

\$1,250,000 Marked for Bridge

Caterpillars Move on Lebanon U.S. Fund Also Goes To Road



IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Salem has just welcomed a family of displaced persons, Mr. and Mrs. Ardo Tarem and their three daughters. They are Estonians. The parents remember when Estonia, which lies along the Gulf of Finland and the Baltic sea just west of Leningrad, was a province of Russia. It became an independent republic after the first world war; and was occupied by the USSR in 1940 under the demarcation of the Molotov-Ribbentrop agreement; it was overrun by the nazis; liberated by the Russians in 1944 and set up as a socialist soviet republic of the USSR.

When the nazis took over the country, Tarem was sent to Germany as an interpreter with crews of workers. Later, his wife found him — they met on the street of a German city. He had advertised, as did many displaced persons, and she had learned of his whereabouts. Their children were permitted to join them and they lived in a DP camp in the American zone near Stuttgart until he was accepted as an employee of the Salem YMCA and permitted to migrate with his family to the USA. Tarem was a Y worker in his native country and had been trained at the YMCA college at Springfield, Mass.

I was interested in visiting with him — he speaks good English — about the news they get from Estonia. He reports that steadily the population is being displaced and Russians from distant provinces moved in, and given Estonian names. We can have no idea, he says, of the distress of his fellow — countrymen under the soviet regime.

The Estonians are a very old people. They belong to the Ural-Altaic

Chiang Visits Philippines

MANILA, Sunday, July 10.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived in the Philippines today for secret conferences with President Elpidio Quirino, it was reported reliably.

A Chinese air force plane brought him from Formosa to Basa air field, near Clark field north of Manila.

There was speculation that Chiang was coming to discuss an anti-communist alliance in the Pacific such as Quirino has proposed and to seek a refuge for the gold and government of nationalist China if Formosa becomes untenable. Formosa, the nation's last redoubt, is 250 miles north of the Philippines.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precep.
Salem	85	58	00
Portland	85	58	00
San Francisco	82	50	00
Chicago	85	74	33
New York	81	66	00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Generally fair today but slightly cooler due to some scattered high cloudiness. High today 85, low tonight 58. Agriculture outlook: Fair weather for most farm activities with moderate northwesterly winds during the afternoon.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to July 10)
This Year 41.61
Last Year 46.83
Normal 37.15

Housewives Grab Brooms, Bug Poison, Hoses to Halt Invasion

LEBANON, Ore., July 9.—(AP)—Housewives here grabbed brooms, hoses and bug poison today to battle millions of caterpillars that suddenly appeared on the edge of the city.

The caterpillars, apparently unaffected, moved forward relentlessly, chomping their way through gardens.

The mau-Williamette valley town of about 5000 population never before had such an invasion and was at a loss to explain the origin.

The caterpillars seemed to have hatched out this morning in thistle patches on the southeast edge of town. Those in the vanguard were 1 1/2 inches long, black with grey fuzz. Those to the rear were smaller. Millions of eggs appeared still to be unhatched in the thistles.

Housewives turned hoses on the invaders. They spread DDT across streets. When these measures failed, they began calling husbands home from work. Entomologists from Oregon State college were summoned.

The caterpillars infested about a three-acre area inside the city, and still were moving forward.

Fire in Residence Burns Furniture
Fire which started in the living room of the Charles N. Worley residence, 2174 Broadway st., destroyed furniture and caused smoke damage about 9 p.m., Saturday.

Cause of the blaze was not immediately determined by city fire-officers. The Worleys and their small daughter, Pauline, vacated the house temporarily as a result of the fire.

Britain Hopes for \$1 Billion Business With Red Nations

LONDON, July 9.—(AP)—Britain hopes to do about \$1,000,000,000 worth of business with Soviet Russia and three other communist nations in the next year in her effort to get out of the hole economically.

Officials in Britain's treasury and board of trade agreed today the current dollar crisis gives new significance to trade pact talks now going on with Russia, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The \$1,000,000,000 would be about 6 per cent of Britain's total world trade. Last year her imports and exports totaled \$15,651,466,000, of which \$6,333,314,816 were imports.

