

# Heat Wave, Low Humidity Brings Extreme Forest Fire Danger

## British to Give Russ Machines for Grain

By Arthur Gavshon  
LONDON, July 8 (AP)—Britain has agreed to trade Russia machinery for nearly a million tons of Russian coarse grains and a big quantity of wheat, official British sources said today.

phased the new deal represents no change in policy. What is new is that it also involves wheat—which Britain buys for dollars from the United States and Canada. In Washington, the U. S. state department said it had been informed the British were considering a wheat purchase from Russia. Such a deal would be consistent with the 1947 Anglo-Russian agreement and "the one-year contract seems to be a perfectly normal supply proposition," Press Officer Michael McDermott said. The British officials declined to say how much wheat was involved, except that it was a "big amount."

## Taft May Vote Against North Atlantic Treaty

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said today he is "absolutely opposed to providing arms for Europe" and for that reason may vote against the North Atlantic treaty.

But Senator Lodge (R-Mass.) told the senate that "to reject the pact would be a step fraught with the most colossal danger."

Angry charges that the state department resorted to subterfuge in discussing the treaty and the proposed \$1,450,000,000 arms program flew on the senate floor as the four-day-old debate continued.

Senator Donnell (R-Mo.) shouted that Secretary of State Acheson and state department officials, in testifying before congressional committees, have followed a "designed policy" of trying to keep the treaty and the arms program apart "when in fact one is dependent on the other."

He said his language on this question has been "carefully guarded."

Taft's warning that he might oppose the treaty marked the first major roadblock on the smooth highway to ratification of the North Atlantic defense treaty.

Taft, as chairman of the senate GOP policy committee, commands strong influence among his republican colleagues, and administration leaders foresaw the possibility that others might follow his lead.

His political battles of 1950 and 1952 are taking shape. The campaign of 1950 will be the curtain-raiser for 1952. It will also be a return engagement for the 1948 battle which never developed. The leading contestants will be Senator Robert A. Taft and President Harry S. Truman.

Truman and the democrats will try their utmost to defeat him in Ohio. The major issue is labor legislation. Truman went all-out for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, but both houses of congress rejected the simple repeal measures.

Thomas (administration) bill pretty much as Taft wanted it. When the republicans, with a few exceptions, stayed with Taft to defeat the Lucas amendment and went on to help adopt the Taft amendment to allow use of injunction in crisis-strikes as well as to authorize plant seizure they drew the lines for the 1950 battle for votes. They have committed the party nationally to support the Taft position. Conversely this means a union of the Truman democracy with the leadership of organized labor.

This latter coalition would appear formidable. Organized labor hates the Taft-Hartley act with a deadly hatred, and vows vengeance on its author. But their emotional reaction will hardly stand up in the light of cold reason. And the Ohio senator has a strong case to present to his constituents. He can point out that labor leaders gave no assistance whatever in the drafting of the measure designed to correct certain recognized evils of the Wagner act. He can challenge them to produce a better formula to

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**SANTIAM ROAD BID**  
PORTLAND, July 8 (AP)—Award of a \$195,995 contract for completing the North Santiam highway to the low bidder, Rogers Construction Co., Portland, has been recommended by the bureau of public roads.

### THE WEATHER

Salem	91	47	90
Portland	86	51	80
San Francisco	74	50	80
Chicago	90	72	40
New York	86	56	80

Willamette river—22 feet  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair and continued warm today; tonight and Sunday highest today near low near 80. Agriculture outlook favorable today and Sunday except for fresh winds in the afternoon.

### SALEM PRECIPITATION

This Year	Last Year	Average
41.81	46.53	37.14

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Oh boy! Pop said he's gonna build us a sand box."

## Mercury Tops 90 In Salem

By The Associated Press

Humidity was falling and temperatures were rising rapidly throughout the northwest Friday, bringing extreme forest fire danger.

The thermometer in Salem reached 91 with approximately the same reading expected today.

State and federal officials of both Oregon and Washington called for cooperation of forest users and warned that major outbreaks are possible.

Two blazes were reported, one covering possibly a thousand acres on the Oregon-California border, the other a brush fire in Yakima county, Washington. This one was controlled.

The weather bureau forecast humidities as low as 12 per cent in southwestern Oregon, 17 per cent in western Oregon generally, except on the west slope of the coast range at higher elevations, and 8 per cent in south central Oregon on Saturday. Ninety degree and higher temperatures also were forecast.

Siskiyou national forest and state lands were afire, before gusty winds, in the Obrien area south of Grants Pass. Starting Thursday, the blaze swept over the California border Friday, and had covered possibly a thousand acres but was being brought under control.

