

Control Board Counters Hospital Brutality Charge

Midwest Storm Toll 22; Mercury Soars in East

The death toll from mid-continent gales rose to 22 Tuesday as cleanup crews began repairing damage to communication lines and property.

1941 graduate of Northwestern, was a lineman for the Western United Power company.

Oregon's board of control Tuesday countered charges of brutality in the state mental hospitals.

Doug Douglas McKay and other members approved a report from William Ryan, coordinator of state institutions, which cited findings by coroner's juries in the past which had cleared the hospitals of any neglect in several deaths which a Portland "citizens action committee" recently indicated had been due to brutality by hospital staff members.

All incidents mentioned by the committee occurred before June, 1944, the Ryan report stated.

One charge of the committee was that Jim Butler, a patient, was "murdered" in 1948 by being attacked and kicked by an Oregon state hospital attendant.

Ryan said the attack occurred in June, 1942, and Butler underwent an operation a short time later and recovered. Records show he died on May 29, 1948, from coronary heart disease and not from any injury received while a patient in the hospital.

Commenting on the charge that Jack Leavy, Levi Hogrin and Sol Green died as a result of electric shock treatment March 11, 1940, Ryan said the record disclosed these patients were strangled at night while asleep, by Willie Hill, another patient.

Another charge of the committee was that Irwin Wakefield was beaten to death because he argued with an attendant. Ryan said Wakefield was killed during an attempted escape by three patients and attendants who fought against the escape were exonerated by a coroner's jury.

Ryan also refuted charges that food served in the Oregon mental institutions is not up to standard. He said the food standard at both state hospitals has been increased during the past three years.

Denies Heat Lack A statement by the committee that patients sleep without blankets was denied by Ryan. He said ample bedding is provided and every ward in the hospitals is steam heated.

The report further stressed that the medical staff at the Oregon state hospital here has been doubled since 1940 and funds for the purchase of drugs has been increased materially.

"Another significant item of interest," Ryan said, "is the fact that voluntary admissions to the Oregon state hospitals are steadily on the increase." During the period 1946 through 1948 voluntary admissions were 20 per cent of the total intake, whereas, since 1948, the ratio has jumped to 30 per cent, Ryan said.

"People do not voluntarily admit themselves to a hospital which they do not consider good," Ryan told board of control members.

Lebanon School Bans Initiations LEBANON, Oct. 11 (Special) An ultimatum banning all future freshmen initiations was issued today by School Principal James W. King.

The order, King said, was prompted by this year's initiation in which a large number of underclassmen were injured. Some were strapped, paddled and burned and others were thrown into the South Santiam river.

King said an annual get-together party would replace initiation activities.

Argentine Train Crash Kills 25, Injures 75 BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 11 (AP)—A speeding suburban train crashed into a freight train in Buenos Aires tonight, killing at least 25 persons and injuring 75 others.

President Juan D. Peron, his wife and cabinet ministers hurried to the scene of the crash near the President Peron railway station.

TRUMAN GREETED NEHRU WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of "neutral" India arrived today aboard President Truman's personal plane for his first look at the United States. The president greeted the Indian leader at the airport in an elaborate welcome.

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Fleet Cuts Said Dangerous to Defense

B-36 Claimed Easy Target Of Russ Rocket

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—Admiral W. H. P. Blandy declared tonight that proposed cuts in the navy seriously imperil the nation's security. He urged a restudy of the stop-work order on the Supercarrier United States.

Blandy said that in the case of the Atlantic fleet, which he commands, projected money cuts will reduce its force "dangerously below" minimum estimates.

He declared that disclosure of an atomic explosion in Russia is one factor which makes it advisable to re-examine Secretary of Defense Johnson's decision to stop work on the supercarrier.

Blandy appeared at a night session of the house armed services committee, currently hearing the navy's side of the inter-service dispute over the importance of the air force and its big B-36 bomber.

Earlier navy witnesses had told the committee that Russia can shoot down the B-36 with guided rockets and said that even if the pride of the air force should escape them its "barbaric" atomizing of cities would strip the U. S. of self-respect.

Blandy told the committee the carrier which Johnson killed was "a ship designed to be part of a force which could pick its own fight at a time and a place of its own choosing."

Concerned on Defense "With the Carrier United States, our ability to command the sea would have been strengthened and improved," he said, "as others have testified. He said he prefers the word concern."

He said that "certainly" he thinks the navy is concerned and very much disturbed over the way things are going in the defense setup and what is happening to appropriations.

He proposed that the army, navy and air force each should determine the weapons and devices needed to execute their own missions "without being dictated to or out-voted by officers of other services."

And he suggested that, so long as one service stays within its appropriations, it should not be prevented by others from obtaining additional weapons or forces.

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Critic



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Option Okehed On Washington School Block

An option to sell the old Washington school property at Center and 12th streets was authorized Tuesday night by the Salem school district board of directors.

