

Weather	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	71	35	.00
Portland	70	37	.00
San Francisco	51	34	trace
Chicago	51	34	.02
New York	55	34	.02

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today and tonight. High today near 72; low tonight near 37.

WILLAMETTE RIVER 2.5 feet.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
This Year	37.86	31.49
46.29		

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## Senate Claims Right to Veto Troop Shifts

### Austrian Student Singers Receive 'Warm' Welcome in Salem



Happy and perhaps a mite too warm in Salem's bright sunshine Monday, these Austrian students descended on the state capitol for a brief musical preview of the program they presented here last night. While in Salem they were sponsored by Willamette university. This is the second year that a group of Austrian students have appeared in Salem on good will tours. (Statesman photos.) (Concert story on page 2.)

### IT SEEMS HOME

By Charles A. Sprague

The legislative assembly in 1945 amended the compulsory school attendance law to require children between the ages of 16 and 18 who had not completed high school, to attend part-time school. This was amended in 1947, prescribing the time requirement to five hours per week, and allowing the school board to grant exemptions to those who had completed the eighth grade "when in its judgment good cause exists therefor."

Last week the house passed HB 59 making school attendance compulsory for all children from seven to 18, for the full school term. Then a series of exceptions are noted: if legally employed and attending a part-time school five hours per week; if their education has covered the ordinary branches of learning offered in the 12 grades, and certain others. The school board is given authority to excuse children "if the child had completed the first eight grades and if further attendance would be educationally unprofitable for the child or cause hardship in the family of such child."

There is serious doubt of the wisdom of prolonging the age of compulsion for children to attend school. Clearly a full high school course is desired. But some children appear to reach educational limits short of that goal. They become problem cases for instruction and easily become problem cases "wear and tear" on the youngster, the teacher and the school worth while?

Experience under the 1945 and 1947 acts has not been good. In fact enforcement over the state is reported as lax; or it may be better to say that so many schools offer no part-time class work that the law becomes a

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### UAW TO INCREASE DUES

CLEVELAND, April 2 (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers union voted itself a \$15,000,000 strike fund and a multi-million dollar political action kitty tonight by approving a hotly-contested \$1-a-month dues boost.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Why am I walking? Silly question! I was naughty and the CAA grounded me!"

### Parrish Boy Emerges Victor in Spell Run-Off

Thirteen-year-old Mack Harris of Parrish Junior high emerged the winner from the longest semi-final Statesman-KSLM spelling contest on record last night.

Mack and 11-year-old John Downes of Leslie Junior high battled it out alone for more than half an hour after four other contestants had missed.

Third place was won by Nancy Owens of West Salem.

Mack's victory gives him a place in the finals of the competition in Salem on April 19. He is the second boy among the 10 finalists chosen thus far.

The last four semi-finals will be held today and tomorrow. Today's contests are at Dallas junior high (1 p. m.), and Jefferson (high school gym) and Silverton grade school (7:30 p. m.). The last one is at Stayton grade school at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

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### Probers Erase Case Against Milk Cost Plan

PORTLAND, April 2 (AP)—An investigating committee reported tonight it could find nothing wrong with the milk cost studies prepared by Oregon State college for the state.

The studies are used to help set the price of milk.

The committee said, however, that activities of some state college employees had led some consumer groups to doubt the "impartiality of the college insofar as the controversial matter of milk legislation is concerned."

The committee added its belief that the whole affair was not too important.

The five-man committee was appointed by the state board of higher education to look into two charges made by a newspaper, The Oregonian: (1) That the milk cost study was not "adequately representative of the entire Portland milk shed"; (2) Some employees of the college engage in political activities for the dairy industry.

The committee said, concerning point 1, "It is true that the cost study covers only the Willamette valley area which is not the entire Portland milk shed. But it was likewise established that the college was employed by the milk control board to make precisely this study and no other. The representatives of The Oregonian conceded that the study was competently made, that it contained no bias..." the report said.

On point 2, the committee found that Oscar Hagg, former legislative representative for the Oregon Dairyman's association, now is employed at the college to carry out a special "public relations program." The report noted that part of his pay came from dairy producers.

It also found that P. M. Brandt, head of the college department of dairy industry, "has on occasion been indiscreet in his appearances and associations with partisans on one side of the hotly contested milk control issue," but the report added, "as a fact-finding committee it is not our task to determine whether or not it is sound public policy for employees of the college to carry on such legislative activity."

**FETY APPOINTED**

PORTLAND, April 2 (AP)—Rodney O. Fety has been named acting forester for the bureau of land management office here. He succeeds A. P. Collins, resigned.

Fety was assistant district forester at Salem.

**EMPLOYMENT RECORD SET**

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Civilian employment reached 60,179,000 in March—an all time high for the month.

### Blossom Day Set April 15 By Cherrians

Sunday, April 15, has been tentatively set as Annual Blossom Day by the Salem Cherrians, King Bing Don Doerfler announced Monday night.

