

California Sand Blows 100mph; Scrapes Paint from Cars

Li Says Chinese to Overthrow Reds, Also Chiang's Rule

NEW YORK, March 11—(AP)—The Chinese people are going to rise up soon and overthrow not only the communists, but the Chiang Kai-shek regime as well, deposed President Li Tsung-jen declared today. "The Chinese communists were able to come to power, not because of the merit of communism, but because the regime of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was rotten to the core," Li said in an interview. "The generalissimo," Li said, "is hoping for a third world war to save him. The last world war saved him from the Japanese and now he is hoping for a war between Russia and the United States so

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

To the Mayor and City Council: Owing to absence from the city I shall be unable to attend your meeting in person to urge that no change be made in the zoning of the tract at the southeast corner of North Capitol and Center streets to permit erection of a service station there. To make that change would be to fly in the face of the direct requests of the state legislature in its resolution of 1939, the state board of control, the state highway commission whose new office building will stand directly across Capitol street, and the state capital planning commission. It also would be against the recommendation of the Salem long-range planning commission. Salem as the capital of Oregon has a peculiar obligation to the people of the rest of the state. As the state invests millions in a new capital group here, it asks Salem to zone the surrounding property so its use would not be out of harmony with the capital group. That surely is not much to ask of Salem. To ignore this request would be to break faith, in my judgment, with the state. It is urged that the fringe area may develop into a "slum" district if it is not allowed to commercialize. Might not the opposite be true—that property facing the group if kept in residential or apartment house zones be particularly desirable? And would it not be time enough to make the change if and when that

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Vets' Group Urges Truman Phone Stalin

NEW YORK, March 11—(AP)—A veterans' group, once a part of the American Legion, today asked President Truman to talk to Premier Stalin by telephone on March 16. In Washington the White House had no comment after receiving the request in a telegram. But a secretary said he doubted the president would participate. A similar telegram was said to have been sent to Stalin in Moscow by the veterans, members of the former New York Duncan-Paris Post No. 1422 of the Legion. The group said it would pay for the call, with the hope that Truman and Stalin would use it to set a date for peace talks. "Everybody wants them to have a meeting but nobody seems to be doing anything about it," a spokesman for the group said. The veterans' group, made up mainly of men who served on armed forces newspapers and other publications, once was headed by Marion Hargrave. It was given a temporary charter in the American Legion, but in 1946 was refused a permanent charter.

Workers End Airline Strike

NEW YORK, March 11—(AP)—Striking CIO ground crewmen today called off their 11-day-old strike against the American Airlines. Settlement of the nationwide walkout which had paralyzed about 80 per cent of the line's operations was announced by Michael J. Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers union. Quill said the 4,000 strikers, who won some concessions from the company but were denied others, would begin returning to work at 7 a. m. tomorrow.

Daylight Time?

Nearly 1,200 votes on it were cast in The Sounding Board's poll. The final results are on page 20 today.

TAIPEI, Formosa, March 11—(AP)—The Chinese Nationalists reported today that their guerrillas had captured three towns in the far western hinterlands of Sikkang and Szechwan provinces. Sikkang is the base of two nationalist guerrilla forces, remnants of Nationalist armies that retreated westward when the communists overran the mainland.

that he will be saved from the communists. The small, sickly man who the generalissimo tossed out of office last week simply by announcing he was "resuming the presidency," says reports of Chinese guerrilla uprisings in China are "according to plan." "A few weeks ago," Li said through his interpreter, Dr. J. H. Roy, "I messaged a very loyal and very able supporter, General Fakwei, to set off underground activities in Canton." Associated Press Correspondent Fred Hampson wrote from Hong Kong yesterday that Canton was in terror of air raids. The previous day the nationalists had claimed that some communist troops had gone over to guerrilla forces in the Canton "area" but they gave no details. Li said General Fakwei, former commander of field headquarters in the Canton sector, messaged him March 6, the day after Chiang Kai-shek assumed power on Formosa, that he had met with several hundred guerrilla leaders in Hong Kong and at another meeting in Macao, Portuguese island colony near Canton. "There is panic among the communists," Li said, "because Fakwei and his men are following our plans."

Air Tramway Near Complete

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore., March 11—(AP)—The aerial tramway stretching from here to Mount Hood's Timberline is scheduled for operation in mid-April. Two coaches, called "Cloudliners" by the promoting organization, will carry 36 tourists along the three miles of cable in about 10 minutes. A rustic-type terminal building at this highway point houses a restaurant, gift and ski shops and a guest lounge. The Mt. Hood Aerial Transportation company claims the coach tramway is the longest and largest operation of its type in the world.

Incorporation Vote in Gates Due April 19

Statesman News Service GATES, March 11—An incorporation election for this Santiam canyon community has been tentatively set for April 19. The proposed area to be incorporated is a two-mile long strip of land. It reaches about one mile east and one mile west of the present town and includes it. The tentative date was set by Marion county court Saturday at a conference with County Clerk Harlan Judd and Attorney Joseph Devers, jr., of Stayton. The date will become official when the county court issues a formal order.

Gates Fire Leaves Family Homeless

Statesman News Service GATES, March 11—Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Davenport and their five children were homeless today after fire leveled their home east of here. The family dog is believed to have perished in the blaze. The fire was discovered by M. J. Thomas, who called the Gates fire department. The home was owned by Tony Baker of Gates. The Davenports are staying with neighbors until they can find a new house.

VACATION FOR TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, March 11—(AP)—President Truman, approaching the end of five eventful years in the White House, embarks on the presidential yacht Williamsburg tomorrow for about three weeks of rest at Key West, Fla.

Income Tax Forms Trouble Even Collectors



"It says here . . ." and the problems mount as even deputy tax collectors have troubles while making out their own personal federal income tax returns. The man in the middle is Tom Hubbard, 818 N. 17th St., and helping him with his return are, left to right, Mrs. Ruth Reynolds, 1716 N. Capitol St., Paul Lynch, 1250 S. Commercial St., and Bob Weber, 960 W. Salem Heights ave., all deputy tax collectors now working at Salem Chamber of Commerce to help taxpayers make out their returns. Lynch, deputy in charge, warns that next Wednesday is the last day for filing. (Statesman photo.)

Tax Officials Issue Reminder, Deadline Near

If you're still struggling over federal income tax returns, there are only four days left before the deadline, midnight Wednesday. To avoid penalty, returns must be filed or at least postmarked by that time. Since the lobby doors of Salem postoffice are locked at midnight anyway, Postmaster Albert C. Gragg said that anything in the lobby mail slots when the doors are locked will be postmarked at midnight—"under the wire." The internal revenue office in Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms will maintain the following schedule for assistance to taxpayers: 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday, 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Tuesday, 8 a. m. to midnight Wednesday. It will be open during each noon hour.

Belgians Vote on Fate of Exiled King Russians Vote--On One Party Ballot

By Eddy Gilmore MOSCOW, Sunday, March 12—(AP)—Citizens throughout the vast Soviet Union began casting their ballots this morning for delegates to the supreme Soviet (parliament). The election is for a single-list of candidates. Members of the politburo spoke in the campaign for the election of the state of communist and non-communist party candidates. They assured the people the big issue is the Soviet Union's policy of peace. In the light of these statements, many foreign diplomats predicted Russia would make some overture toward a new effort to settle the barbed problems dividing the world, or at least come forward with a strong hint for an overture for the west. No Speech Yet (Although tradition calls for Prime Minister Stalin to make a speech on election eve there was no indication at 6:30 p. m. EST Saturday that he had done so. (U. S. delegation sources at the United Nations in New York said "these newest speeches indicate there is widespread fear of war among the Russian people and the leaders are trying to calm them.") Deputy Premier V. M. Molotov reiterated Friday night what Stalin has emphasized in repeated statements in the last four years—that Soviet policy is based on belief in the possibility of "peaceful co-existence of two systems (communist and capitalist) and their peaceful economic competition. Stalin himself is a candidate from the Stalin district of Moscow in the election. Like all other candidates he has no opposition. About 671 members of the council of the union (upper house of the supreme Soviet) and 631 members of the council of nationalities, (lower house) will be named. No Other Party The candidates have been nominated at meetings sponsored by the local trade union and communist party committees. The candidates are either members of the communist party or bear a "non-party" designation. The communist party has about 6,300,000 members. No other party is legal. When the voter enters the polling station, he is handed two ballots, one for the candidate for the council of the union in his district, the other for the candidate for the council of nationalities. He can fold the ballot and drop it in the box or mark off the name of the candidate as a sign of his opposition. A private voting booth is provided to mark his ballot, if he wishes to use that privilege.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 11—(AP)—Belgian voters decide tomorrow whether exiled King Leopold III ever can return to his vacant throne. They have been thinking about it, off and on, ever since Leopold overruled the advice of his ministers and surrendered unconditionally to Hitler's invading German troops May 28, 1940. About 5,500,000 men and women of this small but important segment of the western world are to give a straight yes or no answer to the question: "Do you think King Leopold III should resume the exercise of his constitutional powers?" In other words, do you think Leopold should come back? Religious, political and language-group factors have entered into the deliberations in this predominantly Roman Catholic nation of 8,500,000. The Catholic primate, Joseph Ernest Cardinal Van Roey, archbishop of Malines, indirectly gave Leopold the church's blessing. Marxists lead the opposition. The 48-year-old King is sweating out the final hours at his Geneva chalet. He returned by motor car to Switzerland, where he has spent most of the postwar period, after a stay of several weeks on the French Riviera. Leopold has announced he will abdicate if he fails to get 55 per cent of the votes in the national test. If he gets that, or more, he still will have several hurdles between him and the royal palace. But at least the political leaders will know how the country feels about the situation. The results will simply be a guide to members of parliament in deciding whether to invite Leopold to return.

