

ATLANTIC TREATY RATIFIED, 82-13

House Scuttles Brannan Plan

Subsidy Measure Downed

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—In a major defeat for the Truman administration, the house today scuttled the Brannan farm subsidy plan 239 to 170 and voted to continue the present price support program through 1950.

The Brannan plan, offered by the secretary of agriculture, would let the market price of perishable foods drop to their natural level. If they went below a point considered fair to farmers, the government (meaning the taxpayers) would pay subsidies to the farmers.

Under the present program, the government keeps surpluses off the market by means of purchases and loans. Prices of major commodities are supported rigidly in this way at 90 per cent of parity, which is a price aimed at giving the farmers a "fair" purchasing power. Any losses on such operations are made good by the taxpayers.

The bill continuing this program another year was passed and sent to the senate on a vote of 303 to 25 but the previous roll call by which the Brannan plan was beaten, 239 to 170, was the crucial test.

The house also made another major decision—shouting approval of an amendment to kill the Aiken Farm law enacted by the republican-controlled 80th congress. Set to become effective in 1950. This law would permit a flexible 60 to 90 per cent of parity support for major crops.

A democratic-republican coalition, headed by Rep. Gore (D-Tenn.) took complete charge of the house, and not even a personal appeal by Speaker Rayburn could save the day for the administration. Many men—such as Gore and Monroney of Oklahoma—who have supported many administration bills, joined the opposition to the Brannan plan.

Video Aids to Disarm Shells

PORTLAND, July 21 (AP)—High explosive shells returned from the Pacific areas will be made harmless via television and remote controls at a plant at Ordnance, Ore.

Plans for the installation were revealed by the army corps of engineers. Big "block busters" and lesser missiles will be anchored on a "work mounting pier." Wrenches will be adjusted to the detonators and the actual turning of the tools be guided via television from behind concrete and steel barricades. The engineers will work from a distance of 163 feet. After the disarmament, the shell power will be salvaged and stored. The casing will be cleaned, repainted and packed away for any emergency future need.

Sweet Home Firm to Install Radio System

SWEET HOME, July 21 (Special)—The West Gate Lumber company of Sweet Home today received word it has been granted permission from the federal communications commission to install a short wave radio system from its mill to logging operations in Quartzville.

The information came from Oregon's U. S. Rep. Harrison Ellisworth in Washington, D. C. J. Weiss, West Gate owner, said installation of the system will start immediately.

FDR's Unconditional Surrender Criticized by Churchill, Bevin

LONDON, July 21 (AP)—Two of Britain's top wartime leaders questioned today the wisdom of President Roosevelt's "unconditional surrender" policy toward Germany.

They were Winston Churchill—who nodded agreement at Casablanca when President Roosevelt first announced such a fight to the finnish in 1943—and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who was labor minister in Churchill's war cabinet.

Civil Defense Posts Filled

News Leak Irks Truman

Louis E. Starr To Head New State Agency

Appointment of Louis E. Starr, Portland, as director of civil defense under a law of the 1949 legislature, was announced by Gov. Douglas McKay Thursday.

Starr, a practicing attorney, formerly served as national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and as consultant to the American delegation at the United Nations conference.

Members of the civil defense advisory council, also provided under the new act, are Paul B. McKee, Irving D. Winslow, Harry C. Brumbaugh, Claire Warner Churchill, all of Portland, and Clifford G. Schneider, Gresham. Designated as deputy directors by Governor McKay are Jack A. Hayes, deputy state fire marshal, Salem, representing administration; Col. John M. Poorman, Army Transportation association, Portland, representing transportation; Major General Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon, representing military; Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state public health officer, representing medical; and Manley Robinson, director of the state travel bureau, representing public welfare.

The last legislature, in establishing the state civil defense agency, said it was "because of increasing possibility of the occurrence of disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action, or from fire, flood, earthquake or other natural causes."

Ford Workers File 10-Day Strike Notice

DETROIT, July 21 (AP)—The state of Michigan was given official notice today of a threatened strike of 106,000 Ford Motor Co. employees.

The CIO United Auto Workers, singling out Ford to spearhead its pension and wage demands, filed a 10-day strike notice with the state labor mediation board.

Efforts by the board to mediate the dispute would be "without avail," said UAW National Ford Director Ken Bannan.

