

# Truman Denies Commitment of U.S. Troops

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman Wednesday denied making any secret commitment to Britain's Prime Minister Churchill to send U. S. troops anywhere in the world.

The President's denial came after the House demanded in a formal resolution that he furnish "full and complete information" on any such commitments he might have made in his talks with Churchill last month.

This resolution wasn't binding on Mr. Truman.

Twenty-eight Democrats, mostly from the South, joined 161 Republicans in pushing through the resolution, 189 to 143. Backers of the resolution demanded an end to "secret diplomacy." Administration supporters protested in vain that the move amounted to asking the President to tell the Kremlin just what it wants to know.

In London, meanwhile, Churchill faced a similar demand for more information. Labor Party leaders decided at a caucus to renew their cross-examination of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons.

They want to know especially just what he meant when he told Congress that Britain would take "prompt, resolute and effective" action in case of a new Communist aggression in the Orient.

# Mill Requests Removal From Bankruptcy

PORTLAND (AP)—Williamette Plywood, Inc., of Eugene asked the Federal Court Wednesday to remove it from bankruptcy and allow it to reorganize.

A petition signed by E. J. Mitchell, president, said the firm has drawn up new articles of incorporation and has \$60,000 in stock subscription. The petition lists assets at \$541,000 and debts at more than \$370,000. The petition also estimated that \$125,000 would be needed to put the plant back in profitable operation. The plant has been idle since December.

# Grains Fail in Effort to Rally

CHICAGO (AP)—Grains made a valiant effort to continue the preceding session's rally on the board of trade Wednesday, only to falter under a selling flurry in the closing half hour. All cereals ended with losses.

The late weakness developed first in soybeans, where the March contract proved vulnerable to liquidation.

This soon spread to the rest of the list. It cut short a rally in wheat, which had acted steadily all day and was moving ahead just prior to the late expansion in selling.

Wheat closed 1/4-1/2 lower, corn 1/4-1/2 lower, oats 1/4 to 1 cent lower, rye 1/2 to 1 cent lower, soybeans 1 1/2-3/4 lower and lard 13 to 17 cents a hundred pounds lower.

# Washington Mirror Columbia River Basin Plan Provides Local Man as Head

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WASHINGTON — A Columbia River Basin Commission was recommended this week to President Truman by his Water Resources Policy Commission as one of 15 river basin commissions that would supervise further development of America's water resources.

The recommended commission would be empowered to plan and coordinate all projected Federal activities regarding flood control, electric power, navigation, irrigation, pollution control, fish and wildlife preservation, sedimentation control, recreational development and bank protection in the Columbia basin.

The president's advisory group recommended up to 15 such river basin commissions. Each would consist of nine members, the chairman being a native of the river basin appointed by the President. Two members would be elected by a local regional advisory committee. Remaining members would be appointed representatives of the Corps of Army Engineers, Interior Department, Agriculture Department, Federal Power Commission, Commerce Department and U. S. Health Service.

Each river basin commission would be responsible to an overall Federal Board of Review, a five-man agency under the President which would coordinate into a national program the plans of the various river commissions.

In Legislative Form  
The recommendations made Monday to the President were in the form of a draft bill to be introduced in Congress authorizing the basin commission plan. It was the final result of a two-year study by the President's Water Resources Policy Commission, which previously had published a three-volume report on America's water resources.

A Columbia River Basin Commission, if established after enactment of such proposed legislation, would have jurisdiction throughout the Columbia basin. It would operate under a policy of trying to assure maximum sustained usefulness of water and land resources with the aid and cooperation of the people of the region.

Advisory Boards  
The commission would be advised by local interests directly through a 25-man advisory committee appointed by the governors of the states whose territory lies in the basin. The governors would appoint one member each at large, as well as three each representing agriculture, business and labor. The remaining members would be representatives of local governments.

Members of the river basin commission would draw a salary of \$15,000 and hold office six years, except the chairman whose term would be 10 years and salary \$17,500.

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# Business Phone Firm's Investment Up, Earnings Off

Effects of inflation and phenomenal Pacific Coast growth on a company under rigid rate regulation, were stressed in the 1951 annual report of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, released Monday by Mark R. Sullivan, president.

Sullivan noted that the population of the coast, now 15 1/2 million people, is expected to soar to perhaps 19 million in 1960.

Pacific Telephone's earnings were less in 1951 than in 1950, even though the investment was greater, it was declared. The average investment was up \$65,266,644 but earnings were down \$786,816. Net income available for dividends, interest and other fixed charges, in 1951, was \$57,761,431 as compared with \$58,548,247 in 1950.

