

Power Plant Blaze Blacks Out Dallas, Falls City Area

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DALLAS, June 15 (Special)—Dallas, Falls City and surrounding rural areas were plunged into darkness at 9 p.m. Wednesday when fire seriously damaged the local sub-station of the Mountain States Power company here. R. G. McFarland, manager of the company, early Thursday morning implored residential users in this area to conserve power to the utmost while the emergency lasts. It is hoped by officials that the plant will be repaired late Thursday. He estimated damage from the fire at \$25,000.

It started as a crew of workmen attempted to "kick in" a fuse on the main line. A circuit went

down, and a fire blew out on a high-voltage transformer. Ignited oil set the entire sub-station ablaze as a cloud of black smoke shot high into the air.

McFarland said only prompt action by the Dallas fire department saved the huge Willamette Valley Lumber mill nearby from catching fire.

Current from that mill's power plant was supplying most of Dallas an hour after the fire started. But Dallas Industries will not operate until normally returns, and independent industries are requested by McFarland to cease operations so that the power may be channeled to rural areas and to Falls City for essential purposes.

Two big 2,000 KVA transform-

ers were seriously damaged in the blaze, but a crew was working all night to clear away ruined property, while other crews were busy rounding up replacement equipment from Mountain States plants in other cities.

Dallas homes, stores and city facilities probably can be kept going by current from the mill plant, according to Paul Morgan, resident manager. He said operations at the mill would be curtailed about one-third. The mill employs 350 men.

Other Dallas industries will shut down operations that necessitate electric power.

A check of Dallas' two hospitals early Thursday morning revealed that both were receiving power. (Story also on page 2)

Senate Adds Amendments to Labor Bill

Morse Asks Seizure Plan In Measure

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—The senate today added three amendments to President Truman's labor bill and thereby made it look a little more like the Taft-Hartley act.

Getting down to action at last, the senators approved all three proposals by voice votes, without any audible "noes."

The three amendments, sponsored by a bi-partisan group, would do these things:

1. Make it illegal for a union to refuse to bargain in good faith. The administration bill already contained a requirement that employers bargain with unions unless the speech in question contains threats or promises of benefit.

2. Guarantee freedom of speech in labor relations unless the speech in question contains threats or promises of benefit.

3. Require both unions and companies, if they want to take cases before the national labor relations board, to file annual financial reports. The Taft-Hartley law requires only unions to do this.

Consideration of a fourth amendment on non-communist oaths was deferred until tomorrow. It was expected to pass like the others.

After that the senate may start its big fight over how to deal with "national emergency" strikes.

In that connection, Senator Morse (R-Ore) in a two-hour speech today introduced a proposal under which such strikes could be delayed by government seizure of plants unless congress stepped in and said "no."

But under Morse's proposal, even after seizure the only way the government could get an injunction against the workers would be for congress to authorize it in a particular case.

Gasoline Price Inquiry Announced

Big-4 Ministers Tackle Rail Strike

Austria Treaty Also Tangled In Sessions

PARIS, June 15 (AP)—The foreign ministers council piled the question on the Berlin railway strike on top of their other complicated diplomatic maneuvering today.

This apparently was the reason for cancellation of the regular day session at the request of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky. Instead, the ministers met for an hour tonight at the French foreign ministry, rather than at their regular conference room in the Pink palace.

A communique after the meeting said a working arrangement "relative to the situation in Germany" and the Austrian treaty were discussed. An official source said the Berlin strike was the main subject.

Authoritative sources said the question of settling the Berlin strike, which has reimposed blockade conditions on the city, was taken up with Vishinsky last night by the western ministers with great reluctance.

Vishinsky was understood to have replied that he was not familiar with the Berlin strike situation but would look into it. Apparently, after contacting Moscow, Vishinsky had a reply in time to request the late meeting tonight.

The west Berlin city government tonight asked the military commandants of the western powers to submit the Berlin strike to the foreign ministers. The action was taken at a meeting of the city executive.

Meanwhile Francois Mitterand, French cabinet spokesman, quoted French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman as reporting to the cabinet that progress was being made toward agreement on an Austrian independence treaty.

He was quoted as saying there was a possibility of agreement "before September 11."

The British also were optimistic. But this optimism was not shared by authoritative American sources. American informants said "much hard bargaining remains."