Woodburn reported a rash of grass fires, one of which brought both Hubbard and Woodburn fire trucks to the S. T. Stickney place. A hay pile fire at the Mrs. Ray Tyson farm on highway 99-E was blazed on a post-fourth of July rocket.

Portland recorded its second hottest day of the year Friday at 87 degrees. In southern Oregon the thermometer got up to 97 degrees at one mountain pass, and Medford reported 95. The weather bureau forecast dry, east winds to go with the hot weather over the week end, increasing the danger.

## Russian Sub Fleet Disclosed

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—Secret testimony that Russia has a fleet of 250 to 300 ultra-modern submarines was disclosed by congress today.

As a result, top navy officials testified, the U. S. navy has given No. 1 priority to "anti-submarine warfare" preparedness.

Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of naval operations, cited Russia's potent overseas striking power in guarded testimony before a senate appropriations committee some time ago. It was released today.

PRICE OF MILK REDUCED  
PORTLAND, July 8 (AP)—The milk control section of the state department of agriculture ordered milk prices cut 1 to 1 1/2 cents a quart today in Columbia and Washington counties.

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## Visitors to Streamliner Find SP Train Spacious, Modern, Complete, Cool

(Picture on page 5)  
About 8,000 Salem folk got their first new Friday and some their first ride, on the new Southern Pacific "Shasta Daylighter," an all-coach passenger train which goes into service Sunday between Portland and San Francisco.

Newest product of the carbuilders, containing many unique features the train opens windows on the scenic country between the Columbia river and San Francisco bay. Officials of the Southern Pacific anticipate its immediate success, based on their experience with the Daylighter trains between the bay and Los Angeles, which recently hauled their 10,000,000th passenger.

The train was on exhibition here from noon to 4 p. m. A local delegation headed by Salem Mayor R. L. Elstrom and by Mayor Walter Musgrave of West Salem boarded the train at Albany and rode on it to Salem. Others boarded the train here for the ride into Portland.

To Boost Tourist Travel  
Claude E. Peterson, Southern Pacific vice president in charge of system passenger traffic, was on the train for its initial run. In discussing the company ideas with respect to the train he emphasized the impetus he felt it would give to tourist travel.

"We are launching a heavy advertising and promotional campaign on the theme 'See the Whole Pacific Coast by Daylight.' We are confident this effort will attract thousands more to this coast and bring a large percentage of them through the Pacific Northwest. This scenery is the most beautiful in the world and we are exploiting its attractions by means of this train. Take our windows—they are 30 per cent larger in glass area and give you a panoramic view of the whole outdoors. They won't fog up either. Passengers can see the country they are going through both in the Sacramento canyon and around Mt. Shasta and through Oregon."

Need Volume on Train  
"We have to get volume travel on this train to make it pay—the cost of the two trains is \$5,000,000. It has a capacity of hauling 322,000 persons a year, and we are going to do our best to keep the seats filled. The more people we bring through your part of the country the more people will stop here and locate here."

The new train is a single-class train, with low fares (\$12 for the ride between Portland and San Francisco). Seats are chairs with foam rubber cushions and are adjustable to many positions.

Doors open on slight pressure and close automatically. Cloth drapes with special pine cone patterns hang at the windows. Retiring rooms are spacious.

Opens from Outside  
One of the new features of the train is the baggage compartment at the end of the coach. This may be opened from the outside as well as the inside, which does away with congestion at vestibules when trains are discharging passengers.

Cars are especially decorated, with murals showing scenes along the Shasta route. Native woods are used in panels. Lighting is fluorescent. Salem visitors to the train were especially grateful for air conditioning which kept the interior cool despite the heat outside.

In addition to nine coaches there is a tavern car offering continuous service and a triple unit dining car-kitchen-coffee shop and an observation-parlor car.

The new Daylighter will make the run in 15 1/2 hours, the maximum speed allowed being 75 miles per hour. Southbound the train leaves Salem at 9 a. m.; northbound at 9:56 p. m. Arrival time at both terminals is 11:15 p. m. Departure time from the terminals is 7:45 a. m.

Beside Vice President Peterson Southern Pacific officials on the train were L. P. Hopkins, Portland, superintendent; Jerry Gridley, assistant manager dining car department; Howard Williams, superintendent station service; Si Ghorley, assistant general passenger agent; Walter Maness, traveling passenger agent; and Emmett Fitzpatrick, S. P. news bureau.

Lease of quarters at McNary field by the Salem Naval Air Facility was signed in Washington by the U. S. navy, according to Rep. Walter Norblad, here Friday by Rep. Walter Norblad.

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As soon as the facility here has been commissioned then naval reserve personnel may begin flight training. Date of commissioning has not been set.

