



Gordon Bernard, state highway department employe, and two other state workers are shown inspecting a large fir tree felled Tuesday in Willson park west of the capitol building after it began swaying perilously in high winds. The tree measured 30 inches at the base and towered 120 feet. Court street between Summer and Winter streets was blocked off for several hours as state highway department crews lopped and fell the tree. The tree's roots, twisted by the swaying trunk, shot water six feet out of the ground during the high winds. (Statesman photo). (Additional weather news on page 7).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sorenson

A cold war is in progress in Portland, so far unreported. It is between two great Portland institutions, the Oregonian and Meier and Frank store. Oregonian subscribers may have noted how "thin" their papers were the last few days. — M&F cut down its advertising to one page a day. (Last night's Oregon Journal had about five pages of M&F advertising.)

According to my information the Oregonian is being punished because it published with front page prominence the story that the National Labor Relations board had found Meier & Frank guilty of unfair labor practices in resisting unionization of its employes. The Journal gave the story no such prominence, so it gets no spanking.

The story behind the story is this: Some weeks ago an NLRB hearing was held in Portland in the federal building investigating complaints against M&F. Aaron Frank was on the stand and queried about methods used to oppose unionizing of its employes. But nary a word of the hearing appeared in either of the big Portland dailies. When Monroe Sweetland's Oregon Democrat came out it chided the papers and implied that a cover up job was done. The dailies promptly denied the charge, blamed it on failure of reporters to cover the news. Later some "reactive" news of the proceedings was published. When the NLRB finding came out the Oregonian gave it play according to its news-worthiness, and perhaps gave it more prominence because of its former delinquency. Bingo, and fourteen pages.

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Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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Winter's Worst Storm Snarls NW Travel, Communications

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—The worst blizzard of the winter paralyzed great sections of eastern Oregon, northern California and Nevada tonight.

The stinging storm raged southeast across the region after battering western Oregon and Washington, leaving widespread damage behind.

It was no blizzard when it howled out of the Gulf of Alaska to hit the Pacific northwest last night.

Then it climbed the Cascade mountains 150 miles from the ocean and became a blizzard today. Roads were choked with snow in southern, central and eastern Oregon. Snow plow crews were unable to keep up. Some were chased to the safety of towns to keep from being trapped.

Thirty inches fell on the Santiam pass in a few hours.

Rush Children Home

It became a race in eastern Oregon to get the school children home ahead of the blizzard. Driven by 45-mile-an-hour wind, an inch of snow an hour fell on roads in southern Oregon's Klamath basin. It drifted so fast that schools sent out pilot cars to determine if it was safe for school buses to follow. By noon all schools in the area were closed, the children home safely.

Traffic came to a standstill throughout the region.

The front of the storm was the worst. The tail of the storm, due early tomorrow, may bring gusts up to 50 miles an hour.

Power and telephone crews were working around the clock repairing damage that left many coastal sections isolated through the night. A 200-mile stretch of the Oregon coast from Tillamook to Coquille was cut off from the rest of the state, but got back in touch today.

Power Line Down

Nine towns in north coastal California were without power as wet snow freezing to the lines snapped wires and splintered power poles.

The storm—thunder, lightning, wind, sleet, rain and snow—knocked out two Shasta-Humboldt circuits. Eureka was dealt another blow when a third 60,000-volt line went out.

Trees were down across many roads in the western part of the states, and small creeks were rising. A few local floods resulted, but no widespread flooding because rivers were at a low stage when the storm struck.

Planes Wrecked

A rare winter lightning storm accompanied the blizzard over the Siakiyou mountains of southern Oregon and northern California. Winds in that region wrecked six tied-down planes at Medford and three more at Grants Pass. A two-car garage was overturned and blown 30 feet at Medford. The wind reached a peak of 75 miles an hour there.

Motor traffic on highway 99 connecting Oregon and California was at a standstill, and the California State Automobile association said the road would remain closed throughout the night.

Northbound traffic was held up at Redding, Calif., and southbound at Dunsmuir, Calif. One motorist reported 93 trucks and buses ditched between Dunsmuir and Redding.

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Yeater Confirms He's In Race

(Picture on page 5)

State Rep. Douglas R. Yeater, reported last week as a "pretty definite" candidate for the state senate, formally announced his candidacy Tuesday. He is a republican.

