

Officials Forecast Fast Korea Truce

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The Communists said Sunday they were willing to resume the recessed prisoner of war talks "any time" the Allies are ready.

The prisoner talks were recessed by mutual consent April 4 "in order for both sides to develop additional avenues of discussion for the remaining problems."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials guiding truce negotiations in Korea said Saturday an armistice probably will be agreed on fairly soon, possibly by May 1.

The chief reason for this new optimism in Washington is the belief that a solution will be found for the United Nations-Communist deadlock over release of prisoners of war.

The issue has been under active study in both allied and Communist capitals, as well as in closed sessions of truce negotiators at Panmunjom, it was reported.

It is understood that a formula has been evolved, but not yet fully agreed to, which would:

1. Avoid forcible return to North Korea and China of prisoners held by U. N. forces.
2. Assure release of American and Allied prisoners by the Reds and:
3. Save face all around.

Diplomats here said the U. N. would never compromise the right of prisoners of war who turned against Communism to choose not to go home again.

SEEMS HOME

By Charles F. Souquet

First to the tomb of Jesus on that first Easter Sunday were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bearing spices. As they hurried along at the break of day they said to each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?"

They were amazed however to find that the body of Jesus was missing. So they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid."

First witnesses of the miracle of the ages, they became victims of their fears. A glorious radiance was bursting over them—but they were afraid. In the face of mystery doubt gripped them and they fled the scene.

The two Marys and Salome have left many descendants, those who miss many of the beauties and rich experiences of life because they are taking counsel of their fears. Psychologists trace many of our present-day anxiety states—folk are worried, though if they stop to reason most of their fears never are realized. Jesus warned his followers not to be anxious, yet they and their successors through the

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Orator



Ray Cook, 18, Salem High School senior, Saturday won the American Legion state oratorical contest in Portland and will represent Oregon in the regional finals Tuesday in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Ray Cook Wins State Legion Speech Contest

Ray Cook, 18, outstanding Salem High School debater and speaker Saturday won the state American Legion Oratorical contest in Portland. He leaves today for Cheyenne, Wyo., to represent Oregon in the regional finals.

Cook won out over three other competitors. His victory marked the second time a Salem youth has walked away with the state Legion honors. Paul Ward, also a member of the same state championship debate team with Cook, was last year's winner.

The regional finals will be held Tuesday in the Wyoming city, pitting Cook against winners in other Northwest states. Victor there will compete in the sectional finals, comprising states west of the Mississippi, in Albuquerque, N. M., April 21.

The finals of the contest will be held in Baton Rouge, La. April 21, with a \$4,000 scholarship the top prize.

Cook, a high school senior, is sponsored by Salem Capital Post No. 9. He previously won in Salem and in Eugene. His speech coach is Miss Amanda Anderson of Salem High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Cook of 2148 Mill St.

Last year Cook was the winner of the state competition in the Sons of American Revolution oratory contest and placed third in the national meet last summer. He took third place in the state Voice of Democracy contest last fall.

Firemen Offer Aid in Building Inspections

The Salem Fire Department will lend a helping hand—not an iron one—in a dwelling inspection program designed to safeguard life and property, Fire Chief William Roble announced Saturday.

The program is to start within the next few days, with Inspector Alden Addie in charge. The plan centers around a telephonic inquiry system whereby housewives will be asked permission to have the inspector visit premises at convenient times. His resulting recommendations, if any, will be "entirely advisory and friendly," Chief Roble said.

The inspection plan, the chief said, has been sparked by the International Association of Fire Chiefs which has become alarmed by the increasing incidence of household fires and resultant loss of life.

Chief Roble said electrical circuits, heating equipment and ill-kept chimneys accounted for a major proportion of residential fires, but that the accumulation of waste material also was responsible for many of them.

Refusal to Fly Brings Threat Of Discipline to USAF Pilots

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AP) — The Air Training Command announced Saturday that disciplinary action is being considered against 12 Air Force reserve officers—twice the number reported previously—for disobeying orders by refusing to fly.

The newcomers to the list are stationed at Mather Air Force Base, Calif. The original six are at Randolph Air Force Base, Tex. Lt. Gen. Robert W. Harper, chief of the ATC, said the 12 still are under investigation.

The statement followed Friday's announcement of a "no flying strike" by the six Randolph lieutenants. The strike had been on since April 1, but there was no explanation why.

Gen. Harper also said 44 men were interviewed here in February after they submitted requests that they be relieved from flying status. None of the 12 now under

investigation was included in that number, the general added. Thirty-three of the 44, most of them from Randolph, have been returned to combat training when it was decided "they were not trying to avoid flying, but rather to escape combat flying."