Youngster Drowns In Water-Filled Pit Near Lebanon

LEBANON, June 15 (AP)—A nine-year-old boy—told by his parents to go out and play—drowned in an abandoned water-filled gravel pit west of here today.

The boy, Eugene Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ellis, Route 1, Lebanon, was with a companion, Merlin Robert, when he stepped off a ledge in the musky water. The Ellis family was visiting at a nearby farm.

Lebanon firemen said young Robert ran half a mile to call Don Nicholas to help save the boy. But by the time Nicholas was able to recover the body, Ellis had been in the water 40 minutes.

Neither boy could swim and were only wading at the edge of the water when the lad sank under the surface.

BID BELOW ESTIMATE
PORTLAND, June 15 (AP)—A bid nearly half a million dollars below the government estimate was submitted to the corps of engineers today for a major job on Meridian dam. The bid, made by C. F. Lytle Co., and Amis Construction Co., Moses Lake, Wash., was \$991,370 compared to the government estimate of \$1,435,054.

Mt. Angel To Shut Down For Ebner Park Opening Saturday

by Loretta E. Dehler
Statesman Mt. Angel Correspondent
MT. ANGEL, June 15 (Special)—It will be "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" for nearly every Mt. Angel resident Saturday night when the newly revamped Ebner Park field will be dedicated during a doubleheader.

All businesses will close for the grand opening which will start with a contest between American Legion nines from Mt. Angel and Woodburn. The dedication ceremonies will be followed by a duel between Mt. Angel and Sublimity teams of the Willamette valley league.

The ultra-modern plant, complete with lights for night baseball and football contests, was financed and constructed by Mt. Angel Recreation committee which represents Mt. Angel's businessmen.

It represents more than two years of labor and planning. Joseph Berchtold will be master of ceremonies for the dedication program and music will be furnished by the Mt. Angel civic band. The officials welcome will be extended by Mayor Jacob Berchtold. Featured speakers will be George Emigh, business manager of the Salem Senators, and Fred Starrett, district manager of Portland General Electric company.

Students Marry to Test Theories on Genetics

LOS ANGELES, June 15 (AP)—A brown-eyed co-ed and a blue-eyed student were married here today to find what color their children's eyes will be.

"It's a lot to do for the sake of science," said Priscilla Ioen Tomlinson, 20, who was wed to Hugh T. Andy Gardner, 24, on a radio program (Bride and Groom).

They got to arguing about it in class at the University of Washington, where both are students. Gardner, a microbiologist with Pacific war service as a navy scientist, proposed they marry and settle it.

"Don't think that's our only reason for getting married," Miss Tomlinson cautioned. She is a daughter of Dr. H. E. Tomlinson of Seattle. Gardner's parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gardner, Newport, Ore. They will honeymoon for a week as honor guests of the Golden Wedding Jubilee of the Ozarks in Rogers, Ark.

Blaze Guts Two Blocks Of Vancouver Industry

VANCOUVER, B.C., June 15 (CP)—Wind-driven sparks from a waste-burner may have started the heart of the city's industrial area today, many of the plant operators believe.

Three small fires broke out in the area during one day early last week, they report. The charred ruins of dozens of plants and warehouses were grim evidence of the fury of the flames that "lit up the sky like a forest fire" but took no toll of life.

Ambulances on duty took four persons to the hospital suffering from burns and shock. The spectacular, four-alarm pre-dawn blaze leveled two blocks. Police and firemen commandeered boats to rescue trapped houseboat dwellers from their flame-swept homes. The heroic constables pulled men, women and dogs from the sizzling water within a few feet of the licking flames.

Two miles to the west a second major fire was narrowly averted when a blazing fishboat drifted into the highly industrialized coal harbor area threatening the sun-dried bathhouses.

Fire-engines and crews shuttled between the city's fire stations in an effort to maintain skeleton staffs at each hall.

Farmers Fear Pasture Lack For Summer

A shortage of pastures, similar to last year's, is threatening again this year, farm market leaders are indicating. Low ranges in eastern Oregon and Washington are reported as drying rapidly.

There is a heavy movement of livestock to the higher summer ranges. California's green pasture season was one of the shortest in recent years.

