

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Swayne

There is something pathetic in the passing of Sinclair Lewis, alone, in Rome, where once he lived at the apex of his career...

AEC to Test A-Weapons in Nevada Area

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(AP)—The atomic energy commission announced today it will use a vast Nevada area for a proving ground to speed up development of atomic weapons...

Test for Materials AEC said nothing about small scale atomic blasts but its statement was open to interpretation that such explosions can now be set off.

While the commission declined to amplify its prepared statement, the interpretation that the AEC has perfected a method of making small-scale explosions is based upon these facts:

1. In its own statement, the commission says test activities at the new site will include "experimental nuclear detonation"—the word "experimental" apparently on less than a full-scale basis.

Col. Echols Denies Censorship Report

TOKYO, Friday, Jan. 12-(AP)—General MacArthur's own public information officer originated the new system of announcing Korean war news, the officer declared today.

Animal Crackers



But I don't like raw fish — what else have you got?

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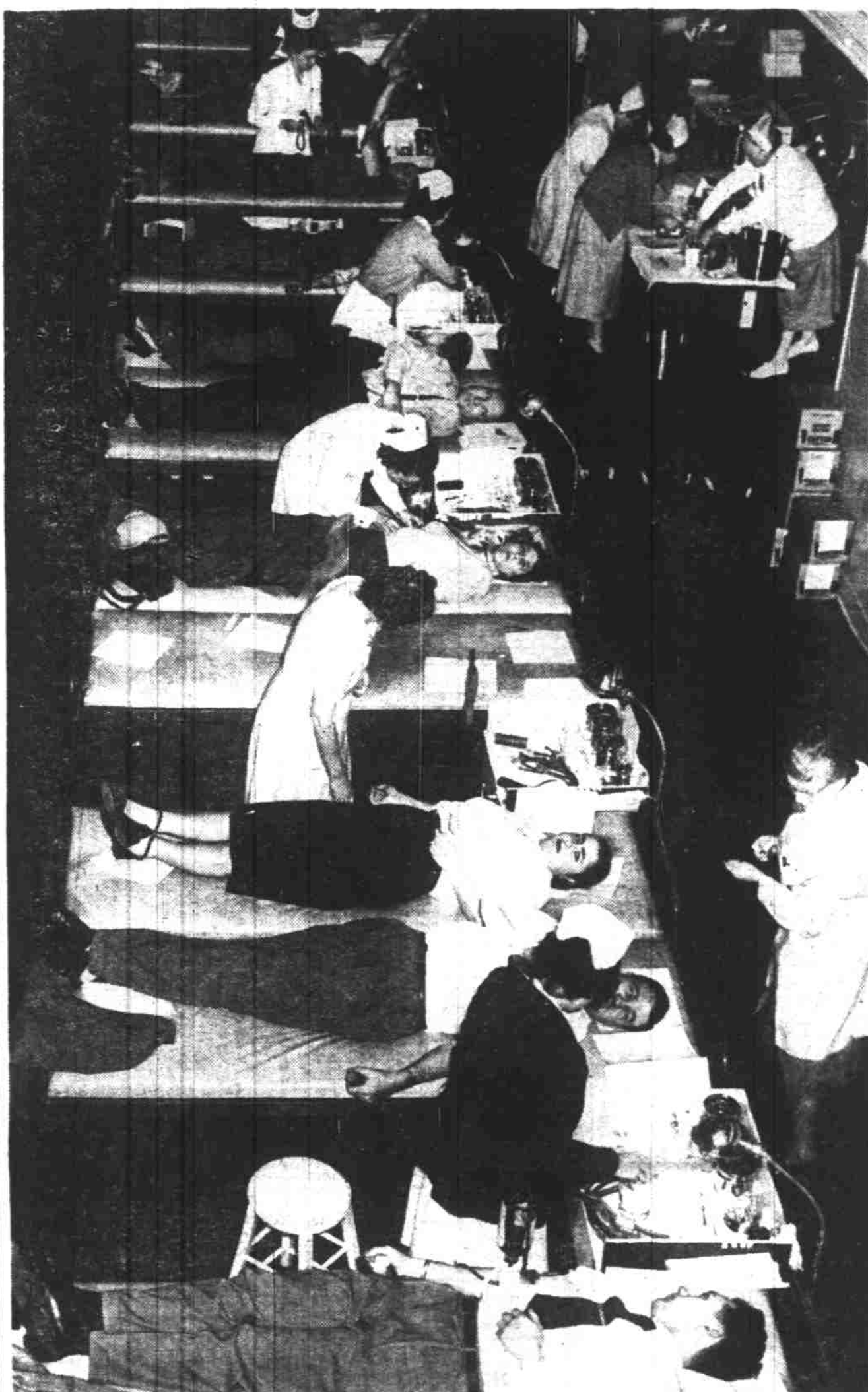
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They Helped Set Blood Donation Mark