The general's statement read: "The reserve officers in question, for the most part, were recalled specifically in support of our combat forces in Korea and to support our other strategic requirements."

"It is recognized that considerable hardship has been placed on many of these individuals, but it is a hardship which could not be avoided under the circumstances."

"Reservists comprise approximately 85 per cent of the officer population of the active Air Force. Approximately the same ratio is maintained in all Air Force theaters, whether combat or continental United States."

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Dike-Builders Race Rising Missouri

Most Candidates For Oregon GOP Delegates Like Ike

By WENDELL WEBB, Managing Editor, The Statesman

A good many candidates for delegate to presidential conventions are cagy about saying who they prefer.

After all, some argue, they are pledged (unless they file by the petition method) to do their utmost for whoever wins in Oregon preferential primaries. So why should they make their own personal opinions known?

On the other hand, other candidates for delegate oftentimes are willing, and eager, that their own choice be known. And an increasing number of voters are refusing to cast their ballots for would-be delegates who are not plainly on record personally.

After all, a delegate's personal opinion figures mightily if and when he is released by the presidential aspirant who won Oregon's favor.

So The Statesman set out a few weeks ago to try for a composite of potential GOP delegates' personal views. (President Truman had not withdrawn at that time, so a democratic poll was not undertaken. It is possible later.)

So far, this is the result: Out of 60 candidates for delegate from the state-at-large (10 to be elected), 31 went on record in The Statesman's poll or made known their views publicly otherwise. (Others responded to the poll but gave no definite indication of their choice.)

Of these 31, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was the first choice of 20, Gen. Douglas MacArthur 5, Sen. Robert Taft 4 and Gov. Earl Warren 3.

(The other 19 candidates are not known to have gone on record as to their personal choices, but among them are three of the eight who filed by the petition method and, not being bound by the state primary vote, are understood to favor Taft.)

Second-choices were: Warren 6, Taft and Harold Stassen 4 each, Eisenhower and MacArthur 3 each, Paul Hoffman 2. (Some gave no second choice.)

Of the six candidates for GOP delegates from the first congressional district (two to be elected), three responded to the poll—giving Eisenhower two first-choices and Taft one.

(No poll was taken of the 29 candidates in the other three congressional districts, from which six delegates are to be chosen.)

Following is the data on the 31 (out of 50) candidates from the state-at-large who responded to The Statesman poll or whose views have been made public otherwise (10 of the 50 to be elected):

	Eisen.	Warren	Taft	Mac	Stas. Hoffman
Belton	1st				2nd
Burns	1st				
Case	1st	2nd	3rd		
Dubach	1st		2nd		
F. E. Epton	1st		1st		
M. W. Epton	1st				
Fowler	1st				
Gerow	1st		2nd		
Harmon	1st				
Harvey	2nd		1st		
Hatfield	1st				2nd
Holtz	1st	2nd			2nd
Johnson	1st		1st		
Lafferty	2nd				
Lessard	2nd	2nd	1st		
Martin	1st				2nd
Muller	1st				2nd
Maudsley	1st		1st		
Metschan	1st				
Moore	1st				2nd
Myers	1st	2nd			3rd
Mytinger	2nd	1st			
McAllister	1st	2nd			
McKay	1st	2nd			2nd
Orput	1st		1st		
*Paget	1st				
Nelson	1st		1st		2nd
*Rand	1st				
*Staley	1st	2nd			3rd
Tooze	1st	2nd			

*Filed by petition, thus not bound to state's choice.

Following is the data on the three (out of six) candidates from the first congressional district who responded to The Statesman's poll (two to be elected):

	Eisen.	Warren	Taft	Mac
Brink	1st		2nd	
Cherrick			1st	2nd
Laird	1st	2nd		

The 50 candidates for GOP delegates from the state-at-large are: Robert A. Bennett, Harvey S. Benson, G. Cyrus Bishop, Zelpha Burns, Robert Ormond Case, Ralph G. Cowling, U. G. Dubach, F. E. Epton, M. W. Epton, Mrs. George Gerlinger, Douglas R. Gerow, John H. Hall, Joseph Harvey, Albert Hodler, Rufus C. Holman, Graham Killian, A. W. Lafferty, John R. Latourette, Dellmore Lessard, Charles Miller, Gearhart, Wayne L. Morse, Eugene, Paul F. Mytinger, Pendleton, Alf O. