

Wilson Claims U.S., Allies Have Gained 'Balance of Power'

By J. W. DAVIS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles E. Wilson bowed out of the government Monday with the stated conviction that in his 15 months as defense mobilizer, America and its Allies against Communism have gained "the balance of power."

Wilson, who quit his mobilization post in a disagreement with President Truman over the steel-labor controversy, turned his farewell news conference into a sort of resume of what has been accomplished for preparedness and defense.

"We are now overtaking Russia's production of war material," he said. "In quality we have already overtaken them. We and our Allies now hold the balance of power."

U. S. military production is now five times that of the quarter of the year following the invasion of Korea in 1950, he said, adding: "We have doubled, almost tripled, our strength in being."

"We are now about two-thirds up the scale of military production toward the peak which the military have established for themselves."

Wilson said, in response to a question, that a 30-day steel shut-down—a strike is scheduled April 8—would set back mobilization 60 days.

Wilson brushed off a query as to whether his resignation made the outlook for a steel settlement worse.

"I don't take much pleasure in speculating about it," he said.

Wilson, who used to be president of the General Electric Corp., said he was going fishing.

"At Key West?" a reporter inquired.

"No, I don't think I'll go down there. Too hot."

The crowded conference room burst into laughter, for it was at Key West that Wilson conferred with Truman on the steel wage

Youths Due For Induction

Two Marion County youths will report to Salem Armory at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for induction into the armed forces. They are Charles Wesley Edwards, 840 Idlewood Dr., Salem, and Donald Lee Anderson, Mehama.

Another five men on this selective service list are to report through other boards for induction. They are Andrew McMullen, Chelsea, Okla.; Max Luray Spencer, San Carlos, Calif.; Thomas Lowell Russell, Akron, Colo.; Teodoro Navarrete Villa, Los Angeles, and James Eugene Mahan, Salida, Calif.

Twenty men have been ordered to report April 10 for pre-induction physical examination.

DR. MARTIN ASSIGNED

Dr. George Martin, head of the education department at Willamette University, is serving this week on a committee for the state department of education, for the purpose of evaluating the education program at the McMinnville High School.

and price policy—the issue which finally led to his resignation.

Win Prizes in Catholic Poetry Contest



These pupils in Salem's Catholic grade schools were prize winners in the recent poetry contest sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America. First prize poems from the two divisions will be entered in the national contest. From left, seated, are Roberta Schlotthauer, 6th grade, St. Joseph's, second prize; Anne Meusey, 5th grade, St. Vincent de Paul, first; standing, Delene Schlotthauer, 8th grade, St. Joseph's, second; Janice Hall, 8th grade, St. Joseph's, first; Robert Rohland, 8th grade, St. Vincent's, third; Judith Boettcher, 6th grade, St. Joseph's, third.

Floods End in East Oregon

By The Associated Press

The flood threat ended in Eastern Oregon Monday as temperatures dropped below the freezing level, halting the run-off of snow.

All highways were re-opened except the French Glen secondary and the Rome-Princeton road in Eastern Oregon.

Families forced by high water from their homes at Burns and

Prineville earlier were moving back to the houses.

The thermometer dropped to 27 degrees at Bend, 29 at Lakeview, La Grande and Baker, 31 at Klamath Falls and 32 at Pendleton. More frosty weather was forecast for Tuesday.

TO INCREASE PRICE

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — The Lewiston Morning Tribune announced Sunday it will increase its subscription price to \$1.50 per month effective Tuesday. Single copies will continue to sell for 5 cents.

Butter Prices Skid 2 Cents

Butter prices were down 2 cents a pound in Salem wholesale market listings Monday. Butterfat was down 3 cents.

The seasonal decline put the price list at 78 cents wholesale on both butter and premium grade butterfat. Retail price was pegged at about 83 cents, down two cents on a pound of butter.

Navy Men Safe After 9 Days On Arctic Ice

BARROW, Alaska (AP)—Rescued members of a nine-man Arctic expedition, who arrived here by Navy plane Sunday night, said they never had a worry over their safety during the four days they were stranded on the Arctic ice.

Their sharpest sub-zero chill, after the wrecking of their own plane in a takeoff attempt last Thursday, came when the rescue plane landed Sunday. They said that on the short, 2,500-foot ice runway, the 22V stopped a bare 10 feet short of an ice barrier.

The scene of the hazardous rescue about 775 miles north of this northernmost tip of Alaska was about 500 miles from the North Pole.

It was a way point on a jump-jump Navy scientific expedition that aimed for the pole itself.

Seven Navy men and two civilians were in the rescued group.

Another group seeking information remained on a floating ice island from 60 to 100 miles from the pole—and closer to Greenland than to Alaska.

They are members of an Air Force party that landed March 19 in a C-47. Others in the same party took off in the C-47 the same day.

A supply plane was ready to leave Ladd Air Force Base, in central Alaska, Monday night to fly to Greenland and then hop off again to drop supplies to the three airmen.

The Navy and Air Force expeditions have been described as seeking information on weather, ice and ocean that may be of value to science and the military.

CAP to See Film On Atomic Blasts

Salem unit of Civil Air Patrol will meet tonight at 7:15 in the National Guard quonset hut at 25th and Lee Streets to see a film, "Operation sandstone," on atomic blasts.

The meeting and organization are open to all interested persons over 15 years, both men and women.

New officers are Wilbur Garrett, commanding officer; Ben Hershe, adjutant; Jerry Cox, communications; Jim Kirklin, supply; John Taves, training; Genevieve Cline, public information.

Stock Prices Rise Sharply

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market reacted to Mobilization Director Wilson's resignation and President Truman's "shall not run" statement with a new 21-year high Monday.

The volume was the best since February. Advances outnumbered declines by a fair margin.

But it was a last minute recovery that really turned the trick. The session as a whole was a scramble of declines and recoveries.

The market statistics looked like this:

Volume 1,680,000 shares, the best since the 1,970,000 of Feb. 20.

There were 454 gains and 381 losses among the 1,332 stocks traded, there are 72 new 1952 highs and 17 new 1952 lows.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks advanced 20 cents at \$103.50, the third session in a row it has hit a new 21-year high.

The industrial category rose 28 cents, rails gained 40 cents at \$72 a new high, and utilities moved ahead a dime.

Court Clears Path for Gas From Canada

SPOKANE (AP)—Federal Judge Chase Clarke Monday enjoined Trans-Northwest Gas, Inc. from "continuing any act or action" that would hinder or delay plans of the Northwest Natural Gas Co. to pipe Canadian natural gas into the Pacific Northwest.

North Natural had contended that Paul Graves, now president of Trans-Northwest, was its attorney in 1948 and 1949 and that he failed in his duty in that he now heads a company in competition with it.

Northwest Natural had also sued to require Trans-Northwest to turn over all franchises and contracts it has obtained.

Clark, of Boise, Idaho, issued the summary judgment in favor of Northwest Natural after its attorney, Paul Ashley, had argued that Graves "double crossed" his former client.

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