# No Relief Seen From Record Breaking NW Cold

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Sure, we'll have the hydrogen bomb. President Truman has just given the "go" signal on the project. One could see the pincer jaws of logic closing:

First, the H-bomb is reputed to be a thousand times more destructive than the uranium bomb. Second, if we don't get it the demanded new efforts toward. Russians will. If they do and we world atomic control. do not have it the jig is up for

Third, we must get the bomb to keep ahead of the Russians. Such reasoning is compelling.

The military naturally is always reaching for a more powerful weapon. Even a money-conscious congress is ready to loosen its purse strings to finance the experimentation. Final decision rested with the president, and Washington was confident he would give the work his favor. Consider the president's position: With the safety of a nation and the fate of millions of people in his hands he just didn't dare reject the H-bomb program. That would be construed as inviting a Pearl Harbor on a greatly

Ethics doesn't figure much in the equation. After all war itself is unethical. Aerial bombs killed civilians when they hit industrial cities. Atom bombs merely killed H-bomb will merely kill on more of a wholesale basis than the Aof ethics he should go back to fore it apparently exploded. arguing against war.

mission, has been reported as favoring a hold-back policy on the (Continued on editorial page, 4)

### **Soviet Boycotts Allied Council** For Japanese

TOKYO, Wednesday, Feb. 1-(P) Russia today boycotted the allied Four-Power council for Japan. The issue was a U. S. charge that Russia falled to complete repatriation of Japanese war prisoners. Lt. Gen. Kuzma Derevyanko, the

was a discussion of the fate of one automobile. (Photo on page 376,000 Japanese whom General 2). MacArthur says still are unac-

patriation—one of the major conflicts of the allied occupation. To Curb Use

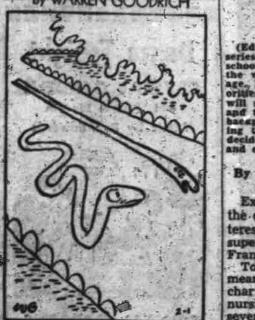
Out of the four previous ses-sions, the Russians remained in only one—which did not have repatriation up for discussion. The Russians maintain repatriation is not within the jurisdiction of the

The council is an occupation ad-

### LION TRAINER MENDING

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31-(AP)day at a March of Dimes show, her physician said today.

# By WARREN GOODRICH



"I know it isn't right, but is straight and narrow stuff oesn't get me anywhere."

### **European Papers** Top Super-Bomb; **Reds Hit Decision**

LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 1-P)-European newspapers gave big headlines to President Truman's order to U. S. scientists to try to make the hydrogen super-bomb. In London six out of nine morning papers gave it top play and President Truman today gave the

super-bomb war. The Liberal News Chronicle and the Conservative Yorkshire Post self "against any possible aggres-

Britain's communists were quick to assail the announcement. They said the news was just another sign that the U.S. wanted war. L'Humanite, official organ of the communist party in France, said "the American government takes one more step in preparation of a work on all forms of atomic weanew, monstrous and bloody war."

# Fire Destroys North Salem

Fire believed caused by an overheated oil stove gutted the dining room of The Ranch, a supper club at 3260 Portland rd., early Tuesday. It was the most serious of 11 alarms answered by city firemen during the day.

A caretaker of a nearby estabof a wholesale basis than the A-bomb. If one is going to argue against the H-bomb on the basis it "was lit up like a juke box" be-

Equipment in the dining room was ruined and the rest of the building was damaged by heat and

A year ago, on January 27, fire destroyed a similar restaurant— Chuck's Steakhouse—which is lo-cated about a block from The

Loss at The Ranch was believed in excess of \$10,000, but no official estimate had been made. Firemen said the property

A fire at the Cummings Machine works, 598 S. 18th st., caused coniderable damage to one corner of the building and destroyed some merchandise. Cost was estimated "considerably above \$1,000" by owner Truman A. Cummings. He said it was insured. Cause was

Firemen said the other runs varied from minor to unnecessary Soviet delegate, refused to attend. calls. They involved chimney fires, The only matter on the agenda overheated stoves and motors, and

# counted for since their capture by the Russians during World War II. Power Demand The boycott followed three Russians walkouts from the last four council meetings. Each time they walked out rather than discuss re-

Willamette valley electrical power users were urged Tuesday to curtail the use of electricity whenever possible - especially during the peak morning and evening

sory group. Other nations repre-ented are the United States, Bri-erating equipment in the northwest power pool," said Fred G. Starrett, "The power load Tuesday was nanager of the Portland General Electric company.

