

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

This is the day, of the great change on the state tax commission...

The press of Oregon has been as far as can be determined, unanimous in its condemnation of the Newberry-Pearson combination...

Hector Macpherson proposed a recall of Newberry and Pearson, but that requires a petition signed by 25 per cent of the voters...

The voters of the state however must not be allowed to forget the deal and its implications. It is part of an alarming pattern of political-financing which threatens the high quality of government...

CVA May Put Water Rights In Jeopardy

A federal Columbia Valley authority might jeopardize a state-authorized water rights for irrigation purposes...

Neuner explained that various water-rights provisions in pending house resolution 4286 on a CVA, such as federal control over any power projects...

The attorney general recommended a saving clause to the pending congressional legislation which would clearly prohibit a CVA from overruling existing state law.

A section of the proposed CVA bill mentions that state law on water for "domestic, irrigation, mining or industrial purposes," would not be interfered with...

Neuner issued his ruling in response to a query from Charles E. Stricklin, state engineer.

CHILD DROWNS IN LAKE REEDSPORT, June 3 - (AP) - Jerry Demarest, 6, fell from a float house at Tahkenitch lake while at play today and was drowned.

VOTE REQUESTED ON CVA SPOKANE, June 3 - (AP) - Sen. Harry P. Cain (R-Wash.) said today the people should decide by public vote if they want a Columbia Valley administration.

Animal Crackers



"Sometimes I wonder what she sees in him."

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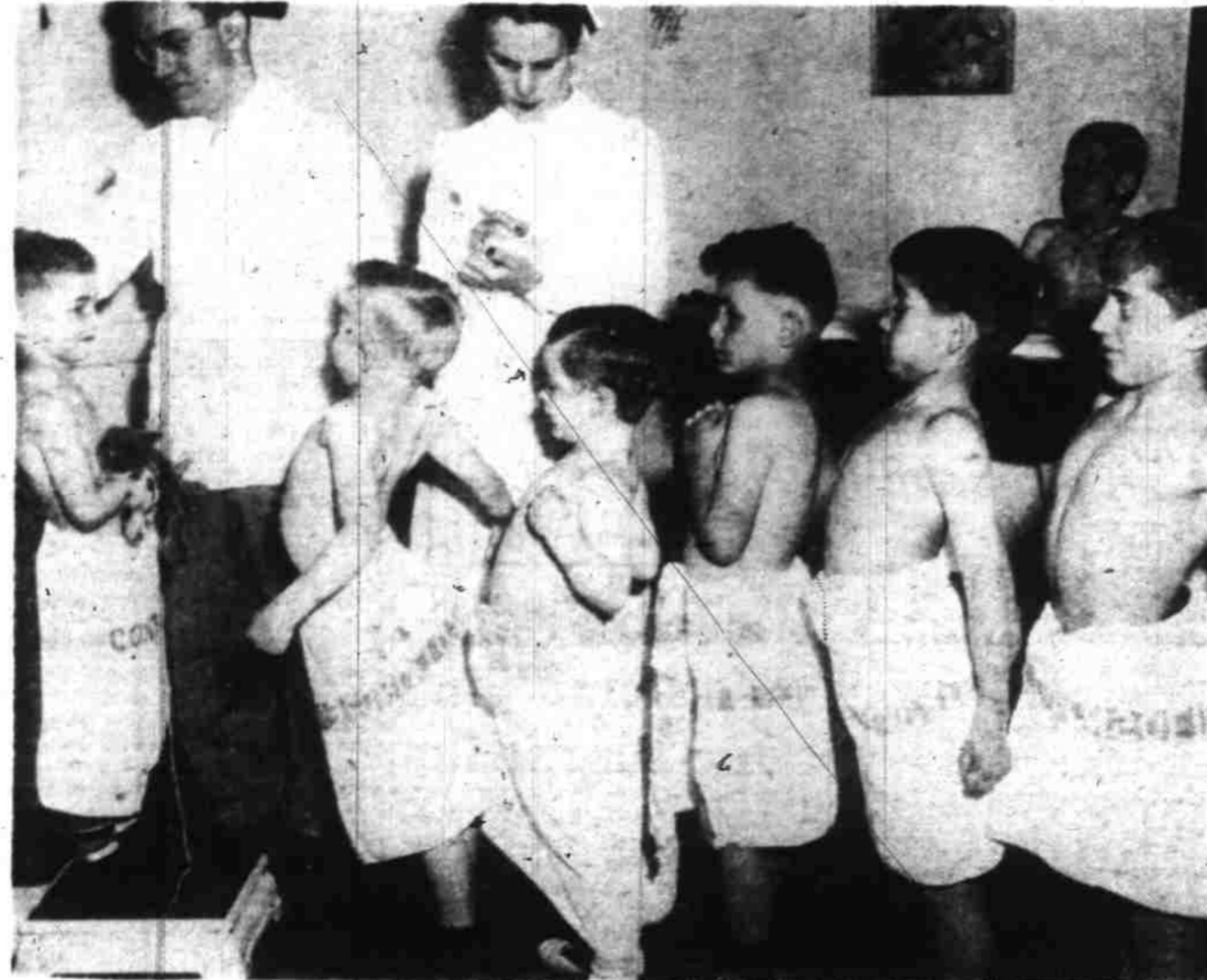
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Truman Abandons Efforts to Force Taft-Hartley Repeal

