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Minneapolis Fire Toll Expected to Reach 17

Freeze Slows Flood, 9 Die, 7,000 Homeless

MARIETTA, O. (AP)—Freezing temperatures slowed the surging waters of the Ohio River Monday night as the brunt of a flood...

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sorenson

During and after the Civil War currency (greenbacks) was quoted at a discount relative to gold...

Our modern financing has not resulted in a two-level circulating medium. Instead the Roosevelt administration called in gold...

We have now one example of recovery to equality: Last week the Canadian dollar came to parity with the U. S. dollar...

FCC to Lift Ban On TV Stations

CLEVELAND (AP)—A three-year-old government ban on permits to operate new television stations probably will be lifted in a month...

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Two Bodies Recovered in Apartments

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Firemen Monday night recovered the bodies of a small boy and girl, two of 17 persons missing and presumed dead...

The Ohio, out of its banks in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, failed to reach its anticipated crest at Wheeling, W. Va., but it struck hard at industrial districts on both sides of the river...

Hundreds of persons refused to leave their homes, although water ran through first floors. They climbed to the second floor and sat on stacked-up belongings.

The crest measured 43.8 feet at 2 p.m. at Bellaire, O., across the river from Wheeling. It had been predicted at 44 feet.

This slight weakness in the turbulent Ohio, however, held little happiness for down-river cities.

Next morning flood-threatened spots below Wheeling and the Ohio group across the river—Martins Ferry, Bellaire, Bridgeport and Shadyside—will be this bustling college town, home of Marietta College.

Flood stage here is 35 feet. The latest crest prediction calls for 47 feet at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Floods nearly immobilized cross-country traffic in Southern and some Northern Ohio sections. The State Highway Department reported about 100 Ohio roads cut by high water.

About 2,000 persons were homeless in Steubenville, O., south to Wellsville, W. Va. Another 2,200 or more were evacuated in the area from Wheeling to Shadyside and Powhatan Point, O. Two thousand more fled from their homes here.

Three Girls at North Santiam Top Spellers

NORTH SANTIAM—A 12-year-old eighth grade girl, Marjorie Vancil, will represent North Santiam School in the semi-finals of the Oregon Statesman-KSML Spelling Contest at Turner on Monday, March 24...



New Egyptian Premier Given Waftist Support

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Premier Aly Maher Pasha's new independent government got a pledge of support Monday—with a big "if"—from the powerful Waftist Party...

Washington Mirror UMT to Rate Hot Debate

By A. ROBERT SMITH, Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Congress will tackle what may become the most controversial issue in this election-year session when the House this week or next begins debate on Universal Military Training.

The House Armed Services Committee is expected to complete hearings on UMT this week, and draw up a final draft for House debate.

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), a committee member, declined to predict what form of UMT the committee would recommend to the House, saying there was great division of opinion among the members.

The committee has in the past three weeks heard UMT lauded by defense leaders as necessary for America's national security in the fight against Communism, and condemned by farm, labor and church groups as a threat to the Nation's economic and moral strength.

The big three farm groups—National Grange, American Farm Bureau Federation and National Farmers Union—joined forces last week to contend that UMT would drain off more manpower from the national labor pool than the economic vitality of the country can stand.

Congressman Norblad believes that the threat of world aggression demands U. S. military readiness on the one hand, but that military expenditures must be reduced on the other.

"This can only be done through a strong reserve program so that the standing armed forces can be reduced, thereby cutting heavy military costs," Norblad explained, "and UMT is about the only way of getting these reserves."

Norblad said he thought there were still many problems connected with a UMT program that have not yet been resolved, particularly the question of when it should be implemented.

Vinson has proposed starting this year with a pilot program of 60,000 volunteers. Sentiment in Congress appears largely divided. A few are open advocates of UMT, such as Sen. E. A. Tamm and Sen. Robert Taft, but many members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, another hard core is unalterably opposed to it in any form.

Most Congressional offices, like that of Norblad, report mail on this issue from constituents is increasing and running anywhere from 80 to 99 per cent against UMT.

State Tax Refund List Released

Some 386 Mid-Willamette Valley persons are due tax refunds from the State of Oregon, according to records of the State Tax Commission. Names of persons due refunds from Marion, Benton, Linn, Polk and Yamhill Counties appears on page 4.