Yeater thus joins State Sen. Fred Lampert and State Rep. W. W. Chadwick, both republicans, in the bid for Garcon county's two senate seats in the next legislature. Allan Carson, Senator Lampert's colleague in the present senate lineup, has indicated he would not seek another term.

Yeater's statement follows: "During the past six months, many friends have urged me to run for two high elective offices in city and state government.

"It has been very difficult to choose between the two offices and select the one in which I feel I could perform the greatest public service. After careful consideration, I have decided to enter my candidacy in the May primaries for the Oregon state senate.

"With a background of two legislative sessions in the house of representatives, together with business, civic, and other qualifications, I feel confident to serve the people well as state senator.

"Two candidates have announced their intention of running for the mayorship of Salem, both of whom have excellent qualifications — one who has been a civic leader in the city for a number of years and has served Salem well as leader of many successful drives; the other has served the city of West Salem as mayor and is at the present time serving on the Salem city council.

"Thus assured of competent leadership in either mayoralty candidate, and a democratic election which will not go by default, I have chosen to run for the senate."

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Reds Cleared for Entry to U.S. Charged Republicans Demand Denfeld Case Inquiry

Senate Delays Confirming Adm. Sherman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Angry republican demands for an investigation into the firing of Admiral Louis E. Denfeld delayed senate action today on the nomination of Admiral Forrest P. Sherman to succeed Denfeld as chief of naval operations.

Denfeld was ousted last Oct. 27, just two weeks after he testified before a congressional committee that policies adopted by top army and air force brass in the Pentagon were crippling the navy's fleet power.

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Board Asks Ruling On Buying Rights Capitol Zone Deal Pending

The state board of control Tuesday asked Attorney General George Neuner to decide whether the state board of control may purchase additional land for the capitol building group without a legislative act.

Roy Mills, board secretary, raised the question in a discussion on proposed purchase by the state of four blocks north of Center street between Capitol and Winter streets.

The plan has been approved by the state's capitol planning commission and the Salem planning and zoning commission.

Legality Question Raised

"I don't believe the board of control can acquire this property without a legislative act," Mills said. The emergency board probably cannot authorize it either since this is not an emergency. The state can expend funds only on the capitol zone authorized by the legislature."

Gov. Douglas McKay, Secretary of State T. Newberry and Treasurer Walter J. Pearson agreed with Mills, and requested the opinion before the emergency board and board of control meet in joint session next Friday.

The board of control deferred action on a proposal to pay \$31,500 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coates, Portland, who proposed new apartment house on North Summer street brought to a head city-state plans for zoning restrictions to prevent expensive developments in the blocks suggested for state purchase.

May Seek New Site

Although his apartment project already has a city building permit, Coates told city officials he would locate the FHA-financed project elsewhere if suitable site can be found and he can be reimbursed for the \$12,500 cost of the Summer street property.

Remainder of the \$31,500 amount considered by the board of control would represent engineering and architect's fees if the project is dropped entirely. Under FHA terms, the apartment construction was to begin February 20.

Passes



Cedric T. Reaney, manager of the Senator hotel and recently-elected King Bing of Salem's Cherrians, died Tuesday afternoon where he had been confined since a heart attack two weeks ago.

Quick Denial Issued by DP Commission

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Charges that persons suspected of being communists were cleared for entry into the United States as displaced persons brought a hot retort tonight from the displaced persons commission.

The charges, the commission said, "abound in untruths, half truths and simple lies."

The charges were contained in testimony given by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.). The testimony, taken by McCarran in Germany last October, came from John W. Cutler, Jr., who said he had been hired by the DP commission as a "selector" of refugees to be brought to the United States.

Cutler said that employes of the commission were ordered to grand clearance to European refugees whom the army regarded as communists or possibly communists.

Restates Policy

The commission, headed by Ugo Carusi, issued a statement tonight, saying:

"It is an automatic rule and a long-standing policy of the commission that any displaced person is automatically barred from admission if the counter intelligence corps of the United States army reports that he appears to be a person who is a member of or participated in a movement hostile to the United States."

The commission statement said Cutler had a reputation among his colleagues in Europe of being a young man "with a strong personal bias against persons of particular faith." The statement added that Cutler "resented the fact that the assignment of interviewing displaced persons was given to another" employee.

Was in Europe

McCarran recently returned from Europe where for several weeks he conducted a one-man investigation of the displaced persons situation. His trip was authorized by the senate judiciary committee. McCarran is chairman of the committee.