## Hiss Jury Dismissed; 8-4 Deadlock for Conviction

His Veracity Still in Question



NEW YORK, July 8 (AP)—Alger Hiss, former state department official, and his wife, Priscilla, leave the federal courthouse here after the jury debating his guilt or innocence in a perjury trial was locked up for the night. Today the jury was dismissed after failing to reach agreement. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

## Deliberation Lasts 14 Hours; New Trial Due

NEW YORK, July 8 (AP)—The Alger Hiss perjury jury failed to agree tonight and was dismissed at 8:01 p. m. (EST).

One of the jurors said the vote was eight to four for conviction. It had been that way for many hours, he said.

In response to the judge's query about the possibility of locking the jury up for the night, Foreman Hubert E. James replied, "I think I reflect the opinion of the jury, your honor, in saying 'no.'"

The dismissal of the jury came after it had been in session since 3:20 p. m. (EST) Thursday. It had deliberated 14 hours and 10 minutes.

The judge announced, "Well, there will be no alternative but to discharge the jury."

Said 2 Ballots Taken  
According to juror number six, Mrs. Helen G. Sweatt, there were two ballots taken in the entire deliberation. She said the first ballot, taken Thursday evening, showed that four were convinced of Hiss' guilt, four thought he was innocent and four were undecided.

At a ballot today, the only other one taken, eight voted for conviction and four for acquittal, Mrs. Sweatt said.

Asked if she knew why the four thought that Hiss was innocent, Mrs. Sweatt said:

"It is one of those things. They could not make up their minds with reference to the documents. They were not sure who typed the documents. They also could not believe Chambers' story."

Hiss, former state department official, was accused of lying to a grand jury when he denied passing secret U. S. government papers to ex-communist Whitaker Chambers, spy ring leader, to a prewar Soviet spy ring.

U. S. Attorney John F. McGohery said the case would be tried again. McGohery said the date depended on the condition of the court calendar and the number of judges available.

## Polk Area Ward Status Backed at Merger Talk

By Charles Ireland  
Staff Writer, The Statesman  
WEST SALEM, July 8 (Special)—Salem city authorities told an open forum gathering here tonight that they favored making a new ward of all city territory in Polk county, should voters from the two cities favor the proposed merger. Such an act would require an amendment to the Salem charter.

About 75 attended the hearing the subject in West Salem July 26. If approved there, Salem voters will follow with their decision.

Salem City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz pointed out that Salem voters would have to vote on the proposal for the new ward separately. They can not vote on that issue and the matter of merging with Salem as a lump question, he said.

A seat on the council would give the west bank of the Willamette better representation proportionately than that part of Salem in Marion county has. Salem's seven councilmen represent about 55,000 people, while the population of West Salem and the Kingwood Heights district (already part of Salem) is estimated at 3,500.

Existing franchises issued by the city of West Salem would according to law be recognized by Salem in event of the merger, Kowitz said in answer to that question.

West Salem city employees would be maintained, and the city hall here would be maintained for public functions as at present, Mayor Robert L. Elstrom assured the gathering.

Walter Musgrave, West Salem mayor, presided at the forum. (Additional details on page 2)

## Independence City Council Eyes Plan for General Business Tax

INDEPENDENCE, July 8 (Special)—Independence's city council will meet in a special session Tuesday at 8 p. m. to consider a proposed business tax.

The special session is an outgrowth of the regular council meeting Wednesday when an ordinance was approved lowering the bowling alley tax from \$100 to \$50 a year. It was also suggested that the tavern tax be dropped from \$500 to \$250 and the pin-ball machine levy from \$200 to \$100.

The business tax would replace revenue that would be lost should the special taxes be lowered.

In Wednesday's session, 11 renters or owners of property condemned by the city were granted extensions up to 90 days to make required repairs. Five persons who failed to appear will be sent final condemnation notices.

