

SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The death of General Charles G. Dawes which occurred Monday stirs memories of events and of figures in the interim between the wars. His own career was marked with success in varied fields of endeavor. During the first world war he had served the army in its procurement division. He sprang into national fame with his "hell 'n' Maria" phrase when he defended army purchases before a postwar investigating committee. His colorful personality, his vigorous speech embellished with this astonishing bit of profanity discomfited his questioners. He had no apologies for any army extravagances—there was a war to win, and Pershing's army had to be supplied. His prominence, along with his leadership in banking, utility and petroleum companies, brought him the appointment as first director of the federal budget in 1921. His next assignment was to head a commission to study the problem of German reparations. This body came out with what became known as the Dawes plan for restoration of the German economy. Then he was nominated for vice president in 1924 on the republican ticket, being mated with Calvin Coolidge for president. He rubbed senatorial feathers the wrong way when as vice president he became known as Hoover named him ambassador to Great Britain and then chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation. Meantime his own bank in Chicago was getting into deep water. He resigned and returned to Chicago. The RFC with Hoover's approval advanced \$90,000,000 to bolster his bank, but later it had to be reorganized, though the RFC suffered no loss. The special significance in his passing is not that it brings to an end a distinguished career and draws tributes from many sources to one who

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Attlee Devises Compromise, Fills Cabinet

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee's party chiefs struck a bargain with leftwing bolters today in a bid to keep the labor government in power awhile longer. At the same time, Attlee hastily plugged the gaps in his cabinet left by the resignations of Labor Minister Aneurin Bevan and board of trade president Harold Wilson, who objected to a 4,172,000 arms budget that nibbled away some state welfare benefits.

The ailing prime minister named Alfred Robens, 40, a former union organizer who has been secretary to the vacated labor post. Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross 49, moved from his non-cabinet post into Wilson's chair.

The bargain was reached at a stormy caucus of labor members of parliament. Bevin and Wilson pledged to put party unity in the house of commons first. In return, the government chiefs agreed to let Bevan abstain from voting on the budget provision for a 50 per cent charge to patients who receive false teeth or spectacles, previously distributed entirely at the taxpayers' expense, through the national health service.

Wallgren to Quit FCC Post

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Mon Wallgren announced today his intention to resign from the federal power commission.

He told an Associated Press reporter that his reasons are personal and private. Wallgren is the commission chairman.

Asked about the possibility of his re-entering his home state politics, he said "I might go out and look the situation over."

Wallgren is the only person ever to be elected in Washington state as congressman, senator and governor. He is 60.

He said he planned to resign "some time this summer."

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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Tillamook Burn Fire Fighters Pin Hopes on Wet Air

4,000 Acres Ablaze

Moist air moving into the old Tillamook burn from the Oregon coast gave hope Tuesday night that a fire that raged over nearly 4,000 acres of slash and snags in some 24 hours could be brought in check.

Ed Schroeder, northwest regional district Oregon warden, said he believed the fire would "lay down" tonight as a result of improved weather conditions. The danger of a catastrophe such as those which hit the burn in a series of six-year jinx fires in bygone years apparently is past, he said. But the fire cannot be put out until there is rain, he indicated, and the weather bureau said none is in sight.

The 300 loggers and foresters fighting the flames were succeeding in an attempt to hold the fire on the east front and drive it southwesterly out of the snag area into green timber, where it could be trailed.

Trailing is impossible in the burn area because of the large fallen trees and debris, although 28 tank trucks, 18 bulldozers and innumerable power saws were on the job. Two crews were cut off from the Trask ranger station headquarters by the fire and will have to make their way back by way of Carlton, a report from district headquarters at Forest Grove said. A pumper and its 1700 feet of hose was caught in the flames and had to be abandoned. More men probably will be needed on the fire lines today because of the increasing perimeter of the flames, Schroeder said.

He added that if the fire should break out of line and burn north of the Trask river it might go all the way to the Oregon coast. Ashes from the blaze already were drifting down on the coastal area. One logging company operation was evacuated.

Jefferson Area School Districts Back Consolidation

JEFFERSON, April 24—Consolidation of the Jefferson and Devaney school districts was approved by voters of both districts in a special election tonight.

Devaney district in Linn county, which had previously rejected the consolidation, approved the measure 32-33. Jefferson voters were in favor by a 33-0 count. Voters in the Millersburg and Conser districts will hold an election May 18 to decide whether they will join the consolidation, which now includes the Jefferson, Devaney, Sidney, Talbot and part of the Ankeny district.