A Sunday is picked each year during cherry blossom season at which time routes are selected for motorists to get the best view of the colorful blooms. Members of the Cherrian organization act as guides for the tours along blossom-lined roads in the Salem area.

Loren Hicks and Don Madison were elected co-chairmen of the event at the Cherrian meeting Monday night.

At the meeting the Cherrians also decided to attend the annual Salmon Derby festivities at St. Helens, April 14.

The group went on record in support of Salem Day at the Oregon State fair and to host the visit of Portland Rosarians on Portland Day at the fair.

Drillmaster Tom Hill announced that drills will start Monday at 8 p. m. atop the Shoppers Car-park.

### Canadian Bill to Export Gas Gains

EDMONTON, Alta., April 2 (CP)—The bill permitting temporary export of natural gas to Montana for essential defense production today received second reading—approval in principle—in the Alberta legislature. It now must pass the hurdle of full-scale debate in committee before receiving third reading and final passage.

### LAMB PRICE SETS RECORD

PORTLAND, April 2 (AP)—The price of lamb advanced 50 cents to a new all-time high of \$37.50 a hundredweight at the North Portland livestock market today.

### Tavern Owners, Mayors To Face Clackamas Jury

PORTLAND, April 2 (AP)—Twelve Clackamas county tavern owners will be asked to tell a Multnomah county grand jury if they have had any business dealings with Lonnie Logsdon, slot machine owner.

The grand jury is investigating the administration of Oregon liquor control laws. Subpenas for the 12 were issued last Thursday, but were held back until state police raided 103 Clackamas county taverns and seized more than 100 slot machines.

The subpenas were issued after Murry Gramath, a special agent for District Attorney John McCourt, said he had visited the establishments and found gambling.

At Oregon City, Leonard L. Lindas, district attorney, said he would subpoena mayors of several Clackamas county communities to testify at a grand jury investigation in Oregon City.

### Decision Slaps at Truman

Solons Approve Giving Europe 4 More Divisions

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—The senate hurled a surprise challenge today to President Truman's authority as commander-in-chief of the armed forces. It went on record against sending more than four more divisions to Europe without congress' approval.

The action, strenuously opposed by the administration, came at the climax of the troops-for-Europe phase of the "great debate" on foreign policy.

By an unexpected vote of 49 to 43, the senate adopted the limiting amendment—sponsored by Senator McClellan (D-Ark.)—only two hours after turning it down, 46 to 44.

Mr. Truman's supporters took a serious view of the setback, even though the amendment expresses only "the sense of the senate" and is not binding on the president, who contends he has the power to send troops anywhere they are needed.

Senator McFarland of Arizona, democratic floor leader, was granted a recess, giving the administration time to regroup its forces before the final voting tomorrow.

Support which developed today for the McClellan amendment caused speculation about what would happen tomorrow, when some republicans plan to press for action that would seek to restrict by law Mr. Truman's power to send more troops overseas on his own initiative.

### Claims Future Right

As amended, the resolution now endorses Mr. Truman's plan to send four more divisions of ground troops to join Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's international army. But it claims for congress the right to pass on all future commitments.

McClellan's amendment made the grade on the second vote because Senators Case (R-SD), Frear (D-Del.) and George (D-Ga.) switched sides and Senators Wiley (R-Wis.) and Young (R-ND), not recorded on the first vote, voted for it the second time.

McFarland declared the vote on the McClellan amendment "is not in the interests of the United States of America."

Senator Lehman (ALIB-NY) said it "will weaken our relations with our allies abroad."

### Causes Discouragement

"It will take many, many divisions and billions of dollars to disstate the discouragement we have caused today," he added.

Senator Connally (D-Tex.) demonstrated how seriously the administration viewed the change by saying, "I very seriously and humbly beg the senate not to adopt this amendment."

Senator Lodge (R-Mass.) joined the opposition to the amendment. Previously the senate defeated, 62 to 27, an amendment by Senator Case (R-SD) which would have forbidden the service of any American soldier under 20 years old in the North Atlantic defense force.

### WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—

Oregon Senators Morse and Cordón favored McClellan amendment to the troops-to-Europe resolution.

### GOP Victors in Michigan Vote

DETROIT, April 3 (Tuesday)—Michigan republicans, winners of spring elections for the last 18 years, did it again in Monday's election.

The democrats conceded defeat early today of their entire state ticket. Positions on the ballot included University of Michigan regent, state superintendent of public instruction, justice of the state supreme court.

### Mercury Rises Into Seventies

Salem area residents basked in the warmest weather of the year Monday as the mercury climbed to 70.9 degrees, highest point since Oct. 12, 1950.

Monday's high topped the previous maximum of the year of 65 degrees set on February 9. And the weatherman at Salem McNary field station forecast an even warmer 73 for this afternoon.

## Buildup of Red Forces Hits New High for Korean War

### New Senator Arrives in Salem Over 500,000 Reds Poised, Mac Warns



Oregon's newest senator, Art W. Lindberg (left) of Pendleton, is being briefed on the day's legislative happenings by Senate President Paul Peterson. Lindberg was sworn in Monday to fill the post vacated by death of Sen. Carl Engdahl. (Statesman photo.)