The option, for six months, was granted to George H. Grabenhorst, Salem realtor who was instrumental in starting the Capitol Shopping center, a retail business development undertaken by Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., in two city blocks adjacent to the school-owned block on which the 66-year-old Washington school stands.

A possible selling price in excess of \$100,000 was indicated previously.

School board members said they did not know what development the real estate firm has in mind, and Grabenhorst himself was not available for comment.

The old Washington school has been twice abandoned to classroom use in recent years. At present the building houses classes which soon will move to the new Washington school now being built in the Capitol district. (Additional school news, page 2.)

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THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	61	49	.04
Portland	61	49	.04
San Francisco	72	49	.00
Chicago	64	36	.00
New York	64	37	.00

Willamette river - 1 ft. 07 in.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy this morning becoming fair during afternoon and tonight. High today 66; low tonight 38. Agriculture outlook: Conditions favorable for most farm activities today and tomorrow.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
This Year Last Year Normal
2.73 4.41 4.41

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Murray Sees Early Victory For Workers

PHILIP MURRAY predicted Tuesday his 454,000 striking steelworkers will win an early victory.

Renewed government attempts to settle the 11-day-old strike will begin in New York Thursday.

U. S. Conciliation Director Cyrus Ching is arranging meetings with industry leaders. The first talks will be with Bethlehem and, Ching said, by the middle of next week he will have conferred with three or four other major producers.

Ching earlier got John L. Lewis and the coal operators to agree to resume their bargaining talks today (Wednesday). The service will keep a close watch on the progress of these negotiations.

Murray made the victory forecast in a talk before 15,000 cheering strikers at Youngstown, O. It was his first speech on a pep stumping tour of major steel cities.

On another labor front, CIO leaders saw signs of a move by left wing unions to split away and form a third rival labor camp.

The move began to take shape when the farm equipment workers' union's executive board reportedly voted at a secret meeting in Chicago two weeks ago to merge with the United Electrical Workers.

Two New Polio Cases Listed

Two new cases of polio were reported at Salem Memorial hospital Tuesday. They are Barbara Hirtz, 4, Lyons route 1, and John Crawford 22, of 444 N. 14th st. Neither was considered in critical condition.

Five polio patients are now at the hospital, and four of them are in the acute stage, attendants stated.

Others are Stuart Clark, 3 1/2, of 2615 Hulsey ave.; Nell Beedle, 16, of 1570 Park st.; and Dale Esch, 453 Gerth ave. Another polio victim, 2-year-old Lynne Blackwell of Brooks route 1, was dismissed after a 10-day confinement.

Donors Exceed City's October Blood Goal

The monthly 100-pint goal was exceeded for the first time in eight months Tuesday night in a Salem visit of the bloodmobile unit from the Portland regional blood center.

A total of 109 pints of blood was donated by the 124 persons who appeared at the mobile unit sponsored by Red Cross.

The bloodmobile will be in Woodburn October 27 and will make its next monthly visit to Salem November 8.

Navy Cleared in Death

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—The death plunge of former Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal did not result from any naval negligence, a navy court of inquiry report said today.

Council Oversight Gives Employes Columbus Holiday

PORTLAND, Oct. 11 (AP)—City employes will get tomorrow off because of an oversight by the city council.

The council intended to follow the lead of the state and the county in ruling Columbus day no longer a holiday.

But not until last week did the council realize it had failed to repeal an ordinance making the day a holiday. By then it was too late to hold a meeting.

Chest Leaders Set Three-Day All-Out Drive

Three days remain for Salem Community Chest's all-out fund campaign, and \$48,000 remains to be subscribed to meet the \$105,000 goal for minimum requirements of local and state Red Feather agencies.

Chest officials counted another \$4,500 toward the goal Tuesday.

With note attached, a dollar bill arrived at the office of the Community Chest from one of Salem's old age pensioners. The note stated that if his pension would allow him to give more, Al Stewart would help much more, but he never let a worthy cause go without helping "just a little bit."

bringing total collection to \$57,078. Drive Chairman Joseph A. H. Dodd has called on his volunteer solicitation force to wind up the campaign by Friday.

Best progress was being made by the south women's division, which had 80 per cent of its \$2,530 quota, the automotive division with 71 per cent of its \$10,550 quota and the governmental division with 66 per cent of the \$9,500 quota.

Voter Eligibility Troubles Detroit Merger Election

DETROIT, Oct. 11—Some persons were denied admittance to what they thought was a public meeting here Tuesday night regarding the Detroit-Idanha incorporation election on October 13.

Admission was by card only, and Constable J. C. Fowler was on hand to see that only those who received cards got in. About 200 attended the meeting.

The situation also is a headache for election board members.

The proposed new city limits lie within the Breitenbush precinct but do not include all of the precinct. And many names on the poll books do not indicate whether the voter lives inside or outside the area to be incorporated.