Preliminary plans for a union school to be located at Jefferson are now underway by Architects Annand and Kennedy of Portland. A bond election to finance construction of the school will be held sometime after the May 18 vote.

Crime Probe To Continue

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The senate's crime investigation goes on at least until next September 1 and perhaps longer but with a new chairman, Senator O'Connor (D-Md.).

And Senator Kefauver (D-Tenn), former chairman will stay on as a member. The program was swiftly approved by the senate without objection.

The extension resolution provides that by September 1, the special committee shall turn over its records to the commerce committee of the senate, along with any unspent money. The standing committee then can go on with the same sort of investigations the Kefauver committee has been making.

Liquor Commission Asks Neuner to Oust Attorney

MEMPHIS, April 24 (AP)—Attorney General George Neuner said today that the Oregon liquor control commission had asked him to remove John K. Crowe as commission attorney.

He said the request, received in a letter yesterday, was signed by Carl W. Hogg, state commission chairman; W. A. Spangler, Klamath Falls, and William A. Bingham, Portland, the other two commissioners.

They wrote that Crowe was no longer satisfactory to them and asked that he be replaced with another assistant attorney general, Neuner said.

Crowe was assigned to the commission by Neuner under provisions of a 1947 law.

"I told Crowe that they didn't want him any longer," Neuner said. "It isn't necessary that he leave the attorney general's office, but I have no other work for him in Portland and he doesn't want to move to Salem. I've found him

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Oregon Historical Caravan Visiting Salem



Farrish junior high school eighth graders (top photo) were among the 1500 persons Tuesday who boarded the Oregon Historical Caravan sponsored by the United States National Bank of Portland in observance of its 60th anniversary. The museum, set up in two large buses (lower photo) will be open daily through Monday in front of the state capitol on Court street. Hours are 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p. m. The caravan includes a collection of rare documents and articles connected with pioneer Oregon. (Statesman photos.)

Time-and-Half Plan Worries Control Board

Displeasure over the introduction of a senate bill providing for time-and-a-half overtime pay for state institution employees was indicated Tuesday by the state board of control, whose members said the move was a surprise to them.

The board was advised that such a charge would cost the state approximately \$200,000 during the 1951-53 biennium and would throw the entire institution pay schedule out of line. The bill was introduced by Sen. Phil Brady, Multnomah county, and received approval of the senate labor and industries committee.

The measure is now in the joint ways and means committee where an attempt will be made to hold it until the legislature has adjourned.

The board took under consideration a proposal by James Young, Salem realtor and until recently an employee of the state department, to construct a two-story building, 30 by 100 feet, adjacent to the present state agricultural department structure on 12th street.

The building, under the proposal, would be leased to the state on the basis of rentals now charged for space in state structures. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury said the additional space was needed by the state agricultural department and state printing division.

75,000 Manufacturers Told to Reprice Products

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—In a far-reaching order which officials said would bring many price rollbacks for consumers, the government tonight directed 75,000 manufacturers to reprice a vast range of products.

Price Director Michael DiSalle acknowledged there would be some price increases too, although he said the "net" effect would be a re-price of manufacturers' prices.

Estimating that the 75,000 manufacturers do about \$70,000,000 of business yearly, he called the new regulation a major step toward restoring "equitable industrial prices." It covers products ranging from refrigerators and television sets to breakfast cereals and soup mixes.

DiSalle told a news conference the regulation will: 1. Roll back the prices of companies which "unjustifiably" raised their prices and profit margins after the outbreak of the Korean war; and 2. Provide relief to manufacturers who were caught by the general freeze January 26 with ceiling prices in many cases below actual production costs.

The new regulation replaces the general price freeze under which the manufacturers have been operating. In another action today the office of price stabilization (OPS) extended for another 30 days until May 30—the time for 275,000 retail stores to file pricing charts with OPS and put new margin-type ceiling prices into effect.

OSC Milk Cost Study Exonerated, Edgar Smith States

PORTLAND, April 24 (AP)—A report on the investigation of charges that Oregon State college mis-handled milk cost studies, exonerated the college's research from the charge of bias.

That was the report of Edgar Smith, president, to the state board of higher education here today.

He said Chancellor Charles D. Byrne has a board code revision program underway that will modify rules relating to state system employees contacting the state legislature. That was one of the major points of contention by the college's critics.

REACTIVATION FORECAST
ASHLAND, April 24 (AP)—Mayor Diamond Flynn of Medford today told the Ashland chamber of commerce he had learned that if universal military training is enacted, Camp White will no doubt be reactivated.

