

Eleven shopping days until... not Christmas this time, but until voters in Oregon will pick out their party nominees for various public offices. Eleven days for candidates to keep up the feverish quest for votes.

Thus far the Oregon primary campaign has been warm only in spots. The trio of democratic candidates for governor has done some tossing of hot rivets among themselves hoping to burn hands of the recipients, and Dave Hoover, the Lane county dairyman, has been out with his tomahawk, bent on getting the scalp of Wayne L. Morse, U. S. senator. In local contests the competition has been thus far quite orderly.

We may expect a quickening of the campaign tempo this week. Senator Morse will start his 11-day round-up of votes today with a speech at the Salem chamber of commerce. He says he will not indulge in personalities but will debate the issues—and even his opponents will admit he is formidable in a debate.

But a major diversion to the Oregon primary campaign will occur with the visit of President Truman to the state on Wednesday. Taking a leaf from the book of his predecessor who made trips to "inspect defenses" during the war Mr. Truman is making this "non-political" trip (at government expense).

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Problems of TV Solved, Reds Claim

MOSCOW, May 7 (AP)—The Soviet press said today Russia is about to solve the problems of long-distance and color television. Communications Minister N. D. Fandurov, writing in Pravda, said "now we stand before the practical realization of broadcasts of television programs to rural areas."

The magazine Soviet Art also said Russia will achieve a solution of color television in the nearest future. All papers carried long articles in connection with "radio day" to honor Alexander Popov, Russia claims that the Italian, Guglielmo Marconi, stole the idea for wireless transmission from Popov. The papers credited Russian engineers with a long list of inventions, including radio, television and radio location (radar).

The Moscow television center is to inaugurate a live sports program May 14 with the broadcast of a soccer game. Evreinov said the mass production of television sets is failing to meet the demand and declared production must be increased and the faults in present sets removed.

Hoover Calls For Clarity on Chinese Issue

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover says it would "clear up some of the fog" if the administration would declare flatly that it will not recognize communist China and will oppose United Nations membership for that regime.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) sent Hoover a copy of a letter which 35 senators directed to President Truman last week asking for such a declaration. Knowland asked for the former president's views.

Today the senator made public the reply, which opened with the observation that Hoover does not "assume that there is any such intention" as recognition or acquiescence to U. N. membership.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Is there any smell more unappetizing in the morning than bacon frying?"

Elderly Falls City Man Disappears

FALLS CITY, May 7 (AP)—More than 100 residents of this community searched all day today for 82-year-old Richard Paul, who has been missing from his home here since early this morning.

Paul's wife told state police officers, who joined the search, that he retired about 11 p.m. yesterday and was gone when she awoke about 7 a.m. today.

Searchers, directed by the Falls City fire department, have combed hills, creeks and ponds in the area without finding a trace of the missing man.

State police reported that Paul has been in failing health. He is 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds and has gray hair. He is believed to be wearing a leather jacket, grey trousers, black shoes and a brown felt hat.

Residents here have been attempting to contact authorities in Seattle, Wash., to secure bloodhounds for the search, but no dogs had arrived late tonight, state police reported.

All transportation agencies Falls City have been checked but have not revealed any leads to help searchers.

Blaze Leaves 2,000 Homeless

Winnipeg Threat Growing

WINNIPEG, Man., May 7 (AP)—Swollen Red river pounded the weakening levees protecting Winnipeg. The Canadian army warned another 1,450 residents of low-lying residential areas to flee at once because the dikes might break at any time. Partial collapses already have occurred in this city's protective wall against the river.

Tired, toll-worn troops worked late into the night bolstering the sagging levees in a last-ditch battle.

The worst is still to come. Winnipeg may face two flood crests as spring torrents pour down the Red river from rain-soaked North Dakota. The first crest is expected within the next few days.

At least 4,500 residents of this great prairie city already have been evacuated from their homes, from hospitals and from the city jail. As many more have fled from 10 small Canadian towns in the 60-mile stretch between here and the United States border.

Already hundreds of blocks in greater Winnipeg are buried under billions of tons of the silt-filled water. Communications and transportation have been disrupted, and more than 2,000 residences have been abandoned to the flood.