## BASEBALL

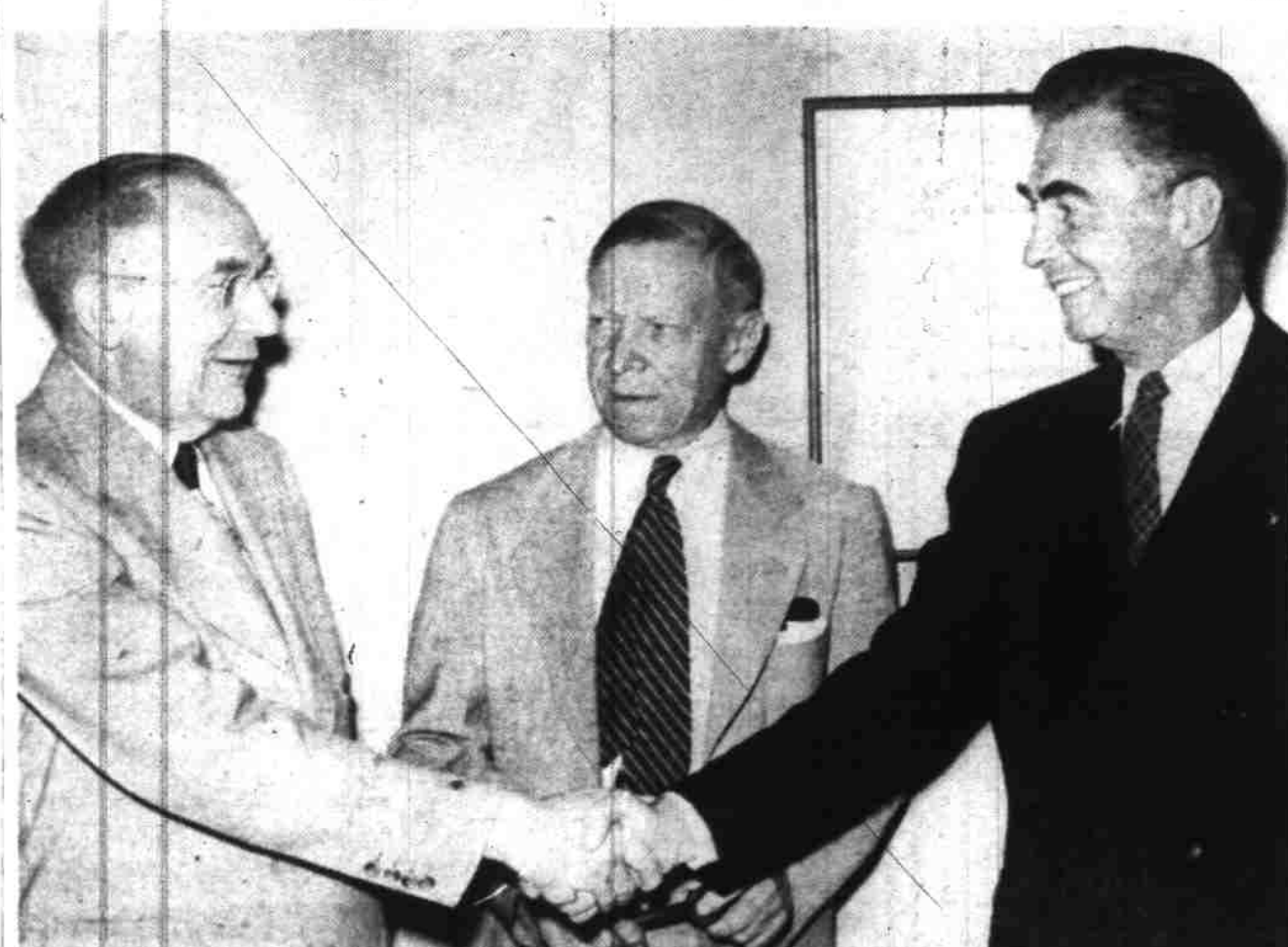
Western International  
At Spokane 3, Salem 1.  
At Wenatchee 4, Yakima 13.  
At Vancouver 4, Bremerton 2.  
At Victoria 2, Tacoma 1.

Coast League  
At Portland 2, San Diego 1.  
At Seattle 1, Sacramento 2.  
At Oakland 3, Los Angeles 7.  
At Hollywood 3, San Francisco 4.

National League  
At Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 3.  
At Brooklyn 4, New York 3.  
At Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 4.  
At Philadelphia 2, Boston 3.

American League  
At New York 4, Washington 2.  
At St. Louis 5, Cleveland 1.  
At Boston 7, Philadelphia 1.  
At Chicago 4, Detroit 1.

## New Judges Find Work Waiting



"Congratulations, Judge!" is being passed between new state supreme court Justice E. M. Page, left, and new Marion County Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell, right, shortly after the two had been sworn into their new offices by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk, center, at the state supreme court Friday morning. (Statesman photo.)

## Page, Kimmell Sworn in by Chief Justice Lusk

E. M. Page, new state supreme court justice, plunged into his official duties Friday and Rex Kimmell, new Marion county circuit judge, expects to take over the bench in the courthouse here Monday morning.

Both men received their oaths of office Friday in the state supreme court chamber. Judge Kimmell succeeds Justice Page, who was appointed to succeed the late Percy R. Kelly. Justice Kelly died here recently.

The double oath Friday was administered by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk. He read a tribute to Justice Kelly and said memor-

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