



Salem's baseball opener brought many thrilling moments for near-capacity crowd at Waters park Friday night. Despite chilly weather which made it a bit hard on both spectator and player alike, the fast moving game and the Senators' win over Tri-City made the opener satisfactory in every way. (Statesman photo.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Souquet

The house appropriations committee in Washington virtually served notice in its action Friday that the 1937 act covering distribution of proceeds from O & C lands will have to be revised. The committee refused to appropriate \$1,000,000 requested by the bureau of land management for access roads, saying:

"The federal government cannot be expected to invest in capital improvements, even for such valuable natural resources, when the financial proceeds of harvesting these resources accrue in excessive proportion to a small number of counties rather than to the federal treasury."

Under the present law the counties where the lands lie now get 50 per cent of gross proceeds. Twenty-five per cent goes to reimburse the federal treasury for advances previously made "in whole or in part" and twenty-five per cent goes to the treasury. Costs of administration are limited. This year will see the treasury fully reimbursed for its tax advances to counties, and under the law this share is to go to the counties, which puts the counties in line to receive 75 per cent of the gross.

This subject has been under review by the Portland office of the bureau and numerous discussions have been had with the counties whose 100-acre representative is Frank Sever of Portland. At the last meeting of the O & C advisory board proposed amendments to the law were discussed but the board left to the counties and the bureau direct negotiation on the split in income.

The action of the house committee will occasion no surprise. Congress will not pay out money for capital improvements, the benefits of

Dividend Checks Start Next Week

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The veterans administration said today it will start paying a \$685,000 special dividend on GI life insurance next week.

The money will go to World War II veteran holders of some 8,000,000 national service life insurance policies.

The payments will cover a three-year period, from 1948 to 1951.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Not bad, not bad. What do you do?"

4,500 See Solons Whip Braves, 9-6

The Salem Senators baseball club, making its debut as a home-owned corporation, last night got the 1951 Western International league season under way before close to 4,500 spectators at Waters field by defeating the Tri-City Braves 9 to 6.

New Safeway Store Project Gets Underway

The new Safeway supermarket construction is due to get underway on the old Washington school block shortly.

Contractor for the project, Andersen & Westfall of Portland, took out a city wrecking permit Friday, pointing to speedy completion of the razing of the schoolhouse at Center and 12th streets.

H. A. Andersen, who will superintend the construction, expected to set up an office on the site next week. National Production authority approval for the project was recently granted.

It was understood that the subcontractors are to include some local firms, among them City Electric and the R. L. Eilfstrom Co.

Allies Regain Hill in Bitter Seesaw Fight

TOKYO, Saturday, April 21 (AP)—Allied troops early today drove back up a 1,500-foot height in seesaw fighting for Chorwon, 18 miles inside red Korea.

Field dispatches said the reds appeared to be slowly yielding in a last-ditch stand for that rail-highway hub and supply base in the west-central sector. Allied forces have won nearly all the dominating fringe of mountains south of Chorwon.

Late Friday night, the reds split an allied company and drove it off a 1,500-foot hill six miles south of Chorwon. This was one of a series of red counterattacks.

The allies had beaten off the other in close quarters action which involved fists and rifle butts.

Early today, after artillery blasted the enemy, the reformed company regained the height in the face of heavy machinegun fire.

The reds hurled more than 500 men in one of Friday's counterblows. Seventy-five were killed and more than 150 wounded before the foe fell back.

Other field dispatches said United Nations forces advanced unopposed today in central Korea and shelled red troop concentrations in the east-central sector.

Snow flurries fell on troops moving across ridge tops in the center.

The heaviest United Nations artillery bombardment raked an area about four miles north of the allied-held Hwachon reservoir.

A tank-infantry force seized a hill a mile north of the reservoir's eastern tip. Other U.N. troops maintained their positions in the town of Hwachon and around the reservoir.

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By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman

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Senator Capehart (R-Ind.), a heavily built man of 53 and a backer of MacArthur, told Reporters that he seized Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.) by the lapel and "threw him out" of the studio after Humphrey called him "a very dirty name."

Then, Capehart said, Senator Lehman (D-Lib.-N.Y.) "jumped me from the back, and I threw him back into the studio."

