

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles A. Souque

The convention of Townsend clubs in Columbus adopted a resolution calling for a new political party. Disgusted because the two old parties refuse to take up their co-prosperity scheme, the Townsends propose to go it alone, with their own party.

That isn't much of a threat. The old parties may be happy to be freed of the pressures from the followers of Doc Townsend. The latter says they will put up candidates for congressional offices, though they may endorse some who have supported their program (like Homer Angell of Portland). But if they go off on their own they will lose the strength they now exert in tipping the balance in close races.

At that, the Townsend movement has shown remarkable vitality. Proposed over a dozen years ago as a sure-fire stopper for the depression and a boon for the aged, it gathered considerable momentum. The politicians catered to the solid bloc of votes it mustered. Even after it was defeated in a vote in the national house of representatives in 1939 it still claimed a substantial following.

The plan has been a good "silver mine" for Doc Townsend and his family and innumerable promoters. It brought in substantial sums which provided salaries and financed the cause. Naturally, those on the receiving end don't like to give up a "good thing" and they have managed to keep the money flowing in to maintain the enterprise.

From time to time the plan has been altered from the original \$200 (Continued on editorial page)

### Mack Maison Killed in Texas Plane Crash

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., July 6 (AP)—Lt. (jg) Mack Maison, a navy flight instructor from Cabaniss field, was killed in a plane crash on Laguna Madre near here shortly before noon today.

Maison was in a simulated dog fight with a student in another plane when his F4U Corsair went out of control and crashed. Cause of the accident could not be immediately determined, the navy said.

Maison was a son of Oregon State Police Superintendent H. G. Maison, Salem, Ore.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Keep jumping, children, your mother still isn't asleep."

### There's a Jack-in-the-Beanstalk Among 'em



STAYTON, July 7—One of these eight youngsters shown inspecting the bean stalks at Darley's plantation near Stayton will be chosen "Jack-in-the-Beanstalk" of the 1949 Santiam Flax festival to be held at Stayton from July 26 through 30. They are, left to right, Kenneth Ware, Jackie Dittler, Denny Frank, Gail Elmer, Thumper Julian, Roy Markham, Leroy Fender and Paul Freres.

# Billion-Dollar Public Housing Program Given Approval

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### U.S. A-bomb 'Way Ahead'

#### Lilienthal Policies Backed

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—Dr. Robert F. Bracher, former member of the atomic energy commission, testified today he believes the United States "is way out ahead" of other nations in the production of atomic energy and that bomb production "is in the best shape ever."

Dr. Bracher backed up David E. Lilienthal, commission chairman, who had said the nation was "virtually unarmed atomically" when the commission took over from the army in 1947.

"I was deeply shocked to find out how few atomic weapons we had at that time," Dr. Bracher said.

Lilienthal said the commission couldn't be poorly managed if its production of atomic bombs was as good as Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) admitted it was.

It was Hickenlooper who has charged Lilienthal with "incredible mismanagement" of the commission, demanding his ouster.

Lilienthal took the witness chair before the joint senate-house atomic committee today to uphold his stewardship as chairman of the commission. For five weeks he had been on the defensive as Hickenlooper tried to document his mismanagement charge.

Tests' Value Cited  
Bracher said the atomic bomb tests at Eniwetok atoll last year brought conclusions about the design of weapons "which gave us great heart for new future developments."

Other steps forward, he said, include stepped-up efficiency in the production of uranium-235 and plutonium, which are bomb components; development of atomic piles with longer life, and expansion of raw material sources.

Portland General Electric will move its Salem offices to the ground floor of the Pacific building, High at State streets by September 1, Manager Fred Starrett said Wednesday.

One of the two present store spaces to be occupied by PGE was vacated Wednesday when Ben Wittner Furs moved from the shop at 142 S. High st. to Lachelle's Furs building, 1348 Ferry st., where the Wittner shop has been located for seven years prior to 1948.

The Fashion Lounge already has vacated Pacific building space and the Jaquith Music Co., 136 S. High st., is expected to vacate this summer.

### Animals Draw Small Fry to West Salem



The younger generation had a free show Wednesday when the Pacific Northwest Amusement company's animal show camped along the Willamette river at West Salem, long enough to ship off two lions for a rest. Frank Carber, Salem route 4, is shown trying to get "Blackie," a reluctant young American buffalo, to pose for The Statesman photographer. In the background an unidentified woman is feeding one of the show's South American llamas. (Statesman photo).

### Britain Halts Buying of All But Essentials

LONDON, July 6 (AP)—Britain, the banker for a quarter of the world's people, halted today all but urgent new buying from the United States in the gravest dollar crisis here since the start of the Marshall plan.

Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, told a crowded house of commons that the gold and dollar reserves of the sterling area plunged last week to a low of \$1,624,000,000.

This reserve is the working capital for trade with the U. S., Canada and other countries with dollar-based economies by the whole sterling area—that is, by Britain and her colonies plus Iraq, Burma and Iceland and all the commonwealth but Canada.