The U. S. winter wheat crop is advancing rapidly in most areas. Harvesting is well under way in the southern part of the hard winter wheat belt. Some of the first wheat harvested is running a little high in moisture content, but otherwise the quality is reported as good.

The spring wheat crop in the northern Great Plains is mostly in good condition. Some reseeding was necessary because of heavy weed infestations. The spring wheat crop of the northwest needs rain especially east of the mountains in Oregon and Washington. (Additional farm news page 6)

SEAMEN CONTRACT ENDS
NEW YORK, (Thursday) June 16 (AP)—Contracts covering 60,000 East and Gulf coast seamen died at midnight last night—without an immediate word about what might happen next.

Strike Ballots Given Union Pacific Men
PORTLAND, June 15 (AP)—Strike ballots were being handed trainmen and switchmen of the Union Pacific railroad here today in a system-wide contract dispute.

E. W. Bray, Portland local chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said the vote stemmed from the failure of a mediation board to settle four contract issues. Ballots are due July 1.

Pacific College Name Now George Fox
NEWBERG, June 15 (AP)—The Quaker school of Pacific College has finally decided to end the confusion which involved its name and Pacific university at Forest Grove.

The Oregon yearly meeting of the Friends church has approved changing the name to George Fox college. Fox founded the Friends church in England three centuries ago. The Quakers immigrated to colonial Pennsylvania and settled Philadelphia.

Hanford Plant Costs Target Of Congress

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—A senate committee announced today it was ready to launch an investigation of gasoline price increases estimated to be taking a \$40 annual bite out of the average motorist's pocketbook.

Senator Maybank (D-SC), chairman of the senate banking committee, said public hearings will start June 27. It will be the first of a series of inquiries into the spread between producer and consumer prices on various commodities.

A committee staff report estimated gasoline prices have risen since 1946 to a point where they are now costing motorists \$1,300,000,000 more a year, and "there are indications that still further gasoline price increases may be contemplated."

Meanwhile, the big congressional atomic investigation centered on costs involved in construction of a Hanford, Wash., plutonium plant. Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) cited several reports criticizing the atomic energy commission for failure to heed financial "danger signals" as plant costs skyrocketed.

The plant originally was to cost \$50,000,000. The latest estimate is \$250,000,000. Work started in 1947, under the General Electric Co.

General Electric and atomic energy commission officials said the added cost was necessary to assure safety. AEC Chairman David L. Lilienthal said General Electric has done a splendid job.

The bill, on the second time around today, passed a compromise bill taping the cost almost everyone in military uniform.

The new measure, trimmed \$100,000,000 under the previous version, rejected by the house, gives pay increases ranging from about three per cent for the lowest enlisted rank up to 37 per cent for the generals and admirals.

Nationalists Bomb Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Thursday, June 16 (AP)—At least three nationalist planes raided Shanghai today. There were no reports of damage or casualties.

The planes dropped bombs along the upper Whangpoo river in the vicinity of Kiangnan arsenal and docks. They came back later to strafe the area.

The raiders—also appeared to be American-built F-51 fighters of the Chinese nationalist air force. Meanwhile, labor troubles involving American and other foreign firms multiplied Shanghai's difficulties.

The outbreaks have been sweeping the city for 48 hours. They probably were aggravated by the shipping blockade. This blockade arises from the fear the nationalists have mined the Yangtze.

Tending Own Business Secret of Long Life
NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 15 (AP)—James Russell Davis, who listed his age as 108, bought a driver's license here today.

"How come you've lived so long?" a curious clerk asked. "Tending to my own business," was the reply.

Davis listed his birth date as Oct. 1, 1840.

SIGN 2-YEAR CONTRACT
SAN FRANCISCO, June 15 (AP)—CIO Marine engineers and the Pacific Maritime association got together today. They signed a two-year contract carrying no-strike, no-lockout clauses, the fifth such pact now in force on the west coast.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Salem 1, Vancouver 4.
At Yakima 6, Victoria 6.
At Wenatchee 8, Bremerton 15.
At Spokane 20, Tacoma 14.

COAST LEAGUE
At Portland 3, Los Angeles 8.
At Seattle 6, San Francisco 4.
At Hollywood 10, Sacramento 4.
At Oakland 2, San Diego 3.
At San Jose 1, St. Louis 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Philadelphia 2, Detroit 1.
At Pittsburgh 6, Boston 7.
At Chicago 1-0, Philadelphia 4-5.
At St. Louis 9, Brooklyn 5.
At Cincinnati—New York (Rain).