Senator Welker (R-Idaho), who with Senator Taft (R-Ohio) witnessed the brief scuffle, said it was "a kind of cream-puffy business. The boys were not trained very well."

But he added "Senator Capehart had his Sunday punch ready when I stepped in as peacemaker."

When the dust had settled Humphrey and Lehman issued a formal statement in which they said Capehart "has, unfortunately, seen fit to make misleading statements about this incident."

They said "there was no profanity" and "no blows were struck." Saying they would have preferred not "to dignify" the affair with comment, the two democrats added "it is unfortunate that debate on issues should elicit such violent emotional reaction as that displayed by Senator Capehart."

After Capehart had gotten his breath he announced defiantly: "I'm willing to fight anybody who calls me a war-monger or the republican party a war party."

Capehart declined to quote the language he attributed to Humphrey, saying "there's a lady in the room." A reporter asked him whether he meant "S.O.B." and whether the words or letters were used.

"That's what it was," the Indiana republican replied. "And he used the words."

Capehart, Taft, Lehman and Humphrey gathered to make a recording of their views on Far Eastern policy and MacArthur's ouster for Blair Moody, a Detroit newspaperman and radio commentator.

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GE Workers To Get Living Cost Raise

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The General Electric company announced tonight it intends to give all its 200,000 workers a pay increase, effective as of March 15, if the government approves.

First, though, it said it must have an okay from the government's wage board for most of the 200,000. Also, "such increases will only be made effective with union consent in the case of unionized employees."

The pay raise figures to be 9 cents an hour. The CIO electrical workers union, whose members make up less than a third of General Electric's employes, have a contract providing for pay raises when the cost of living goes up.

A report today from the bureau of labor statistics showed that living costs have gone up enough to call for 9 cents more an hour.

Others Not Covered Other unions—the company has contracts with 40 others—and non-union employes—are not covered by the cost of living contract.

Despite the Jan. 25 wage freeze, the company said it expects permission to grant the raise to the non-CIO workers. It said it has an "established policy of taking care of all its employes on a comparable basis."

The bureau of labor statistics disclosed earlier today that its living costs index edged up four tenths of one per cent between mid-February and mid-March. It reached a level 184.5 per cent of the 1935-39 average.

8.4 Per Cent Raise The March 15 cost of living index figure was 8.4 per cent higher than the index just before the Korean fighting started last June and 9.6 per cent above a year ago.

While the bureau recently alerted its method of computing buying prices of the new system and the one formerly used, both figured out at 184.5 for March 15.

Aluminum Ban Cancelled by Government

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The government today cancelled a scheduled May 1 ban on the use of aluminum in more than 200 civilian products ranging from automobile trim to cigarette lighters.

The National Production authority acted to prevent many manufacturers from having to close factories, giving them time to convert to defense production.

But even though the ban was lifted, the aluminum quotas of civilian goods makers were sharply reduced. Up to now they have been cut 35 per cent below their average use of aluminum during the first half of 1950. Effective May 1 the cut will be 50 per cent for May and June.

The ban originally was scheduled for April 1 but was postponed until May 1. Now it has been cancelled at least until July 1.

In another home-front development it was reported that 70,000 CIO electrical workers at General Electric plants are scheduled to get an "escalator" wage increase of nine cents an hour.

Their contract provides for a raise if the cost of living index of the Bureau of Labor statistics goes up. It provides for one cent an hour for every rise of 1-14 points over the level of Sept. 15, 1950.

The bureau's latest index—for March 14—was released today, showing that it has risen to 184.5 per cent of the 1935-39 average.

The index would be 0.7 percentage points above Feb. 15 and 10.7 points above Sept. 15.

The pay raise, which would be permissible under government stabilization policies, would be retroactive to March 15.

Vandenberg Rites Today

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 20 (AP)—An estimated 1,500 persons—city officials, white collar and factory workers and school children—passed by the bier of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg today.

As the body of the foreign policy leader lay in a funeral home, final preparations were made for the arrival of a host of Washington dignitaries for the funeral here tomorrow.

Vice President Alben W. Barkley is due in by private plane at 1 p. m. Saturday, an hour before the services.