Stick Out that Chest--Pull in that Stomach



NEW YORK, June 3--All excited about the chances of a summer vacation at the New York Children's Aid society camp at New Hamburg, N.Y., these youngsters step forward for examinations yesterday at the society's West Side Center.

14 Cons Escape at West Virginia Pen Judge Jails 3 Commies for Contempt

NEW YORK, June 3--(AP) Three top U. S. communists on trial in federal court were jailed today by Judge Harold R. Medina, who held them in contempt in a bitter courtroom row.

The shouting, confused scene erupted after Medina had ordered defendant John W. Gates to jail for 30 days for persistent refusal to answer prosecution questions on cross-examination.

All of Gates' 10 co-defendants jumped to their feet. Henry Winston, husky Negro who is party organizational secretary, was heard to shout something about "lynching."

The judge said to him: "I direct that you be remanded." Gus Hall, bulky Ohio state chairman of the party, roared he had seen "fairer justice" in police courts.

Medina eyed him through his spectacles. "Let's see, that's Mr. Hall," he said. "You are remanded for the balance of the trial."

Remanding means that the defendant's bail is revoked and that they must remain in jail all the time except when court is in session. All have been free in \$5,000 bail while they were tried on charges of conspiring to advocate violent overthrow of the government.

The judge repeatedly stated that Gates, 35-year-old editor of the communist Daily Worker, could purge himself of contempt by agreeing to answer U. S. Attorney John F. X. McGohey's questions.

The judge denied all requests to stay his remanding orders pending appeal to a higher court or to revoke them.

Cities Slow to Decontrol Rent

WASHINGTON, June 3--(AP) American cities are going slow in using their "home rule" right to discard rent ceilings. Where they have decontrolled, rent levels have risen.

An Associated Press survey showed that tenants are paying increases ranging from "barely perceptible" up to 100 per cent. In a few cases, in communities which have scrapped controls under the federal rent law signed in March, many rents have stayed put.

Only one state, Nebraska, has wiped out ceilings statewide, effective by next November 1. Most of the decontrol moves are in the south and southwest. The New England and Pacific Coast states report no home-rule decontrols.

CHINA REDS DRIVE SOUTH NANKING, Saturday, June 4--(AP) Chinese communist armies striking deep into the heart of south China with twin drives today were reported closing in on a defense point 300 miles from Canton, refugee capital.

SECRET SESSION AT PARIS PARIS, June 3--(AP) The four-power foreign ministers council matched plans today in secret session on the Berlin question. The only indication of progress was that they will meet again tomorrow under the same secrecy.

2 Apartment Dwellers Hurt In Salem Fire

Two Salem apartment dwellers were burned seriously and three others had a narrow escape Friday when a fire burned through the main floor of the Adonis apartment house at 1545 N. Capitol st.

Under treatment at Salem General hospital for second degree burns are Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. McWhorter, owners of the apartment house. Both incurred severe burns about the face and body.

Three other residents were helped to safety through windows during the early-morning blaze. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans, who escaped through windows above a porch roof, and Mrs. Etta Mae Klatz, who was helped through a bathroom window. Evans is 87 years old.

How the fire started remained uncertain last night, according to Fire Chief W. P. Roble who said Insurance Investigator Jack Carfarian is helping in probing the fire. McWhorter said the loss is covered by insurance.

All six apartments were vacated, as smoke and water damage hit some of the apartments not directly in path of the fire which was brought under control by city firemen soon after 4 a.m. Friday.

Heat Sticks Cable Cars in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3--(AP) It was so hot here today cable cars got stuck.

The mercury hit 84—and that's pretty high for an ordinary cool San Francisco. The heat expanded the metal slots, through which the tiny cars grip the underground cables, and the cars could not move.

Elsewhere in northern California, warm wind from the northeast scorched inland valleys. Low humidity and the heat increased the fire hazard sharply. Many grass fires were reported, including a 1,500 acre fire on Bing Crosby's Los Banos cattle ranch, about 100 miles southeast of San Francisco.