Noting that the market price of a common share of Pacific Telephone stock is lower today than in 1940, the report stated that during the same period the company's price for service were 82 per cent behind the average price rise for other things.

Since the war, the company has put 1,831,000 more telephones in service, gaining 259,102 during 1951 alone, and brought total company telephones to 4,824,546. Pacific Telephone constructed \$172,800,000 worth of plant in 1951.

There were 73,549 employees on the company's payroll at the end of the year, as compared with 69,000 at the end of 1950, and less than 40,000 a year ago.

Wage agreements resulted in increased 1951 total wage costs, (including employee benefits, provision for service pensions and social security taxes) of over \$23,400,000 on an annual basis. Wages, benefits and provision for service pensions were 10 per cent of Pacific Telephone's total operating expenses, the report said.

# CAP Squadron Due in Salem if Interest Shown

A Civil Air Patrol squadron will be organized in Salem if enough fliers are interested, W. D. Garrett said Wednesday.

Garrett, a state highway department employe and a private flier, said formation of the Air Force auxiliary unit is authorized by CAP's Portland headquarters, provided at least 31 men sign up for it.

The unit could admit as many as 100 men for training work in construction, navigation, flight, meteorology and other fields. Members must be over 18. The membership is civilian in character and membership does not affect a man's draft or other military status, Garrett said.

He asked anyone interested to notify him at 1261 Hawthorne Ave. He said a general meeting for prospective members will be set early next month.

Twins occur once in 88 births.

# Jones Stresses Responsibility Of America

In return for an overflowing "cup of blessings," Americans have considerable responsibility in today's world, Dr. William C. Jones of University of Oregon told Salem Rotary Club Wednesday.

Jones, who was for 12 years a professor of economics at Willamette University, declared the main responsibilities are to understand clearly what's going on in the world—a world in revolution—and to "build ourselves into the causes of the world that make life worthwhile."

People in the U. S. today are "living at the peak of human civilization," Jones asserted, with leisure, economic plenty, freedom of mind and freedom from disease. But the tragedy is that, while Americans have been freed economically and politically by the sacrifices of their forebears, 1 1/2 billion of the world's two billion people are living in want, he reminded.

Pointing out that "we are the sons of slaves and serfs and the common people of the past," he urged that Americans resolve that "as we have received much, we shall give much and pass on the bounties we have received, united, paired to those who come after."

Jones held that a great hazard of the next quarter century will be misunderstanding in the field of social science. He decried the impugning of motives of college faculty members, stressing that "our sons and daughters will live with Communists the rest of their lives, and schools must have freedom to see that they understand these alien philosophies and how to deal with them."

# Fluorination of Water Sought

Fluorination of Salem's water supply for beneficial dental effects was recommended by the Marion-Polk Medical Society, meeting here Tuesday night.

The doctors also reported an increase in calls to the doctors' telephone exchange which is operated by the Society. The switchboard is in continuous contact with doctors or their substitutes who are listed in the Salem telephone directory.

Speaker was Dr. Clare Peterson, professor of surgery at the University of Oregon Medical School.

# Ex-Silverton Man's Wife Succumbs

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pitney have received word of the death of Mrs. D. E. Barber, 65, at Grants Pass Monday. The Barbers were enroute from White Swan, Wash., to Florida to visit members of the family.

Funeral services were held at Yakima, Wash., Wednesday.

Survivors are the widow; a daughter, Mrs. Larry Hillaire of Portland, and another daughter living in Wintermet, Fla. Pitney is a stepson of Barber, who lived at Silverton for many years.

The dodo bird, a large flightless pigeon that used to live on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, became extinct during the 17th century.

# Columbia Basin Board Ignores Hells Canyon

PORTLAND (AP)—A region-wide development program that made no mention of the controversial Hells Canyon dam on the Snake River was adopted Wednesday by the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee.

The program was submitted by Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon, who revised an earlier statement to the committee to eliminate reference to Hells Canyon and Ice Harbor dams.

McKay said after the meeting he had deleted the reference to Hells Canyon in the interest of harmony in the committee.

Gov. Len Jordan of Idaho, an opponent of Hells Canyon, told a reporter later he felt the committee was not qualified to take a stand on the dam on the basis of the information it had available.

There is an area of agreement within the committee and I believe we should stay within it," he said. He said "wrestling matches" among members of the committee were unnecessary.

"Unanimous agreement now exists by the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee on a large portion of the region-wide plan for the orderly and balanced development of the Columbia Basin," McKay's statement said. "In a project of such magnitude, affecting so many diverse interests, and extending over several years, it is obviously not possible or even desirable to attempt to state a complete and final plan at any specific point in the continuing study."

