

# Iowa Solon Denies Lattimore Cleared

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SEN. R. B. HICKENLOOPER Remains Unconvinced

records clear Owen Lattimore of "communist spy" charges. Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) has charged that Lattimore, an expert on far eastern affairs, is Russia's top spy in the United States. A senate committee investigat-

ing McCarthy's accusations yesterday told Lattimore that FBI confidential records "put you completely, up to this moment at least, in the clear."

Tydings said he made the statement on the basis of a complete analysis which four members of the five-man committee were given on the FBI Lattimore file. Hickenlooper was not present when the other committee members saw the FBI analysis two weeks ago. Today Hickenlooper got a look for the first time at the FBI summary.

Hickenlooper said: "I completely disagree with Senator Tydings' statements with reference to Dr. Lattimore that 'the FBI puts you completely, up to this moment at least, in the clear.'"

"I think that such a conclusion is unwarranted. I want to make it clear that I am not making any final conclusions either way in the case of Dr. Lattimore. I am convinced, after a full examination of Dr. Lattimore's file, it is essential before making any final conclusions."

Today the former chief of army counter intelligence in the far east, Brig. Gen. Elliot R. Thorpe, retired, wired attorneys for Lattimore:

"As chief of army counter intelligence in the far east during and after the war, I can state Owen Lattimore gave valuable assistance of a confidential nature in our operations protecting U.S. policies from communist detraction and sabotage. I do not hesitate to say it is my belief Owen Lattimore is a loyal citizen."

# Zoners May Reconsider Apartments Site Change

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman

The controversial South High street apartment zone petition is still red hot.

It appeared possible Friday that the city zoning commission might reconsider its action in recommending a zone change to permit erection of a \$1,500,000 apartment

Parties to the controversy are expected to put their heads together today to re-examine the petition, at the request of Zoning Chairman Robert F. White.

Fresh doubts arose Friday over sufficiency of the petition. Earlier this week the zoners' calculations showed just a shade over 5 per cent of affected property in the column favoring the zone change, and nearly half the neighboring property opposed to it.

These developments came Friday. A re-check showed a three-foot strip of property 85 feet long that had been overlooked in calculations, and also showed minor discrepancies in two or three lot sizes.

These alone probably would have given the zone change 50 per cent approval, and hence removed the zoning commission's power of favorable recommendation. But the entire "affected area" (within 300 feet of proposed zone change) may have to be juggled. Another discrepancy popped up in that petitions circulated on behalf of apartment sponsors William E. Healy and Paul F. Murphy identified the zone change request with only two South High street lots. They also own a 35-foot adjacent strip on the west, and this was included with the two lots on the map from which the affected area was designated.

Re-calculation Due This re-calculation would affect property of both proponents and opponents. The zoning chairman wants it witnessed by a representative from each side of the controversy. Should the entire zone change proceeding be started all over again, another development would figure in the matter. That is the expected purchase of the Erwin Bahiburg property adjacent to the apartment site by the apartment sponsors who said Friday they had paid earnest money to the Bahiburgs. Since this transaction took place after the zone change hearing Wednesday, it has no bearing on the existing petitions, however. The Bahiburgs opposed the zone change.

Ex-Wife Ordered To Pay \$5,000 for Spouse's Cooking A Marion county jury awarded a Salem man \$5,000 for cooking for his former wife Friday. Marinus Verhagen was plaintiff in the circuit court action against Mrs. Berendina Chambers. Verhagen alleged that he was employed by Mrs. Chambers, his divorced mate, in a Salem cafe for more than two years. During that time he purportedly received no pay other than meals, lodging and laundry.

Perle Mesta Loves Her Job WASHINGTON, April 7 - (AP) Mrs. Perle Mesta, minister to Luxembourg, said today: "I love the country, I love the people and I love my job."

Once the capital's leading party figure, she said at a news conference she has no thought of resuming that role during her month's stay before returning to her post. "I'm not thinking of parties now," she said. "I'm thinking of world conditions."