HOSPITAL GIVEN REPRIEVE PORTLAND, June 3--(AP) The Portland General hospital, which had been ordered to close June 5 as a fire hazard, can keep operating for a while longer. The city council decided to give the hospital an additional week to make changes which would enable it to pass the fire code.

Memorial Plaque To Governor Snell Placed on Boulder

CONDON, June 3--(AP) A 12-ton boulder of native granite lies near the birth place of the late Gov. Earl Snell.

The memorial was placed nine miles east of Olex by friends of the Oregon governor killed in a plane crash a year and a half ago.

In memory of Earl Snell, first native son of Gilliam county elected governor of Oregon, says the bronze plaque on the stone.

The navy identified him as Chief Mate Ignacio L. Huerta, of Tucson, Ariz.

The accident occurred while he was working on an experiment designed to make diving safer.

50,000 Visit Lebanon Strawberry Fair for Shortcake, Sports, Music

LEBANON, June 3--(Special) An estimated 50,000 persons crowded into Lebanon today for the beauty, the shortcake, the music and the sports of the annual Strawberry festival, which will close Saturday night.

At noon Friday the queen and her court cut the 5,000-pound shortcake, served with ice cream and fresh strawberries by high school home economics students.

In sweltering weather, the program included coronation of Queen Charlotte Pease of Corvallis.

Beta Sigma Phi sorority of Lebanon won sweepstakes in the three-mile-long parade. Division winners were Lebanon Girl Scouts, fraternal; Clark boys, walking and comic; Grove hardware, commercial; Crown-Zellerbach Paper corporation, industrial.

Saturday's program will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the children's pet parade. Horse racing will be at 1:30 p.m.

The 2 p.m. show from the street platform will include the Agony Four male quartet from Oregon State college, Young Oregonians, Hoosier Hotshots and Oklahoma Night Riders.

The evening program will be boxing on the street platform at 7, two softball games at 7:30, horse show at high school at 8, folk dance exhibit at 8:30, directed by Irma Weir of Oregon State college, public dancing in the street and fireworks at Hiatt and East Grant streets, both at 9:30.

In the strawberry exhibits, Jim and Judy Fapper of North Lebanon were grand champions in the open division and won \$15 and first place in Corvallis variety. Other first place winners were I. G. and R. M. Walls, Narcissus variety; Carl Piagman, Reed, Marshall variety; Charles Kruml, Sanderson's Bridge, Brightmore variety.

About 5,000 persons viewed

Demands For New Bill Eased

WASHINGTON, June 3--(AP) President Truman's forces in the senate abandoned their Taft-Hartley repeal bill today and actively worked for a compromise.

Vice-president Barkley went before a conference of senate Democrats and was reported to have said that he and Mr. Truman have decided to take what they can get in the way of a new labor bill.

And when the conference finally broke up tonight, Senator Lucas of Illinois, the democratic leader of the senate, told reporters that he personally favors a series of five amendments to the Truman bill which were proposed today.

Earlier Lucas said that "certainly" the bill is going to be amended in the senate labor debate which starts Monday.

He said tonight that the meeting "made progress" that about 40 of the 54 democratic senators attended, that nearly all of them talked, that there was a lot of disagreement and that "we are not through" and will probably meet again early next week.

Among the five amendments he favors is a plan for federal seizure of plants—up to 90 days—in national emergency cases.

Unlike the Taft-Hartley act, the seizure proposal would not specifically authorize injunctions to delay strikes. But the courts have held that the government can always seek an injunction against the employer after seizing a company.

Backed by Morse Significantly, all five of these amendments are bi-partisan support. They will be introduced in the senate by two democrats, Senators Douglas (Ill) and Hill (Ala), and two republicans, Senators Aiken (Vt) and Morse (Ore). Aiken and Morse have refused to go along with a republican bill backed by Senator Taft (Ohio) and others.

The amendments would do these things: 1. Require unions to bargain in good faith. The Taft-Hartley act does this, but the Truman bill, like the Wagner act—would require only employee's to bargain.

2. Specifically guarantee freedom of speech in labor relations. 3. Require unions to file annual financial reports before they could get any help from the national labor relations board.

4. Call on union officers, and employers, as well, to sign oaths that they aren't communists, fascists, or supporters of totalitarian organizations. The filing would be necessary before the union or company could get any NLRB help. But a union would not have to file if its constitution or by-laws banned communists and other subversives from office.

5. Establish a new procedure for handling strikes or lockouts in vital industries.

Report of Escaped Convict Sends 40 Men to Search Paradise Island Vicinity

McKay Names Dorman State Budget Director

Harry S. Dorman, 58-year-old Portland business man, was named Friday by Gov. Douglas McKay to the position of state budget director and executive secretary.

Dorman, campaign manager in Multnomah county for McKay, succeeds the late George K. Aiken, who died a month and a half ago. The veteran of World Wars I and II has been prominent in Portland shipping, insurance and business circles for many years.