U.S. to Recall Three Officers From Hungary

WASHINGTON, March 11—(AP)—The United States will recall three military officers from the U. S. legation in Budapest in compliance with a demand of Hungary's communist government, a state department spokesman said today. The three probably will be ordered out early next week. Under the normal practice among nations, representatives of a foreign government who are declared personally unacceptable cannot be kept in a country regardless of how much their home government may disapprove of the action against them.

Bridegroom Dies in Fire Near Molalla

OREGON CITY, March 11—(AP)—A bridegroom of three weeks perished last night in a fire similar to the one that killed a family of eight on Wednesday. Reuben Robert Hildebrandt, 45, burned to death in his small sawmill cabin near Molalla. The mill owner, George Lindsay, tried vainly to rescue him. Coroner Ray Rilliance said Hildebrandt apparently fell asleep while smoking. The bride had left that morning for Canada, her native country, to obtain a permanent entry permit into the United States.

Tollefson Files For Legislature

A. O. Tollefson, Medford merchant, filed for the house of representatives Saturday—the sole candidacy to be received in late mail. Deadline for filing was 5 p. m. Friday, but letters postmarked prior to that hour normally are accepted as valid. HARVEY PRODUCER DIES NEW YORK, March 11—(AP)—Brock Pemberton, 64-year-old producer who brought "Harvey" to Broadway, died today.

Fire Destroys Home at Marion

Statesman News Service TURNER, March 11—Fire today destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levern Butts at Marion. The Stayton fire department was summoned, but the blaze had consumed most of the home before it was able to reach A. Gubitchev. The Californian asserted that Acheson's recommendation for the deportation of Gubitchev, convicted as a Soviet spy, marked a "low point in the state department's dealings with communist-dominated nations." Vogeler, an American citizen, who recently was convicted by a Hungarian court on a spy charge was given a 15 year prison term—the same as Gubitchev. The state department said the charges against Vogeler were "trumped-up" by the communist-Hungarian government. In the case of Gubitchev, both the state and justice departments recommended that the United Nations employ be given a suspended sentence on condition he return to Russia within two weeks. That recommendation was followed by the New York court which imposed the 15 year sentence on Gubitchev and Judith Coplon, former justice department employee who was convicted with him. Jackson's criticism followed a similar attack yesterday by Senator Wherry (R-Nebr) who accused Acheson of "bungling" the Gubitchev case. Both Wherry and Rep. Fellows (R-Me) labeled the secretary's stand as evidence of his "unfitness" for public office.

