

# Wherry Says Truman, Acheson Confuse War Danger Reports

By Jack Bell  
WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—Senator Wherry (R-Neb) today accused President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson of conflicting statements which confuse people about the dangers of war.

Democratic leaders retorted that the views expressed by the president and his secretary of state were perfectly consistent and in keeping with the administration's peace goals.

Wherry, the republican floor leader, told reporters that a statement by the president Thursday that the world is nearer peace than it has been anytime in the last five years doesn't square with a statement of Acheson that more, not less, money will be needed in the future to arm western Europe against communist threats.

"The president and the secretary of state ought to get together on their statements," Wherry said. "Who are we going to listen to, the president or Acheson?"

Both Sides of Street  
"As usual, they are working both sides of the street and this just adds to the confusion of the American people."

Wherry's attack brought the reply from Senator Myers of Pennsylvania, the assistant democratic leader, that while the statements of the president and Acheson might seem conflicting on their face, the two were aiming at the same peace goal.

"The bully always picks on the little boys, never anyone of his size," Myers said. "Russia is that kind of bully. If the Soviets know we are strong and that western Europe is strong militarily and economically, they will never attack."

"Our best road to peace is to build up a defense position that will be so strong there will be no attack."

Position Consistent  
Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) agreed that the position of the president and Acheson is consistent — but only if this country is committed to the belief that only what he called a "frightening defense" will avert war.

"To me, it is inconsistent to say that we will do everything in our power through the United Nations to achieve world peace and on the other hand that we are going to build up a frightening defense," he said.

Acheson's statement that foreign arms aid may have to be increased gave a shot in the arm to some critics of the program.

These critics have been contending that the intent of the administration is to use the program as a partial replacement for the European recovery program which will end in 1952. Acheson and others have denied this.

SOCE to Graduate Largest Class  
ASHLAND, June 3 (AP)—The largest graduating class in Southern Oregon College of Education's history—170 students—will receive

# Red Chief Under Care of Doctor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3 (AP)—William Z. Foster, national chairman of the communist party, is in San Francisco for treatment of a heart ailment. He said he expected to be here until September.

Foster, who was indicted with 11 other top communist leaders recently convicted in New York of conspiracy charges in connection with party activities, obtained a delay in his case because of ill health.

# Horace Heidt To Play Salem Polio Benefit

The Horace Heidt show will come to Salem August 5 for a benefit, sponsored by the Marion county polio chapter.

Chapter spokesmen said Saturday that two evening performances are tentatively planned at Salem high school auditorium. About sixty entertainers travel with Heidt in addition to his orchestra. All net proceeds from the event will go into the county polio chapter treasury.

The chapter also announced that \$3,800 had been advanced from the national foundation to aid financial obligations in Marion county.

Also reported was receipt of \$1,119 in contributions from county organizations including \$250 from Capital unit 9, American Legion auxiliary, and \$800 from the State Employees association. The latter was raised at a benefit concert.

The new receipts built chapter funds to \$4,601 from which about \$2,000 will be used to pay bills currently due.

# Curtailment of Mail Service in Force; Saving Problematical; Cut in Budget Causes Change

(Editor's note: Congress last spring hacked \$60,000,000 from the postoffice department's requested appropriation. The action has brought repercussions in postal service throughout the nation. How it is affecting the Salem area is detailed in the following story.)

By Wendell Webb  
Managing Editor, The Statesman  
Residents of Salem in recent weeks have been getting but one mail delivery a day and some of them aren't too happy about it.

"But what can we do when the postoffice department, because of a cut in its appropriation, is forced to save money?" Postmaster Albert O. Gragg asks.

And besides, Gragg says, between 80 and 90 per cent of Salem's mail arrives at night and can be delivered on the one-delivery-a-day basis.

How much is the Salem postoffice saving? Here's Gragg's answer: "We are in the process of re-organizing; we've already saved some but we don't know yet just how much it eventually will be; we don't plan to discharge any personnel under civil service, however; it may be we can do away with some temporary help (frequently necessitated by peak loads); but postal receipts in Salem in May were up more than 11 per cent, as compared with May a year ago, and the load on us is increasing."

The postoffice department spends 74 per cent of its money on payroll, 22 per cent on transportation (trains, planes, etc.), and 4 per cent on equipment.

How much it should save by various curtailments in Salem is a moot question but here is the present picture:  
(1) There no longer is a regular directory service—if a letter to you is not properly addressed, and if an "expert" postal clerk doesn't recognize at a glance where it should go, it either goes back to the sender, if it has a return address, or to the dead letter office. Gragg estimates the reduction in

residential Salem can be regarded as being cut in half?

"No, not when it is considered 80 to 90 per cent of Salem's mail comes in at night and is ready for morning delivery. The morning delivery always has been heaviest. It took from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 hours on the foot routes. The afternoon delivery took from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours. You can't say the service is being cut in half."

So far, apparently one man has been released from the Salem

postoffice as a result of the curtailment. There are no figures available as to the saving effected thus far. Whether or not there will be specific figures available to show saving in each area, when

the program is in full swing, has not been announced. In the meantime, the slowdown in city mail delivery finds its only comfort in the fact it is not confined to Salem.

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