The notice was made mandatory a state-conducted strike vote among all Ford workers in Michigan—estimated at 75,000.

It did not necessarily mean, however, that a strike after ten days would conform with the state's Bonine-Tripp labor law, which requires the vote.

Portland Accidents Claim Two Victims

PORTLAND, July 21 (AP)—Two traffic fatalities were reported in the Portland area today.

Hyman Reiter, 57, Portland, was injured fatally in a collision on the Sunset highway west of here.

Samuel Bayless, 79, Portland, succumbed at a hospital of injuries suffered when struck by a truck here Sunday.



Salem's beautiful representative at the Seaside "Miss Oregon" selection pageant today and this week end is Connie Cross, 21, sponsored by Miller's department store where she is employed here. Girls from cities throughout Oregon are competing for a \$1,000 scholarship and entry in the Miss America contest.

Vets' Housing Acreage Sold

Leo N. Childs and Duane Gibson have bought from the Otto Klett estate the 19.4 acres in southeast Salem where the veterans' housing project is located.

It was purchased subject to the lease which still has about two years to run.

Consideration was said to be in excess of \$20,000.

The area involved is bounded by Hines street on the north, Southern Pacific tracks on the west, 16th street on the east and the southern boundary lies just south of Wilber street.

No change in the status of the veterans housing units, which are situated on land leased to the veterans housing authority, is contemplated, said Childs.

All-Hands Safe in Crash Of B-29 Superfortress

WISECH, Eng., July 21 (AP)—An American B-29 superfortress on a routine flight crashed and burned near here tonight. A U. S. air force spokesman said all 12 crewmen escaped serious injury.

Occupants of the plane parachuted to safety.

Capt. G. A. Harty, public relations officer for the American third division in London, said the worst injuries were a possible skull fracture suffered by the pilot and a leg fracture for another member of the crew.

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max., Min., Precip. for various cities like Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and a forecast for the Willamette river.

Cordon's No Vote Surprise

By John B. Owen WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—The senate, by the overwhelming vote of 82 to 13, late today ratified the North Atlantic treaty pledging 12 nations to give mutual aid against aggression.

All reservations were defeated. Designed as a bulwark against any attack by Soviet Russia, the pact puts the United States into a military alliance with European nations for the first time in history.

More Than Needed The 82 yes votes were 18 more than the two-thirds majority necessary to ratify.

The senate refused to modify the United States stand in any way. Three bitterly contested reservations—declaring that the treaty does not commit us to send arms or go to war—were swamped.

The votes came at the end of 13 days of furious debate in which opponents of the treaty cried it "is likely to lead to war."

But Secretary of State Dean Acheson issued a statement of gratification on the heels of the smashing victory: "The decisive nature of the senate vote makes clear to the world the determination of the American people to do their full part in maintaining peace and freedom."

Arms Bill Next The administration will follow up quickly with a \$1,450,000,000 arms program, of which \$1,130,000,000 would be spent to back up the treaty with arms for the alliance partners in Europe. It may go to congress tomorrow. Unlike the treaty, majority approval of both houses is required.

Most of the opponents of the treaty centered their fire on the arms program.

Throughout the closing day, three republican senators fought bitterly to get the senate to declare that the treaty does not commit this nation to share the atomic bomb or other arms with Europe.

Reservation Beaten Backers of the treaty said the reservation was not necessary and would weaken the alliance.

The reservation was beaten 74 to 21. It was offered by Senators Wherry of Nebraska, Taft of Ohio and Watkins of Utah.

Quickly then the senate smothered a reservation offered by Watkins alone. It would have declared the U. S. not obligated to defend the North Atlantic area without approval by congress. The vote was 84 to 11.

Minutes later, another Watkins proposal—to deny that the treaty obligated congress to declare war or use U. S. armed forces to defend a pact nation—was beaten 87 to 8.

Opposition Vote Two democrats, Johnson of Colorado and Taylor of Idaho, joined 11 republicans in voting against the treaty. The republicans were Cordon (Ore.), Donnell (Mo.), Flanders (Vt.), Jenner (Ind.), Kem (Mo.), Langer (ND), Malone (Nev.), Taft (Ohio), Watkins (Utah), Wherry (Neb) and Young (SD).

One mild surprise was the vote of Senator Cordon against the treaty. He generally had been listed among those expected to vote for it.