Also in Marion county, the Pudding River-Silverton highway project will receive \$290,000 for grading, surfacing and asphalt concrete, plus \$60,000 for a bridge over the river and \$75,000 for an overpass over the Southern Pacific railroad.

Protest Lodged
The Pudding River-Silverton money has been appropriated for the new location. A protest against this route was filed with the court by 13 residents living along the present road.

Judge Grant Murphy said Saturday, "These protests should be filed with the state bureau of roads. The money has been appropriated for the new route, and the county court cannot change the route and still use the money without permission of the bureau of roads."

Must Approve Changes
State engineers surveyed and approved the new route and they would have to approve any change. This might involve delay in construction, Judge Murphy added.

Judge Murphy also said that while the new route will be more costly it also will be straighter and safer, since a railroad overpass is provided. It also will provide a connecting point with the road into Silverton from Independence to the south, he said.

The federal government appropriated a total of \$23,500,000 for construction and improvement of state and county roads in 1950 and 1951 according to the state highway commission bulletin Saturday.

Prize Goes to Joke Painting

PORTLAND, July 9.—(AP)—A Portland physician and amateur artist painted a picture making fun of "modern art," and submitted it to an art exhibition.

To his astonishment, it won a prize. Now he's wondering whether to revise his whole concept of painting.

Dr. S. M. Gellert painted a still life and submitted it to the American Physicians Art association exhibit at Atlantic City. Then, just for fun, he sent along a burlesque of the same scene, done modern style: "a sort of artistic satire."

The judges exclaimed over his intended joke, called it "exciting" and awarded him a medal of merit. His serious painting didn't even get noticed.

Bids on Lyle Grade School Job Opened

DALLAS, July 9.—(Special)—Barham Bros., Salem contractors, are low bidders for the contract to construct the Lyle grade school, the school board announced today. Their bid was \$227,209.

Other firms submitting bids, all of Salem, were Viesko and Post, \$233,794; Erwin E. Batterman, \$240,751; and H. G. Carl, \$240,416.

S. E. Whitworth, school superintendent, said the contract would probably be awarded within a week after the board consults with Francis Jacobberger, Portland architect who designed the eight-unit elementary school.

Work will start shortly after the contract is awarded, and it is hoped the buildings will be completed by the second semester of the 1949-50 school year.

Oregon Traffic Deaths Decline
Sixty-eight fewer lives were lost in Oregon traffic accidents during the first six months of this year than during the same period last year, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reported Friday.

For the six months this year, ended June 30, the death toll stood at 124, a drop of 35 per cent from the 192 fatalities recorded at the same time in 1948. June deaths totaled 24 as against 43 in June of a year ago.

The half year death record is the lowest since the war-time travel restrictions of 1944.

U.S. Vice-Consul 'Brutally Beaten' by Chinese Reds

U.S. Army Officer Kills 'Confession' by Red Soldier in Gun Duel Olive Refuted After Release

By James Devlin
FRANKFURT, Germany, July 9.—(AP)—A U. S. army officer on border patrol in the American zone said today he killed a Russian soldier in a rifle duel at 30 feet.

Lt. William C. Linderoose, 34, of Port Huron, Mich., said three Russians "began shooting at me so I shot at them."

The incident took place yesterday, the U. S. army constabulary announced, when a border patrol of three American enlisted men and a German policeman was fired upon while checking border markers near Rothenbach, north of Coburg.

"They left their jeep and hit the dirt for protection," said a constabulary report.

Later, the patrol slipped away and returned with two officers, including Linderoose. Again the Americans were fired upon.

Linderoose said he saw four Russians and fired single shots at three of them. One fell. He appeared to be a youth of 18 or 19. Several other Russians were lurking in the vicinity behind trees and other cover exchanging signals by whistles and calls, he added.

"We were 250 to 300 yards inside the American zone, and they were still farther inside," Linderoose said.

