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Hershey Pushes Draft of Young Husbands

U.N. Tank Drive Stabs to Order Within 5 Miles of Seoul

TOKYO, Tuesday, Feb. 6 (AP)—The biggest allied tank thrust of the Korean war stabbed within five miles of Seoul Monday, then withdrew. Today the reds hit back weakly.

A U.S. Eighth army briefing officer said 7,365 reds were killed or wounded in ground action all along the Korean front Monday. This brought to nearly 57,000 the total of enemy casualties since the allied northward drive began January 25.

Chinese reds retaliated with small counterattacks on the west-central front Monday night and early today. Some allied elements were forced to withdraw from hill positions.

In the west, three swift hunter-killer tank columns slashed through a reported buildup of 10,000 to 15,000 fresh communist troops who had moved south from the Han river Sunday night.

The reds had appeared to be massing for a Chinese Lunar New Year's counter-offensive today.

The main allied tank punch hit within five air miles of dead and silent Seoul. This was the nearest approach to the fallen South Korean capital since the United Nations forces abandoned it January 4.

On the central Korea front, a tank-led allied force spurred forward to gain four miles in four hours in an attack north of Hwangson. This placed the U.N. tank 52 air miles east of Seoul on an interior highway running toward the 38th parallel, some 31 miles to the north.

The central front attacks were aimed at the North Korean Fifth corps, which has been reported grouping for another offensive.

Allied artillery and fighter-bombers gave shattering support to the tank-infantry stabs behind communist lines.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

I wish to call attention to an article which is reprinted on the editorial page of The Statesman today. It is on "Redirecting Farm Policy," by Theodore W. Schultz and appeared in The Nation for January 20th. It is a significant contribution to thinking on a national farm policy.

Clearly the present policy, based on the parity idea of the 1930s, is outdated. It represents a compromise of politicians eager to capture votes, and has little respect either for the public treasury or for a sound farm program. None of the great farm organizations endorses it.

The Brannan plan was proposed as a substitute but that has been effectively rejected because of fear of its cost and its prospect of more complete government controls of farming.

The program offered by Prof. Schultz is not a detailed blueprint, but it presents certain fundamentals that merit attention: It contemplates full production without government restrictions and puts emphasis on efficiency farming.

In the past agriculture has served as a sort of "expansion tank" for labor. In bad times the excess of workers drifted back to the farms. In good times men left the farms for the factories. Thus farming has had marginal openings and marginal workers. Schultz proposes consolidating the small farm patches into economic units. This would economize on manpower and provide larger production. Farming would no longer be a "reserve army of labor."

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Minor Floods On Forecast

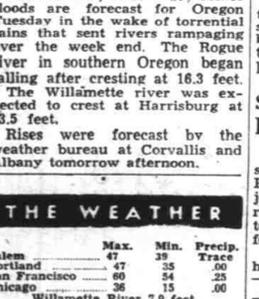
PORTLAND, Feb. 5 (AP)—Minor floods are forecast for Oregon Tuesday in the wake of torrential rains that sent rivers rampaging over the week end. The Rogue river in southern Oregon began falling after cresting at 16.3 feet.

The Willamette river was expected to crest at Harrisburg at 13.5 feet.

Rises were forecast by the weather bureau at Corvallis and Albany tomorrow afternoon.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"It's only a hole-in-the-wall but we call it home."

THE WEATHER

| City | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem | 47 | 35 | .00 |
| Portland | 47 | 35 | .00 |
| San Francisco | 60 | 54 | .25 |
| Chicago | 36 | 15 | .00 |

Willamette River 7.9 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Foggy with drizzle this morning becoming cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Rain beginning late tonight or early Wednesday. High today near 48; low tonight near 40.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
38.53 27.80 25.53

Order Awaits Approval

By Charles Barrett
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said today an order now awaiting approval would remove the draft exemption of 220,000 childless married men who are not veterans.

And, he added he sees no reason "whatever" why physical and mental standards also should not be lowered to tap 150,000 to 250,000 more men, now deferred.