Salem's January blood bank quota absorbed a record 245 pints Thursday when the Red Cross mobile unit set up operations in the armory for the first time.

Full-Page Ad Greeted Bridges

LONGVIEW, Wash., Jan. 11-(AP)—Harry Bridges, controversial longshore leader, was greeted by a full-page ad declaring "You are not welcome" today as Pacific coast longshoremen opened a three-day conference here.

The dockers are parleying to chart their union course on the security screening of workers, hiring hall policies and the steam schooner loading dispute.

Bridges, who came from his San Francisco headquarters for the meeting, was greeted by the full-page ad in the Longview Daily News. It appeared over the names of numerous business men and the commanders of three veterans' posts.

Also, the News said in an interview later, the contributors included "several" members of the Longview local of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union.

Morris Watson, union public relations director, said Bridges had seen the ad. But Watson would not say "yes" or "no" on whether it provoked any reaction from Bridges.

Table with weather forecast: Max, Min, Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.

Vernon Olsen New Health Educator

Vernon H. Olsen, 40, director of health education for the state of Arkansas, has been hired as health educator by the Marion county department of health, Dr. Willard Stone, county health officer, reported Thursday.

Olsen is due to arrive in Salem and take over his new duties February 1. He will be accompanied by his wife. Olsen received his education in the health field in New York and North Carolina.

Boy Rescued From Creek

A Salem father plunged into Mill creek fully clothed Thursday and saved his three-year-old son from drowning.

H. D. Palmer, Marion hotel bartender, and young John were principals in the near-tragedy which occurred a half-block from their home at 260 S. 23rd st.

"Johnny's in the creek," a playmate ran shouting to Palmer after the tot tumbled into the stream, apparently while playing near a moored boat with other children.

Palmer said he spotted his son's body floating at the far side of the creek which he estimated was at least 30 feet wide. Salem first aidmen examined the youth. Artificial respiration was not required.

QUAKE SHAKES ITALY

SIENA, Italy, Jan. 11-(AP)—A strong earthquake was felt here today. No casualties or damage were reported.

Storm Rips Bay District

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Jan. 11-(AP)—High wind, rain and hail hit the San Francisco Bay area today, causing at least \$1,700,000 damage and injuring four persons.

The storm climax came after a night of rain and snow that covered all of northern California. Worst hit was Sunnyvale, industrial town 40 miles south of San Francisco.

In addition, the collapse of a section of the Westinghouse Electric plant at Sunnyvale did damage company officials estimated at \$100,000. More than 2,000 workers were sent home.

The high wind, which reached 78 miles an hour at San Francisco airport, crumpled buildings not only at Sunnyvale but at San Jose near there, and also in communities north and east of San Francisco.

EGG PRICES TO DROP

PORTLAND, Jan. 11-(AP)—Egg prices will be cut here four to five cents a dozen tomorrow, a leading distributor said today.

Washington Firm Wins Detroit Clearing Contract

PORTLAND, Jan. 11-(AP)—An Auburn, Wash., contractor submitted the lowest of five bids for clearing two areas in the Detroit dam reservoir.

Fred Wager & Son, Inc., bid \$172,200 on the Santiam river project. The government estimate was \$175,000.

Enemy Drive Threatens Flank

U.S. Endorses Cease-Fire Plan

Malik Refuses Commitment Of Russians

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 11-(AP)—The United States accepted today a new U.N. cease-fire plan for Korea calling for a conference on all far eastern problems by the U.S., Russia, Britain and Red China as soon as the Korean fighting stops.

Chief U.S. Delegate Warren R. Austin okayed the plan shortly after its five points were outlined to the U.N. assembly's political committee by Canadian Foreign Minister Lester B. Pearson, member of the three-man U.N. cease-fire committee.

Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik declared that there was "nothing new in the substance of the proposals."

1. In immediate ceasefire with safeguards "ensuring that it will not be used as a screen for mounting a new offensive."

2. When a ceasefire is obtained advantage should be taken of it to pursue consideration of further steps to be taken for the restoration of peace."

3. All non-Korean forces to be withdrawn in stages from Korea.

4. "Appropriate interim arrangements" to be made for the administration of Korea.

Portland Bus Station Tie-up Threatened

PORTLAND, Jan. 11-(AP)—A bus tie-up threatened here today as the AFL Motor Coach Employees union ordered drivers to stop loading passengers at temporary street-corner terminals.

Central Bus Terminal workers, members of the same union, struck today and set up picket lines, but buses continued to operate. Drivers refused to cross the picket lines, but had picked up passengers from street corners.

Harold Oathes, union business agent, ordered the drivers to stop loading from street corners and W. H. Egger, division superintendent of Pacific Greyhound lines, said this might tie up busses if the order is followed.

Greyhound was loading on the sidewalk in front of the terminal, smaller commuter lines in front of the YMCA and the larger commuter lines in the park blocks.

But K. C. Tanner, union attorney, said the permit was in violation of a new ordinance requiring bus lines to operate from the terminal after January 1.

Bus companies have placed an embargo on express matter. Parcels on hand are being delivered at other points on route lines.

Truman Hits Back At Criticism, Says Doing Best He Can

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(AP)—President Truman declared tonight that he is doing the best job he can for the U. S. and the free world with no concern for criticism directed at his administration.

The president made his comments at a big reception given by the democratic national committee at the Shoreham hotel in honor of new democratic members of congress.

Mr. Truman mentioned other presidents he said were "viciously attacked" in the press and elsewhere. He cited, among them, Andrew Jackson.

"No one was more bitterly attacked" than Jackson, Mr. Truman said. "He didn't care," Mr. Truman continued, "and neither do I."

His impromptu talk followed pleas by Vice President Barkley and Speaker Rayburn for "unity" behind the president in what Barkley described as a time "of great danger."

1—He has no intention of abandoning the "fair deal" even though defense programs must get top priority in the present emergency. But he indicated that he won't, as in the past, demand repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

2—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, contrary to some published reports, has not recommended that United Nations forces be withdrawn from Korea. Of MacArthur, the president said tersely: He's taking orders. Mr. Truman likewise denied a Tokyo report that MacArthur has been "muzzled" by Washington to prevent his speaking publicly about Korea.

3—The White House door is always open to Taft or any other senator. But he had no plans to invite Taft to come and see him. (The senator recently offered to join the president in helping form a united foreign policy.)

4—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York has not been approached about any federal job. A recently published report said Dewey had been sounded out on the question of succeeding Dean Acheson as secretary of state.

Manpower Conservation Policy Expected Soon from President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(AP)—President Truman is about to set forth a new national manpower policy for the mobilization emergency, calling for conservation of manpower resources all along the line, a defense official said today.

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, assistant secretary of defense, disclosed the directive would be issued in a few days. All governmental agencies concerned with defense and mobilization have approved it, she said.

It would call upon each group to consider its own needs against overall manpower requirements of mobilization. She added that Mr. Truman would ask industry, agriculture, military and civilian groups to conserve available manpower.

Mrs. Rosenberg, brought to government service a few weeks ago as a manpower expert, declined to give reporters details about the manpower mobilization policy.

Wage, Price Controls Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(AP)—President Truman said today that wages and prices will be controlled as soon as possible but he declined to predict a rollback of prices.

Superforts Hit Reds in Wonju Battle Zone

TOKYO, Friday, Jan. 12-(AP)—Communist troops swept 30 miles behind American lines in central Korea today in a wide end run on the east flank of the U. S. Second division fighting near Wonju.

Meanwhile, two enemy regiments—about 6,000 Reds—bore down on the Wonju sector defenders from the northeast, cut the supply road to the south, and seized a commanding hill.

The Reds from their dominant height poured withering small arms and automatic weapons fire into the Second division's horse-shoe-shaped line.

B-29 Superforts in one of their rare tactical missions blasted the Reds around Wonju with tons of bombs. Preliminary reports said the air strike was a success.

