



By Charles A. Stryker

What will Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman talk about when their parley starts Thursday in London?

That's an easy one to answer. They will not be talking about the English countryside, now that May is here. They will not put in their time visiting, showing pictures of grandchildren and inquiring about tickets to good London shows. They have serious subjects to talk about—and they center around the problem of stopping Russian communism dead in its tracks.

This embraces implementing the Atlantic pact, economically and militarily; the situation in Berlin with the threat of demonstrations on May 28th; West Germany; Austria whose peace treaty is still unfinished because due to the stubbornness of Russia; Trieste over which Italy and Yugoslavia are still in disagreement; Southeast Asia and how to fence off communist penetration from China.

Already one question on the last point has been answered: Secretary Acheson assures the French that American economic and military aid will be furnished French Indo-China to help the French and Viet Namese, rout the communist forces under Ho Chi Minh. That has been a ticklish question because of oriental opposition to colonialism and the reputed puppet character of the Viet Nam government. But here as in Greece the decision is to buck the reds despite local complications.

The acute question before the conference however will be Germany. American policy favors inclusion

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Fire Defense Group Slates First Meeting

First meeting of the fire defense committee under the re-established Oregon civilian defense program is set for 10 o'clock this morning in Salem city hall to plan organization and policy for readiness of mutual aid throughout the state.

Personnel of the state committee was announced Monday by Robert Taylor, state fire marshal and chief of the fire service division for defense. He said it would serve as both an operative and an operating group.

Appointed were Fire Chiefs W. P. Roble of Salem, Willbur Dillon of Hillsboro, William Arner of Lakewood, Ivan Pearson of McMinnville, Otto Karg of Baker, Don Lewellyn of Milwaukie, Ted Adamson of Prineville, Cecil Harrison of Sheridan, Edward Grenfell of Portland, as well as Lee M. Waugaman, president of Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance company at McMinnville, and E. A. Taylor, chief deputy state fire marshal.

An ex officio member is Jack Hayes, a deputy fire marshal but serving in his capacity of deputy state director of civilian defense.

Canada Flood Waters Climb

WINNIPEG, Man., May 8 (AP)—The unruly Red river gnawed at Winnipeg's shaky dikes today and a brewing storm threatened increased danger for this flood-besieged city.

The river's slowly-rising muddy torrent had reached a reading of 27 feet, 11 inches at noon—up about four inches since dawn. It was already higher than in any year since 1926.

Troops from as far away as British Columbia were ordered to the flood zone to relieve weary service men and civilian workers, exhausted after several days on the slippery, mucky ramparts.

More than 12,000 persons have been forced from their homes in southern Manitoba. Of these, about 8,500 were from Winnipeg.

KALISPELL, Mont., May 8 (AP)—Development of 223,000 square miles of northwestern United States will be discussed here by the Columbia basin interagency committee tomorrow and Wednesday.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Mama, why don't I have a pet like Sussey?"

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip. and locations: Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Williamsite river.

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Half of Canadian Town Guttled by Fire



RIMOUSKI, Que., May 8—Relief workers faced the gigantic task of caring for 2,500 persons made homeless in a blaze which gutted one half of this town of 15,000 population on the St. Lawrence river. Ruins near the center of the town are pictured above. Property loss in the Sunday blaze was estimated at \$20,000,000. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Civil Functions Bill Approved In House Vote

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—The house approved the \$630,820,000 civil functions section of the one-package appropriation bill today. It first rejected a score of amendments to hike the total provided for waterway projects.

The bill carries \$599,145,000 for numerous flood control and rivers and harbors projects. This is \$199,337,000 below President Truman's budget recommendations.

The total of \$630,820,000, including funds for cemeteries, the Alaska communications system, the Panama canal, and other army engineer civil functions in addition to waterways work, compares with budget requests of \$834,867,500.

Repeated attempts were made to add waterways projects or increase allowances for others but an economy bloc beat back every attempt.

In fact, the only amendment the house accepted in five hours of debate was to reduce the bill a total of \$1,800,000.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$65,000,000 for flood control on the lower Mississippi and its tributaries, a cut of \$2,000,000 under last year's funds and \$7,000,000 under the budget estimates.

Some of the other principal items in the bill include: Rivers and harbors — McNary lock and dam, Columbia river \$35,000,000; Chief Joseph dam, Columbia river, Washington, \$12,000,000.

Lie to Fly from Prague In Russ Provided Plane

GENEVA, May 8 (AP)—United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie will fly to Moscow from Prague on Thursday in a special plane put at his disposal by the Soviet government, it was announced today.

Lie arrived in Geneva Saturday to attend today's opening of the third annual assembly of the world health organization.

Politics on Parade . . .

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for take candidates without restriction, and may or may not reflect the opinion of this newspaper.)

TODAY'S SUBJECT: Elmer M. Amundson Candidate for Salem Municipal Judge

Elmer Amundson is intensely interested in the civic development of Salem, and has during the past two years made a thorough study of the Salem Municipal code and its functions. He proposes to institute traffic schools for traffic violators in conjunction with being fined, a proven method of increasing public safety.