# Ceilings on Poles to Rise

PORTLAND (AP)—Price ceilings will go up 5 to 20 per cent on Douglas fir and ponderosa pine poles and pilings Feb. 25.

The Price Stabilization Board announced the increases Wednesday, explaining that it was an incentive increase to encourage production.

Carl Donough, Portland district OPS director, said poles and pilings were needed for the armed forces, the Bureau of Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration, Railroads, defense industries and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

# Man Ends Life In Plastic Bag

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. (AP)—Death came to George B. Johnstone in a plastic bag.

The 43-year-old store owner was found dead at his home Tuesday with the bag pulled securely over his head. It was tied about his neck and knotted. Relatives said he had been in ill health.

# Salem Market Quotations

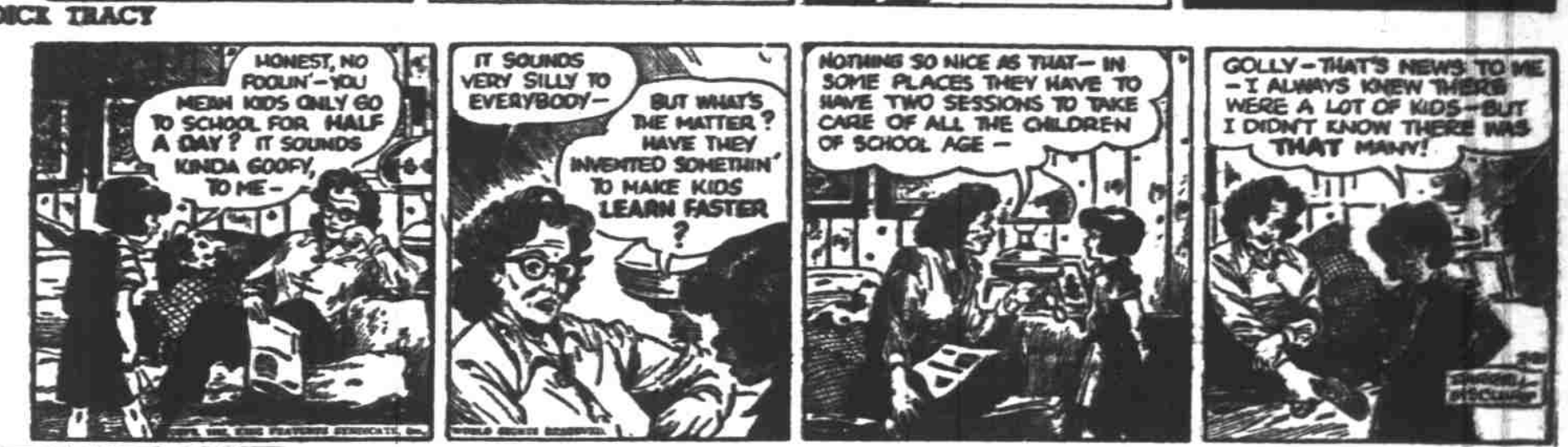
(As of late yesterday)

BUTTERFAT—	
Premium	39
No. 1	38
No. 2	37
Wholesale	37
Retail	37
(Butterfat)	
(Wholesale prices range from 8 to 7 cents over buying price)	
Large AA	43
Large A	38
Medium AA	37
Medium A	36
Small	36
POULTRY—	
Coffin hens	36
Colored hens	34
Colored fryers	32
U.S. chickens	14
Roasters	33
EGG GRADES—	
Valley Packing Company Quotations:	
Fat Dairy	17.00 to 18.50
Cutter	18.00 to 17.00
Hettlers	19.00 to 22.00
Balls	26.00 to 28.00
Feal	30.00 to 34.00
Calves	24.00 to 30.00
Fat Lambs	25.00 to 27.50
Pedders	28.00 to 32.00

# Stocks and Bonds

Compiled by The Associated Press, Feb. 29

STOCK AVERAGES				
	30	15	15	60
Indus	D1.6	D1.6	D1.6	D1.1
Wednes. day	121.4	68.1	30.9	97.0
Prev. day	123.0	68.6	31.5	98.1
Week ago	132.9	72.2	32.2	99.1
Month ago	139.8	79.8	32.0	101.7
Year ago	126.9	69.4	28.1	95.3
BOND AVERAGES				
	10	10	10	10
Net change	D1	A.1	D.1	Uach
Wednes. day	94.7	98.7	98.9	96.9
Prev. day	94.7	98.7	98.9	96.9
Week ago	94.8	98.8	99.2	97.9
Month ago	95.7	99.4	99.8	98.3
Year ago	100.5	101.4	103.2	76.9



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