Twenty carrier-based Skyraiders and Corsairs also roared down on the Red-held hill near Wonju. They dumped bombs and searing jellied gasoline on the Reds. Pilots estimated a force of 400 to 800 communist troops was dug in on the height.

The Eighth army said a communist force estimated at 26,000 troops was moving down the peninsula from Wonsan, North Korean east coast port. There have been no recent reports of activity along the Sea of Japan coastal road leading toward Pusan.

Another threat was developing in the massing of communist troops in western Korea. Red armies there were building up strength for a frontal assault against allied lines.

But the main action was in central Korea. Elements of the flanking column swept behind allied lines and set up a roadblock at Chihri on the Chungju-Tanyang supply highway. This was 31 miles southeast of Wonju, the Second's northernmost positions.

A U.N. patrol sent to clear the roadblock found the highway mined. A brisk fight developed.

A.P. Correspondent Don Huth reported from Eighth army headquarters that civilian Koreans said there were 1,000 communist troops strung along the Chungju-Tanyang road. This is one vital supply line for the Second division.

The Eighth army did not disclose the size of the communist flanking column. But earlier, A.P. Correspondent William C. Barnard reported from the front that a force of 20,000 Red Koreans—the Sixth and 10th divisions—was sliding past the Second division's east flank.

The Second division, bulkwarked by French and Dutch troops and supported by massed artillery, was making its fighting stand in hills less than two miles south of the central Korean road-rail hub of Wonju.

The Second was guarding the web of roads that fans south from Wonju into the heart of South Korea.

Bomber Crash Fatal to Six

SEGUIN, Tex., Jan. 11-(AP)—Six men died in the fiery crash of a B-29 superfortress near Seguin today.

Air force officials said five men parachuted to safety before the big plane from Randolph air base, San Antonio, plunged to earth in a farm pasture 10 miles southwest of Seguin, exploding on impact. Wreckage was scattered over a 200-yard area.

Twenty Bills Hit Hopper as Legislature Starts Rolling

By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer The Statesman Oregon's legislators will wind up their first week today after meeting briefly in morning sessions.

The week's tempo was stepped up slightly Thursday when 20 bills—many of them controversial—were introduced in the senate and 10 in the house. (Additional details on page 16).

Among house bills introduced were measures that would require initiative measures to spend money to state the maximum amount; require initiative petitions to carry signatures of 5 per cent of registered voters in each congressional district instead of 8 per cent

of those in the state at large; eliminate the year residency requirement for women seeking separate maintenance from husbands who desert them; increase state police salaries and require all Oregon counties not under the county unit school plan to vote on the issue before July 1, 1953.

Senate measures introduced would require all political campaign contributors to be identified by name and address; allow Oregon courts jurisdiction over husbands who leave the state to avoid paying alimony; give Korean veterans preference like World War II veterans in obtaining state jobs; revoke the license of a hunter kill-

ing another for 10 years; and authorizing the game commission to establish fishing areas for juveniles.

Other new senate measures would allow women workers becoming pregnant to collect unemployment compensation for 12 weeks; increase the number of small firms covered by the unemployment compensation act; liberalize in favor of workers the seasonal workers clause of the unemployment compensation act and allow the unemployment compensation commission to bring charges against persons falsifying claims and then moving out of the state.

One new senate measure, sponsored by Thomas R. Mahoney of Portland, would abolish the state

civil service commission. But most legislators do not believe the bill will be given serious consideration.

The house Thursday passed and sent to the senate a measure to appropriate \$400,000 for legislative expenses. It was the first bill approved by the house.

The state board of control asked the joint ways and means committee for 2,500,000 for a state reformatory to house the more incorrigible boys being confined at the state training school in Woodburn and for first offenders now in the state prison.

The state supreme court asked the committee for a new building to replace the present one which they said is run down and too

close to the Southern Pacific mainline on 12th street.

The senate education committee announced that 37 bills embracing recommendations of the Holy report would be ready for introduction early next week. Changes in Oregon's school system were recommended in a report made by Dr. T. C. Holy, Ohio education expert, last September.

The legislature was slightly behind schedule Thursday. Only 21 bills were introduced in the senate and 37 in the house. The game commission was the only state department which had turned its legislation.