not reappointed I did not wish to cast any reflections on them. I have no intentions of doing so now, and would rather that it would remain on the basis that I did not wish to reappoint them for personal reasons."
"Also, I wish to reiterate that I am not a candidate for Governor. The appointments to the tax commission were not political and I am personally very proud of them. The results of their work will speak for itself and I have no apologies to make."
The best part of the letter in his reiteration that he is not a candidate for governor. To experienced observers Pearson is going through the familiar antics of candidacy; evidently what he hasn't determined on is the date.

Injunction Outlaws Ban On Fixed-Gear Fishing

A preliminary injunction which prohibits enforcement of the ban on fixed-gear salmon fishing in the Columbia river was ordered Thursday in Marion county circuit court.

Animal Crackers



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"Mom says I gotta stay in and practice."

Baseball Scores

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American League
At New York 2, Cleveland 3
At Boston 6, Chicago 7
At Washington 1, Detroit 10 (Only games scheduled)
National League
At Pittsburgh 2, Boston 3
At Cincinnati 2, New York 6
At St. Louis 5, Brooklyn 2
At Chicago-Philadelphia (rain)
Coast League
At Portland-Oakland (rain)
At Seattle 4, Hollywood 4
At Los Angeles-Sacramento (rain)
At San Francisco 5, San Diego 5
Western International
At Salem-Spokane (rain)
At Tacoma 8, Bremerton 2
At Wenatchee 9, Yakima 11
At Vancouver 1, Victoria 8