The Nevada senator is a leader of a senate group which opposes passage of a house-approved bill which would liberalize the present DP law. The senate shelved the bill last fall after McCarran filed a cabinet protest against it from Europe. At that time the senate instructed its judiciary committee to send some kind of a DP measure back to the floor by Jan. 25.

Heart Attack Fatal for Cedric Reaney

Cedric Tyler Reaney, manager of the Senator hotel who recently was elected King Bing of Salem's Cherrians, died Tuesday evening at a local hospital. He was 42.

He had been confined at the hospital since a heart attack two weeks ago.

Manager of the Senator hotel here since 1944, Reaney previously managed the Jackson hotel in Medford and was at one time president of the Southern Oregon Hotel association.

Reaney, a prominent civic booster, was a member of Kiwanis, the Elks lodge, the Masonic lodge and many other organizations.

Funeral services will be held Friday, at 1:30 p.m., at the W. T. Rigdon chapel with the Rev. Dudley Strain officiating. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park. (Additional details on page 7.)

More Miners Join Walkout

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 10 (AP)—Ten thousand more soft coal miners joined the parade from the pits today, sending the total idle to nearly 62,000.

Some 2,300 diggers went back to work after a one-day walkout but a flood of new strikes broke out against steel company-owned mines in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Four additional steel companies were hit. They are Bethlehem Steel corporation, Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation, Sharon Steel corporation, and Wheeling Steel corporation.

Fifty-eight mines are shut down in western Pennsylvania, the hardest hit area. The mines normally produce 172,000 tons of coal a day.

PGE Offers Rate Reduction On Power for State Buildings

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said he believes the direct power plan would entail a prohibitive capital outlay by the state to construct its own power lines to take advantage of a 4.5 mill Bonneville rate.

Pearson told the board that a local cooperative, Salem Electric, had asked for permission to bid for the state's power business in the downtown capitol group. Mills, however, expressed doubt that the state could become a member of a cooperative.

The governor and secretary of state overrode Pearson in accepting the high bid of \$68,260 for the Mulkey building in Portland from David Finkenstein and Dr. Harry Semler of Portland.

Pearson contended the board had agreed on a minimum of \$100,000 for the building. McKay declared "I can't remember agreeing to any such figure. In fact, the building was appraised by the state at \$75,000."

Britain's Attlee Calls Election For February

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 11 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee today called a general election for Feb. 23.

Britain's 33,000,000 voters on that date will elect a new house of commons in what promises to be one of the most bitterly fought political contests in recent British history. The issue will be between Attlee's labor government, which in nearly five years of rule has espoused socialism, state planning and nationalization of industry, and Winston Churchill's conservatives, who defend free enterprise. But both uphold "welfare state" schemes.

The election was called at a moment regarded by many observers as favorable to the laborites, despite the defeat in the last six weeks of two labor governments in New Zealand and Australia.

Attlee made the announcement of the election date in a statement handed out shortly before 6 o'clock last night for release at half an hour after midnight. As he did so, he called in 68 ministers of less than cabinet rank to hear the news. Earlier he had told the full cabinet of his plans.

Arms Loaded For Formosa

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10 (AP)—Nearly 300 U. S. army tanks and armored cars were being loaded today aboard a Turkish freighter here for shipment to the Chinese Nationalists at Formosa.

The equipment was sold from "excess to immediate U. S. needs" in storage at the Lima (Ohio) ordnance depot.

In Washington, the Chinese embassy said the tanks and cars were purchased under the \$125,000,000 aid program voted China by congress in 1948.

Lt. Col. R. B. Fontaine, commander of the Lima depot, said loading of the armored vehicles aboard the Turkish company trains was completed last week.

They were brought to a Port Richmond pier in northeastern Philadelphia for shipment to the Pacific aboard the U. S. Mardin, a freighter owned by Marta T.A.S. of Istanbul, Turkey.

The Chinese Nationalist government made all transportation arrangements, both rail and water, Col. Fontaine said.

Michael McDermott, state department press officer, said the Chinese government has been spending the aid money through its own purchasing agents and had bought whatever armaments it wanted.

Acheson Defends Formosa Decision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson today upheld the administration's stand against military intervention on Formosa. He was reported to have said the United States could do more to combat communism in the seething Orient through economic aid to lands still outside the red orbit.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex) told reporters Acheson expressed that view in a day-long session with members of the senate foreign relations committee which Conally heads.