Still Free



WASHINGTON—Judith Coplon, former government employe who was convicted on a charge of spying for Russia, remained free Monday as the result of a Supreme Court decision which refused to review conflicting court decisions in her case.

The Supreme Court Monday rebuffed the Justice Department in its efforts to jail Judith Coplon on charges of plotting to spy for Soviet Russia.

Justice Department officials would not say what steps, if any, they would take next. By their own previous statements, their task was much more difficult.

The Supreme Court refused to review conflicting opinions by lower courts in the case of the ex-government girl who was twice tried and convicted on related charges.

One of her convictions had been set aside, and in the other an Appeals Court held she also may be entitled to a new trial.

"Judith" Coplon, 29, was convicted, along with Valentin A. Gubitchev, a Soviet engineer and U. N. employe, of attempted espionage and conspiracy, after a six weeks trial in the U. S. District Court in New York. The government allowed Gubitchev to return to Russia.

She was convicted in Washington of stealing confidential government documents to give to a foreign agent. Convictions Set Aside

Conflicting opinions by the U. S. Circuit Court in New York and by the U. S. Court of Appeals here set aside her convictions in the two trials.

After the Gubitchev-Coplon New York trial the U. S. Circuit Court in New York set aside her conviction and 15-year prison sentence. The court said her arrest by the FBI agents was illegal, since they had no arrest warrants when they when they took her into custody.

At the same time, the Circuit Court said her guilt was plain, and she should be tried again. The Justice Department sought from the Supreme Court—and won a declaration that the New York Circuit Court decision was wrong.

Miss Coplon's second trial was in Washington. She was convicted on charges she stole confidential government papers to give to a foreign agent. She was sentenced to 40 months to 1 year, to be served in addition to the 15-year New York sentence.

She appealed the theft conviction to the U. S. Court of Appeals here, and won a ruling that she was entitled to a new trial if she could prove that FBI agents listened in on her phone conversations with her lawyer.

This court said her New York arrest was valid—directly in conflict with the Circuit Court decision in New York.

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than 200 Washington clergymen joined Monday in inviting President Truman to attend a giant revival meeting on the steps of the Capitol next Sunday afternoon.

City Employes to Shift to Federal Social Security

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE, City Editor, The Statesman

A move by city employes to transfer from state retirement coverage to federal social security gained the sanction of Salem City Council Monday night at City Hall.

Under a 1951 state law, such withdrawal may be accomplished if at least 75 per cent of the covered employes petition for it. The Salem petition was signed by 178 of 230 regular employes. Not counted in the computation were the 88 city firemen who have a departmental retirement plan approved by the Salem electorate some years ago.

Employers were represented before the council by Attorney Lawrence Brown, who said the city workers had studied the relative merits of the pension plans for many months. It was only recently that the federal plan was amended to include state and city employes.

The Council also approved annexation of a small area northeast of the city limits at Park Avenue and Center Street, provided that electors of the area vote the annexation in a special election March 18. It will not be necessary for city electors to vote on the issue.

Another hearing was set for Feb. 25 on another proposed annexation affecting an area along Stortz Avenue just north of Salem. The new-style tall mercury vapor street lights will be installed soon on downtown Liberty Street, it was reported by City Manager J. L. Franzen after the council approved his suggestion that widening of Liberty Street be postponed indefinitely. Before the one-way street plan went into effect, the Council had tentative plans to widen four blocks of Liberty Street several feet, in which case the light standards would have to be set back five feet from the curb.

New bills introduced last night propose to appeal the law for issuance of special parking permits for delivery trucks; for allowing an apartment zoning ordinance to be amended to include a building of the old Ford Farm on North River Road; with public hearing set for Feb. 11; a bill to change drunk driving laws to cover driving on parking lots and similar areas as well as on public streets; for amending the building code to allow mezzanines to occupy space equivalent to half the ground floor space of a store, instead of one-third as at present. (Additional Council news, Page 2)

State to Slow Commercial Street Signals

Slowing of signal-controlled traffic along South Commercial Street is planned within the next few days, the State Highway Department said Monday.