"I was too damn busy to have any reactions."

When dawn came this morning the body was gone — removed by the Russians in the darkness.

The constabulary announced that it intended to file a protest with the Russians against violation of the border and firing on American soldiers.

Shanghai, July 9.—(AP)—U. S. Vice Consul William M. Olive, who was released today by police of this communist city after three days in jail, "was utterly, brutally beaten," Consul General John Cabot declared.

"The communist liberation daily published a statement attributed to Olive that 'I have not received any ill-treatment during my detention.'"

"Any statement such as that which appeared in the liberation daily was obtained from him as a result of the barbarous treatment he received," Cabot asserted in a press conference late today.

"(This dispatch was more than 12 hours in transmission, apparently having been held up by the communist military censorship.)"

Olive, 32, of Ironton, Mo., was arrested last Wednesday when his consulate jeep got involved in a mass parade in which the communists were observing the 12th anniversary of the Japanese war and the third anniversary of the civil war.

Olive Released
Cabot, his superior, said Olive was released today, after being beaten, handcuffed, incommunicado in a cell for three days, and forced to sign several statements, a confession, and an "apology."

"I have personally seen Olive's injuries," said Cabot. We had him examined medically, and have taken photographs and will take X-rays.

The consulate physician who examined Olive said his condition was "seriousness of all muscles and joints, 20 bruises, contusions and abrasions, evidence of some internal injuries, and some increase in temperature and a higher pulse rate."

Highly Nervous
Olive, in a highly nervous and emotional state, is under the physician's care. He did not see reporters.

It developed that after Olive's arrest he was taken by a wasside police station. Later he was taken to the Fochow station (in downtown Shanghai).

There, after questioning, he was told he would be released after apologizing for violating a traffic rule. He was taken back to the wasside station, was held for two hours and then was shown an order for his detention.

Grabbed Desk
Olive protested that the Fochow station had ordered his release. He was grabbed from behind by communist soldiers and police. He grabbed the desk instinctively, upsetting a teapot and three ink bottles.

He then was set upon by six officers, hurled to the floor, beaten with rifle butts, kicked, cut and thrown into a cell handcuffed. He was unable to walk and was ministered to by Chinese prisoners in the same cell.

Details of what happened there after Olive finally was released are unavailable. It is feared their disclosure would imperil Olive's safety.

Pilgrims to Bring Sacred Statue to Mt. Angel Today

MT. ANGEL, July 9.—(Special)—Nearly all of Mt. Angel's residents will be on hand Sunday at noon when a statue of Our Lady of Fatima will arrive to be placed in a permanent shrine in St. Mary's Catholic church.

In observance of the occasion the rosary and hymn singing will take place every 30 minutes Sunday up to 3 p.m.

The statue, an exact replica of the original, will arrive by special train from Chicago accompanied by numerous pilgrims.

Petition Asks Annex Vote South of Salem

A third attempt is underway to annex approximately 420 acres of land just south of Salem to the city.

A petition, signed by nearly 140 residents in the area, will be presented to the city council Monday night, according to Rich L. Reimann who helped circulate the petition.

It will ask the council to set a date for voting on the issue so people in the area can decide whether they wish to become a part of the city.

If the people in the area vote to accept annexation the issue will be submitted to vote of the people in Salem at the next general election.

The area involved is south of Hoyt street and west of the Southern Pacific mainline, extending west beyond the 12th street cut-off and south beyond Strong street.

An annexation proposal was defeated for a second time in the area by a vote of 103-108 in the general election last November, although the people of Salem approved the annexation, 9,743 to 2,715.

Proponents of the proposal charged that several persons voted who were not residents of the area, but no action was taken.

Elliott Invites Try at Recall, Files Libel Suit

PORTLAND, July 9.—(AP)—Sheriff Marion L. (Mike) Elliott dared his opponents today to start a recall movement against him, and filed a \$500,000 libel suit against the Oregonian.

