

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Because economic controls are exceedingly difficult to enforce in a society like our own, I have been lukewarm toward their creation. There is first the difficulty of drawing up regulations for our highly complex economy, with enough rigidity to effectuate controls and enough flexibility to prevent paralysis of producing and distributing goods; and, second, the difficulty of enforcement. Prohibition was an example of widespread disregard for law, and OPA was failing fast because of the same public attitude when it was abandoned. About the only time Americans will accept controls is in an emergency, as in wartime or in deep depression (NRA). As soon as the emergency passes, the controls are sloughed off.

The country has been in a state of near-emergency for a year. It was near enough that inflationary forces were taking firm hold. It was far enough off that various business interests and the public were quite indifferent. In spite of delays and mistakes and difficulties, the application of controls probably has had some effect in holding down the rise in cost of living.

What is happening now in Washington, however, is a scuttling of controls under the facade of extending them. The senate bill and the one the house is now working on are bills to reduce it or hold it where it is. The senate shot price ceilings full of holes, and the house is doing an even more

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Collins Takes Keene, Post on Parole Board

Resignation of R. S. (Spec) Keene, Corvallis, from the state parole and probation board and appointment of Harry V. Collins, Salem, as his successor was announced by Gov. Douglas McKay Thursday.

Keene has served on the board since its creation in 1939 with the exception of three years when he was in the armed forces. He told Governor McKay the pressure of duties as athletic director at Oregon State college made it necessary for him to resign. He recently was board chairman. Collins for 40 years was associated with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and was Salem district manager. He was also president of the Oregon Softball association for eight years and has been active in Chamber of Commerce activities here. He is a member of the Kiwanis, Elks lodge and Salem Symphony society.

"I have always been interested in the rehabilitation of men, especially young men," Collins said in accepting the appointment.

Other members of the board are James J. Richardson, Portland, and Charles Huggins, Salem.

Tide Reduces Danger from Floating Gas

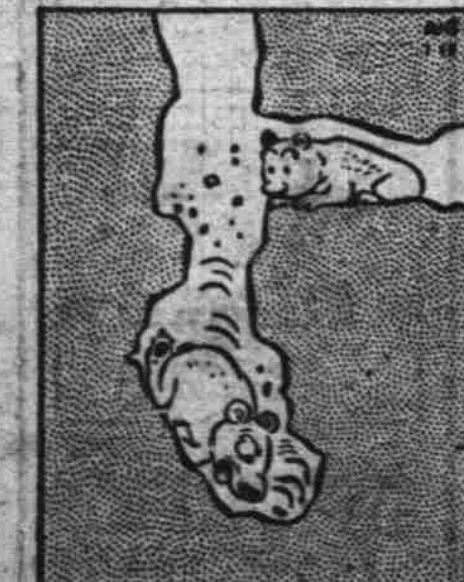
VANCOUVER, B. C., July 12 (CP)—The tide today carried a potential fire disaster out of Vancouver harbor.

Some 40,000 gallons of gasoline was spread across harbor waters yesterday when a barge capsized at her pier.

A spark could have touched off a major blaze. Firemen patrolled the waterfront and all ships' crews were warned against tossing lighted matches or cigaret butts into the harbor.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Don't buy HAVEN-KENNEDY products, Inc.

"Give me liberty or give me death!"

20,000 Fleeing Floods; 11 Die

Rescues By Air To Start

TOPEKA, Kan., July 12 (AP)—Emergency squads were feverishly evacuating another 10,000 persons in this state capital tonight as gigantic floods ravaged eastern Kansas, bringing death to at least 11 persons and dealing misery and suffering to thousands.

The air rescue service at Washington said tonight all available aircraft are being rushed from many points to Topeka to aid in rescuing flood victims in eastern Kansas. The amphibians are loaded with emergency rations, medical equipment and other supplies.

This hurried exodus here, when completed, will make about 20,000 persons moved out of their homes in this city of almost 100,000 population.