The treaty becomes effective when the seven original sponsoring nations approve it. All but two of these, France and The Netherlands, have ratified. France may vote this week.

EUGENE BAND NAMED EUGENE, July 21 (AP)—Eugene's coronation band will be the official band at the Oregon state fair this fall.

Public Told Secret Meets Not Important

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—President Truman said today that his secret atomic energy meeting at the Blair house last week was relatively unimportant and nothing for the nation to be alarmed about.

But he expressed considerable anger over what he called a leak that the meeting was to be held. He said at his news conference that he didn't like that and he still doesn't like it.

He knows the person who leaked, he said, but he refused to divulge his name. Whether this person will be invited to another conference will be decided when and if a second meeting is held, he added.

Afterward, there were many reports that the conference dealt with the question whether to share the latest A-bomb secrets with Britain. Following another conference in Capitol Hill yesterday, legislators indicated a belief that Mr. Truman would not divulge the secrets to the British without the approval of congress.

He agreed with a radio reporter that stories about the meeting were overplayed and said that when the facts eventually come out it will be shown that there was no dark secret in connection with it. However, he said, he did not intend to disclose what happened.

Rotana Clubs National Meet To Open Here

The 18th annual national convention of Rotana clubs will open in Salem today with a Marion hotel luncheon for the national board.

Vada Hill of Salem is national president; Lorena Jack is president of the Salem Rotana club.

Registration of delegates at 8 o'clock tonight will be followed by a western fun night program in the Marion hotel's marine room. The McMinnville club will have charge of the party.

On Saturday a breakfast for the entire group is to be at 7:45 o'clock, followed by an 8:30 meeting which will formally open the convention.

Guests will tour the state buildings at 1 o'clock and attend business session in the marine room at 2:30. The formal banquet is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Marion hotel. Neva Elliott, Portland attorney, will be the speaker.

The national board will meet again at 8 o'clock Sunday, followed by a trip to the beaches by chartered bus.

PEACE BID REJECTED

HONOLULU, July 21 (AP)—Employers rejected today proposed negotiations with Longshore Leader Harry Bridges in Washington for settlement of Hawaii's 82-day CIO stevedore strike.

Guardsmen Ready for Trouble



GROVELAND, Fla., July 21 — Florida National Guardsmen of the 116th field artillery battalion are shown manning a 50 calibre machine gun at cross roads outside of Groveland. The guardsmen were brought in to prevent further violence following outbreak and burning of negro homes. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

How They Voted

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—Senator Morse (R) of Oregon voted yes on the treaty. Cordon (R) of Oregon voted no.

On the Watkins reservation to deny obligation of congress to declare war, both senators voted against. They also formed a solid block against a proposal to deny an obligation to use armed forces without approval of congress.

Another reservation to deny obligation to give military aid, including the atomic bomb to the 11 other pact nations found Cordon in favor and Morse opposed.

Hospital Drive Tally Set

First results of public campaigning for Salem Hospital Development program's \$1,100,000 construction fund will be posted today.

All indications were that most of the 300 men and women now in the field to accept hospital fund contributions will join in the first report luncheon today at the Senator hotel. Many have points of general information to straighten out; many have rewarding totals to show for the first three hectic days of organization and campaigning.

Report Success Even though the public drive is barely underway, several volunteer workers dropped by the campaign headquarters Thursday for their second batch of pledge cards. Workers started with 10 cards each and an individual goal of \$400.

The women's division organized under Mrs. Ralph Moody and Mrs. Chandler Brown reported a veritable flurry of activity since the drive opened Tuesday. Some last-minute additions were made to the women's campaign personnel but in general the 25 women's teams were well under way. Their field commanders are Mrs. Arthur Roethlis, Mrs. Ralph Schlesinger, Mrs. Donald Burke, Mrs. Robert Wulf and Mrs. Ward Davis.

White the citywide campaign force under general chairmanship of Alfred W. Loucks prepared for today's report, the earlier-started memorial gifts campaign posted another \$25,000 in donations pledged.

This group's report Thursday noon at the Marion hotel showed several larger gifts, including a \$5,400 contribution of the Carl Geringer family of Dallas, to sponsor a private bedroom in the new hospital part of the development program.