Marion County Clerk Harland Judd said Tuesday that the election board at the election would have to decide which voters are eligible. The election will take place at Detroit high school from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Mayor Elfstrom to Quit at Term End; County Legislative Changes Looming

State and city politics was surging into over-the-coffee conversation in Salem this week.

On the city side of the ledger, Mayor R. L. Elfstrom, who has served as Salem's chief executive for two terms, confirmed Tuesday reports that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Surprise Note Proposed at U.N. Session

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 11 (AP)—The Soviet Union demanded tonight a full count of atomic bombs and other arms in the war chests of the 59 members of the United Nations. It was the first such proposal from the Russians since President Truman on Sept. 23 said there was evidence of an atomic blast in Russia.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jakob A. Malik made his brief proposal at the end of a long, quarrelling session of the U.N. security council.

The United States did not speak today but Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan bluntly told Malik that he thought the Russians should make some sort of concessions in view of their minority position on all arms questions voted on in the U.N.

Malik often has contended in arms debates that atomic bombs must be counted along with all other weapons but today is the first time he has made a formal resolution on that point.

Earlier he had cast Russia's 39th veto to block approval of the resolution of the U.N. commission for convention armaments. This resolution laid down a set of principles to limit armaments.

Then the security council approved, 9 to 0, a simple motion to pass the declaration on to the U.N. assembly for its information.

The Soviet Union and the Soviet Ukraine abstained on that action. Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Soviet foreign minister, attacked the western powers in another U.N. quarter during the day for supporting charges of violations of fundamental human rights in Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania.

The United States has called for the U.N. assembly to send the whole case to the international court of justice for a ruling whether the peace treaty provisions actually were violated in the cases of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary and of protesters in Bulgaria and Romania.

Woodburn School Enrollment Total Reaches 744 High

WOODBURN—School enrollment figures for the Woodburn consolidated district reached a total of 744 here this week, according to Frank P. Doerfler, new public school superintendent. The high school enrollment reached 292 while the grade school totalled 452.

The faculty of the schools this year totals 33 members, according to Doerfler. Thirteen new teachers are included in the roster, six in the grades and seven in the high school.

The enrollment figures are as follows: first grade, 69; second grade, 85; third, 82; fourth, 83; fifth, 59; sixth, 60; seventh, 82; and eighth, 82. In the high school the freshman class is the largest with 86 members, followed by the sophomores with 75. Junior class has 65 and senior class 66.

Unchecked Red Drive Nears Canton Capital

CANTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—Chinese communist troops in an unchecked drive today thrust to within 40 miles of this dying nationalist capital.

Canton was in its last days or hours as a capital. The next will be Chungking, the wartime capital 600 miles to the northwest.

The Chinese foreign office abruptly wound up its business in the middle of the afternoon. That was about the time reports circulated that the communists had seized Tsingyun, only 40 miles to the north.

Canton technically still is the capital, but that is all. Everyone intending to get out is too busy packing to attend to official business.

Acting President Li Tsung-Jen is expected to fly to Chungking tomorrow. The formal proclamation of Chungking as the capital is expected about Saturday.

Premier Yen Hsi-Shan, however, suddenly turned up on Formosa, the island province built into a fortress by Chiang Kai-Shek. He recently has sided with Chiang in policy disputes with Li.

An official announcement said the premier went to Formosa for consultations with Chiang.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Dr. John McLoughlin, who as head of the Hudson's Bay company was long the undisputed ruler of the Oregon country, was a subscriber to The Oregon Statesman.

At least the inventory of his estate at the time of his death in 1887 lists as one of his debts: "Oregon Statesman \$5," which was probably the price of a year's subscription for the weekly published then.

This is just one item gleaned from the articles on the McLoughlin Estate, written by Dr. Brown Barker, which appears in the fall number of the Oregon Historical Quarterly. Dr. Barker in a search at the Clackamas county court-house discovered the original documents in the probate of Dr. McLoughlin's estate, his will, the inventory, accounts of the executor. It is a find of real historical importance.

Dr. McLoughlin probably first subscribed to The Statesman when it was established by Asahel Bush in Oregon City in 1851 where the white-haired doctor resided after his retirement from the Fur company employ. He evidently pestered Bush about his complaints over the way he was treated on his land claims in Oregon City. Dr. Bush refused to give him newspaper space to relate his troubles. The Statesman editor evidently came to hold McLoughlin in high esteem for in its issue of July 31, 1887, this item appeared:

"Illness of Dr. McLoughlin—We learn that Dr. McLoughlin has been quite ill recently and on Thursday of last week it was thought could not survive. He however revived

Korean Reds Vary in Zeal

Mrs. Induk Pakh, Korean lecturer at Willamette university Tuesday, explained why Koreans may yet make a fruit salad of communists within their borders.

She outlined the three types of Korean communists this way. 1—Apple, red outside but white inside; 2—Tomato, red clear through, and 3—Watermelon, (most dangerous), green outside but red inside.

"Through Christian education," cried Mrs. Pakh, "we'll squeeze the apples, crush the tomatoes and slice the watermelons."

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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