School Board Puts 18 Expulsions Into Effect Expulsion was made effective Friday for the 18 Salem high school boys who were members of Alpha Beta Chi, subject of continuing litigation under a law banning secret societies. The district school board, however, granted them full credit for school work accomplished while attending classes by injunction. At a special meeting Friday afternoon the board placed "in effect henceforth" the expulsion order issued last October 13. The boys were out of class only a few days until a temporary injunction out of circuit court enabled them to return. The boys sued the board and school officials to fight the expulsion. The injunction was canceled early this week in a court decree which upheld the board's action. Later the state supreme court, to

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# 5-Year Plan To Double Army Reserves

## New Mascot Rides with East Salem Firemen



When the city firemen of Salem's east station hear the alarm buzzer and grab their helmets and canvas coats it is a signal for Mugs, their Dalmatian mascot, to make a bee-line to the fire truck. And anything in the big dog's way is likely to be bowled over. Above, Mugs rests on the canopy of his favorite truck, ready to go. With him are Firemen Wayne Payne, left, and Bob Erikson, driver. In cab door is Capt. J. F. Baggett. The friendly spotted dog was given to the east Salem fire station by an unknown man who stopped by one night last month and said the firemen could have Mugs. (Statesman photo.) (Story on page 2.)

## U.S. Citizen Asks Czechs for Haven

### Protests Treatment of 58 Czechs by U.S.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, April 7-(AP)—George S. Wheeler, 44, an American who has taught economics in Prague since he was dismissed from a job with the U.S. occupation forces in Germany in 1947, announced today he has asked asylum here for himself and his family of five.

He said this action was a protest against "the brutal and unlawful treatment" accorded 58 Czechs who were unwilling passengers aboard three Czech airliners that a group of anti-communists diverted to a U. S. air base in West Germany two weeks ago today.

Wheeler denounced aspects of American occupation policies, foreign affairs and racial relations at a news conference called by the communist government's ministry of information. He said he "proudly and gladly entered the camp of peace and progress."

He implied, however, that he is not giving up U. S. citizenship. Asked by an American correspondent whether his request for asylum means he will never return and that he denounces his citizenship, Wheeler said he is convinced he will return to the United States because he loves the country. His action was actually a request to the Czech government to allow him to remain here indefinitely.

Story Broadcast The Czechoslovak radio broadcast the news conference story. U. S. embassy records show Wheeler was born in Tacoma, Wash., May 22, 1905. He was employed as a senior industrial consultant with the U. S. labor department's wage-hour division from 1938 to 1942 and then transferred to the war production board. He worked for the U. S. military government's manpower division in Germany from July, 1945, until 1947. He now teaches at the higher school of economics in Prague.

Backed by Wife The Czech radio set forth that Wheeler "condemned the Marshall plan, the Atlantic pact and American espionage" and Mrs. Wheeler supported him in his statement.

SEATTLE, April 7 - (AP) - A sister of George S. Wheeler expressed doubt today that he was properly quoted by the communist-controlled Czechoslovak radio. Commenting on the Prague radio report that Wheeler had asked asylum here, Mrs. A. L. Coleman said: "I cannot believe my brother was properly quoted."

Mrs. Coleman as well as Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Wheeler, live on nearby Bainbridge island.

Dallas Thieves Miss \$1,500 In \$2 Robbery Statesman News Service DALLAS, April 7 - Burglars picked on the business of Dallas' number one citizen Thursday night, overlooking \$1,500 in two open safes and carried off a heavy cash register containing only \$2.

Police Chief Paul Kitzmiller said the burglars gained entry into Mayor Hollis Smith's service station by prying off a door jamb. He believes the thieves were frightened away before completing a search of the premises.

The same burglars got just \$2 a short time later when they entered the Clarence Grubbs service station by breaking out the door window with a milk bottle. Kitzmiller said the burglaries closely resemble one at the high school recently in which \$100 was taken.

Politics on Parade . . . Who's Running for What in the May Primaries! Editor's note: Comments in this section are made by the candidates without restriction, and may or may not reflect the opinion of this newspaper.

