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Gen. Mac Hailed at Portland

By Charles Ireland Valley Editor, The Statesman PORTLAND, Nov. 15—(Special) Gen. Douglas MacArthur whirled through fog-stifled Portland today and captivated a throng of 75,000 that waited up to four hours for a fleeting glimpse of him.

MacArthur's street tour highlighted his appearance here. He did not speak publicly. A hand-picked 300 shook hands with the famous American and his stunning wife at a whirlwind reception in an airport hangar.

MacArthur paused seven minutes at Portland Veterans hospital, but ignored microphones to shake hands with several wheel-chair patients. He did not make an announced speech there and was quoted as saying he was unaware it was planned.

The MacArthur plane reached Portland at 9:50 a.m. and dived over the airport near three hours due to fog. Finally an instrument landing was made after a trial attempt.

Small clusters of people had waited throughout the nippy morning to greet him. But a noon-hour influx swelled the downtown crowd to impressive size.

The sun, completely hidden until early afternoon, blazed through three minutes before the convertible bearing MacArthur reached the center of downtown.

A spontaneous cheer followed the open car as it crept through the packed street, and the crowd closed in near the fenders of the open car.

The president's reply to a recent proposal by President Auriol of France for a meeting of U. S.-French-British-Russian heads of state was a reminder that his stand that the United Nations is the proper forum for such meetings is unchanged.

The president said that while he thought more than 95 per cent of the government's employees work harder for their pay than those in private employment, those who are guilty of wrong-doing will have to suffer the consequence.

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Several servicemen were on hand to greet MacArthur at Portland, but one was Frank Snyder of San Francisco, a "top-kick" with service stripes from his elbow to his cuff-button. He served under MacArthur's command in Korea. This week he came back wounded.

"And I'll shoot the first man that says a word against Mac," the sergeant declared.

The crusty, old soldier said it like he meant it, too.

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Second of A-Bomb Tests Due Today

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Nov. 15—(AP)—Weather permitting, the second phase of the atomic energy commission's fall series of nuclear tests will get under way tomorrow.

No troops will be involved in any of the upcoming tests, but military observers from various army schools and camps will be on hand.

The second phase will be devoted entirely to weapons effects tests on various structures and animals, the AEC has said.

High winds and storm conditions forced postponement of the first experiment, originally scheduled for today.

Truman Backs Fair Deal for 1952 Platform

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 15—(AP)—President Truman guaranteed today the democrats will have a "fair deal" platform in 1952 and brushed aside suggestions of a "Big Four" conference on world peace.

And he gave ground for renewed political speculation by returning a flat no comment to a question whether he has any intention of supporting General Dwight D. Eisenhower for the democratic presidential nomination.

The president also: 1. Condemned as horrible and the most uncivilized thing that has happened in the last century the reported slayings by Chinese and North Korean reds of American and other war prisoners in Korea.

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Big Union To Buck Controls

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 15—(AP)—The wage-policy committee of the CIO's steelworkers union decided today to press the steel industry for a substantial pay raise, a guaranteed annual wage and 20 other concessions.

And it appeared that the million-man union was ready to buck the wage stabilization board in an effort to ease wage controls and get more money.

Philip Murray, chief of both the CIO and the steelworkers, said he hoped negotiations could start within a few weeks.

While the committee agreed on a request for a substantial wage increase, Murray declined to put a figure on it. He said this was a "negotiable factor."

However, he did say that five cents an hour would not be enough to meet the demand. Under the wage stabilization formula, this amount is all union members are entitled to, because they got a raise last fall.

Meanwhile, in Cincinnati, President Benjamin F. Fairless of the U. S. Steel corporation said in a prepared address tonight that the size of a pay raise "will apparently have to be decided finally in Washington."

He said he thought any further steel wage increase now "will only result in an increase in the cost of living."

Besides asking for a substantial wage increase Murray's 170-man policy committee for the big steel union voted to insist on a union shop and productivity benefits.

In addition it wants improved vacations severance pay provisions, premium pay for Saturday and Sunday work, seniority and quicker handling of grievances.

Murray said the demands were framed from a collection of about 8,000 resolutions from his union's locals, asking contract improvements.

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Forrest V. Stewart, executive secretary, said Thursday that resolutions asking pay for state employees on a parity with private industry will be introduced. A committee headed by F. Gordon Shattuck will prepare proposals and report to the delegates this afternoon.

Other proposals to be discussed are replacement of state retirement act with social security and reduction of state work week to 40 hours in all departments. Approximately one-third of state em-

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40% Chop Of Steel Ordered

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The auto steel move could mean an ultimate rise in price ceilings on cars and trucks.

The national production authority (NPA) served notice that the auto-truck industry will be allotted only 60 per cent of the steel plate needed to meet scheduled production of 930,000 cars and 24,000 trucks during January, February and March.

