

Dikes Break on Rising Kootenai River

News Story Leads to Murder Suspect Fire Captains May Appeal Demotions

North Idaho Area Floods; Guards Escape

Dispositions Asked Soon By Chief Roble

Two Salem fire captains recently demoted by Fire Chief W. F. Roble will be given an opportunity to bring their cases before the city civil service commission, it was decided Wednesday by the three commissioners.

They filed the demotion orders pending any hearing and conferred with Chief Roble informally on the matter of hearing. Background of the demotions was not discussed.

In formal correspondence to the two officers, separately, the fire chief charged J. F. Baggett with insubordination, inefficiency and discourteous treatment of firemen, and charged Ben Faught with discourteous treatment of others on the force.

Baggett, an east Salem captain who joined the force in 1920, was reassigned as a fireman to the new west Salem station. Faught, member of the city fire prevention bureau and a local firefitter since 1926, was assigned to fireman's duty at central station.

Chief Roble asked the commission yesterday for an early disposition of the case so he could proceed with departmental reorganization July 1 when start of a new fiscal year will add five men to the force.

In other action at their regular June meeting yesterday, the commission authorized appointment of Royce Linhart to the fire department despite that he has passed the age ceiling of 32 since getting on the eligible list through a recent examination.

Commissioners ruled that he was qualified at the time he passed the examination. Police Chief Clyde Warren reported that the eligible list for new policeman appointments has been exhausted with appointment of Charles F. Nortness this month to succeed James F. Hunter who resigned for personal reasons.

The commission tentatively called police examinations early in the fall. Meanwhile, the police chief was advised to make temporary appointments to add the six policemen authorized by the new city budget.

At the meeting yesterday Baggett was a spectator who offered no comment to the commission. Neither he nor Faught, who started his vacation immediately following the demotion letter, had indicated whether he would appeal to the commissioners from the chief's action.

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Three Airmen Report Seeing Flying Saucer

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., June 21-(P)—Three airmen told today of sighting a mysterious flying object over their base, traveling "at a great rate of speed," and spraying a blue-green flame.

It was first sighted at 1:35 a.m., they told newsmen, and they saw it repeatedly.

But because of the speed and the darkness, they couldn't discern its shape.

But all agreed it was not a jet plane, at least not a conventional jet plane. There are many jets at this big air force base, and the airmen said they have seen them countless times at night.

The first report on the flying object said the men described it as "disc-shaped." But at a news conference they said they couldn't discern its shape.

The three men agreed that the craft came first from the direction of the nearby Pacific ocean, and on the last pass over the field, disappeared toward the sea.

Air force intelligence men questioned the trio all morning. Headquarters of the 4th air force here had no comment. It said a report was being sent to Washington.

Major James E. Johnston, public information officer, said there were no planes reported over Hamilton field at the time the "mysterious object" was reported, and none landed.

WASHINGTON, June 21-(P)—Congress voted six more months of rent control today plus another six months for cities that ask for it.

Both houses accepted a conference agreement which had settled on the extension formula originating in the senate.

Now the legislation goes to the White house, with no doubts expressed that President Truman will sign it, even though he had asked for a full year more of controls without the local option feature.

Last action was in the senate, where the vote to approve the conference agreement was 40 to 24. House adoption of the conference report came on a roll call vote, 174 to 166. Republicans generally opposed the measure as they had done when it was passed in different form earlier.

The pressure was on for speed, since federal controls under existing law expire June 30. Originally the house had voted for a seven-month extension with cities allowed to keep the curbs another five months if they ask for them.

Under the senate schedule controls end Dec. 31, but can be carried on until June 30, 1951, where cities or their local governments vote for them.

Other provisions in the bill require controls on permanent accommodations in Chicago transient hotels, and allow counties to decontrol unincorporated areas at any time, as cities and states already can do.

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The Western Pacific made a similar announcement in San Francisco.

The AFL Switchmen's union of North America also called a strike for 6 a. m. local time Sunday against the Great Northern, Chicago Great Western, Denver and Rio Grande Western and the Western Pacific lines.