Towns Under Water

Upstream, every town but one was under water along the 60-mile course to the United States border, where reports said a new flood was rising. Morris, 41 miles south, stood deserted in a lake 25 miles wide. At St. Adolphe, 12 miles south of here, the waters rose a foot in 12 hours.

Hundreds of farmers moved out. Four hundred of them arrived early today from McTavish, 23 miles southwest of here, leaving their cattle to fend for themselves.

The Winnipeg Free Press said 8,500 persons have been driven from their homes in the Red river flood area of Manitoba.

There Was No Place to Go Anyway

WAUPUN, Wis., May 7 (AP)—Clarence Tomlinson ended a 34-hour aerial sit-down strike tonight by climbing down from the water tower at Wisconsin state prison.

Deputy Warden Ray Stoffel said Tomlinson, 29, gave no reason for his lonely, cold vigil except to say, "I guess it was one of those foolish things I have been doing all my life."

He suffered no apparent ill effects from his stay atop the tower in 42 degree temperature other than being sunburned and chilled, Stoffel said.

After Tomlinson had scrambled up the tower yesterday, Stoffel said, "we're not paying any attention to him. We'll wait for him to come down of his own accord."

Politics on Parade

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

Ward 8 by unanimous approval of the mayor and council, my candidacy offers the benefit of knowing something of the job itself.

I am a Legionaire, a Mason, an Elk, a director of the Salem Board of Realtors, a Lion, a past director of the Chamber of Commerce, past member of the Long Range Planning commission, served as president of the "Greater Oregon Bridge association," and at present am campaign chairman for the Marion County Red Cross.

I was born in Kansas in 1909, moved to Lebanon, Oregon in 1911 where my father is still in business. My folks are members of the Baptist church, though one sister is a Presbyterian missionary.

I am an independent candidate with no strings attached. You can depend upon knowing where I stand.

If the people want an aggressive administration dedicated to real progress in industry, business and civic development, while emphasizing the cultural advantage of a clean, home-loving city, then I believe I am best fitted to serve as mayor.

(Tomorrow—Elmer Amundson)

Five Years Ago Today

Estimated Loss 20 Millions



This Associated Press portrayal of VE-Day, five years ago today, shows the Russians shaking hands—not fists—with the Yanks at the Elbe. On that day in Salem (a warm Tuesday), a union service was held in the First Presbyterian church, the blood bank was filled to capacity, flags flew, and thousands of citizens wore white re-dedication tags. On the day previous when VE-Day was assured, an effigy of Hitler hung for a time from the Liversley building; Willemette's chapel hour and the Salem Chamber of Commerce program turned into VE observances and McNary field was opened once more to civilian flying. And Adm. Chester Nimitz in the far Pacific declared if the Japanese had any sense they'd quit, too. They did, under atomic pressure, three months later.

Acheson Set to Demand More Help from West in 'Cold War'

PARIS, May 7 (AP)—Dean Acheson, U.S. secretary of state, flew into Paris today evidently determined to get more help from other western powers in the cold war.

Ten minutes ahead of him at Orley Field, American High Commissioner John J. McCloy flew in from Germany.

Close behind, Philip Jessup, roving U. S. ambassador, and George Perkins, undersecretary of state for European affairs, arrived by train from London, where they have been doing spadework.

The British-French-American Foreign Ministers conference will open there later in the week and continue until May 17 or later.

A meeting of Atlantic Pact foreign ministers will be May 15 and last at least three days.

The secretary of state was met here by U. S. Ambassador David K. Bruce and W. Averell Harriman, Marshall Plan ambassador.

Through the secretary himself said nothing, the American position was made clear by qualified sources.

The United States intends to help the French in the battle to save Indo-China from the communists, but there are limits to American aid.

The U. S. plans to intensify its own efforts in the cold war—but will ask, and expects to get, less complaisance and more stiffening of purpose from the other nations.

In the background is an estimate by U. S. state and defense departments that by 1954 Russia will be armed to the point where she might overpower the United States without help.