About the same time another plane will bring in Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Secretary of Commerce Sawyer and W. Averell Harriman, special presidential adviser on foreign affairs.

For the latest selections by the air force, some 450 colleges had applied for units. The air force ROTC units now total 187.

Freeze Nips Salem Area

The mercury slipped to the freezing mark at Salem early this morning with a low of 29 forecast before daybreak today in the city and 26 in some outlying districts.

Another sharp freeze is predicted tonight. Intellectual low readings are forecast for the same areas.

Twenty days without a trace of rain established an all time April record for the Salem area Friday. And no rain is in sight for today, the weather bureau reported.

2,852 Tons of Confetti Shower Gen. MacArthur

NEW YORK, April 20 (AP)—Confetti and ticker tape showered on the homecoming parade for Gen. Douglas MacArthur today was estimated to total a record-breaking 2,852 tons.

The previous record was 1,800 tons of paper tossed into the streets on the return of Howard Hughes from a globe-girdling flight in 1938.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL At Salem 9, Tri-City 6 At Wenatchee 4, Vancouver 9 At Spokane 6, Victoria, postponed, cold. Only games scheduled.

COAST LEAGUE At Portland 2, Seattle 6 (12 inn.) At San Diego 4, Sacramento 1 At Los Angeles 5, Hollywood 6 At San Francisco 7, Oakland 9

AMERICAN LEAGUE At Washington 5-8, New York 3-4 At Boston 3, Philadelphia 6 At Chicago 5, Detroit 6 At Cleveland 4, St. Louis 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE At New York 3, Brooklyn 7 At Philadelphia 1, Boston 2 At St. Louis 8, Chicago 1 Only games scheduled.

Sea Collision Takes Lives of 38

NEW ORLEANS, April 20 (AP)—Two oil tankers collided in a dense dawn fog in the Gulf of Mexico today with a probable death toll of 38. Both ships were swept by flames after the crash.

The Esso Greenboro was left a blazing hulk with only five of her 42 crewmen rescued. The 10,000-ton tanker wallowed in a sea of flaming oil spilled from the 140,000 barrel cargo she was carrying from Aransas Pass, Tex., to Baltimore and New York.

The 26,500-ton super tanker Esso Suez, the other ship in the collision, was cut by a 20-foot gash in her bow about 100 feet above the water line. She was able to put out the fires that swept her forepeak, and proceeded tonight at her regular 17-knot speed.

She was expected here tomorrow.

First Mate Walter Brehm of Lyndhurst, N. J., was the Suez's only reported fatality but four of her 44 crewmen were badly burned.

The Suez was enroute in ballast from Baltimore to Corpus Christi, Tex.

The Esso New York, which raced to the Greenboro's aid, radioted early this morning "no one believed alive on board."

Later, after rescuing four crewmen of the Greenboro, one badly burned, and recovering two charred bodies, the New York abandoned rescue efforts, saying there appeared no hope of any other survivors.

But a PGM (amphibious plane) sighted a fifth survivor late in the afternoon and dropped him a life raft and rations. The man climbed aboard the raft and was taken aboard the Esso Burling-

ton, also at the scene. He was reported badly burned. The coast guard identified him only by the last name McMann.

A third body was recovered late today. The Esso Burlington messaged the coast guard saying that the body was believed to be that of Michael Wajda, Miami, Fla. The body was picked up in the sea near the Greenboro.

A coast guard PBV (another type amphibious plane) reported sighting only an empty lifeboat and two mattresses on the rough sea near the Greenboro.

A coast guard officer here said the fire spread so rapidly Greenboro crewmen could put only one boat overboard.

The collision occurred at 5 a. m. about 200 miles south of Miami City, La., a small coastal city midway between New Orleans and Lake Charles, La.

Washington Fruit Crop Heavily Frost Damaged

By The Associated Press Heavy damage from cold with more threatened was reported Friday from the big fruit-producing Wenatchee and Okanogan districts of Washington. British Columbia reported damage, too.

Fruit experts at Wenatchee said that area's peach, cherry and pear crops were wiped out by Thursday night's cold "except where adequate orchard firing was done." And they said