Both these groups would be in the 19 to 26 age group covered by the present draft law.

But Hershey, testifying before the house armed services committee, said these steps still would not meet the nation's defense manpower needs. He stuck to his guns in favor of an administration bill lowering the draft age to 18 and providing universal military service and training.

Some congressmen are reluctant to take 18-year-olds until the draft of the 26 age group is tightened.

Additional Steps
Committeemen suggested to Hershey today two additional steps in this tightening process: drafting of national guardsmen, and a stricter policy in deferring "essentially" industrial and agricultural workers.

Hershey told the committee an order to draft childless married men aged 19 to 26 has been prepared and turned over to defense manpower agencies, where he is virtually certain it will be approved.

The step also requires an executive order by President Truman. Chances for the order would be strong if his manpower chiefs endorse it. No date was indicated.

The order would not apply to married men with more than one dependent. The law itself exempts all war veterans.

The armed services committee has been holding hearings for two weeks on the bill to draft 18-year-olds.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) declared to Hershey, "there are 137,186 in the national guard and active reserve units eligible for duty. They should be subject to call by the draft board." He noted that many guard units had not been ordered to active duty.

Vinson said some men are enlisting in the guard to dodge the draft. He suggested that veterans—not draft-eligible men—should comprise the guard.

Sketches of Candalaria School Due

Preliminary sketches were ordered Monday night by Salem school board for a new elementary school in the Candalaria heights area.

An eight-to-ten room six-grade school is under consideration for future construction, with definite authorization not yet given. But school directors last night asked Architect W. I. Williams to make some sketches showing how best to use the 5-acre tract at the end of Hansen avenue.

The school board and citizen budget committee conferred with the teachers' economic welfare committee regarding a proposed salary increase averaging about \$400 per year.

Committee members indicated the salary request would receive serious consideration, but actual budget making cannot be undertaken until effects of 1951 state legislation are determined.

Senate Votes Truman Reorganization Powers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—The senate passed a bill today giving President Truman authority—subject to a congressional veto—to reorganize government agencies temporarily to promote the defense program.

The measure now goes to the house.

Panther Scare, Pennsylvania

CLAIRTON, Pa., Feb. 5 (AP)—This bustling steel mill town is enjoying the thrills and chills of a black panther scare.

Police began by scoffing at reports of excited residents who telephoned with news of seeing a black panther. Now police aren't so sure. Chief Peter Orsini and others have seen the animal.

The chief said the beast is about four feet long with a long tail. How the animal reached this industrial center near Pittsburgh remains a mystery.

Highway Commission Requests Control Over Parking, Signboards on State Roads in Cities

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Bills which would give the state highway commission the authority to prohibit or regulate parking and erection of signboards on state roads in cities were introduced in the senate Monday as the Oregon legislature began its fifth week.

Another bill sponsored by the commission would allow the commission to prohibit hunting or angling in state parks. The commission would set the seasons when hunting or fishing would be allowed.

The highway measures, introduced by the senate highway committee at the highway commission's request, would also allow the commission to stop counties from constructing roads which enter express highways.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Ballock said Monday he knew the bills had been drafted, but was not fully acquainted with their contents. He said they had been introduced before highway department heads had a chance to go over them with the committee.

The proposed measures would affect Salem streets which are state built and maintained, such as

Portland road, Commercial street and 12th street.

New house measures introduced Monday include two which would require the secretary of state to send notices to drivers whose driver's licenses are about to expire and would allow county employees not under the state retirement act to become eligible for social security benefits. Marion county employees are covered by the state retirement act.

Other house bills introduced would appropriate \$250,000 as the state share for Corvallis' new sewage disposal plant; increase the salaries of the Salem area Marion county constable and the county surveyor; and increase homestead tax exemptions from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Sen. Frank Hilton, Portland, is author of a senate memorial introduced Monday which would ask President Truman and congress to put an immediate end to the rail strike because it is impairing shipment of war material to Korea.