Cold weather has brought into play electric heaters and other electrical equipment far above the fusal to accept the America normal, he said. He reported that for international inspection. except for a few minor repair jobs

# Decision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 -(AP) began to debate how to stop a fateful order for development of the hydrogen super-bomb so that the United States may defend it-

> Mr. Truman indicated that the nation's atomic scientists may already have started tackling the problem of creating a weapon far surpassing the destructive fury of the A-bomb. The president said:

"I have directed the atomic energy commission to continue its pons, including the so-called hydrogen or super-bomb.
"Like al lother work in the field

of atomic weapons, it is being and will be carried forward on a basis consistent with the over-all objectives of our program for peace and security."

Reputedly eight to 1,000 times more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan during World war II, the H-bomb has been the subject of behind-thescenes debate for at least four months.

The cost of producing the new super-weapon has been variously estimated at \$100,000,000 to \$4,-.000,000,000.

Defense Necessary
Mr. Truman said he gave the
historic order because "it is part of my responsibility as command-er-in-chief of our armed forces to see that our country is able to de-fend itself" against any attack.

He said he has directed the AEC to press forward with the develop-ment of atomic weapons, including the H-bomb, "until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved."

Within two hours after Mr. fruman's announcement, the senwork with the federal atomic energy commission (AEC) to chart 'ways and means and plans" for building the H-bomb.

Chairman McMahon (D-Conn) told newsmen "the utmost speed is necessary," but he did not explain why.

Word Unexpected

Mr. Truman's announcement clearly took committee members by surprise. The president had said last week that he alone had the power of decision-a statement which ruffled some lawmakersand there were indications today that the committee had not expected a presidential announcement before next week.

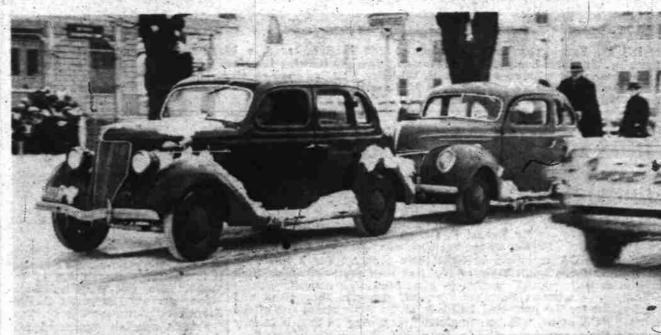
Though Chairman McMahon told reporters the president's decision met with the "unanimous approval" of the 18-member congressional committee, Rep. Cole (R-NY), a committee member, quickly issued a statement blast-ing the decision. He said it usurped congressional authority and that the president had "muffed" a chance to take the leadership in a movement to halt the "mad race of modern science toward more and greater weapons of destruction."

Second Decision For Mr. Truman, it was the second time he has made a decision of unparalleled gravity that could affect the whole course of world nistory. Less than five years ago, he made the decision to drop Abombs on Japan and ushered in

Hopes for air-tight international control of atomic weapons—as is paved to a width of only 59 feet Alaska Has 21 Above ored by this country in the United Nations - have been repeatedly blocked by Russia's refusal to accept the American plan

Mr. Truman's statement, handed on a burned-out transformer at to White House newsmen, gave no Chemawa and on downed wires on hint of a possible attempt to renew Garden road, damage to power negotiations with Russia for international atomic control.

### Common Result of Uncommon Cold



Frozen cars and frozen pipes are the two foremost worries of western Oregon residents following record sub-freezing temperatures. Above is a Salem motorist getting a helping shove from another driver early Tuesday morning—an oft-repeated scene in the Marion and Polk county territory. An unidentified man is standing on the back bumper of the rear car to give it more traction. Sub-zero weather sent motorists by the score to service stations for additional anti-freeze, and many more who were not warned of the situation found their cars solidly frozen Tuesday morning. (Statesman photo).

# **FHA Okeh Sought for Substitute Site** Aerial Guard Planned for A-Plants

Federal housing administration approval will be sought for a seven-story apartment house at 1165 Bus Service Chemeketa street, as a substitute site for the Robert T. Coates build- Hearing Set ing project planned at 555 N. Sum-

This developed Tuesday in the latest round of maneuvers by builder Coates, the city and the state to expedite apartment building near the statehouse without putting an expensive obstacle into the path of proposed state buildings extending north from Center

Coates said he had optioned a 66 by 157 foot lot on the north side of Chemeketa street between Capitol and 12th streets, now occupied by a frame dwelling. Several apartments are nearby.