Amundson will assure each a fair trial and make the punishment fit the crime and the offender without exorbitant fines, and also cooperate with the Mayor's Safety Council in education of violators as well as punishment. Salem's rapid growth requires the adoption of established modern methods designed to cope with problems of crime suppression and public safety.

Safeway Milk Ban Defeated by Council

A bill to ban the sale of Safeway milk in Salem was defeated Monday night by the city council. Aldermen also acted to give City Transit Lines a trial period for offering reduced bus fares within one mile of downtown Salem.

In milk action, the council was split four to four in final vote, which killed a proposed milk law change to require that only Salem area pasteurization plants could sell milk in Salem.

This bill, sponsored by Alderman Thomas Armstrong, was aimed at Safeway Stores, Inc., which is now fighting in the courts a state milk marketing administrator's decision denying the company permission to obtain milk from Salem milk shed producers, pasteurize it in Portland and sell it in Salem stores.

Proprietor Hans Hofstetter and Attorney William Ellis of Curley's dairy, a Salem industry, argued in the council chambers of city hall that Salem's present milk law would open the gate to "outside milk."

They said this would be detrimental to local milk industries and might have the effect of reducing the quotas of producers now serving local milk plants.

The board advanced tentative plans for a building in Salem as a central location, with about 10,000 square feet of floor space. A hall seating about 1,500 persons, and usable for displays by large groups, would be the primary feature, along with offices for the county extension agents, 4-H agents, home demonstration agent and others.

Members also urged the desirability of having, eventually, adjacent space for stock shows.

The proposal received a warm welcome from delegates attending from about 10 shows. All reported their 1949 exhibitions were bigger than ever before and that advance indications are for more extensive shows this year.

The recent 4-H spring fair was pointed out as a special example of need for such a building. Its exhibits were in the old Washington school building, cooking contests in a downtown store and programs in the armory, involving considerable wasted time and effort in between locations and in program correlation.

The state fair has demonstrated that exhibitors and contestants will soon fill up facilities that are good in quality and quantity, according to A. A. Geer, Salem, fair board secretary. He pointed out frequent replacements and additions to stock barns and other buildings there, required by crowding to be constructed earlier than planned.

Location Outlets: Eddie Ahrens, Turner, chairman, said the board would like county exhibit facilities in close conjunction with the state fairgrounds, if possible, but that the annual state show had outgrown its location and moving it is under consideration.

Dates were announced for five shows: Jersey cattle, May 22; Guernsey cattle, May 28; Turner fat lamb show and state dog trials, June 3; 4-H fall show, August 15-17; North Marion county fair, September 22-23.

Other groups represented were Capital City Rabbit Breeders association, Farmers' union, Future Farmers of America, production and marketing administration committee, Central Howell corn show.

TYPHOON MISSES GUAM PEARL HARBOR, May 8 (AP)—The navy said tonight the center of a roaring typhoon peaked with 100-mile-an-hour winds had passed Guam and is headed for Iwo Jima.

Relief Workers Take Over in Wake of Fire

RIMOUSKI, Que., May 8 (AP)—An army of relief workers took over today where dead-tired fire fighters left off to bring aid to 2,500 made homeless by the worst fire in the history of the region.

The citizens of what is left of this fire-gutted town tried vainly to pick up the charred thread of life among ruins which represented an estimated \$20,000,000 property loss.

Only half of this industrial town of 15,000 on the St. Lawrence river, northeast of Quebec, is left. The rest was consumed by flames, turned into a mammoth blow torch by 80-mile-an-hour gales which swept through block after block Saturday night and Sunday.

Although miraculously no deaths have been reported, relief officials are double-checking to be sure that none of the townfolk is missing.

Health officers have ordered special precautions against the spread of disease that might result from disruption of most normal services.

Although exhausted firemen reported the end of the blaze early today, they still stood by in shifts in case it might break out again among the smoldering ruins.

PORTLAND, May 8 (AP)—Traffic resumed on the Oregon coast highway today after a week-end closure because of a washout nine miles north of Reedsport.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Table with columns: This Year, Last Year, Normal. Values: 40.76, 40.03, 41.38

Soviets Agree to Berlin Vote in Surprise Move

Falls City Man Returns Home From 'Hikes'

Statesman News Service FALLS CITY, May 8 (AP)—Richard Paul, Falls City's 82-year-old missing man, trudged home in the twilight Monday while men and bloodhounds continued a two-day hunt for him.

"I came home because I got hungry," the elderly hiker said. State police said Paul gave no reason for his sudden departure. He told police he had roamed around in the woods and had visited two sawmills.

Paul said he slept "out in the open" both nights after leaving his home late Saturday. His wife discovered he was missing Sunday morning.

Relatives said Paul's condition was fairly good.

A school boy spotted Paul walking down the railroad tracks from Black Rock just before he reached his home at 8:15 p.m. A state patrolman left at once to call off about 25 men who were still searching for him. More than 100 had joined in the search Sunday.

Earlier Monday the hounds had traced Paul to a deserted cabin four miles from here on the road to Valsetz. There they lost the trail. Police estimated Paul had walked 30 miles before returning home.