School Budget Adopted

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem school board and budget committee Tuesday adopted a \$2,829,038 budget and submitted for May 18 vote a \$659,443 tax levy to effect a balance.

That general fund levy represents the amount needed outside the 6 per cent increase limitation. It is about \$110,000 less than the levy approved by voters last year.

Estimated millage is 30.6 for this year's general fund, compared with 33.2 last year. Total millage for school purposes, including the already-approved bond fund and serial levy for school construction, would be 41.2 for the 1951-52 school year.

But the general fund expenses, overall, are increased in this year's budget by \$273,314—virtually all of it in higher salaries for teachers, administrators, clerical and custodial employees. The general salary boost averages 10 per cent for the school employees.

Most of this added expense is offset by the boosted state school support to be received by the local school district. The estimate is for \$676,458 coming in, compared with \$420,000 this year.

Presentation of the 1951 budget evoked from citizen budget committee a thrashing-out of school budgeting and administrative practice.

Budget Committee Chairman
William L. Phillips said the citizen members after preliminary study of the budget last week had agreed to ask the administration to cut it by \$150,000.

But school board members, headed by Harry Scott, pointed out that the budget had been presented as the minimum consistent with good education and that 75 per cent of general costs is in payroll, which the budget committee as a whole already had committed itself to increasing \$270,000.

Citizen members also discussed possible segregation of business and education supervision in the school district. They were advised by Superintendent Frank B. Bennett that such a division had been successful when tried in Salem and in other cities.

Members Protest
In a third point raised by the citizens, suggestion was made that the budget committee hire an independent representative to study the budget throughout the year.

School board members protested that the superintendent and business manager, as well as the board, keep close tab on the budget responsible agents. Citizen members looked over bookkeeping and budget posting practices and indicated they were satisfied with present procedure.

On the budget committee are Phillips, William J. Entress, J. H. Willett, George H. Grabenhorst, Donald A. Young and board members Scott, Mrs. David Wright, Gus Moore, Gardner Knapp and Leroy J. Stewart.

Included in Receipts
The overall \$2,829,038 estimated expense includes \$2,231,992 in general fund and the remainder in bond and serial funds. Receipts include \$190,000 for the old Washington and old Lincoln school sites which the school board recently sold, plus general fund receipts of \$1,123,818. This latter includes county, state and federal funds, rentals, tuition and a \$30,000 cash balance.

School budgetmakers estimated that city, county and school tax millage combined this year would approximate 76.4, some 2.5 mills less than approved for the past year.

Allies Halt Red Breakthroughs; Seoul Imperiled

By Tom Stone

TOKYO, Wednesday, April 25 (AP)—Allied troops today halted a Chinese red breakthrough force in central Korea and fought fierce see-saw battles in the west more than 20 miles above newly imperiled Seoul.

There were allied withdrawals but a frontline officer said the United Nations forces were still "rolling with the punch."

He added that the withdrawals "are definitely not a sign of defeat."

On the fourth day of the red counter-offensive the allies appeared to be giving up virtually all holdings inside Red Korea north of the 38th parallel.

The allied strategy was to give ground but make the reds pay a bloody price in men.

A field dispatch today said 130,000 reds who broke through the mountainside center appeared to have run out of steam. They were stopped at least momentarily seven miles south of 38 by fresh allied reinforcements.

Seoul Residents Flee
In the west, residents of Seoul began fleeing that war-wrecked capital for the third time in 10 months of war.

Field dispatches today said fighting was heavy all along the winding Imjin river. One red force across it near Cheksong broke through allied lines. Cheksong is 26 miles north of Seoul.

Another red assault force crossed the Imjin near Munsan, 21 miles northwest of Seoul.

Despite these successes, allied commanders said there was no immediate threat to the main allied forces.

Trade Real Estate
Citizens eyed at this moment stand and fight on a solid line," said one officer, "but it's a lot cheaper trading real estate."

Fifth air force planes estimated they had killed or wounded nearly 1,000 reds by noon today—boosting the enemy's three-day losses to more than 18,000.

Allied withdrawals already ranged up to 20 miles.

And the allied supreme commander, after a flying visit to the front, warned that the biggest red blow was yet to come.

Reinforcements checked the most menacing breakthrough by 130,000 reds in the center four miles short of Kapyong on the vital Chunchon-Seoul lateral road.

The red forces had blasted a big hole in the allied center at the outset of the offensive, and then poured three army corps through it across the 38th parallel into the Republic of South Korea.