Reader's Tip Sends Police For Fugitive

A 19-year-old fugitive, wanted on a murder charge in Pennsylvania, was nabbed Wednesday by Salem police on a tip from a resident who read the youth's description in The Oregon Statesman.

Charles Johnson of Philadelphia was in the city jail a few hours after the newspaper hit the streets. He is charged with the murder and robbery of Thomas Rispoli, 51, on a Philadelphia street May 28.

Police Chief Clyde A. Warren said his department received a call from an east Salem resident who read in the paper that a man answering Johnson's description was wanted. The resident informed police where Johnson lived and a detective was sent immediately to pick him up. He was booked at 10:55 a.m.

Johnson denied any knowledge of the crime, but Warren said Wednesday night, after telephoning Philadelphia police, that authorities there would come west immediately to pick up the youth.

City, state and county police had been alerted to watch for the fugitive who was known to have left West Virginia May 30, bound either for Seattle or Salem. A tattoo "Mother" on his left forearm was the most positive factor in his identification.

Warren said Philadelphia police were amazed to learn Wednesday that Johnson had been apprehended so quickly. Fingerprints are being forwarded from Pennsylvania to check with those of Johnson here in Salem.

Chief Warren did not disclose the identity of the resident who tipped off police about Johnson or the whereabouts of his arrest, saying it might place people involved in a "hot" position.

MacArthur, Dulles Confer

TOKYO, Thursday, June 22-(P)—John Foster Dulles conferred with General MacArthur today on communist-menaced Asia and predicted "positive action" by the United States to preserve peace in the far east.

The republican special adviser to the state department told a news conference his conclusions formulated on this visit will be pooled in Washington with those of Defense Secretary Johnson and General Bradley, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

"I think they will form the basis for some positive action, but I cannot forecast what," Dulles said. "By 'positive action' he added, he meant the U. S. intends to 'preserve international peace, security and justice in the world and that includes this part of the world as well as the so-called western world."

Portland Dentist May Stay in U. S.

WASHINGTON, June 21-(P)—Mrs. Karin M. Hellen, a dental surgeon doing research work at Portland, Ore., may stay in the United States.

President Truman signed a bill granting Mrs. Hellen and her son, Roland, the right to remain in the country. They came here from Finland in 1948.