NPA Administrator Manly Fleischmann asked the industry to make up the shortage by using a more expensive but more available form of steel, called "conversion steel."

Fleischmann told a meeting of manufacturers that if they do so, he will ask price control officials to recognize the boost in costs by granting a ceiling price increase for cars and trucks.

"Conversion steel" is metal which is purchased in unfinished condition and turned over to another steel mill for fabricating into finished form.

In another important development, the NPA restricted makers of "less essential" consumer goods to 10 per cent of the amount of copper and 20 per cent of the amount of aluminum they used before Korea. This restriction is to become effective January 1 and hits makers of a variety of things ranging from table lamps to toys.

The order admittedly may put some companies out of business. NPA announced a program designed to "minimize the casualties."

In other home front developments: 1. Price control officials said ceilings may have to be placed on white potatoes if prices continue to rise. The national average price has gone up from \$1.23 a bushel on Sept. 15 to \$1.39 on Oct. 15.

2. The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) decreed a reduction of 6 per cent in ceiling prices for most used cars, effective Dec. 30. Also, beginning with the new year, ceiling prices will be lowered two per cent every three months to allow for depreciation.

OPS officials said they expected few actual price cuts, since market prices in general have been below the old ceilings.

3. Tin plate producers, faced with a possible cut of 25 to 30 per cent in their supply of tin, told the NPA this reduction could disrupt the industry and cause trouble in providing tin cans for the spring and summer food packs.

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Also scheduled are reports by general council special committees on resolutions. A social hour and banquet will be held Saturday night.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

O & C LANDS—Part I

Lane county court has authorized taking legal action to secure the disbursement of a fund now grown to about \$4,750,000 from sales of timber on what are known as controverted O & C revested lands.

The fund has been accumulating because the department of the interior and the forest bureau in the department of agriculture disagree as to which "owns" the lands.

It's a long story. Bear with me a little and I'll try to spell it out.

To encourage the building of a railroad between Portland and California, congress in 1870 voted a land grant which was claimed by the Oregon and California railroad, the first to cross the state north and south, now part of the Southern Pacific system.

The grant consisted of alternate sections on a strip of land 20 miles wide on each side of and paralleling the line of railroad. The railroad was to dispose of the lands to settlers at not to exceed \$2.50 an acre.

By the time the road was built many of the lands in the grant had been appropriated by settlers, especially in the Willamette valley. The congress authorized the taking of lieu lands in an indemnity grant which extended ten miles on each side of the original place grant.

The railroad could not patent these indemnity lands until they were surveyed, and before this was done national forests were created which locked in about 476,000 acres claimed as due the railroad.

The forest service has since administered them and claims them as national forest land.

Owing to failure of the railroad to live up to the conditions (Continued on editorial page 4)

Elderly Lyons Man Killed By Automobile

LYONS, Nov. 15—William Thomas Ransom, 82, died of injuries suffered when struck by an auto here about 6:40 p.m. today.

State Patrolman Byron Hazelton said Ransom apparently was walking along the edge of the pavement on highway 222 at the east boundary of Lyons. Driver of the auto, traveling west, was listed as Franklin Clark Corvill, Mill City. He was not held, Hazelton said.

Ransom had been residing at Lyons about 10 years. Survivors include a son, George Ransom, Coquille; nephew, Wayne Ransom, Mill City; a daughter in Corvallis and two sisters.

Animal Crackers

Animal Crackers by WARREN COODRICH



Gen. Douglas MacArthur (left) and his wife, Mrs. MacArthur, are seen here at the airport today.



Thousands of persons lined Portland streets today for a glimpse of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his lady, and a few select hundred attended an invitational reception (top photo) at the airport. Center photo shows the general at the Veterans' hospital with Dr. Harry E. Bank, acting hospital manager, and in lower photo Mrs. Douglas McKay (left), wife of Oregon's governor, and Mrs. MacArthur seem to be enjoying themselves hugely. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer. Additional photos on page 3).

Egg Prices Climb One Cent in Salem

Egg prices went up all along the line on the Salem market Thursday, following a price raise in Portland.

Large AA eggs were up a cent to 67 cents a dozen, medium grades went up 2 cents, other grades one cent on the buying market. Wholesale prices were generally 5 to 7 cents higher.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Max. Min. Precip. Salem 67 32 .00 Portland 61 32 .00 San Francisco 69 44 .00 Chicago 43 34 .00 New York 66 35 .00

WILLAMETTE RIVER 10.1 feet

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with fog. Continued cool today and tonight. High today near 48, lowest tonight near 36.

SALMON PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 14.16 13.71 1.56

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The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker, Dallas route 1, the youth was a choker setter. He was struck in the face by a heavy steel line used to slide logs. He sustained a broken jaw, broken chin, a broken arm and other injuries in the accident. He had been working in a rigging crew for the company for about six weeks.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Bollman Funeral home.

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