The allies abandoned the 11-mile-long Hwachon reservoir and dam north of the parallel. Then with reinforcements they dug in seven miles south of 38 and prevented the reds from cutting the Chunchon-Seoul road.

TO CONFER ON JAP TREATY
WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Representatives of the United States and Great Britain will open a series of conferences here tomorrow in an attempt to settle their differences over a Japanese peace settlement.

MORE MEN FOR FORMOSA
WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Lovett said today 500 additional men may be assigned to the military mission to Formosa. He declined to elaborate on the reasons.

Pair Judged Healthiest at 4-H Show

STATON — Healthiest 4-H girl in Marion county is Sally Tontz, 11 years old, of Brooks and healthiest boy is Jerome Ebner, 12, of Mt. Angel. These had greatest number of points in examinations held at Staton on the opening day of the 4-H fair.

Runners-up were John Foster, Macleay; Wayne Kregger, Cloverdale; Robert Bowlsby, Hazel Green; Jerry Hutchison, Sidney; Arbee McDonald, Keizer; Loren King, Victor Point; Faye York, Keizer; Kathy Archer, Lake Labish; Ruth Wilde, Mt. Angel; Carolyn Uppendahl, Parkerville.

NEW DIVISION IN JAPAN
TOKYO, Wednesday, April 25 (AP)—Units of the 45th division arrived today at the Western Hokkaido Port of Otaru for occupation duty.

BRANNAN BACKS FARMITY
WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Brannan went on record today against any move to push price ceilings on farm products below parity levels.



STATON, April 24—Marion county's healthiest youngsters, in 4-H judging here at the 1951 spring show, are Jerome Ebner, 12, of Mt. Angel, and Sally Tontz, 11, of Brooks.

Weather		
	Max.	Min.
Salem	75	37
Portland	71	38
San Francisco	55	49
Chicago	53	48
New York	51	45
Willamette River 3 feet		

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy this morning, clearing this afternoon and tonight. High today 68-70; low tonight 38-40.

SALES PRECIPITATION		
Since Start of Weather Year	Sept. 1	Normal
This Year	46.29	39.27
Last Year		35.30

House Refuses To Increase Road Bonds

By Lester F. Cour

The road bond issue passed in Tuesday returned 34 to 24 against the senate-approved measure providing a \$45,000,000 bond issue to finance a three-year emergency highway construction program.

The issue will now have to be settled by a conference between highway committee members of both houses, and may delay plans to adjourn the legislature by next Saturday.

But the house did approve the remainder of highway bills approved by the senate providing a \$1,000,000 increase in big truck taxes, lower weight limits for log trucks and stiffer penalties for log truck overloading.

The road bond issue passed in the house would provide for a \$36,000,000 bond issue to give the highway commission \$12,000,000 a year for the emergency program.

The measure passed by the senate and turned down by the house would provide \$45,000,000 worth of bonds at the rate of \$15,000,000 a year.

Must Be Repassed
A compromise will have to be repassed again by both the house and senate. The highway commission originally requested a \$62,000,000 bond issue to finance a five-year program.

The truck bill sent to the governor by the house Tuesday will give big truck operators a 35 per cent fuel boost, but will cut taxes on small trucks.

The weight-limit measure wipes out the 10 per cent tolerance allowed logging trucks, and cuts 2,000 pounds off the weight limit of dual axle logging trailer combinations.

Sets Truck Rate
It will also allow four-wheel log trucks to haul up to 36,000 pounds on tandem trailers for another two years.

The weight bills passed in the senate were more generous than those approved first in the house, but the representatives readily agreed to permit the allowances.

Also sent to the governor by the house was another highway bill allowing loggers to operate overweight trucks over county roads if they agree to maintain or build them.

The senate debated for more than an hour before approving and sending to the governor a bill which will give elective and appointive state officials a 10 per cent wage increase.

Other bills sent to the governor's office by the senate would give Korean veterans state farm and home loan privileges; give state employees time off to attend national guard or reserve training camps in addition to their regular vacation time, give the state police department a \$4,000,000 budget for the next biennium, and exempt from state income tax profits made from home sales provided the money is reinvested in another home within six months.

Both the house and senate will meet at 10 a.m. today. (Other legislative news on page 4).

Bonneville Lines Funds Slashed

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The house today tentatively cut \$5,500,000 from the Bonneville power administration's request for funds for transmission line construction.

The slash brought to \$9,945,000 the total tentatively cut from the \$520,031,500 interior department appropriation bill. The house will resume consideration of the measure tomorrow.

Members will get a chance to reconsider the cuts if desired when the house considers the entire appropriation bill.