

# Senate Told Top Rank Reds Meet

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13-(AP)—A "top layer" meeting of communist officials, including three representatives from Moscow, was held recently at Beacon, N. Y., to discuss the "party line," senators have been informed.

The informant was identified by the senate judiciary subcommittee on immigration as Maurice Malin, Brooklyn, N. Y., a self-acknowledged former communist official in this country. The committee official testified tonight roughly one-third of his testimony which had been given behind closed doors last week.

Malin, who said he is employed "on and off" by the immigration and naturalization service as an "expert witness" in deportation hearings, told the committee the communist party and Moscow now are "concentrating a great deal on the United Nations."

Malin said he did not know either the names nor the whereabouts of the three "agents of the comintern" who, he said, attended the Beacon meeting "just a few weeks ago."

The comintern, or communist international, was the top body of international communism. Moscow announced its abolition several years ago but some students of communism say the purported abolition was a ruse.

Malin said he had been told by one of the party members present at the meeting that the conference was held at a farm house and was attended "by the whole group of the top leadership of the communist party" in the United States.

He said that in his opinion the three comintern agents were sent to this country "because the party in the United States finds itself in danger of being liquidated; that is, of going underground."

Malin told his questioners that one of the three men looked like a German, and the other two looked like Finns. He said he had been informed that one of the men must have weighed "some 200 and some odd pounds" and was "short, chubby, blonde, with blue eyes."

# U.S., Britain Agree On Far East Policy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13-(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson and Foreign Secretary Bevin reported today that the United States and Britain are close together on plans for dealing with pressing problems in the orient and the middle east.

The top diplomatic officials disclosed this in a guardedly worded joint statement after a conference. Their meeting marked the start of an attempt to bring the two governments together on a common policy toward communist China and on other urgent political issues.

The initial session lasted nearly three hours.

Acheson and Bevin also took up the current effort led by the United Nations to work out a lasting Palestine settlement and to develop the economy of middle eastern countries.

The meeting was the first of a series of closed-door conferences on political issues, with particular emphasis on the situation resulting from the communist sweep in China.

The joint statement said the discussion developed a "community of views," and continued:

"In some areas which were under discussion the situation as it affected the two countries was of course not identical, but the discussion revealed similarity of opinion regarding objectives to be sought and the policies which would be most effective in reaching them."

Also up for discussion and a likely decision is the question whether to go ahead on a peace treaty with Japan, with Soviet Russia excluded if it need be.

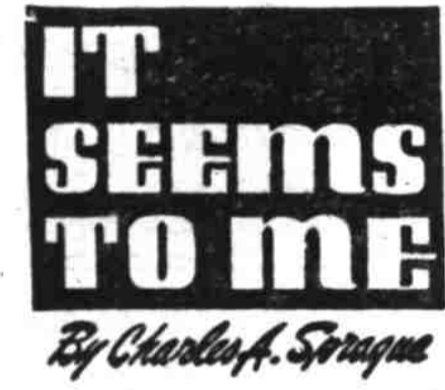
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These provide that the tariff commission be consulted, and if the latter found that domestic producers it should advise the president. Then if the president decided to order the reduction regardless he is required to advise congress of his action and explain his position. This is popularly called recognition.

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# Reservoir Plans Being Drawn for Monmouth Area

MONMOUTH, Sept. 13-(Special)—Plans are being drawn in Portland for a new 1,000,000-gallon city water department reservoir to serve this city.

The proposed reservoir, approved by the city council recently, will be 90 feet in diameter and 16 feet deep. It will be more than twice the size of the present 325,000-gallon reservoir.

Correy Engineering company, Portland, has been authorized to draw the plans. Fred Calef, Independence attorney, is in charge of the legal work involved in calling a special election for the reservoir bond issue.

# TYPHOON WHIPS UP TOKYO

TOKYO, Wednesday, Sept. 14-(AP)—A tropical storm east of Formosa developed suddenly today into a typhoon with winds of 105 miles an hour.

# Animal Crackers



"How did you get the humidity on the air conditioner?"