Acheson Blamed for Failure to Trade Vogeler for Gubitchev

WASHINGTON, March 11—(AP)—Rep. Jackson (R-Calif) said today Secretary of State Acheson muffed "an excellent opportunity" to bargain with Russia for the release of Robert A. Vogeler in exchange for Valentin A. Gubitchev. The Californian asserted that Acheson's recommendation for the deportation of Gubitchev, convicted as a Soviet spy, marked a "low point in the state department's dealings with communist-dominated nations." Vogeler, an American citizen, who recently was convicted by a Hungarian court on a spy charge was given a 15 year prison term—the same as Gubitchev. The state department said the charges against Vogeler were "trumped-up" by the communist-Hungarian government. In the case of Gubitchev, both the state and justice departments recommended that the United Nations employ be given a suspended sentence on condition he return to Russia within two weeks. That recommendation was followed by the New York court which imposed the 15 year sentence on Gubitchev and Judith Coplon, former justice department employee who was convicted with him. Jackson's criticism followed a similar attack yesterday by Senator Wherry (R-Nebr) who accused Acheson of "bungling" the Gubitchev case. Both Wherry and Rep. Fellows (R-Me) labeled the secretary's stand as evidence of his "unfitness" for public office.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	48	27	trace
Portland	42	23	trace
San Francisco	53	43	0.1
Chicago	37	33	.09
New York	44	28	.02
Willamette river	6.1		

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight and Monday. Warmer Monday. High today 52-55. Low tonight 34-36.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

This Year	Last Year	Normal
24.36	34.74	28.79

Mojave Highway Blocked

BARSTOW, Calif., March 11—(AP)—A sandstorm described as the worst in memory of California highway patrolmen-scoured across the Mojave desert today. A weather bureau report clocked the wind at 85 miles an hour at nearby Daggett and unofficial reports put it at 100 miles an hour. Sand driven by the wind ruined automobile windshields and headlights and scraped paint off cars like they had been rubbed by a gigantic piece of coarse sandpaper. The transcontinental highway, U. S. 66, and U. S. 91, the road to Las Vegas, Nev., and U. S. 466, running west from here to Mojave and Bakersfield, Calif., were closed for several hours, the patrol reported. A section of highway 466 between Mojave and Boron, Calif., was still closed late today. The sheriff's office at San Bernardino warned motorists not to attempt to go beyond Barstow on either U. S. 66 or U. S. 91. The storm extended across California to the Arizona and Nevada borders. Barstow is 150 miles east and north of Los Angeles. Nearer Los Angeles, in the Lake Hughes area, newsmen said the wind was almost strong enough to blow a jeep off the road. Visibility was cut to 10 feet in some places by swirling sand. In the Los Angeles metropolitan area the weather bureau warned aviators to expect winds up to 38 miles an hour in the San Fernando valley and the Los Angeles coastal basin.

Pope Suggests Peace Prayers On March 26

By Frank Brutto VATICAN CITY, March 11—(AP)—Pope Pius today urged worldwide prayers on Passion Sunday, March 26, for "opportune remedies for the present evils" of an unsettled peace and the armaments race. In an encyclical to Roman Catholic bishops the Pontiff attacked communism by implication, declaring it undermines good morals and peace by its onslaught on religion. He said the armaments race leaves "the souls of all fearful and uncertain." Race to Rearm "A solid and stable peace that could happily resolve the many and always increasing motives of discords has not arrived," he said. Nations "place obstacles in each other's way and, as trust fades, there is a race to rearm." The pope said he would go to St. Peter's basilica on Passion Sunday—the day the church begins the commemoration of Christ's suffering that ended with his crucifixion—to unite his prayer with that of Catholics throughout the world. Crusade of Prayer "We exhort you," he told the bishops, "to begin a veritable crusade of prayer among your faithful."

Russ Actions In Baltic Sea Draw Protest

STOCKHOLM, March 11—(AP)—Russian capture and subsequent detention of Danish and Swedish ships in the Baltic will be a subject of joint discussions between Denmark and Sweden, a Scandinavian foreign minister's meeting in Stockholm announced today. Asked whether this meant that representations would be made to Russia, a Swedish conference source said: "Of course we will make representations in Moscow. We have done that all the time and we intend to do it again." Following the capture in the Baltic of two Swedish ships, Sweden since January 13, 1949 has asked Russia five times in vain about the extension of Russian territorial waters in the Baltic. In the meantime several other Swedish and Danish fishing ships have been seized and detained by the Russians, who are reported to claim a 12-mile limit in the Baltic.

Women's Draft Forecast if War Arrives

LOS ANGELES, March 11—(AP)—If the kind of a war comes in which America is attacked it may be necessary to draft women for the armed forces, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, said today. However the general, at a press conference, said that drafting of women will not be likely in a war of the near future. He said that as instruments of destruction multiply and all-out warfare becomes necessary, a war a dozen years from now probably would require women draftees. "If we're attacked and the war is right on top of us, it will be a matter of survival," he said. "In pioneer days when the Indians were attacking a fort there wasn't any argument inside about whether men or women loaded the rifles and shot the Indians."