The city council in special session Tuesday paved the way for which would enable Coates to use city. existing plans at that site. The normal setback line would be several feet more, figured under city code by averaging the setback of other existing buildings in that block at the time of construction.

Coates said he felt that FHA approval for a transfer of its financing commitment to the Chemeketa site could be obtained, although some question had been raised by FHA at the nearness of Some of these are from Garden the Southern Pacific railroad main- road and Four Corners districts line on 12th sfreet.

In taking their action, city aldermen pointed out that the property lines on Chemeketa street already are some distance from the paved width of the street and that an apartment across the street (the Royal Court) is built within a foot or two of the property line, Chemeketa street, dedicated at 99 feet, in that block.

SUB SINKING ACCIDENT GILLINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 31-

inquest into the death of 10 of the ish submarine Truculent,

# Today Noon

A public hearing, to discuss Salem's city bus service, is scheduled for noon today in the Marion ho-

bus service are invited.

Main point at issue, said-Rudd, is the City Transit Lines' recent announcement to reduce suburban possible use of this property by routes. A second item of discuslegislating a setback line of five sion, he stated, is the company. feet from the front property line changing of some routes inside the

> The transportation committee is air defense scheme," a defense spokesman said. "It will be perinvestigating the service and the probable effects of the changes in order to determine if the curtailed routes should be reinstated. Rudd said the committee expects to have a report in about four weeks.

A number of petitions, protesting various phases of the bus service, has been received recently by Rudd and the city council, he said. and Leslie school and Hollywood

said Rudd, the committee will study bus service in other cities of comparable size to Salem.

## Salem Residents Note:

SEATTLE, Jan. 31-(AP)-Pacific northwesterners noticed with no satisfaction today that Barrow, Alaska, just 1,100 miles from the P)-A coroner gave a verdict of north pole, was warmer than most accidental death today after an places in Washington and Oregon. It was 21 above at Barrow, Subvictims of the sinking of the Brit- zero to sub-freezing was the wea-

The luncheon meeting is being conducted by the transportation committee appointed recently by Mayor R. L. Elfstrom. Chairman M. B. Rudd said that representatives of organized groups who are interested in the City Transit Lines

Before making a final decision,

### **Arbitration May** Solve Telephone Union's Demands

Tennessee, New Mexico and Wash-

ngton state must file flight plans

with defense authorities. The same

rules apply within 200 miles of the

aeronautics regulations, the air

ception and identification will be

The orders will go out soon, the

These are in addition to flight re-

ports required by civil authorities.

manent and will be extended to

the whole country as soon as our

The atomic plant defense rings

center at Oak Ridge, Tenn., Lce

lamos, N. M., and Hanford, Wash.

that the border defense perimeters

there are in addition to the pro-

hibited areas immediately over the

The announcement emphasized

capabilities make it possible.

"This is the beginning of a real

carried out by fighter planes.

spokesman added that inter-

coast from Norfolk to Maine.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 -(P)-Arbitration of the dispute which is threatening to erupt in a nationwide telephone strike Feb. 8 was discussed as a possible solution today by the union and gov-ernment mediators. Associate Director William N.

Margolis of the conciliation service said that he had an hour long conference on arbitration and the ssues in the dispute with President Joseph A. Beirne of the CIO-Communications Workers union. It is this union which has scheduled a strike in an effort to gain higher pay and other concessions

from the Bell Telephone system. Another conference is scheduled David O'Hara Named for tomorrow with Cyrus S. Ching, conciliation chief who is returning from meetings with his staff in

### **Broken Pipes Damage** Woodburn Residence

WOODBURN, Jan. 31-Mr. and Mrs. Willard Branigar returned here Tuesday from the beach where they were working on a summer home. Now they're going-

to have to work on their home in Woodburn. While they were gone water pipes froze and burst causing damage estimated at \$2,000.