White-Robed Mobs Flog Navy Veteran

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 15 (AP)—A white-robed mob dragged a navy veteran from his home last night and lashed him 20 times with a leather belt.

Their victim was Billy Guyton Stovall, 31, a white man and pipe plant employee described by neighbors as a good husband and father.

The flogging of Stovall was the third outbreak involving robed mobs in the Birmingham area within a week. A woman was manhandled and forced to watch a cross burning, and a restaurant operator made to watch a cross burning last Friday night. Both are whites.

Dr. E. P. Pruitt, head of the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama, flatly denied the Klan had any part in the three incidents.

Stovall and his two children, Jimmy, 10, and Elaine, 8, were at home at 11:30 last night when a robed figure knocked on the door.

Jimmy gave this account: "The man said 'this is Stuart. I want to see you.' Then he grabbed my daddy and pulled him out the door."

Stovall returned at 1:30 a.m. His wife said he had been taken to a wooded area and struck 20 times with a heavy leather belt. His back, she said, was covered with welts.

"The only reason they gave me is that I left my children at home alone," Stovall said in an interview tonight. He denied the charge.

Dr. Pruitt said the Klan "had nothing to do with this or any other act of mob violence."

"The Klan stands for law and order," he added.

In adjoining Georgia, the Klan initiated new members and burned a cross atop Stone mountain, near Atlanta, last night.

Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon, told the Klansmen: "God Himself segregated the races. There is no law that can be passed by President Truman which can ever surpass God's law."

Resigns?



WASHINGTON, D.C., June 15—Attorney General Tom Clark denied today that J. Edgar Hoover (above), chief of the FBI, had resigned in a dispute over the Judith Coplon spy trial.

Higher Budget For Silverton; Police Reduced

SILVERTON, June 15 (Special)—A \$115,595 total city budget which is \$27,285 over the current budget was reported today by the citizens' budget committee headed by Earl J. Adams. Public hearing on the budget will be held July 11.

Silverton's police force was cut by one full time officer in order to balance the budget, the committee reported. The force under the proposed budget would be three regular officers and a special deputy.

Principal increases will include \$13,000 in new fire department equipment (from funds raised by the recently passed 5-mills special tax), \$9,849 more in the water department budget to finance new lines and extensions and a \$2,590 increase in general road funds.

The road fund includes, however, a \$6,895 item for bridge maintenance, an amount set aside by the committee for use in replacing the James avenue bridge if the state will share in costs. That bridge has been out the past three years.

The new fire department fund makes the total fire force budget \$15,050 in the budget proposal. Water department total budget would be \$39,931.

Biggest new revenue was estimated at \$13,500 from the recently authorized installation of 200 parking meters, expected in July.

The total city tax levy necessary to pay the budget proposal is estimated at 17.1 mills, up 3 mills from the current year. Amount to be levied is \$23,521, of which \$11,166 covers items within the 6 per cent state limitation for budget increasing, and the remainder covers millage levies outside the limitation.

X-Ray Unit To Resume Courthouse Schedules
The mobile X-ray unit's visit to Salem postponed Wednesday due to a break-down, will be here as scheduled today, according to Ruby Bunnell of the Marion county tuberculosis and health office.

The unit will be stationed at the Marion county courthouse and will endeavor to accommodate all who had appointments for Wednesday, as well as today, she said.

COALITION RE-ELECTED
VANCOUVER, B.C., June 15 (AP)—The British Columbia coalition government, under the leadership of Premier Byron Johnson, today was re-elected.

SCHOOL FUND VOTED
AMITY, June 15 (Special)—Voters of Amity union high school district 5 Tuesday night approved a \$15,000 warrant issue to finance a remodeling program at the high school. The vote was 25 to 12.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

If you are planning a motor trip through the northwest allow yourself more time than usual. Highways suffered serious damage last winter, which was so extensive that crews have not yet been able to get them repaired. Your trip will be slowed down by poor roads and in places by repair crews where you'll have to wait in line and follow a pilot car.