Dorman was Portland traffic manager of the McCormick Steamship company from 1923 to 1929, and then he ran his own insurance business for five years.

In 1925 he became secretary-treasurer of the Knight Packing company, and was made president of the same company in 1938.

Dorman sold his interest in the company in 1942, entering the army as procurement officer for the state of Oregon.

He served 18 months as a lieutenant colonel on the staff of General Eisenhower in England, France, Holland and Belgium. He was Eisenhower's representative for ports and inland waterways of Belgium.

Born in Minnesota Nov. 27, 1890, he was educated in Everett, Wash., public schools and the University of Washington.

Dorman served in World War I as an artillery captain. He is married and had three sons, one of whom was killed during the war.

Dorman is a past commander of Portland Post No. 1 of the American legion. He coached football at the Multnomah Athletic club for two years, and was a football official in the Pacific Coast conference for eight years.

He is secretary of the Crippled Children and Adults society for Oregon, a member of the Board of Goodwill Industries, and past vice president of the East Side Commercial club.

Stocks Sink to 16-Month Low

NEW YORK, June 3--(AP) The stock market gently sank today to the lowest average level since February last year.

Not in two years has the price level been lower. Key stocks lost fractions to around a point, a few declines running up to 3 points.

Trading activity was slack throughout the session. Only 700,000 shares changed, which was a trifle above Thursday's 670,000 shares but far from a satisfactory day for Wall Street.

Test Fatal to Navy Diver

WASHINGTON, June 3--(AP) A navy diver died today after suffering chemical burns and becoming unconscious during a dive yesterday in the naval gun factory's eight-foot deep experimental tank.

The navy identified him as Chief Mate Ignacio L. Huerta, of Tucson, Ariz.

The accident occurred while he was working on an experiment designed to make diving safer.

hose racing in the afternoon, featured by the governor's handicap, won by Badger's Gray Lady. Special guests were Gov. and Mrs. Douglas McKay, State Rep. and Mrs. Warren Gill of Lebanon and State Rep. and Mrs. Max Landon of Sweet Home.

The downtown program included a talk by Governor McKay, a concert by the Dallas school band, music by the Four Flats male quartet of Newberg and the Oklahoma Night Riders. Tonight's program was boxing, opening of the softball stadium and two games and a massed band concert. The Browning Bros. carnival of Salem is operating.

The festival flower show is in the city hall, strawberries in IOOF hall, industrial exhibits in Mounttain States Power company office, machinery at West Sherman street, aircraft at Cascade Airways.

Weather table with columns for location (Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York), Max, Min, Precip, and a forecast section.

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Investigating authorities found shoe prints at the spot when they arrived. State and city police, deputy sheriffs and prison guards were dispatched to the scene. They prowled through the brush, which state police described as very dense, until long after dark. A plane owned by Radioman Clive Scott and operated by Allen McRae, a city detective, flew over the area for an hour.

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An hour after the Paradise island hunt started state police were recalled to the outskirts of Independence where 15 men had just abandoned an all-day search. The operator of the Kensey Wrecking company there reported two men prowling around a lumber pile on his property. He said they ran when they saw him. This happened just west of the Independence city limits and a half mile from the scene of a Thursday night robbery.

Patrol Roads Donald Greene was the victim of that theft in which the bandit grabbed a bag of cookies as well as a billfold with \$20. It happened at Greene's slaughterhouse which is located close to underbrush. Polk county authorities patrolled surrounding roads for the balance of the night until a brush hunt could be started this morning. Eight men were prowling the area again late Friday night following the latest report.

And at Astoria road checks were set up after an abandoned car, reported stolen from Thursday, was found there. Authorities thought the escaped convicts might have taken it. It was owned by Otis Phillips, Salem route 7, box 276.

Banker Dies

SAN MATEO, Calif., June 3--A. P. Giannini (above), founder and president of the Bank of America, the world's largest bank, died at his home here today. He was 79. Death was attributed to heart disease. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.) (Story on page 2)



Cost May Snag Referendum on Daylight Time PORTLAND, June 3--(AP) Advocates of daylight saving time said today they feared the cost of checking petitions might snag their referendum move against a state law.

The law, which would go into effect July 15, would ban daylight saving time unless proclaimed by the governor after Washington and California adopted it.

Petitions are out, calling for a statewide vote on the issue. This would prevent the law from going into effect this year.

Proponents said that not more than 10,000 signatures could be counted without cost in Multnomah county before the July 15 deadline. Thereafter it would cost 10 cents for every signature above 200 in a single day. One suggested solution was to have more petitions signed and checked in up-state counties. Needed are 15,926 signatures.

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BASEBALL table listing various leagues and teams such as Western International, Coast League, National League, and American League.