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# First Check From Funds



Salem's Hospital Development program reached a milestone Tuesday when the first check, in the amount of \$25,000, was turned over to one of the two local hospitals benefiting in the current campaign for \$1,100,000 construction funds. M. B. Rued, president of Salem Memorial hospital board (seated), is shown receiving the check from Ford Watkins, hospital campaign chairman. Looking on, left to right, are Mayor R. L. Elstrom, M. L. Meyers, Salem General hospital board president, and William L. Phillips, all active in the campaign. (Statesman photo.)

# School Expansion Studied by Board

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor

With Salem's heavy 1949 public school enrollment barely squeezed into existing buildings, the district school board Tuesday night turned their attention to a new construction program for 1950.

Directors took steps necessary to house this fall's higher-than-expected enrollment (details on page 2), then agreed the crowded situation and prospect of continued population gain call for 15 or more new classrooms next year.

Probability of a school bond issue election for financing the construction appeared when Superintendent Frank B. Bennett advised the board to "carry the story to the public" after figuring the minimum classroom requirements for next year and estimating cost of additions necessary.

Exceptionally high registration of first graders would indicate a need for four or six more classrooms at Highland school, Bennett said, and probably larger-than-planned additions which would make McKinley an 18-room school and Richmond a 12-room building.

Moreover, it already appears that the new, not-yet-occupied Washington school in the Capitol area will need extra classrooms next year. Both this and the new school at Four Corners are built according to a common one-story plan which simplifies the addition of classrooms as needed. Both have eight classrooms now.

Athletic plant construction also will have to be planned, according to the superintendent who added that this will present many difficulties in view of the classroom needs at the same time.

School plant expansion of the past year was financed by a \$1,500,000 bond issue voted by the public after an earlier school board recommendation for \$3,500,000 bond issue had been rejected at the polls.

Four added classrooms and as many teachers were authorized by the school board last night to ease the overcrowding of elementary schools where enrollment is already 500 more than last year.

The last available basement rooms at Highland and Richmond schools, now used as inside play areas, will be converted to classrooms this week. The 18th room (and last of the six rooms added last year) at Bush school will be used as a music room of the new Washington school will become a regular classroom.

# GOP Candidate Given Edge For House Seat

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 14-(Wednesday) (AP)—Democratic Gold Star Mother Mrs. Robert L. Coffey early today conceded election to Republican Naval Veteran John P. Saylor in their fight for the congressional seat vacated by the plane crash death of her son.

Trailing by nearly 10,000 votes, Mrs. Coffey issued this statement at 1:30 a. m. Eastern Standard time:

"On the basis of unofficial reports from the three counties in the 26th district, it appears that Mr. Saylor has been the choice of the voters.

"I wish him every success."

Heavy inroads into democratic territory put Lawyer Saylor far ahead of the motherly Mrs. Coffey as the vote count passed the 50,000 mark, more than half the expected ballots.

# One Believed Dead In Carbon Cave-In

MCALISTER, Okla., Sept. 13-(AP)—One man was believed killed and four others hurt tonight in a cave-in at the Lone Star Steel company's carbon mine number 5 east of McAlester.

Company officials said the mine entrance was not blocked by the cave-in and the 135 workers in the mine at the time of the accident were being brought to the surface.

# CHILD KILLED BY BOAT

CORVALLIS, Sept. 13-(AP)—A row boat propped up in a yard tumbled over children at play here today, killing Patricia Diane Dodge, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dodge, Corvallis.

Several youngsters had been running up the keel of the boat, which had been propped against a tree.

# School Schedules Fixed To Meet Circus Advent

Circus day hits Salem Thursday, in the middle of the first week of school, but pupils need not play hockey to see the Ringling Brothers show under the big top.

The Salem district school board took care of that Tuesday night when it ordered revised class schedules which will get pupils out of school early enough for the afternoon performance Thursday. Elementary schools will run classes until 12:30 p. m. and junior and senior high schools until 1:30 p. m., straight through, before dismissing school for the day.

# Newsorthy

Garden enthusiasts were getting their wish today. Being removed from the Salem postoffice's southeast lawn is a young maple tree which has been crowding a pink-blossomed Mimosa or silk tree (known botanically as the Albizia Julibrissin). Postmaster Albert C. Crag said the public works department was having R. A. Newman, McMinnville contractor, do the work along with current repairs.