U.S. Corporation Profits Approach All-Time Record

NEW YORK, March 11—(AP)—Profits of 565 representative American corporations last year almost equalled the all-time high record set in 1948. The total is only 2.6 per cent under 1948 earnings of these same companies, making 1949 the second most profitable year in the history of the nation's industry. These companies earned 20 per cent more than in 1947, and 70 per cent more than in the postwar conversion year of 1946. The figures are shown in a compilation by the Associated Press of earnings reports of typical corporations, large and small, in 26 major fields which to date have published balance sheets for last year. Snap-Back Shown The showing for 1949 is impressive because of the snap-back in business from the recession starting early in the year. At that time the profits barometer pointed downward, giving rise to a feeling that the big postwar boom was over. But recovery progressed steadily thereafter with a pickup in the profits picture becoming more evident in the final quarter of the year. Decline from 1948 The 565 corporations reported dollar profits of \$5,049,852,639, a decline of 2.6 per cent from the 1948 total of \$5,186,705,908. The total was a gain of 20 per cent over the 1947 total of \$4,218,702,007, and was 70 per cent higher than the \$2,971,935,076 reported by these corporations in 1946. The earnings of the big automobile companies had a marked influence on the overall totals. Total earnings of nine makers of autos and trucks were 44 per cent higher than 1948, although five of the nine fell behind their 1948 totals. These companies not only made the biggest percentage advance but also contributed the largest number of dollars to total earnings. Aircraft Gains Earnings of air lines and aircraft companies gained 41 per cent over the previous year, but total dollar earnings were small compared with automobiles. Agricultural implement companies advanced 24 per cent, cement makers were up 17 per cent, and the manufacturers of drugs, cosmetics and soap showed a 13 per cent rise. Holding Their Own While automobiles were moving ahead in the profits column, the producers of motor vehicle parts and accessories just managed to hold their own by making only .5 of one per cent less than in 1948. On the other side of the ledger are the companies whose 1949 profits were less than in 1948. The oil group with 24 companies stands out. Last year the group headed the list of dollar earners (excluding utilities) even ahead of automobiles, but this year it slipped down to fifth place with earnings down 26 per cent less than in 1948. The biggest slide from 1948 was made by the textile group, off 54 per cent.

Burk Files for City Council From Ward 8

Earl C. Burk, who was a city councilman for five years in West Salem before it merged last December with Salem, filed Saturday his candidacy for alderman from Salem ward 8. The position is now held by appointment by Walter Mungrave, who will not file since he is a candidate for mayor. Burk was strongly urged as the ward's representative at the time of the merger. Burk, who resides at 642 Edgewater st., listed a ballot slogan of "Five years' experience as a councilman." His statement reads: "I will support a continued program of close cooperation with all wards in the interest of building a greater Salem." Completed nominating petition was also filed Saturday by A. C. Gilie, candidate for re-election from ward 2. Deadline for candidates is April 2.

Non-Commies Block Paris Subway Strike

PARIS, March 11—(AP)—The Paris subway and bus strike ended today, flattening a part of the French strike wave communists hoped to bring to a crest when the first U. S. arms aid arrives. The communist-led general confederation of labor (CGT) ordered its members back to work on the Paris lines after seeing that non-communist unions would not join them. The strike never wholly halted Paris transport in five days of trying. The lines, owned by the city, gave their 32,000 employees a basic 5 per cent wage increase that amounted to a least 1,100 francs (about \$3) a month for each. The CGT had asked for a minimum increase of 3,000 francs (\$8.50). However, thousands of workers, communist and non-communist, remained away from their jobs. Nearly 300,000 of the nation's 1,500,000 metal workers are idle. The nationalized gas and electric industries remained crippled by a walkout of many of their 100,000 workers. Gas pressure is still low in many parts of Paris. Some garbage is uncollected. Various dock workers and miners joined in a clamor for concessions, mostly for more pay.

Blue Lake Packers Plan Warehouse

Plans for a big new warehouse for Blue Lake Packers, Inc., were announced Saturday with the call for bids by Architects Bartholomew and Williams of Salem. Bids will be opened March 16 on the reinforced 120 by 350 foot structure which will be erected on Basset street near the cannery plant in west Salem. World This Week The World This Week, the regular news review by The Associated Press, will appear in Monday morning's Oregon Statesman.