



"On again—off again" snow in the Salem area poses a problem for the country's fowl—both domestic and wild. Above a flock of Rhode Island Red chickens crosses snow-covered Hulsey street in south Salem during an early morning snow flurry Wednesday, apparently in search of something to eat or perhaps just out to see the snow. (Statesman photo.)

New Coating of Snow Forecast; Searchers Find Lost Rancher

Salem's off-again, on-again snow was pretty well off again Wednesday night. Except in the higher elevations that got more than the inch recorded at McNary field weather station Wednesday morning. But weather officials here said there would likely be a new white covering this morning. Temperatures were slated to fall near 25 degrees in the wee hours after staying just above 32 up to midnight.

John Ritter, assistant Illinois state police chief, called the Russellville and Maunle levee areas "danger spots." Maunle, a village of 525 population, is about 25 miles west of Evansville, Ind. But breaks there would add but a few more persons to the hundreds of refugees in the water-soaked region, Ritter said.

The Wabash was expected to crest at Vincennes, Ind., Wednesday, Vincennes has a population of 20,000.

At Old Shawneetown a few miles south of where the Wabash was dumping into the Ohio, Chief Ritter said he expected the town to "fill up like a tub full of holes."

The 60-foot Ohio river levee there, Ritter said, "has had no repairs for years," and he expected seepage to fill the streets of the town of 900. The 1937 record flood caused most Shawneetown residents to move to high ground in New Shawneetown. Floodstage at Shawneetown is 33 feet. A crest of 51 is expected this week end.

The federal weather forecasters said there will be rain in the soaked area "some time Thursday."

R. B. Leshar Transferred To California

R. B. Leshar, Salvation army captain, Wednesday announced he would be transferred January 22 from the Salem area where he has served the past five years. Leshar said his next position would be in northern California. No replacement for Salem has yet been named.

The captain and his wife and three children came to Salem early in 1945 from Alaska where he had served the previous 15 years.

"I sincerely regret leaving the Salem area where I've spent some of my happiest years," Leshar said Wednesday.

He will attend the annual Salvation army advisory board meeting Monday at 6 p. m. at the Senator hotel before leaving the city.

Major Roderick Durham, Portland, divisional commander for Oregon and southern Idaho, will speak at the dinner. A short business meeting with election of new board members also will be conducted.

Lutheran Hour's Maier Dies of Heart Disease

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Rev. Walter A. Maier, who had a worldwide audience for his weekly Lutheran hour radio broadcasts, died today of heart disease at the age of 56.

His broadcasts, translated into 36 foreign languages, went out over a network of about 1,200 radio stations in the United States and 49 other countries and territories.

HOW OTHER HALF LIVES BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Buenos Aires sweated today in a new summer heat wave. The temperature reached 100.5.

THE WEATHER

Table with 4 columns: Location, Max., Min., Precip. Rows include Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and a forecast for the next 24 hours.

SALEM PRECIPITATION This Year Last Year Normal 20.46 21.86 19.23

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH

"Now—you were saying!"

Flying Arrow Gives Up Shanghai Run

Explosion Threat to Freighter

By Wayne Richardson ABOARD THE FLYING ARROW, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Danger of an explosion today threatened the shell-crippled American freighter. Capt. David Jones said "I expect an explosion at any time."

The danger was to expanding cotton bales, lute and caustic soda in the No. 5 hold.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Isbrandtsen Co., Inc., said tonight it is abandoning its efforts to get its ship, the Flying Arrow, into nationalist-patrolled Shanghai.

The company said in a statement that the ship has been ordered to Tain'ao, which it called the nearest safe port.

Tsingtao also is communist-held. However, the company said it did not anticipate any opposition by the nationalist government to the Flying Arrow's docking there.

"We are not bringing the subject up," said Hans J. Isbrandtsen, president of the line. "But we do know there is not the mine menace there that there is at Shanghai. We do not expect any difficulty."

Deserchers Withdrawn "Anyways, in the condition the ship is in, we cannot consider sending her any farther than Tsingtao."

The Flying Arrow was heavily shelled Monday as it tried to make its way into Shanghai against the objections of the nationalist government.

(In Washington, the navy said orders to two U. S. destroyers to stand by the Flying Arrow had been withdrawn, and that the ships were directed to leave the Yangtze estuary. The destroyers had helped the Flying Arrow make repairs.)

The company did not say whether other of its ships, poised for an attempt to reach Shanghai, would be similarly diverted. The statement said only:

"We are not, however, abandoning or interrupting our regular services to Hongkong and other Chinese ports which we have maintained for years and intend to maintain."