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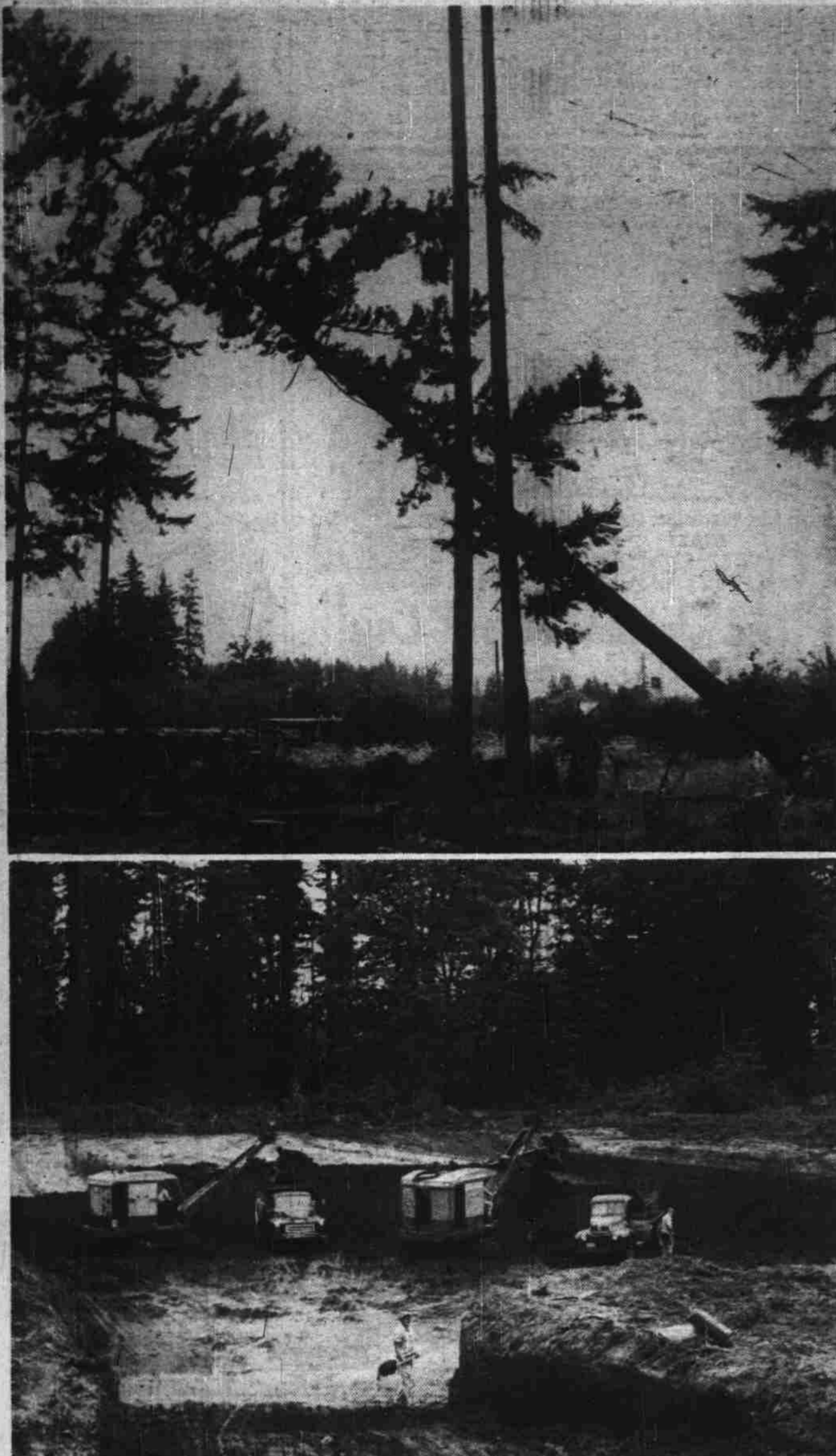
The vote was 42 to 29. On the ballot, 16 democrats (EST) in hopes of speeding a decision on the draft act extension which military officials say is essential to this country's preparedness program.

The lawmakers previously had been told that the present draft act expires at midnight Saturday, but Lucas said congressional legal experts had informed him that the deadline is midnight Friday.

Lucas said that if the senate cannot meet that target date, it may be necessary to rush through a stop-gap extension to prevent legal and technical tangles which would result from a lapse in the law.

Rejection of the segregation amendment sponsored by Senator Russell (D-Ga.) cleared the way for a final decision on the measure.

Under Russell's proposal a future draftee or enlistee would have been permitted to request service with persons "of his own race."



IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Against high pressures built up for adding training of elementary school teachers at the state college and state university the state board of higher education held firm, accepting the report and recommendation of Dr. Henry M. Gunn, president of Oregon College of Education and director of elementary teacher training for the state system.

It is sensible to avoid more duplication, more thinning of the courses and the available funds in our higher institutions. The big schools are spread out widely enough now. They need to emphasize quality of instruction more than variety. Likewise the colleges of education should not be depressed by further competition from the larger schools.

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Table with 4 columns: Location, Max. Temp., Min. Temp., Precip. Includes entries for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and weather forecasts for Willamette river and forecasts from U.S. weather bureau.

TIMBER-R-R!—That's a familiar sound at the site of Salem's sewage disposal plant on the North River road where a logging crew is felling about 50 large, second-growth fir trees. Top picture taken Wednesday stops a 150-footer as it toppled earthward. One of the busiest spots in the Willamette valley these days is the site of Salem's new sewage disposal plant near the city limits on the North River road. Lower photo shows two big shovels are shown excavating for the plant. Trucks haul more than 300 loads away from the excavation daily. (Statesman photo by Les Cour.)