THREE MINERS KILLED WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 31-(P)-Three miners were trapped and believed killed late today by a fall at the Puritan Coal Corp. mine at Puritan, about seven miles

# -10 Temperature Sets Salem Mark

Weather records, car radiators and water pipes were broken Tuesday as the Salem temperature tumbled to an all-time minimum of 10 below, then reached only 16 above—an all-time base maximum. And the weatherman said no major relief is in sight. The forecast through Saturday is for recurring snowstorms with slowly

moderating temperatures. It was 13.8 above in Salem at 1 a. m. today and apparently headed toward a minimum of 5 above be-fore it started to warm up. To-day's prediction is for a high of 25 degrees and a low of about 15

40-Year Mark Broken

Salem's high reading of 16 degrees Monday set a record because it was so low. It snapped a mark set Jan. 12, 1909, when the day's high reading was 17.

And the 10 below easily shattered the old record of -6

car radiators suffered most from the deep freeze. The radiators were easiest to handle. There was plenty of anti-freeze. Plumbers and pipe - thawers were in much shorter supply and waiting lists were longer than the

Fire hydrants, water pipes and

icicles on the back porch. About 50 of the city's oldest fire hydrants were frozen Monday, cripling fire protection in the areas involved. There are about 450

hydrants in Salem. Fire Chief W. P. Roble warned residents not to thaw out pipes with a blowtorch. He said it was tures. Warmer, that is, at below responsible for at least three fires

down Tuesday, will be open today. Heating and power failures caused Liberty, Swegle and Auburn elementary schools to close yesterday. Dallas Colder

Woodburn's Washington school will be closed today because of frozen water pipes. Other public chools there will be open. Dallas went Salem one degree better with a -11 reading at the state forestry building Tuesday

Salem's city bus schedules were uncertain Tuesday. "We are trying to maintain all routes," said R. J. Davidson, manager. "When a bus freezes we bring it into the shops, chip off the ice and take it back on the run. No routes have been abandoned and regular schedules will be maintained whenever possible."

(More weather news on page 2.)

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 -(AP)-The air force moved today to set up an aerial guard line around all the nation's major atomic plants. **Batterman Low** Similar protections were announced for a long stretch of the Atlantic coast taking in major On City Hall The obvious aim is to guard Annex Project against surprise one-way air atll planes coming within 100 miles of the atomic installations in

E. E. Batterman, Salem con-tractor, was low bidder Tuesday for a city hall annex project. He bid \$6,473. Bids of three other local contractors range upward to

Planes violating the rules will be intercepted and action against It was the second bidding on a tracks. proposed addition to the police the pilots will be taken under civil department at the southeast corner of city hall, for which the city council appropriated \$5,000 from the emergency fund. In previous bidding last month Henry G. Carl was low among 10 bidders, at \$9,231. All bids were redefense department said, for the jected as too high and the profiling of flight plans and position ject was redrafted to eliminate reports by the affected planes.

partial second floor. City Manager, J. L. Franzen, who opened the bids yesterday, indicated he would report them to the city council for disposition. Other bids received: C. A. Lentz, \$6,900; T. J. Patzer, \$8,668, and Smith and Nelson, \$9,550. Carl did not enter the second bidding.

### **Truman Requests** Miners to Resume atomic plants, already "out of Soft Coal Digging

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 -(AP) President Truman stepped around the Taft-Hartley act today with an appeal to miners to resume soft coal digging next Monday for 70 days and submit their case to presidential board. He made the fact-finding pro-

posal also to spokesmen for the nation's coal operators. Asking both sides to let him know their answer by 5 p.m. Saturday. Feb. 4, the president made him telegram sound much like an

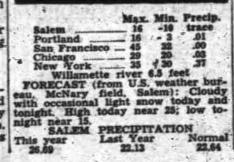
ultimatum. He did not mention the Taft-Hartley law and its provision for injunctions in cases of national emergency. But he did urge John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers chief, and the operator spokesmen to accept his proposal "in the national interest."

## **Acting City Mayor**

Alderman David O'Hara, "dean of the city council," was named acting mayor Tuesday.

O'Hara, who has served a quarter century on the council, will preside while Mayor R. L. Elfstrom is out of the city, it was decided at a special council session. Elfstrom is in Arizona for several weeks.

### THE WEATHER



### Tuesday's Readings



# Record Cold

The Pacific Northwest welcomed February today as the weather man forecast warmer temperazero in most of the region.

here Monday...

Schools in the Salem public district, including three that shut

28 below at Ellensburg and 26 below at Coeur d'Alene and Moscow yesterday. What's more, western Oregon

and Washington, where freeze-records tumbled by the score yesterday, were told they would escape sub-zero marks today. Five degrees above zero is expected to be the coldest. The weather man eyen saw a possibility of rain over southwest Oregon by Friday night or Saturday.