Cripps said the "standstill" arrangement was an "immediate corrective measure" to the crisis. He said it started last week and would last at least until September, possibly longer. He said the labor government has "not the slightest intention of devaluing the pound," pegged since the war at \$4.03 and rumored recently to be shaky.

### Sick Lions Finally Caged for Shipment to Zoo 'Rest Home'

By Lester F. Cour  
Valley Editor, The Statesman  
The Salem area's kiddies had a special treat Wednesday when the Pacific Northwest Amusement company camped in West Salem to crate and ship two sick lions to California.

The two 500-pound cats, battered from traveling over the nation in small cages, were prodded into crates after an hour's persuasion and shipped from Salem by Railway Express to a zoo in Thousand Oaks, Calif., for a needed rest.

Supervising the touchy job were owners of the show, John Beck, Oregon City, and N. A. Smith, Lewiston, Idaho. A sizeable crowd of sidewalk superintendents hindered the process materially by scaring the camera-shy lions back into their truck cages after they were coaxed part way into the shipping crates.

Children flocked to the camp grounds along the banks of the Willamette river to watch two dromedary, four llamas and a three-month-old buffalo munch grass along the river bank.

The patient dromedary—natives of Egypt and a familiar sight along the Nile river—looked strangely out of place strolling along the green-banked Willamette. One of the beasts displayed a nasty trick to the small fry. He spit in the faces of his keepers when they weren't looking.

The llamas, pack beasts in the high mountains of South America, were unconcerned by the crowds, but were intensely interested in mowing down the green grass.

Also on display for the kiddies were a black panther, a leopard, an Alaskan Honey bear, an ocelot and a dozen or more monkeys.

### Eggs Upped And Another Rise Expected

Prices of large eggs were boosted two cents a dozen and medium sizes one cent in Salem Wednesday following similar increases in Portland.

Salem wholesalers are buying the extra large AA grade for 58 cents; large AA 57 cents and large A 56 cents.

The latest boost was the fourth since June 1. Prices generally are 10 cents a dozen higher than at that time.

PORTLAND, July 6 (AP)—Egg dealers predicted another one-cent boost in grade AA and A quality large eggs tomorrow, in the wake of a 1 and 2 cent jump today. A shortage of top-grade locally produced eggs was given as the cause.

FIRE LOSS \$1,500,000  
BANGOR, Me., Thursday, July 7 (AP)—A \$1,500,000 blaze laid waste a quarter mile of Bangor's waterfront early today.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	75	52	.00
Portland	70	54	.00
San Francisco	63	51	.00
Chicago	88	70	.13
New York	81	70	.54

Willamette river -2 feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy this morning becoming fair this afternoon and tonight. High today near 77; low tonight 44. Agriculture outlook: Weather continued favorable for most activities except for moderate winds hindering dusting and spraying.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to July 7)  
This Year Last Year Normal

### Merger Vote Set July 26

WEST SALEM, July 6—Merger of this city with the city of Salem will be voted on by West Salem electors July 26, it was decided officially tonight by the West Salem city council.

If West Salem citizens decide in this election to void their city charter, a vote would follow in the city of Salem to make final decision whether the two cities bordering the Willamette river shall become one.

All Voters Eligible  
All six councilmen and Mayor Walter Musgrave voted the merger election bill into law at tonight's meeting in city hall. It calls for voting between 9 a. m. and 9 p. m. (daylight time) Tuesday, July 26, at the West Salem city hall. All voters registered in West Salem will be eligible to cast ballots.

Little discussion preceded the election call, but several councilmen expressed the desire for assurances that local utilities would be protected under a merger and that West Salem would receive a seat on the Salem city council.

Utilities Protected  
Mayor Musgrave pointed out that existing state law already protects utilities, such as Salem Electric, Bonneville-distributing cooperative which provides most of the power to West Salem but operates within limits in Salem where Portland General Electric is principal electric distributor.

The mayor also said the position of Salem city officials regarding West Salem council representation and other merger matters would be made clear at a public merger meeting here Friday night. He has called the meeting to outline merger advantages and any local citizens with questions about the proposal.

Officials Named  
Election officials named for the special election on merger include Mrs. William A. McCormack, Mrs. Donald Kuhn, Mrs. A. N. Copenhaver, Mrs. Guy Newgent and Mrs. Earl Burk.

The council received petitions requesting the merger vote from 138 citizens. One petition with 63 names was officially checked by the Polk county clerk who found 61 signatures valid. Only 24 signers were required to enable the council to call the election.

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### Slot Machines Are Seized at Lodge Rooms

Fifteen slot machines were seized at the Salem Eagles club at 371 N. High st. about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday by Marion county authorities and city police. They were not in use at the time.

No charges were filed, District Attorney E. O. Stadter, jr., said the search was for evidence and that several charges may be filed after he examines the evidence further.

The raid by about 10 officers was headed by Police Chief Clyde Warren and Marion County Sheriff Denver Young. The equipment was taken, on a Silverton justice court warrant, from a padlocked room. Authorities said the lock was pried open with a crowbar when those in charge at the club were unable to furnish keys.