RADIOLOGISTS ELECT SPOKANE, May 7 (AP)—Dr. R. W. Boyd of Vancouver, B. C., was named president of the Pacific Northwest Radiological society as the group's three-day meeting ended here today.

'Red Dean' Tells Canadians That U.S. Wants War

TORONTO, May 7 (AP)—The Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, "Red Dean" of Canterbury, told a mass meeting sponsored here tonight by the Canadian peace congress that American leaders want war, but the Russians seek peace.

More than 10,000 persons whistled and cheered while Johnson, in a mingling of scripture and politics, said "in Christ's final judgment" Russia and the iron curtain orbit would fare better than the United States and the west.

Western International At Spokane 5-3, Salem 9-7 At Tacoma 2-11, Victoria 7-9 At Wenatchee 2, Vancouver 7-9 At Portland 3, Yakima 14

Pacific Coast At Portland 5-5, San Diego 10-2 At Hollywood 11-3, Oakland 4-2 At Seattle 4-1, Sacramento 7-0 At San Francisco 5-2, Los Angeles 5-10

American League At Boston 9-5, St. Louis 6-2 At New York 6, Detroit 3 At Washington 10, Cleveland 5 At Philadelphia 3-4, Chicago 7-3

National League At Chicago 3-2, New York 4-7 At Cincinnati 3-4, Philadelphia 6-0 At St. Louis 1, Brooklyn 3

Polk Fair at Monmouth on August 24-26

DALLAS, May 7 — The Polk county fair will be held August 24 to 26 in Monmouth, according to Josiah Willis, secretary.

It is thought that this will be the last Polk county fair held in Monmouth as the fair board purchased fair grounds near Rickreall a few months ago.

Fair buildings at the new site should be erected in time for the 1951 event, according to board members.

Juvenile contest prizes have been added to the premium list this year, as well as awards for showmanship in livestock and domestic science and art, Willis said.

NEWBURG, N. Y., May 7 (AP)—A spectacular fire in a storage yard of a Dupont fabrics plant sent up towers of flame today but no one was injured.

Truman Heads Westward Primed for Furious Counter-Attack to GOP Charge on Communism

By Jack Bell

ENROUTE WEST WITH TRUMAN, May 7 (AP)—President Truman headed west today on a 6,400-mile trip, primed for a furious counter-attack to hang communist and socialist labels on his administration.

Mr. Truman made a brief platform appearance at Cumberland, Md., where about 100 persons turned out to greet his train. Following his custom of avoiding politics on Sunday, he did not speak.

Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret joined the president on the platform.

Someone in the crowd wanted to know what Mr. Truman thought about the recent election of a republican congressman in Texas.

"No comment," the president replied.

The presidential special train—its bullet-proof private car equipped with well tested loudspeakers rolls across Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and part of Illinois tonight on the way to a Truman birthday speech on the farm problem at Lincoln, Neb., tomorrow.

Mr. Truman was in happy spirits as the special pulled out of Washington's union station at 3 p. m. (EST). Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret accom-

panied him. The president arrived 20 minutes before train time and he spent it saluting the crowds, joking with bystanders and posing for photographers.

The president advised reporters to be prepared to get up early tomorrow morning.

A brief operating stop at Cumberland, Md. (6 p. m. EST) offered Mr. Truman the first opportunity—if he chose to take it—to try out the amplifying system with a kind of non-political talk he usually limits himself to on Sundays.

Citizens of Galesburg, Ill., were promised the first chance to yell "happy birthday" to the president on the sixty-sixth anniversary of his birth in Lamar, Mo. The president, in return could tell the folks that election of a "fair deal" congress in November would be a nice present for him.

In a 16-state tour that will take him to Grand Coulee dam, in Washington state, and back to a party rally at Chicago, May 15, Mr. Truman gave all the signs of taking the offensive against the republicans he accuses of blocking many of his "fair deal" proposals in congress.

His chief fire may be concentrated on the growing GOP chorus—largely joined by the voices of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the 1948 republican presi-

dential nominee, and former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota—that his administration is tainted with communists.

The president already has hooded at republican claims that his regime is pointing the country toward socialism. His general answer is that about everything good that has happened to the country in nearly two decades was initiated by the democrats.

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