The memorial was referred to committee after the senate refused to vote on it immediately.

The senate voted 17 to 13 to

'Let's Go to a Dance-- You Buy the Tickets'



Using massed forces in a down-the-stretch drive to sell tickets for the annual Salem policemen's ball this Thursday, four officers near overwhirl pretty Betty Todd, a waitress at the Grill cafe. From left are Patrolmen Eugene Grunewald, James Stovall and Mike Elkins, and Capt. L. D. Weaver, publicity chairman. The annual ball will be at the Crystal Gardens and proceeds will be used for projects such as the Christmas baskets given to needy families. (Statesman photo.)

Crown-Zellerbach Plant to Expand

LEBANON, Feb. 5—The Crown-Zellerbach company announced today that pulp capacity of its plant here would be increased 650 tons a month as a result of increased defense demands for nitrating and paper pulps.

The expansion project, to include a new building, chip bin, digester circulation system, acid tank and other facilities, is expected to be completed within nine months.

Car Crushes Lyons Child

MILL CITY, Feb. 5—Gertrude Ramona Losch, 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Edwin Losch, Lyons route 1, died here today about an hour after she had been crushed under the wheel of a car in front of her home.

State police reported that the little girl had apparently been playing unnoticed in front of Maiman Earl Allen's car as he chatted with her father about 11 a. m. When Allen started up again the wheel of the car passed over the child's chest. Losch had been summoned to the roadside by Allen for delivery of a registered letter.

The little girl was taken to Mill City to a physician where she died at 11:50 a. m. The body was taken to the Weddle funeral home in Stayton where services will be announced later.

Baby Arrives In Bitter Cold

MERIDIAN, Miss., Feb. 5 (AP)—An 80-year-old Mississippi doctor successfully delivered a negro baby outside in bitter 15 degree weather while the parents' home burned down before dawn yesterday.

Dr. R. L. Fowler of Marion, Miss., delivered the baby boy in the front yard. He and the father, Leon Scarborough, drove into the yard to find the house aflame and the prospective mother being carried outside on a bedspring and mattress. Dr. Fowler gave the stork a perfect assist. The fire provided light for the delivery and, in heat, plus clothing, kept the mother and baby warm.

Learn to Spell!

These words will figure in The Statesman-KSM Spelling Contest for prizes, now underway for 7th and 8th grade pupils of Marion and Polk counties:

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|-----------|---------|
| weight | spy |
| wrap | strain |
| advantage | swamp |
| attach | temple |
| benefit | tourist |
| circular | trust |
| concert | using |
| constant | weep |
| demand | yield |
| | affair |

Flood Smashes Gold Dredge

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 5 (AP)—A gold dredge valued at \$50,000 and carrying 50 ounces of gold worth \$1800, broke loose from its moorings and was smashed on a downstream island in the flood-swollen Rogue river yesterday.

The dredge was operating a mile west of Galice. It was owned by H. W. Vandevanter, Galice, and George Naron, Bakersfield, Calif.

The vessel broke up on an island near the Rand ranger station. The cabin was ripped loose there. Two hours later it was spotted as it passed Black bar, some 23 miles downstream.

5,000 Employees Return to Jobs in Philadelphia Area

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Charles E. Wilson, director of defense mobilization, appealed to striking railroad workers tonight to go back to work.

Declaring that a "creeping paralysis" was spreading over the country, and that the defense effort was being badly handicapped, Wilson said in a White House sanctioned broadcast:

"The communists could not hope to be this effective if they started a full scale campaign of sabotage."

More than 5,000 railroad men in the Philadelphia area had gone back to work a short time before Wilson began his national broadcast. It was the first big push in a back-to-work movement.

Wilson told the strikers—who have been reporting they were "sick"—that the six-day old strike was not a legitimate one.

"No matter how serious your grievances may seem to you, they cannot justify the harm you are now doing to your country."