In recent weeks I have taken some motor cruises to different sections and can report on them briefly. The Willamette highway (Ore. 58) is in poor condition. The original surfacing was too light to carry the heavy traffic which has been using the road. Below Oak Ridge the road is old, not built to recent standards. About Meridian where the new Willamette dam is to go, relocation work is in progress. Across the summit, reconstruction work is going on from Odell lake toward Chemut.

This is supposed to be the "fast" road to California; but it isn't now, owing to its bad condition.

The highway from Klamath Falls to Crater Lake and thence down the west side of the mountains to Medford is in pretty good shape. The lodge is now open at the lake. Lots of snow covers the ground about the lodge and the road around the rim is still closed. The lake is still a scenic jewel that charms all visitors.

The rebuilt Pacific highway is a splendid road to the top of the divide between Cow Creek and Canyon creek. Wide, with easy grades and

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Unions Oppose Rent Decontrol

Salem Central Trades and Labor council stands opposed to decontrol of rents in the Salem area at this time, it was announced Wednesday.

Herbert Barker, executive secretary, said the council voted against decontrol at its Tuesday night meeting.

Opinion among council members, said Barker, is that "rent prices will rise if controls are lifted. Decontrol now will do for rents what the lifting of general price controls did for the cost of living."

Salem city council will discuss the lifting of rent controls at a public hearing at city hall June 27. The decontrol move has been suggested by the Salem Board of Realtors and the Home Property Owners association.

The Why of The Hospital Drive

(Editor's Note—The Salem Hospital Development Program calls for the raising of \$1,100,000 in the Salem area. The campaign is now in progress and will be brought to the general public within a few weeks.)

(To inform the public of the local needs for hospital facilities, The Statesman will give space for a daily "Question and Answer." The first of these comes today.)

(If you have questions you want answered, write to the hospital program headquarters, 333 N. High St. or phone 7-3551. If you have experienced difficulty in getting hospital accommodations tell the program office of your experience.)

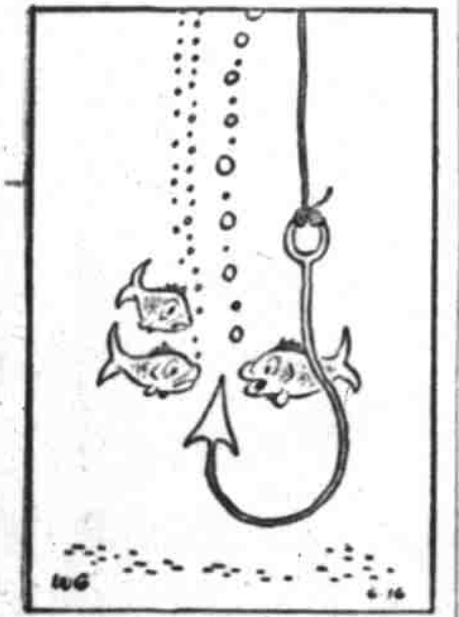
QUESTION: Mr. Wedel, (administrator, Salem Memorial Hospital) Why does Salem Memorial Hospital need the \$1,100,000 being asked through the Salem Hospital Development Program?

ANSWER: During the war and the immediate post war period, neither hospital in Salem expanded its facilities nor modernized its plant in any appreciable extent. Nevertheless, during all this time, Salem and its adjacent trade area have been growing until the population has been doubled. With regard to hospitals it has remained static.

Just what does this mean with reference to the Salem Memorial Hospital? It means that the need for modernization has become acute. We have tried to meet this crying need by installing a remodeling and redecorating program in the building itself; by the addition of more bed space; and by the purchase and installation of the latest and best equipment to replace older, out-moded facilities.

We want to give the people of Salem what any community hospital should give — the best care possible. Modern science demands better and better service and it is only by carrying through on the program we have begun that we can fulfill these demands.

That is why we need \$1,100,000 — to carry out the plans we have made to give modern hospital service to our ever-growing population.



"Ya know I think people are getting back their optimism."

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	75	43	.00
Portland	60	40	.00
San Francisco	67	55	.00
Chicago	73	58	.15
New York	81	65	trace

Willamette river - 3 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today, tonight and Friday. Little warmer today with high 73-75; low tonight, 50-52. Agriculture outlook: Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds during afternoon and evenings will hinder drying operations; otherwise conditions fair for all activities.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to June 16)	This Year	Last Year	Normal
	40.77	45.91	30.35