Indochina Aid Promised by Dean Acheson

PARIS, May 8 (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson announced tonight that immediate American financial aid and military equipment will be thrown into the shooting war in Indochina.

At the same time authoritative sources said he had won French assent to putting western Germans in charge of their own foreign policy for the first time since the war.

Developments were the first fruits of conference with ministers of Atlantic pact nations on tightening the cold war front.

Qualified sources said American aid in Indochina, where guerrilla war with Moscow-backed Ho Chi Minh has been stalemated more than four years, would be immediate.

The bulk of \$75,000,000 already appropriated by congress to combat communism in the Far East will go to the French-backed Vietnamese of Ex-Emperor Bao Dai and the associated states of Cambodia and Laos, it was explained.

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He took issue in a Salem luncheon address with his leading opponent without so much as mentioning the name of Dave Hoover, the Lane county farmer seeking a republican bid to the junior senator's post.

Morse addressed nearly 300 Salem business and professional men at the Salem Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Hoover has not yet made a public appearance in Salem although he recently met for a private dinner with a score of local republicans.

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Then, with his arms and heavy black eyebrows flying, the senator who has just completed his first term in congress, hammered out his stand for renomination.

He opposed a Columbia Valley authority, socialized medicine and the Brannan farm plan — these in direct answer to Homer H. Smith, local insurance man who had challenged the senator in a Safety Valve letter to The Statesman Sunday.

Morse continued his stand by advocating a sound fiscal policy as the best U. S. defense measure, including continuation of aid to Europe, and by advocating adoption of Herbert Hoover commission recommendations on government reorganization and other economies which he asserted would result from tax reforms aimed at the tax dodgers and legalistic evaders who now deprive

Woman Escapes Crash, Worries About Dirty Face

CHICAGO, May 8 (AP)—Stunned spectators rushed over to a suburban crossing after a North Western railroad passenger train smashed into an automobile today. Mrs. Mae Kuecker, 25, stepped from the wreckage and calmly dusted herself off.

"Is my face smudged?" she asked. The spectators were convinced Mrs. Kuecker wasn't hurt. She went back into the wrecked car and came out with her missing compact.

Couples Plan To Withdrawal Of West Troops

BERLIN, May 8 (AP)—Russia agreed tonight to city-wide elections in divided Berlin but coupled her proposal with a list of conditions designed to give every advantage to East German communists.

Among the Russian terms was one would require the withdrawal of the occupation troops of all four powers from the city. This would mean pulling Russian troops back only to the outskirts of the city while American, British and French units would have to be evacuated to Western Germany.

Contained in Letter The Soviet terms were contained in a letter sent by Col. Alexei J. Ilyusov of the Soviet Control Commission to the American, British and French commandants of the city. The Russian note was in reply to a western allied request of three weeks ago for free elections in all sectors of Berlin.

The Soviet reply, in addition to proposing the withdrawal of occupation forces in Berlin, also called for:

1—Scrapping the occupation statute now in force in West Berlin.

2—Granting permission for the communist "National Front" and all other communist-inspired political organs of East Berlin to function unhindered in the west sectors.

3—Abolition of sector boundaries.

4—Restoration by the western allies of voting privileges to all former nazis except those who lost that right upon conviction as war criminals.

Truman Hits Isolationists On West Tour

ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN, May 8 (AP)—President Truman accused isolationists today of "helping Russia" and offered the Brennan farm plan as a step toward world peace and prosperity.

Defending the record of the democratic 81st congress, the president began a 10-day, 16-state stump tour of the west by assailing those he said want "economy by following an isolation policy."

The president lashed out in his first major speech at Lincoln, Neb., at the "mud-slinging, name-calling opposition."

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Morse Plays Opposition in Salem Chamber Talk



The man behind the drumstick is U. S. Sen. Wayne Morse as he appeared at a Salem Chamber of Commerce turkey luncheon Monday. The Oregon Turkey Growers association had a huge bird at the speakers' table where Gov. Douglas McKay started the carving as a boost in the growers' promotion of Oregon prime turkey.

the government of up to \$2 billion in revenue annually. (Additional details, page 2)

Split Between Bing Crosby, Wife Rumored

HOLLYWOOD, May 8 (AP)—The 20-year old marriage of Bing Crosby and Dixie Lee is suffering from "strained relations," Crosby's attorney used the phrase today. He wouldn't come right out and say they have separated, but he did say he was hopeful of a reconciliation.

But in Paris, Bing himself denied it all. He said he received a letter from his wife three or four days ago and "everything was all right then."

Attorney John O'Melveney said here: "There has been no property settlement of any kind. There are some strained relations. The whole matter is in abeyance until Mr. Crosby returns from Europe late in June. We hope then to effect a reconciliation."

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL At Victoria & Tri-City 5 (Only game played.) COAST LEAGUE CRIS (game scheduled.) NATIONAL LEAGUE At Pittsburgh 8, Brooklyn 7 (Only game played.) At Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 6 At St. Louis 10, Boston 9 (Only game scheduled.) AMERICAN LEAGUE At New York 1, Detroit 7 At Washington 4, Cleveland 3 (Only game scheduled.)