"I ask you to report for duty—now, tonight, for those who should be working now—and to stay on the job as patriotic Americans."

"What you are doing now," Wilson told the railroad workers, "can hurt the United States more than all the communist armies in Korea."

Wilson spoke with the approval of President Truman, the broadcast had been set up by the White House.

Shortly before Wilson went on the air, President W.P. Kennedy of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said a survey showed "hundreds of our men throughout the country are responding to my appeal" to go back to work.

Despite the Philadelphia back-to-work movement and Kennedy's statement, the strike Monday night spread to another railroad—the Erie.

More than 250,000 industrial workers, in addition to the strikers, have been made idle by the walkout.

The Erie railroad announced that the "sick strike" was spreading through its system like "ink on a blotter" and canceled two main line passenger trains.

Wage-hour talks in Washington were reported hopelessly deadlocked. A railroad "work or fight" bill was introduced in congress.

Rep. Andrews (D-Ala.) introduced legislation for immediate induction of striking railroad employes who hold occupational draft exemptions.

The strike dealt new blows to industry. With 125,000 automobile workers idle, an industry source predicted car making will be halted if the walkout continues.



DEFENSE CZAR WILSON
'Back to Work—Now'

Portland Area Milk Price Order Ready

PORTLAND, Feb. 5 (AP)—State Milk Marketing Administrator Thomas L. Ohlsen said today the new milk price order for the Portland area is ready for announcement tomorrow.

At a hearing last month producers asked a 3-cent price boost. Their request touched off a call for a consumer boycott and a housewives' march to Salem to demand repeal of the state milk control law.

Appliances Destroyed by Monmouth Fire

MONMOUTH, Feb. 5—Fire, apparently starting from wiring in the utility room, destroyed several appliances and damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper here this afternoon.

Mrs. Cooper had been in the utility room washing clothes. She left for a few moments to hang some clothes and returned to find the room ablaze. She was able to remove the family car from the garage adjoining the room but a deep freezer, electric iron, washer and drier were all destroyed. The north end of the house was also damaged.

Damage was estimated at \$3,000, all covered by insurance.

Abiqua Dam Bids Sought

SILVERTON, Feb. 5—Mayor Erroll Ross has issued a call for bids on a dam and pipe line on Abiqua creek. The bids are to be opened at a special meeting of the city council at the city hall at 7:30 p. m. February 15.

The improvement, for which bids are asked, consisted of the construction of a gravity pipe diversion dam on Abiqua east of Silverton, with a water supply pipe line to connect the existing gravity water supply line of the city. The principal items of construction are 2,950 cubic yards of excavation; 480 cubic yards of concrete and 3,600 lineal feet of 14 inch pipe.

The dam was voted by the people of Silverton some months ago.

City Planners, Legislators to Consider Capitol Mall Extension

Both city planners and state legislators will take a closer look this week at the state capital planning commission's plan for extending the capitol mall toward D street.

A proposed legislative resolution on the subject is scheduled to reach the joint ways and means committee Wednesday. The city planning and zoning commission will review the proposed legislation Thursday night.

Zoning chairman W. W. Rosebough said the local commission's special meeting is called for 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the city manager's office to go over the state plan prior to the city council's meeting next Monday. He said the city probably would be asked for an expression of its opinion of the mall extension.

Another matter expected to be discussed by the zoners is the possibility of off-street parking to

relieve North Capitol street and the capitol ground.

Robert Sprague said other items pertaining to state construction and the forthcoming new traffic plan in Salem may be discussed.

Meanwhile, the capitol mall plan is before the legislators in the form of a resolution to declare the state's intention to purchase property between Capitol and Winter streets as far north as D street. This plan is to be endorsed before the joint ways and means committee by Robert Sawyer of Bend, chairman of the capitol planning group, and Salem members M. L. Meyers, Elizabeth Leav and Paul Wallace.

The commission has indicated that approval of the resolution would make it possible for the Salem city council to zone that area for protection against expansion construction, prior to acquisition by the state.