By Robert Euston  
TOKYO, Tuesday, April 3 (AP)—Chinese and North Korean reds are massing the largest number of fresh seasoned troops ever committed in the Korean war, General MacArthur's head quarters said today.

Intelligence estimates figured the reinforcements at the front swell the red potential to at least 63 divisions—more than 500,000 men.

For the second straight day, MacArthur's communiques made pointed reference to the red massing movements. These were concentrated on the central front where a communist spring counteroffensive is expected.

But the communique said the huge enemy potential was handicapped by laying open communications, supplies and troop movements to attack by allied planes.

The communique said: "The enemy is engaged in a tactical and strategic regrouping of major units which, with the appearance of new units near the front, provide him with a potential strength of at least 63 divisions, the greatest of any period in the Korean campaign."

"Compensating factors are the vulnerability of his communications and his limited logistic capacity."

Ground action was limited largely to patrols.

American tank patrols ranged Monday almost two miles north of the 38th parallel. They fought off an hour-long red ambush, and withdrew.

The reds continued huge convoys movements under cover of darkness and cloudy weather.

U. S. Fifth air force pilots counted 2,100 enemy vehicles Monday night on North Korean roads leading down to the battle front. They claimed destruction of 100.

### Bill to Cut Number of School Districts Wins Senate Group's Vote

By Lester F. Cour

The senate education committee Monday recommended passage of the Holy report recommendation to unify Oregon school districts for more efficient and economical administration.

The controversial measure emerged from committee late Monday afternoon after members had tussled with it for almost 80 days, hearing objections from school representatives from all parts of the state who feared they will lose "home rule."

Sen. Ben Day, Gold Hill, was the only member not agreeing that the proposal should pass. Sen. Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, chairman of the education committee, said "this is the best bill we were able to work out."

The reorganization plan was evolved by Dr. T. C. Holy, Ohio university education expert who conducted a thorough study of Oregon's school systems after being hired by the 1949 legislature.

The bill approved by the senate committee Monday provides for an advisory committee and a commissioner to be in charge of reorganizing school districts throughout the state. The seven-man board and commissioner would be appointed by the state board of education.

### To Elect Reorganization Committees

The commissioner would study school districts and then advise county school superintendents that unification was necessary. Voters in the counties affected would then elect reorganization committees which would submit unification plans to the commissioner and advisory committee for acceptance or rejection.

The county and state committees would designate unified district boundaries on the basis of child population, transportation problems, tax revenue possibilities and other economic and geographic factors.

Under the proposal, first class school district law would apply to all unified districts for the purpose of distributing state basic school support funds.

Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, a member of the senate education committee, predicted that unification of rural schools under the bill would not remove the present community interest in schools.

### Plan to Bring About Consolidations

He explained that while the law would bring about some consolidations of schools, it would not entirely do away with all of Oregon's smaller schools.

Similar to the county unit plan now in effect in two Oregon counties, the Holy report proposal would provide larger districts which proponents believe could buy supplies more economically than small districts. A five-man board of directors would govern the activities of each unified district, eliminating individual school districts.

The proposal is expected to reach the senate floor sometime this week. The house has not yet considered it.

The senate split directly along party lines Monday to defeat, 21 to 9, a democratic-backed measure to replace the present part-time liquor commission with a full-time, paid commission.

Sen. Robert Holmes, Astoria democrat, said a paid commission would "make better sense from a business standpoint."

### Sen. Hilton Says Salary Too Low

Sen. Frank H. Hilton, Portland republican, opposed the measure, saying it would be impossible to secure good liquor commissioners for \$7,500. The present commissioners meet about twice a month and receive \$10 a day pay.

### Snyder Delays Tax Requests

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—The administration today slashed its tax requirements by \$6,506,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

But Secretary of the Treasury Snyder made it plain that this is only a postponement — that another multi-billion dollar installment of President Truman's tax program will be asked next January.

Snyder told the house ways and means committee that a single \$10,000,000,000 tax increase — already asked of congress — will be enough this year because there'll be a \$3,000,000,000 surplus rather than the expected \$2,700,000,000 deficit at the end of the 1951 fiscal year, next June 30.

### 10,000 Pounds of Lead Scrap Stolen At Alumina Plant

Ten thousand pounds of scrap lead, valued at about \$2,000, was reported stolen from the old alumina plant on Cherry avenue north of Salem, sheriff's deputies reported.

Plant Superintendent James G. Mount said the lead was taken sometime during the past 10 days from a stack south of the plant which was recently purchased by the Ray-O-Vac corporation. Mount said some of the missing scrap was in large chunks which led deputies to believe that the theft was the work of a gang of at least three men equipped with a truck.

### Flying Fan Blade Injures Youth

The flying blade from a home-made electric fan inflicted a severe cut to the head and left ear of Warren Perkins, 18, 538 N. Winter st., Monday, city firemen reported.

Aidmen said apparently a part of the blade had broken off, hurled through the air and struck Perkins alongside the head. He was taken to a physician's sutures.