In the latest move of his feud with Portland newspapers the Multnomah county sheriff asserted, "this filing is only incidental to my feelings about an Oregonian editorial which appeared this morning. The suit has been in the offing for some time and only this morning was it completed so it could be filed."

He referred to an editorial that called for Elliott to resign, and hinted that a recall move might follow.

The libel suit was based on an Oregonian column that later was retracted. It was written by Columnist William Moyes on June 8, reporting that Elliott had been raising on the Columbia river in the middle of the week in a boat where bottles were in evidence. The next day Moyes wrote that the report was in error, and explained it was a case of mistaken identity.

Elliott named as defendants Moyes, M. J. Frey, Oregonian general manager, and a John Doe. The latter was identified as a man who took pictures of the person mistaken for Elliott. The suit asked \$400,000 general damages and \$100,000 punitive damages.

On the recall, Elliott told a reporter, "I have no fears. If the voters want a recall, then let them recall me. Personally I doubt that enough of the voters want me out of office badly enough to do something about it. But if they do, let them prove it."

Short Quake In California

INGLEWOOD, Calif., July 9.—(AP)—A short earthquake rocked Inglewood and several other communities in the Los Angeles area tonight.

The briefness of the tremor led to belief at first it might have been the concussion of an explosion, but Inglewood Fire chief Basil Roberts said after checking neighboring fire departments: "The concussion is that it must have been a short quake. There are no reports of an explosion or a severe fire."

Child Falls into Hole, Rescued

CAMDEN, N. J., July 9.—(AP)—A baby toddling about the yard of his home tumbled into a narrow, 10-foot deep hole today.

Ten-month-old Morgan jr., was rescued, apparently unharmed, 90 minutes later.

A hushed crowd of more than 100, remembering the Kathy Fiscus tragedy, watched the child's father lead the crew of volunteer rescuers.

Firemen and volunteers dug a tunnel parallel to the hole to free the child.

Chambers Cites 'Self Destruction'

WESTMINSTER, Md., July 9.—(AP)—Whittaker Chambers took time out from baling hay on his farm today to say:

"I am a man who grudgingly and reluctantly, step by step, has been destroying himself so that this nation and the fate it lives by may continue to exist."

That was the only statement the confessed ex-communist courier would make to reporters when asked for comment on the Alger Hiss case.

Berlin-Bound Trucks Halted

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 9.—(AP)—Six Soviet-zone border crossing points were closed to loaded Berlin-bound trucks tonight in Russia's latest "little blockade" of Berlin.

Some of the trucks carried fruit and vegetables from the western zone of Germany. Empty trucks were not bothered.

German border police said the Soviet crossing guards gave no reason for their action.

'Cherry Bomb' Set Off Prior to Costly Fire

BANGOR, Me., July 9.—(AP)—Police and state fire investigators said today five teen-age boys have admitted setting off "cherry bomb" fireworks along the Bangor waterfront shortly before a \$1,375,000 fire broke out.

The Wednesday night blaze laid waste a quarter mile of the industrialized waterfront.

TITO SEEKS TRADE

BRIONE, Yugoslavia, July 9.—(AP)—Sava Kosanovic, Yugoslav ambassador to the United States, said tonight Premier Marshal Tito is willing to do business with the western powers "on terms of equality."

OLD AGE PETITIONS FULL

PORTLAND, July 9.—(AP)—Old age pension sponsors said today they were over the top in the drive to force a referendum vote on the last legislature's pension bill.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Spokane 2, Yakima 10
At Vancouver 3-8, Bremerton 7-5
At Victoria 15-9, Tacoma 3-12

Coast League
At Portland 2, San Diego 5
At Hollywood 17, San Francisco 3
At Oakland 1, Los Angeles 6

National League
At Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 5
At Cincinnati 2, St. Louis 3
At Boston 5, New York 9
At Philadelphia 3, Boston 4

American League
At New York 5, Washington 7
At Boston 7, Philadelphia 5
At St. Louis-Cleveland (rain)
(Club games, September 1)