# Welfare Fund Block Angers Lewis Steel Firms Agree to Resume Talk

## Fact Finders Given 11 Days To Fix Peace

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 13-(AP)—The U. S. Steel Corp., today joined three other large steel producers in agreeing to resume contract talks with the CIO United steelworkers.

"Big Steel," the nation's largest steel company, declined to commit itself to the presidential fact finding board's suggested formula for peace in America's largest industry. The union has accepted the board's proposed settlement.

Other companies willing to resume bargaining are Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., Republic Steel Corp., and Inland Steel Co. Other firms are expected to fall in line. No date has been set for resuming the bargaining sessions.

Inland Steel already had a pension and insurance programs proposed by the fact finding board—but President Clarence Randall said his firm was ready to make changes and was willing to "bear a substantial part of the cost." He added his opinion, however, that the worker "who is benefited also should share the cost."

A U. S. Steel spokesman, asked if the firm's acceptance meant acceptance of the board's recommendations, replied:

"I wouldn't think so."

Big Steel's move came several hours after President Truman applauded developments in the steel situation. The strike truce expiring at midnight had been extended 11 days until Sept. 25 at Mr. Truman's request and U. S. Steel's production had returned to normal.

## Temporary Check Put On FCC Giveaway Ban

CHICAGO, Sept. 13-(AP)—A federal judge today blocked temporarily an FCC order banning radio giveaway programs and the networks said they would continue their full blast until the courts finally settle the issue.

The federal communications commission had ordered its ban effective Oct. 1. It held such programs are illegal lotteries. Stations carrying them faced possible loss of their licenses.

Judge Michael L. Igoe granted a temporary injunction against the FCC on the plea of Radio Features, Inc., a Chicago firm that produces syndicated radio programs. His restraining order will remain in effect until a three-judge federal court convenes here Oct. 7.

The three judge court will decide then whether to extend the injunction pending its hearing on the Chicago firm's contention that FCC lacks authority to issue such an order.

Spokesmen for the radio networks in New York said they would not call off any of their jackpot programs until the point is settled finally in the courts, possibly by the supreme court. Such an appeal perhaps would require months.

## Please Remit Letter Sent To Coalmen

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13-(AP) John L. Lewis, in an angry "please remit" letter, virtually threatened today to call a strike against southern coal operators who have been withholding payments from the United Mine Workers welfare fund.

Lewis did not mention the word "strike." But he said a continuation of the "default" may cause "reactions deterrent to the constructive progress of the industry."

The National Coal association advised its members that the Lewis letter's language is "a direct threat," and said in the letter:

"No mention is made of the fact that there is no contract and no agreement to pay."

Lewis said his \$100,000,000 a year welfare fund, financed by a 20 cent royalty on each ton of coal mined, is being held white by the southerners' action.

Lewis, scrapping his traditional "no contract, no work" policy, has had his miners on a three-day week since the old contract expired June 30. The aim of the short work week, it is generally believed, is to cut the supply of mined coal and put Lewis in a better bargaining position for a new contract.

An unannounced number of southern operators have turned the tables on Lewis by a policy of "no contract, no welfare payments." Lawyers for several of the companies have advised that in the absence of a formal contract, there is a question whether the welfare payments could be deducted from taxable income as a cost of operation.

In an answer addressed to Lewis from New York, James D. Francis, coal operator told the union leader:

"You can correct this situation if you desire by promptly and in good faith negotiating a reasonable contract with the Southern Coal Producers' association and permitting our employees to go back to work on a normal schedule without restriction on production."

Francis said many of the southern operators' coal customers are "exceedingly short of coal."

He said the obligation to make welfare fund payments "rested on the existence of a contract" which terminated June 30. He accused Lewis of "persistent refusal" to negotiate a new contract.

"We are not in default on any obligation," Francis' statement said.

## Financial Leaders Urge Devaluations

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13-(AP)—Top leaders of the world bank and monetary fund joined today in urging European countries to devalue their currencies as a means of hastening their economic comebacks.

This advice was given to nearly 350 foreign delegates, including a score of finance ministers, who gathered at a point session of boards of governors of the two international financial agencies.

Eugene Black, American president of the 48-nation world bank, bluntly told the session: "I do not underestimate either the complexities or the far-reaching consequences of such action, but I fail to see how it can be avoided."