Another Isbrandtsen ship, the Brooklyn Heights, is scheduled to sail from Hongkong Saturday for Shanghai.

Isbrandtsen said it has lately been absorbing "the brunt of the effort to maintain and protect the American foreign commerce with China."

The company said it was satisfied with assurances from American naval forces in the Far East that navy vessels henceforth will protect merchant shipping outside Chinese territorial waters.

Wade Carter Relected by Labor Council

Wade Carter has been reelected president of the Salem Trades and Labor council, it was reported Wednesday.

Other officers, all reelected this week, are F. J. A. Boehringer, vice president, and Herbert Barker, executive secretary. Three trustees are to be chosen January 24.

It was reported Wednesday that a total of 178 union members have signed up for the council's blood donor program this month.

JETS MAKE FAST TRIP ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Kirtland air force base announced tonight three F-86 sabre jet pilots averaged slightly over 710 miles an hour on a 325-mile flight from Tucson to Albuquerque today.

Additional Funds Requested For Paying State's Jobless

An additional \$15,700,000 for payments to Oregon's rising rank of jobless workers will be sought here Friday.

The state emergency board will be asked to approve the budget request to cover state unemployment compensation for the balance of the year ending June 30.

A budget of \$11,300,000 for the 1949-50 year was all but drained during the first six months, records reveal.

The 1949-50 budget caused lengthy discussions at the 1949 legislature. The budget approved was opposed by a group who contended it was not sufficient to assure a \$50-a-month payment to old age beneficiaries. Despite this, the average payment is now above \$50 per month.

None of the money is derived from state funds, nor will the additional amount requested by taken from the state emergency fund, officials pointed out.

The state welfare commission will request authority to exceed its \$55,000,000 budget by \$2,267,000 at the same meeting. The latter sum was carried over from the 1948-49 budget.

ROBBERY NETS \$38,000 CLEVELAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Three dapper young robbers got away with \$38,000 today in a daring daylight loan office stickup. Three hours later, police picked up two men and later found \$7,721 in cash.

Invasion Fleet Reported Enroute To Hainan; Red's Bases Bombed

Italy Premier, Cabinet to Resign Today

ROME, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Premier Alcide De Gasperi's coalition government decided tonight to resign tomorrow, clearing the way for a reorganization he has planned since last October.

The decision came, by coincidence, after a day in which communists demonstrated by the thousands against Italian police for the slaying of six foundry workers in a riot at Modena Monday. Communist spokesmen threatened a new anti-government campaign. These demonstrations did not precipitate the cabinet crisis.

De Gasperi, 66-year-old Christian democratic chieftain, is to submit his own resignation and that of his ministers tomorrow morning to President Luigi Einaudi, who presumably will then ask him to form a new government.

The premier's party has an absolute majority in the chamber of deputies and control of the senate. He has run the country lately with a coalition of Christian democrats, liberals (conservatives), middle-of-the-road republicans and independents.

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Newspapers Praised for Freedom Stand

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Multnomah county democratic central committee tonight commended the Oregonian for its endeavors in the interest of a free press despite potential reprisals from a large advertiser.

The resolution referred to the publication of National Labor Relations board findings against the Meier & Frank company in a case involving AFL office workers.

County Chairman Nicholas Grant and State National Committee member Monroe Sweetland told the committee that such reprisals had resulted. Sweetland praised Ex-governor Charles A. Sprague, editor and publisher of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, for first publishing the account of the "cold war" between the Oregonian and the big Portland department store.

Sprague reported in his column entitled "It Seems to Me" that the store had cancelled 14 pages of advertising as a result of the Oregonian's printing of the NLRB decision finding the store guilty of labor law violation.

Hit-Run Accident Stops Prineville's Railroad Service

PRINEVILLE, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The city of Prineville's rail road couldn't make its run today because a hit-run motorist hit a switch.

The car's blow gave the signal that lets trainmen know the switch is closed, a full 360-degree turn so it looked all right but the switch was open.

When the daily train with some 25 cars of pine lumber came along, the locomotive hit the open switch and went off the rails.

Work crews said they thought they could get the locomotive back on the track in time for tomorrow night's regular run.

The city owns the railroad, used to make the short haul to the S. P. & S. line. Its major cargo is lumber.

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Mike Elliott to Seek Sheriff Post Again To Oppose Appointee Schruck

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Mike Elliott told the Multnomah central county democratic committee tonight he intends to again seek the sheriff's office from which he was recalled last October.