Two chuck-luck games, bean-o-apparatus and punch-boards also were seized. All items were hauled to the basement of the court-house.

Possession of slot-machines is a misdemeanor, Sheriff Young said Wednesday night. He added there "wasn't any dust" on the machines taken.

### First Victory In Administration's Planning Looms

#### Slain (Story Below)



Peter J. Flint

#### Attacked



Mrs. Eva Paget

#### Confessed



Henry Brun Gulbrandsen

### Officials Seek Crime Motive; Charges Set

(Pictures above)

SANTA ROSA, Calif., July 6 (AP)—Why did a jittery ex-convict hammer two friends to death and attack a woman acquaintance?

Officials tonight sought the answer from Henry B. Gulbrandsen, 34, who admitted the slayings in signed statements. He was placed in Sonoma county jail here late today. It was in this county—in Jack London's pastoral Valley of the Moon—that on July 4 he killed his merchant marine roommate, Lt. Peter J. Flint, 31, and their weekend host, Peter J. Jensen, 54.

Gulbrandsen surrendered last night to a cub reporter at Eureka—200 miles north. He said people might think him "a dangerous character" and cause trouble if he were arrested in a public place.

He made no attempt to explain the killings, or the attack on Mrs. Eva Paget, 27, Berkeley mother of two—except that he was in a "stupor" and had "rapid pulsations" and heartbeats.

All three attacks were made with an Indian pestle, at Jensen's isolated cabin.

### Conference Group Reaches Accord; Vote Due Today

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—The compromise, trimmed-down version of President Truman's multi-billion-dollar housing bill was approved by a senate-house conference committee tonight. It calls for 810,000 publicly-owned dwellings in six years.

Administration leaders voiced hope that the senate and house will approve the legislation finally tomorrow and toss it on the president's desk. It would give Mr. Truman his first major victory for the domestic program he called the "fair deal."

Slum Clearance Provided  
Besides the controversial public housing section, the bill sets up a huge slum clearance program in cities and provides farm housing aids.

The conferees agreed to accept highest senate figures of \$325,000,000 for aids to farm housing, instead of the lower \$312,500,000 in the house-approved bill.

Mr. Truman asked congress for authority to build 1,050,000 publicly-owned dwellings in seven years, to be occupied by low-income families with federal rent subsidies running up to \$400,000 a year for 40 years.

Controversy Arises  
The senate trimmed these figures to 810,000 dwellings and maximum rent subsidies of \$308,000,000. It then passed the bill 77 to 13.

But in the house the measure ran into rough weather, drawing shouts of "socialism" and cries that the huge cost would imperil the stability of the federal treasury.

The house democratic caucus, in a move to pick up needed votes, decided to shave the bill down to senate size. Even so, the controversial public housing section of the bill was saved in the house only by a narrow 158 to 165 vote.

Subsequently, the house got into a parliamentary snarl and with many members thinking they were voting for the trimmed-down public housing figures, passed by 228 to 185 a bill embodying the larger program requested by the president.

Local Authorities Planned  
Committees representing the senate and house sat today to iron out the differences. The house members immediately yielded to the senate's smaller figures on public housing, abiding by the vote of the house democratic caucus.

Under the public housing section, the construction program would be managed by local housing authorities. These parties also would select the low-income families to occupy the units, and would set their rent at what they could pay.

Federal subsidies would make up the difference between actual rents and the economic rents needed to pay off the housing project.

In addition to public housing, the measure provides for slum clearance—a five-year program to remove slums in cities having one-third of the cost to be met by the federal government and the balance by local communities.

### Psychiatrist at State Hospital Fired off Job

Dr. Horace Miller, psychiatrist at the Oregon state hospital, was relieved of his duties Wednesday.

Miller released the information himself and told newspapermen he was "fired for insubordination." He had the longest service of any state hospital employee and was in charge of the receiving ward. Dr. Charles E. Bates, hospital superintendent, issued the discharge order.

Dr. Miller denied the insubordination charges. Prior to the world war, Dr. Miller was superintendent of the state home for feeble-minded and was on the staff of the state hospital.

After wartime service as a navy captain, he returned to the state hospital.

### SEES NO TAX BOOST

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—House democratic leader McCormack (Mass) said tonight that in his opinion no bill to boost taxes will be passed by congress this year.

**BASEBALL**

Western International  
At Wenatchee 5, Salem 10  
At Spokane 5, Yakima 7  
At Bremerton 1, Victoria 5  
At Tacoma 1, Vancouver 12

Coast League  
At Portland 2, San Diego 3  
At Seattle 3, Sacramento 2  
At Hollywood 12, San Francisco 6  
At Oakland 17, Los Angeles 1

National League  
At Cincinnati 23, Chicago 4  
At Boston 7, Brooklyn 5  
At Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 3  
At New York-Philadelphia (rain)

American League  
At Washington 9, Boston 5  
At Philadelphia-New York (rain)  
At St. Louis 6, Detroit 8  
At Chicago 6, Cleveland 2