Today's subject: Josephine Albert Spaulding (D.) Candidate for State representative (Marion) My name is Josephine Albert Spaulding. I am a candidate for the office of representative in the Marion county legislature. I believe that there is a very definite place for a woman in the legislature. Marion county has had but few women representatives.

I was born in Salem in 1909. My father is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Albert, and have lived in the vicinity of Marion county all of my life. I was educated in the Salem public schools, and graduated from Willamette university in 1930, and then took post-graduate work in New York.

I am the wife of Bruce Spaulding, who is a practicing attorney in Salem and who was formerly district attorney of Polk county for many years. Mr. Spaulding and I are the parents of two daughters now attending Salem public schools.

I believe that I am thoroughly acquainted with Marion county and its background. I have long been interested in worthwhile civic and community enterprises. As a candidate for the legislature I have "no axe to grind" excepting a sincere interest in good, clean government. (Tomorrow—Alvin Whittlaw.)

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## Program Aims To Prepare 25 Divisions

WASHINGTON, April 7 - (AP) - The army announced today a five-year plan for doubling the number of organized reservists who are paid for drilling. The aim is to be in a position to throw 25 fully-manned divisions into emergency action.

It calls for an increase from 170,000 to 367,000 in the number of men eligible for drill pay. In addition there would be 625,000 in the volunteer reserves who would not receive drill pay but would be eligible for 15 days' paid active duty a year.

Schools would be provided for most individuals unable to get training in units. Truman Approves President Truman has approved the sharp increase in the reserve training schedule, Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant army secretary, said. In 1948 Mr. Truman strongly criticized the army's reserve program as inadequate.

The program would give the army a nucleus of 25 divisions in case of war, and 25 others which could be rounded out, Bendetsen explained. The fully manned 25 would be made up of the army's 10 regular divisions, and 15 from the national guard.

12 Other Divisions In addition, the guard has 12 other divisions. The five-year plan aims at 25 skeleton divisions of organized reserves. Thus the army would have a trained reserve force of 62 divisions (10 regular army, 27 national guard and 25 organized reserves).

The army has the plans, but completion of the program depends on congress providing the money from year to year. This means voting \$115,000,000 in the pending budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, and rising to a peak of \$186,000,000 five years from now. It would take an average of \$153,000,000 to maintain the force thereafter. Asks for Construction In addition, the army has asked congress to authorize \$80,000,000 for construction to back the program.

An army statement called the 367,000 drill-paid men it wants for the organized reserves the minimum strength to "maintain the integrity of our required units." Full strength, it said, would be 1,002,000 officers and men but this would be a drain on the national economy.

In the fiscal year beginning July 1, the army proposes to provide drill pay for 75,500 officers and 181,500 enlisted men in the organized reserves. Bendetsen said that a limit would be placed on the number in each unit who could actually receive drill pay. Summer Camp Work The new program will not require drill pay for volunteer reserve training units which was halted this year, but both organized and volunteer reservists could get 15 days' summer camp training.

Members of fully organized reserve units — those having 80 per cent of officer strength and 40 per cent of enlisted strength — could get 48 paid drills a year, within the limit of the unit's personnel ceilings dictated by available funds. 24 Drills Per Year In the same way, members of 25 skeleton divisions and other units of the organized reserve who are not fully organized can get 24 paid drills a year.

Organized reservists who are not members of units, but who would go into existing units in an emergency, will be eligible for 10 paid drills. A total of 330 schools will be provided. Bendetsen said the army has facilities for 275 of them. Mostly the schools will be near cities, eventually serving 50 per cent of the geographical area of the nation.

Pickets Defy Locomotive PORTLAND, April 7 - (AP) - An attempt to move a load of steel past a machinists' union picket line failed today when a union agent refused to get out of the way of an SP&S locomotive. Schmitt Steel company tried to have a car of steel moved out past a picket line of machinists, on strike against Portland plants. Company officials contended the steel was fabricated before the strike began. But union spokesmen claimed it had been loaded by non-union labor after the strike started.

Ellis Meacham, business agent for the International Association of Machinists refused to budge from the tracks to let the locomotive pass. An hour and a half later the engine was recalled.