Keizer Area Residents Schedule Festival Day

KEIZER, June 21—Residents of this district will turn out in full force Saturday to celebrate the first annual Keizer day.

Sponsored by the Keizer Commercial club, the day's festivities will include a grand parade starting from the grade school at 1:15 p.m., several contests, three grand openings and a street dance.

Three new businesses opening will be the Richlee Ice Cream store, the Keizer Plumbing and Heating company and the Keizer Paint shop. Three businesses opening in new location are Goldie's Dress shop, Al's Radio shop and the Oak Tan Shoe Repair shop. The Specialty bakery will observe its first anniversary. All will serve cake and coffee to customers during the day.

More than 300 youngsters and business houses are expected to attend the grand parade. Prizes will be given by the business men for the most original, funniest and most decorative entries. A baby photo contest will also be held.

A group of floats and decorated cars will be escorted through Salem following the parade. Salem police will meet the units at the city limits.

The free street dance in front of the fire hall will start at 8:45. Music will be furnished by Wayne Donnelly and his "Rambling Playboys." Several prizes will be given away during the dance.

Backers of 70-Group Air Force Make Gain WASHINGTON, June 21-(P)—Backers of a 70-group air force won a victory at least in words today through a senate-house conference agreement to authorize that top strength for the aerial arm.

Both houses are expected to approve the agreement. The actual size of the air force, however, will depend on how much money congress puts up for planes, equipment and men.

Statesman Centennial 100th YEAR

Bakery Strike At Stalemate

PORTLAND, June 21-(P)—The bakery strike remained stalemated in Portland today, despite a meeting of the union and management.

The federal mediation service induced both sides to confer, but the meeting ended with announcement that no progress had been made. In dispute are nighttime wages, the union seeking a 10-cent hourly increase, and total working hours. The union wants a 35-hour week, management, 36.

A meeting of the AFL union is scheduled tomorrow.

Lightning Kills Four

MARSHALL, Tex., June 21-(P)—Four negroes were killed today when lightning struck a sweet gum tree in the Gill community, 11 miles south of this east Texas city.

Tight-Mouth Witnesses Face Contempt Charges

WASHINGTON, June 21-(P)—The House un-American activities committee decided today to bring contempt of congress proceedings against all witnesses who refuse to answer its questions.

In addition to persons who may decline to talk in the future, the decision applies to those who have clammed up during 15 sessions of this congress reaching back into last year.

As a starter, the committee voted for contempt proceedings against 39 witnesses who refused to answer questions during an investigation of communism in Hawaii in April.

Rep. Walter (D-Pa.) told reporters that Phillip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, New York communist newspaper, "probably" will be among the first added to the list.

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Price Support Voted

WASHINGTON, June 21-(P)—The house passed today, and checked to the senate for its final approval, a bill making \$2,000,000,000 more available for the support of farm crop prices. The house vote was 234 to 82.

Jackson County Group Enters Protest to DST

MEDFORD, June 21-(P)—A group of 2,300 Jackson county residents were rebelling at daylight saving time today.

They submitted a petition for an initiative in November on forbidding daylight time in this county.

BASEBALL WESTERN INTERNATIONAL At Salem 4, Vancouver 5 At Waukegan 6-5, Spokane 1-4 At St. City 4-4, Victoria 3-13 At Yakima 15, Tacoma 4

COAST LEAGUE At Portland 5, Seattle 4 At Oakland 2, Los Angeles 3 At Hollywood 7, San Francisco 5 At San Diego 6, Sacramento 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE At Brooklyn 5, Cincinnati 6 At New York 4, St. Louis 14 At Boston 5, Chicago 5 At Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 5

AMERICAN LEAGUE At Cleveland 5, New York 1 At Chicago 3, Boston 1 At Detroit 4, Washington 12 At St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 4

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