The Kansas (Kaw) river already had swept away two bridges linking the north and south sections of the city, flooded some residential areas to a depth of 10 feet and was polling toward an unprecedented crest of 36 feet expected by morning.

In addition to the Kansas, the Neosho, Cottonwood, Marias Des Cygnes, Verdigris, Smoky Hill and lesser streams were pouring havoc into rich farming and industrial areas. The surging waters swept four persons in a car from highway U. S. 54 near Toronto in southeast Kansas yesterday. Their bodies were recovered today.

Cities Take Beating

The cities along the Kansas river taking the worst beating included Manhattan, 130 miles west of Kansas City where half the city was under water, the power shut off and thousands of refugees being cared for in emergency stations at Kansas State college; Lawrence, home of the state university, and of course, this city.

Dozens of trains, many of them passenger, were stalled.

Traffic Victims Are 'Better'

Rail Xs Eyed

A pledge that "redoubled efforts" would be made to prevent such tragedies as Wednesday's fatal train-car crash at Nebraska and 12th streets came to Salem's city government yesterday.

The children injured in the mishap were reported improving.

Mayor Alfred W. Loucks disclosed there had been several meetings with Southern Pacific officials already this year, regarding traffic hazards, and said "there is just nothing we won't do in an effort to solve the problem."

He said "it's really impossible to say how such a thing makes all of us feel. It's terrible."

Meanwhile, funeral plans were made for Mrs. Christine Williamson, victim of the crash, while every effort was made to save the lives of her two critically-injured children, Leandra Sue, 18 months, and Patricia Ann, 3.

Another child, Verda Mae, 6, was described as in "good condition." All are in Salem General hospital.

Other survivors include the husband, James, 1125 Cross st.; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Johnston of Bakersfield, and five brothers and sisters, all in California.

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She's 13 This Friday the 13th



Friday the 13th holds no terrors for Jeanette Sprong because she is 13 years old today. Casting all caution to the winds, Jeanette will have 13 guests at her birthday party at her home at 2505 Bluff ave. (Statesman photo.)

Third Fire in Eight Days Hits Liberty Area South of Salem

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LIBERTY, July 12—The third fire in eight days on Hubert road whipped through 10 acres of grass and walnut trees today. Liberty-Salem Heights firemen halted it on the edge of a 15-acre field of barley.

The fire started near a barn on the Gerald Knepper acreage and raced through the orchard. Members of the family said they protected the barn by beating flames with wet gunny sacks. Speedy action by firemen had

the blaze virtually out 30 minutes after it started.

Firemen said they doubted the fire was of incendiary origin despite the fact that two other recent fires were within three blocks.

Witnesses speculated that sun blazing through broken glass might have started today's fire. Nearest fire casualty was the Knepper's prize pig. The porker took off during the excitement but later was located, unroasted, in the burned-over area.

Law Requiring Party Label Bar To Eisenhower

Before the name of a candidate for president can be placed on a party ballot at an Oregon primary election he must certify he is a member of that political party, the state elections bureau said Thursday.

Officials said it was doubtful either republicans or democrats could put Gen. Dwight Eisenhower on the Oregon primary election ballot unless Eisenhower reveals he is a member of a party.

The elections bureau cited a supreme court decision in 1928 in the case of the State vs. Boyer in which the high court held "the official candidate must, under this section, be a registered member of the party."

Motorists Are Warned About Illegal Turns

City Police Chief Clyde A. Warren advised motorists Thursday that left turns under certain conditions are not lawful, according to a Salem city ordinance.

Included in the ban are left turns from or into an alley or private driveway within an area of the city bounded on the north by Union street, east by Cottage street, south by Trade street and west by the Willamette river.

This was interpreted by City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz, on the request of city police, to include driveways of service stations in the restricted area, where violation was reported most common.

Menace Of Fires Lessens

Relief was in sight early today for harassed fire fighters throughout the northwest as a result of lower temperatures and higher humidities, but two fires in Oregon, one in Washington, and one in British Columbia continued to rage.