## Unemployment Drops Sharply Across State

Nearly 20,000 workers returned to their jobs during March, the Oregon state employment service reported Friday but a new influx of job-seekers held the actual monthly gain to 16,000.

Local employment offices said 58,665 persons still were looking for work, approximately 10.5 per cent fewer than a year ago and about 40,000 under the winter peak early in February.

Marion-Polk county unemployment was down from 6,500 to 5,000. Klamath Falls reported 2,400 without jobs, an increase of 375 during March. Publicity about new industries opening up brought hundreds of persons across the California border, it was noted.

The only other community with more unemployment April 1 than a month before was Toledo where a labor dispute resulted in 1,930 idle as against 950 on March 1.

On the other hand, declines of from 40 to 60 per cent in unemployment came from Hood River, Tillamook, Oregon City, Lebanon and Roseburg—mostly due to resumption of logging and lumbering operations, according to local office managers.

Around Portland, Corvallis, Eugene, Freewater, Bend, Grants Pass and LeGrande, the number without work dropped less than 20 per cent during March. Astoria, Pendleton and Eugene reported more unemployment than on April 1, 1949.

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## Man Sawed Out Of Automobile As Deadline Nears

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 7 - (AP) - Don Haynes of Ashland, Ore., today had himself sawed out of a sealed automobile, where he says he has been living for 13 months and 18 days.

Haynes said he bet E. B. Mulden, also of Ashland, \$25,000 that he could remain in the sealed automobile for 14 months.

He said he decided today to give up because he had lost contact with his publicity man. Haynes has been traveling about the country in his especially-equipped automobile.

He said tonight he's "looking for a job" now.

## Attack Fatal to Walter Huston, Veteran Actor

HOLLYWOOD, April 7 - (AP) - Walter Huston died of a heart attack today at the peak of a long and distinguished career.

The stage and screen actor was in thriving health until yesterday. He was stricken after friends gave him a luncheon for his 66th birthday.

His son John, writer and director, was given sedatives to calm his grief. It was John who brought his father's highest honor. He wrote and directed "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre," which won Walter an academy award for the best supporting performance by an actor in 1948.

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## Jury Convicts Brother in Mercy Slaying

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 7 - (AP) - A man the state claimed "stepped into the shoes of God" to kill his blind, cancer-stricken brother was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter today by a Lehigh county jury.

The jury of four women and eight men on this Good Friday convicted Harold A. Mohr, 36-year-old tannery worker, in the deer rifle slaying of his brother, Walter, 55, at their home in nearby Coplay March 8. The jury recommended mercy.

It was the third conviction for a so-called mercy killing on record in the United States. Oddly enough, the other two also were at Allentown. The previous convictions were for murder and voluntary manslaughter.

Mohr's attorney, Harry C. Creveling, pleaded for acquittal on the ground of temporary insanity. Two psychiatrists testified Mohr's mind cracked under long duress from "horrors in his home."

The jury's mercy recommendation apparently hinged on stomach-turning descriptions by District Attorney Kenneth H. Koch, the defense lawyers and the psychiatrists of conditions in the tench filled Mohr home in the last year of Walter Mohr's life. Caused Odor Witnesses testified cancer had rotted away all of Walter's face, except his lips, causing an odor throughout the home.

Harold testified this mind was blank from the time Walter asked him for a cup of coffee the night of the slaying until he awoke the next morning in prison. He and his brothers said Walter repeatedly asked to be "put out of his misery."

Judge James F. Henninger promised to take the jury's plea into consideration when he sentences Mohr. The maximum penalty is 12 years in prison plus a fine of up to \$6,000.

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## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Hurry up, Mac—I'm in this race!"

## THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	59	38	.00
Portland	57	38	.00
San Francisco	56	30	.58
Chicago	58	38	.00
New York	50	27	.00

Willamette river 6.5 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with occasional light showers. Decreasing cloudiness Sunday but remaining showery. High today near 53-55 and low tonight near 36-38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION This Year Last Year Normal 31.68 37.50 31.94