The doctors' committee which has undertaken to raise \$110,000 from local doctors reported an additional \$4,150 to bring its total to \$54,780. These early campaign phases have raised \$277,000 so far.

White Terrorism Breaks Out Again In Florida Town

POLK CITY, Fla., July 21 (AP)—A shooting foray and cross burning has fixed this hinterland village as the newest potential trouble spot in Florida's outbreak of white terrorism against negroes.

With 300 battle-equipped national guard troops encamped at Groveland, 20 miles to the north, "protective measures" were taken here to prevent a recurrence of last night's flareup.

Night riders fired 25 shots at random in the negro quarter and burned a cross in front of a negro school. No casualties were reported.

Deputy Sheriff Paul Jennings said plans had been made to cope with any new outbreak but did not disclose what they were.

NUTGROWERS WARNED

NEWBERG, July 21 (AP)—The Oregon Nut Growers Inc. warned growers today against an aphid infestation of walnut trees in this area, and suggested quick spraying with nicotine dust.

BEAN CROP READY

SHERWOOD, July 21 (AP)—The bean crop in this region will begin moving into procession plants tomorrow. Growers report the crop the best of recent years.

BASEBALL table listing Western International and Coast League games with scores and locations.



WASHINGTON, July 21 — Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, first woman to become treasurer of the United States, today signs a receipt to take custody of \$27,424,541.375.78 in paper money, silver, gold coins and government securities held in the treasurer's vaults here. Watching is Michael Slindee who has been acting treasurer. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman) (Story on page 2.)

Congressmen Given Okeh to Quiz Vaughn



By Charles A. Sorenson

Dr. Bohus Benes, visiting professor at Willamette university, nephew of the late Dr. Edouard Benes, president of Czechoslovakia, in two lectures at Waller hall has discussed the plight of his country; deserted by France and England in 1938 and then overrun by Nazi Germany; and ten years later, after its liberation by Russia, brought within the Russian orbit by a communist coup.

Dr. Benes expressed profound faith that his country will regain its independence. Internal revolution is not probable as a means of escape because of the way the police state operates. Military intervention from outside, thinks Dr. Benes, is not required. Instead he pins his hope on unremitting pressure from the west, especially from the United States, to crowd Russia back within its former borders.

Czechoslovakia suffers from being a small nation lying across the path of larger and more powerful nations. Thus Austria enveloped old Bohemia and for 300 years it was ruled by the Hapsburgs. Liberation came with the collapse of the central powers in the first world war. Czechoslovakia was a child of Wilson's famous doctrine of self-determination of peoples. Its constitution literally was "made in America." Successively it became a victim of Nazi and then of communist penetration and aggression. Its restoration as an independent nation will not come unless there is a crackup in Russia or is forced by pressures, diplomatic or military, from the outside. In brief (Continued on Editorial page.)

Italy Approves Atlantic Pact By Big Margin

ROME, July 21 (AP)—Italy's chamber of deputies tonight approved the North Atlantic treaty 523 to 160 today.

Approval by the senate, expected by a slighter margin, will complete parliamentary ratification. The signature of President Luis Einaudi will make it official.

Russia charged yesterday—in notes to the United States, Britain, France and Italy—that Italy violated terms of her peace treaty when her government signed the Atlantic pact by invitation of the western powers. The United States, Britain and France were accused of responsibility.

Grange Head Asks Query Into Retail Prices of Foods

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21 (AP)—The master of the Oregon State Grange asked today for a congressional investigation of food prices, saying farmers were being blamed for distributors' mark-ups.

Morton Tompkins charged that farm prices on many commodities have dropped to "ruinously low" levels, but that retail prices have not.

He declared that many retail prices are due to "high mark-ups by processors and distributors," and asked the secretary of agriculture and Oregon congressmen for a "full-scale congressional investigation."

Red Troops Close on Changsha Rail Center

CANTON, China, Friday, July 22 (AP)—Private reports from the central China war front early today placed red spearheads only 16 miles from Changsha, nationalist defense center 400 miles by rail north of Canton.

The communists were reported driving from the northeast and north. They already had entered Hunan, rice-rich province of which Changsha is the capital.

TINY TOT DROWNED ASORIA, July 21 (AP)—Sandra Patterson, 5, tumbled from her beachhouse home into the John Day river today and drowned.



"Ever since he listened to a radio program he saves nothing but box tops."