That puts Elliott into the primary ring against Sheriff Terry Schruck for the democratic nomination. Schruck was appointed by the county commissioners after the recall of Elliott in a special recall election.

Schruck, a 37 year old ex-city fireman, had announced earlier today he would run for the party's nomination and he was on hand tonight to so advise the committee.

Elliott's public career was short lived. He defeated veteran republican sheriff Martin T. Pratt in November, 1948, and almost immediately began making newspaper headlines. Later it developed—and he admitted—there were falsehoods in his campaign claims and a recall movement got underway.

Brochure Explains Underpass Project

Briefing the public on what might be done to improve railroad crossing traffic conditions in Salem was undertaken Wednesday night by the Salem long range planning commission.

Both tunnel and underpass plans which the commission has studied are explained in a printed folder made available by the commission for interested Salem groups. Engineer C. A. McClure also is arranging club programs on the subject.

In another commission undertaking steps were taken to initiate protective zoning of approaches to the Salem city airport, which would require joint city-county action. (Additional details on page 16).

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The 620 signers of the petition state they want the road improved along its present route rather than over a new roadbed. The federal aid project is about three miles long and would cost about \$325,000 under present plans. Of this amount \$217,000 would be federal funds.

In addition to previous remonstrances against relocating the road the petitioners add these reasons in Wednesday's filing:

A proposed railway overhead crossing on the relocated road is not necessary as only one train per day crosses the road. It is estimated this crossing would cost \$75,000.

The existing grade would be preserved by following the present route thereby saving money which would have to be spent on grading a new right-of-way.

A savings of about \$25,000 will be made in right-of-way costs by using the old route.

Re-location would demand a new Pudding river bridge at an additional cost of \$60,000.

A re-located road would not adequately serve the Salem-Silverton traffic nor the "in-between" communities through which the present route passes.

Proponents of the new route say that it would coordinate with the proposed Cascade highway; but this project is speculative and even if built its route through the Silverton area has not been definitely fixed.

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Nationalists Add Warships To Patrols

TAIPEI, Formosa, Thursday, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Chinese nationalists today sent additional warships on patrol as a safeguard against the expected communist invasion of Hainan island.

Naval headquarters said, however, it had nothing to confirm rumors that a red invasion fleet of 1,000 craft already was bound for the big island off the south China coast.

Nor did the air force, which has been raiding invasion base ports on the red-held south China mainland, have any reports that any operation against Hainan had begun. Neither did army headquarters.

Shanghai, Canton Hit The navy said its reinforcing craft had been assigned to Hainan Strait.

Nationalist planes yesterday rained bombs on bases where the reds are building up strength for invasions of Hainan and other nationalist islands.

The air force, which said Shanghai and Canton, among the cities attacked, declared the raids were the most extensive in weeks.

(The communist radio in Peiping boasted that the campaign on the mainland was at an end. A broadcast said that next to be "liberated" were Tibet, Hainan island and Formosa.)

1949-Ten Ships Hit Bombers and fighters struck at Luichow peninsula, whose tip is but 10 miles from Hainan island off the south China coast. The air force said a 2,000-ton communist ship was hit and badly damaged.

Attacks also were made on red troops massing on the peninsula. The air force reported a 1,000-ton ship received a direct hit on the stern during a radio on Shanghai. Medium bombers struck at red bases where preparations are being made for the invasion of Chu Shan, island blockade base 100 miles southeast of Shanghai.

Formosa Reassured Foochow, seaport between Formosa and Chu Shan, also was attacked. Fighter planes ranged up and down the coast strafing craft which the reds might use for an invasion of Formosa.

The nationalists sought to give assurance that Formosa was safe from revolt and that the fighting on the mainland was not over.

The defense ministry said there still are 100,000 regulars and 1,000,000 guerrillas on the mainland. These figures were believed to be rather generous, particularly in the case of guerrillas.

Czechs Order U.S. Agency Director To Leave Country

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Henry Levy, director of the American joint distribution committee (AJDC) in Czechoslovakia, was ordered to leave the country today and to liquidate the Jewish relief agency by the end of the month.

His notice from the foreign ministry came less than a month after the arrest of Israel Jacobson, director of the same agency in Hungary. Jacobson was expelled from Hungary Dec. 28.

The order for Levy's expulsion apparently was a move to get rid of western-sponsored international organizations here and in eastern Europe, western diplomatic sources said.

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