The adjustment will help heavy trucks, which have been unable to keep up with the 30-mile-per-hour progression, and also will reduce truck noise by eliminating some stops and starts, it was pointed out.

F. B. Crandall, state highway traffic engineer, said the speed at which the signals, from Mission Street to the Legion Club, pass traffic would be cut by three or four miles per hour. He said this will have little noticeable effect on passenger car movement and since the speeds are still in the experimental stage, signs indicating the 30-mile zone will not be changed now.

Crandall said some adjustments have been made or are being studied at other spots in the one-way highway grid activated last October.

Legion Meet July 25-28

PORTLAND (AP)—The 34th convention of the Oregon American Legion will be held at Klamath Falls July 25-28, Hollis C. Hull, Albany, Department commander, reported Monday.

Washington Clergymen Invite President to Graham Revival

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than 200 Washington clergymen joined Monday in inviting President Truman to attend a giant revival meeting on the steps of the Capitol next Sunday afternoon.

Evangelist Billy Graham hopes to deliver the invitation to the White House personally Tuesday. The 33-year-old preacher will conduct Sunday's meeting as part of his four-week evangelistic crusade here. He said he aims at making it "the greatest demonstration of Christianity in our time."

Warning Given to Russia

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER, PARIS (AP)—The United States, Britain and France served firm notice on the Soviet Union Monday that any Communist aggression against Southeast Asia would be put before the U. N. for urgent action.

Russia's delegate Jacob A. Malik replied promptly that this warning was the result of a "new war plot that was hatched" by President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill at their recent Washington talks.

These declarations came during debate in the Political Committee of the U. N. Assembly on a complaint by Nationalist China's T. T. Tsiang that Russia violated the 1945 treaty of friendship with Chiang Kai-Shek.

The committee will vote Tuesday on Tsiang's request for the U. N. to return a "moral judgment" against Russia. Cited Evidence

John Sherman Cooper, former Republican Senator from Kentucky, strongly backed Tsiang's appeal for a judgment against Russia and cited what Cooper called evidence to show the Soviet Union had violated the treaty of friendship.

Then he referred to a speech Jan. 3 here by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky. Vishinsky had charged that the United States was fomenting Nationalist Chinese troops in Burma, Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries and that "illegal—flagrantly illegal—acts of the United States, we can be quite sure, will be declared to be defensive measures against China's aggression whenever events seem to take their course on the southern borders of China."

Charges "False" Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, said his government hoped the "ominous passage" in Vishinsky's speech does not mean that the Soviet government has persuaded the Communist Chinese to undertake aggression in Southeast Asia.

If it does, he said, he wanted it clearly understood that Britain agrees with the United States on the necessity for urgent consideration of the U. N. intervention in Southeast Asia.

Francis LaCoste, French delegate, said his country is fighting a defensive battle in Indochina and any intervention from the outside to support the Communist intervention by the U. N.

Fairview Home Inspected by Control Board

Members of the State Board of Control spent a large part of Monday at Fairview Home where they inspected several buildings and discussed budgetary matters involving the next biennium.

Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent, informed the board that a preliminary list of approximately 200 and said it would be necessary to erect one or possibly two new buildings to cope with immediate demands on the institution.

A new school building, on the site of the old hospital structure is now under construction and was expected to be completed late this year. The old hospital was partly destroyed by fire.

On Tuesday the board will visit the Oregon State Hospital to discuss the institution's problems with Dr. Charles E. Bates, superintendent. Other state institutions heads also will meet with the board Tuesday.

Governor Douglas McKay said the purpose of the conferences with institution heads is to get some idea of the capital costs to be sought at the 1953 legislative next January. Other institution costs during the next biennium also will be discussed.

Dallas Man on List of Missing

TOKYO (AP)—The Far East Air Forces said Monday that a Dallas, Ore., man was aboard B-29 Superfort that disappeared while on a mission into North Korea last Tuesday. Listed as missing was the crew of 14, including Cpl. James L. Bell, Route 2, Dallas, Ore.

Spell-Down!

The following words are among those which may be used in the 1952 Oregon Statesman-KSML Spelling Contest...

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max., Min., Precip. and locations like Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.