Meanwhile residents remained

agog at what a cold wave from Canada was doing to their thermometers.

Unofficial readings ranged down to 39 below at Gilchrist in central Oregon. There was an official 38 below at Meacham in northeastern Oregon and Boville, near Moscow, Idaho.

There were these official lows: Oregon—Madras -31, Prineville -30, Bend -26, Pendleton -25, Burns -20, The Dalles and La Grande -19, Klamath Falls -14,

Eugene -3, Corvallis -1.

Forest Grove's 18 below was a record there. Portland recorded 2 below at the airport but did not recognize it as equaling a sim-ilar mark in 1888 which was re-corded downtown. One freezing death was reported. The body of a man identified

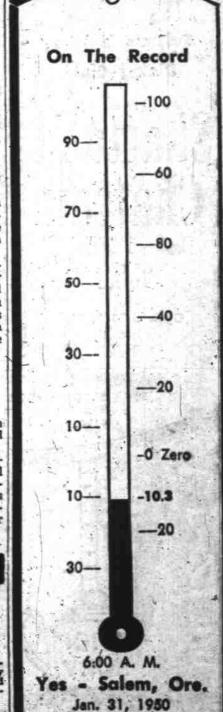
as John Hammill, 75, a farm laborer, was found near Whistran, six miles northeast of Prosser, Wash. The coroner said Hammill froze to death after tripping on railroad The few cities that remained above zero yesterday included: Olympia at 1 above, Medford 3 above; Grants Pass 5 above,

Aberdeen 9 above, Tacoma 9

above, Newport, Ore., 14 above,

Roseburg 16 above, Brookings, Ore., 23 above. NATIONALISTS RAID DOCKS TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 31-(AP) Chinese nationalist bombers hit Foochow today for the second day in a row, leaving 80 per cent of the shipyards destroyed, the air

force announced.



## Animal Crackers Increase in Number of Children Posing Serious **Problem of Rooms in Salem School District 24**

(Editor's note: This is the first in a births during the war years, and sive proposal which would be coin school, 8; new Lineries of articles on the Salem public the swift flow of immigration that submitted to the public for study coin school, 8. That makes a total the war babies as they reach school has made Oregon the nation's and, eventually, action. series of articles on the Salem public schools' salient problem—where to put the war hables as they reach school age. Recommendations by school authorities for meeting District 24's needs will soon be submitted to the public, and this series is designed to provide bacaground information for the coming time when citizens will have to decide how best to solve a pressing and costly problem.)

By Marguerite Wittwer Wright Staff Writer The Statesman Except for the proud parents, the one person in Salem most interested in new babies is the

superintendent of public schools, nursing along in his office for seven years or so. Salem's high-climbing birthrate has meant a

menal increase in ulation of a definite comprehen- 2; Pringle, 1; Englewood, 6; new school enrollments.

fastest growing state, mean, to the city's public school system, more classrooms, more teachers, higher operational and maintenance costs. To the area's taxpayers they re- available to the public through the classrooms were added, making a present an increase in taxes to pay off bond issues that made possible expansion to date, and, likely, more of the same.

That careful, long-range plantendent Bennett as long ago as 1943. Last December, the school board authorized a study of a survey which indicated the district may need 100 more elementary classrooms before the enrollment peak is reached. The board lot of changes—in more ways than with civic leaders to discuss form-

The data from surveys and sub-

press in the hope, says the superintendent, of providing "the most accurate information available on probable trends in school enrollments and the incident building rate increases from 1941 to 1947. ning is the best way to tackle the requirements necessary for ade-problem was evident to Superin-quate school housing in Salem." and 1943, responsible for an enthis: Building completed to date ones now occupying the 36 new is already required for growth classrooms in grades one to nine. to date. The 36 classrooms made (That's not counting the increases available by the \$1,500,000 building program authorized in 1947 are already in use.

located as follows: Bush, 6; West

the swift flow of immigration that submitted to the public for study coln school, 8. That makes a total eight classrooms of old Washingsequent studies is being compiled ton school subtracted, the net ininto a pamphlet now by Bennett crease is 32. After the beginning and this will presently be made of the school year, four more total of 36.)

There is no backlog for the tremendous demands ahead-demands created by the heavy birth What the facts today show is rollment increase of 931, are the via immigration.)

This increase as yet is only slight on the junior high and intermediate grade level and has not begun to affect the senior high Salem, 8; Middle Grove, 1; Swegle,