Reported as "pretty much under control" by the state forestry department was the fire at Butte creek, north east of Silver Creek Falls state park. Between 700 and 900 acres have been burned over.

More than 800 acres have been consumed in Douglas county in a fire which Thursday crossed into Josephine county joining a separate fire there. The forestry department reported conditions there "still very bad."

The Eola Hills fire was reported to be well under control Thursday although the fire, fanned by wind, broke out at one point, burning a tractor shed and other equipment valued at \$7,000, belonging to Leo Spitzbart.

Two new fires, both near Grants Pass were reported Thursday night. Both were under control at midnight, foresters said.

Fog and cooler weather along the coast Thursday brought a lifting of the logging operations ban there. All the area south of the Lincoln-Tillamook county line was reopened at noon. Tillamook county, however, and all the rest of western Oregon were still closed last night.

Soldiers Battle Fire

A 3,000 acre fire out of control near Randle in western Washington, was being battled by 600 men, including about 200 soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash.

The weather bureau predicted a high of under 80 degrees for today at Salem with humidity expected to continue its present rise.

Blasts Rock Refinery; Loss Set \$750,000

WILMINGTON, Calif., July 12 (AP)—A series of explosions in a storage tank area of the Union Oil company's refinery today caused damage estimated by E. B. Palmer, company manager, at \$750,000. Earlier estimates had ranged up to \$6,000,000.

No casualties were reported. Cause of the explosions was not immediately determined.

Falling Tree Kills Mill City Man

MILL CITY, July 12 — S. J. Ersonett, 63, was killed Wednesday by a falling tree at the home of his stepson, Ernest Miller, near Gates.

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THE WEATHER

Salem Max. Min. Precip.

Portland 82 57 .00

San Francisco 69 59 .00

Chicago 75 50 trace

New York 71 51 .04

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight. A little cooler today with the highest near 70 and the lowest tonight near 50.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year Last Year Normal

49.94 43.69 27.19

Ridgway Proposes New Site Unless Reds Make Kaesong Unarmed Zone

Gen. Bradley Believes Reds Ready to Make Concessions

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—Gen. Omar Bradley was described today as believing the communists may be willing to make significant concessions to end the fighting in Korea.

Bradley himself had nothing to say after he had talked things over with senators in an informal gathering. He told reporters "I'm afraid I can't" add anything to what the newspapers have reported on the progress of truce talks.

However, one senator who heard him in private said the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff was definitely optimistic that a settlement of the Korean war can be reached by negotiations.

This senator said Bradley took the stand that the reds want to do whatever they can to "save face" but are prepared to make concessions to end the war.

Bradley's reported optimism was said to have taken account of a break-off in the negotiations caused by the communists' refusal to let United Nations press representatives enter the conference city of Kaesong.

In this connection, Senator Saltonstall (R-Mass) suggested to reporters it might be well to move the negotiations to U. N. territory if the communists continue to bar U. N. newsmen.

Senator Bridges (R-NH) said the conferences "certainly should have been held in neutral territory."

Two Diplomats Suspended for Security Check

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—The state department disclosed tonight it has suspended two high-ranking career diplomats both linked with U. S. policy toward China, to await hearings on security charges.

The two are: John Paton Davies, Jr., 43, a member of Secretary of State Acheson's top level policy planning staff.

Oliver Edmund Clubb, 50, director of the state department's office of China affairs.

Davies told a reporter: "I welcome the opportunity to answer these malicious and irresponsible charges. I am confident I can dispose of them."

State department officials said Davies is the son-in-law of Ambassador Henry F. Grady, U. S. envoy to Iran.

His hearing has been set July 23 before the department's loyalty security board.

Clubb declined comment. His hearing was set July 31.

State department officials said they understood alleged security violations were involved, rather than breach of loyalty.

It was explained that a security violation might result from loose talk or an unintentional disclosure.

The department emphasized that suspensions do not carry any implication of guilt.

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