Camille Gutt, the Belgian financier who heads the world monetary fund, said the present money rates are so out of line that they are seriously handicapping the sale of European products in the world dollar markets.

The British pound, for example is now valued at about \$4.03. The argument in favor of cutting this figure is that a dollar would buy more British goods and hence would make it easier for the British to compete in dollar markets.

Gutt said:

"Let us not be over-impressed by the technical complications (of devaluation) and lose sight of the larger issues which are at stake."

"To allow the present disorder in this field to spread—or even to remain—would be likely to cause an aggravation of existing uncertainties."

President Truman spoke to the assemblage briefly, calling for abolition of "obstacles to international trade."

## Harry Olinger, Salem Dentist, Taken by Death

Dr. Harry H. Olinger, prominent Salem dentist and civic dignitary, died Tuesday at a local hospital after a short illness. He was 72.

A Salem resident most of his life, Dr. Olinger served on numerous governmental boards and commissions. He was chairman of the Salem school board 10 years and a member of the board 12 years.

He also was a member of the capitol planning commission for the new state capitol and was a former city councilman and member of the Salem water commission.

In addition, he was a member of the city library committee and served on the state parole board.

Dr. Olinger was a charter member of the Cherrians and was active in other civic clubs and fraternal groups, including the Scottish rite, Salem lodge 336, BPOE, and the Salem Rotary club.

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# Auto Dealers To Participate In Fall Show

Innovations at next week's fall opening sponsored by Salem merchants will include participation by some of the local automobile dealers. President James R. Beard of the Salem Retail Trade bureau announced Tuesday.

Arrangements are being completed for participation of several school bands in the downtown area Tuesday evening, September 20, when stores unveil elaborate window displays of fall merchandise. The musical feature of the spring opening earlier this year was rained out.

A merchandise treasure hunt will again feature the merchants' combined fall opening promotion. More and better prizes are expected from the increased participation which has been indicated for the September 20 event, Beard said.

# Fall Opening Planned

PORTLAND, Sept. 13-(AP)—Freezing temperatures again struck eastern Oregon last night, and more frost appeared likely tonight. Baker recorded the low mark of 22 degrees last night. La Grande had 24 and Bend 28. In western Oregon temperatures ranged from the mid-40s to the low 50s.

# Willamette Coeds Moving Into New Dormitory

Some of Willamette university's women students will be housed this year for the first time in Bishop hall, former C. P. Bishop home at 765 Court st., which was given to the university last year. Above moving into their rooms on the second floor are, left to right, Joyce Kelley, Junction City, junior, physiotherapy and physical education major; Doris Cragg, Monroe, senior in religious education; and Eva Nunn, Hovey, Wash., sophomore in pre-nursing. (Statesman photo.)

# Cooking Gas Price Given Fourth Chop

New rates of the Portland Gas & Coke company, announced by public utilities commissioner George H. Flagg here Tuesday, will result in a reduction in consumer costs of \$652,000 on an annual basis.

This is the fourth reduction in rates of this company since January 1 of this year. The four reductions totaled approximately \$2,900,000 annually.

Flagg said these reductions were made as the result of decreasing costs of heavy fuel oil used in the manufacture of gas. The present rates place residential use, exclusive of space heating, at approximately the pre-war level.

Space heating, which received the greater percentage increase, will be reduced slightly more than 20 per cent from now on.

It is probable, Flagg said, there will be further reductions in oil prices which will be followed immediately by the gas company.

The new rates will apply on all meter readings on and after September 23 and will be of benefit to all of the company's customers.



# BASEBALL

WFL PLAYOFF  
At Yakima 2, Vancouver 3  
COAST LEAGUE  
At San Diego 3, Portland 1  
At Sacramento 3, Seattle 3  
At Los Angeles 2, Oakland 3  
At San Francisco 1, Hollywood 3  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
At St. Louis 1, New York 0  
At Cincinnati 2, Brooklyn 6 (10pm.)  
At Pittsburgh 11, Philadelphia 8  
At Chicago-Boston, wet grounds.  
AMERICAN LEAGUE  
At Boston 7, Detroit 4  
At Washington 2, Chicago 3  
At New York-St. Louis, rain  
At Philadelphia-Cleveland, rain.