Eisenhower Target of Navy Attack

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 (AP)—Navy Capt. John G. Crommelin outspoken foe of armed services unionism—extended his attack to Gen. Dwight D. (Ike) Eisenhower tonight.

Without naming the general, Crommelin told the Pacific Traffic association of San Francisco: "I abhor the influence which a powerful potential presidential candidate in army uniform, who did not and has not declared his political party affiliations, could have on decisions of congress."

That was Crommelin's only reference to Eisenhower.

Asked by a reporter if his remarks were aimed at the former chief of staff, Crommelin said, "that's a logical assumption. Yes, I meant Eisenhower."

Eisenhower, now president of New York City's Columbia university could not be reached for comment on Crommelin's assertion.

Portland Architect Dies

PORTLAND, Jan. 10 (AP)—George H. Jones, 62, prominent Portland architect, died of a heart attack in his office here yesterday. He was a member of the architectural firm of Jones and Marsh which designed the recently completed G. L. Coliseum at Oregon State college.

Protest Recognition

TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 10 (AP)—Chinese nationalist soldiers today made a second attack on a British consulate in protest to British recognition of the red regime in Peking.

Council Order To Restore Bus Runs Studied

Salem's city bus service remained "up in the air" Tuesday as City Transit Lines officials studied the effects of bus riders' criticism which prompted a city council order Monday.

The council, at Alderman David O'Hara's request, directed the bus company to restore its service which was abandoned or changed last week.

"But we haven't received official notice of that and haven't decided what we can do about it anyway," stated R. J. Davidson, CTL manager in Salem. He said he expected to confer today or tomorrow with General Manager Carl Wendt of Portland.

Wendt left Salem Monday after a conference with the mayor's committee on bus transportation, at which city and suburban riders' criticisms were aired. He understood, said Davidson, that the city council would not take any action until it had recommendations from the mayor's committee and had offered the bus firm a chance to defend its operations.

Alderman O'Hara had complained to the council that the bus company was altering its city routes without the sanction of the council. He referred particularly to changes in the Fairgrounds road route.

Flying Arrow Patches Holes From Shellfire

ABOARD THE FLYING ARROW, Wednesday, Jan. 11 (AP)—The nationalist gunboat which riddled the Flying Arrow with shellfire stopped a Chinese junk 500 yards from this damaged American freighter today. Two U. S. destroyers quickly dove into sight to keep an eye on the warship.

The destroyers were standing by the Flying Arrow while she patched the wounds she received Monday. The gunboat attacked on the high seas off the mouth of the Yangtze river, Sealane to communist Shanghai.

Any doubt that the Flying Arrow was not in international waters when she was shelled was believed dispelled by the arrival of the U. S. destroyers -- the Sticklell and the Bausell.

WOMEN DIE IN FIRE

COBLESKILL, N.Y., Jan. 10 (AP)—Three women perished and four other persons were injured tonight when fire ravaged the second floor of the Eliza Collins nursing home after an explosion.

Parents Charged With Starvation Death of Children

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—A man and his wife, both 29, today were accused of starving to death their three-year-old son.

A daughter, police charged, narrowly escaped death by starvation — for the second time in her four years.

Charged with homicide, Guy Scielzo and his wife, Mary, admitted neglecting the two children while two others were well-fed and well-treated, police said.

Scielzo was quoted as saying his wife wasn't feeding the two children properly but he couldn't do anything about it.

The mother said she tried to feed them but they wouldn't take food, so she gave it to a cat, police said.

District Attorney Frank Hogan claimed the children "wasted away before their (parents') eyes" but they made no effort to get help.

Fourteen Hurt in Bay Bridge Bus Blaze

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 10 (AP)—Fourteen persons were injured, none seriously, when a Key System bus struck a light standard and burst into flames tonight on the Bay bridge.

Twenty-nine passengers scrambled out of the bus uninjured.

Highway patrolmen said the bus, traveling at a "high rate" of speed, struck a light standard. The rear burst into flames, apparently because of a ruptured gas tank.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precep.
Salem	41	34	1.89
Portland	43	36	1.16
San Francisco	52	44	1.23
Chicago	32	27	.02
New York	37	23	.41
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New York river 7.2 feet

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SALEM PRECIPITATION

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23.40	21.80	17.07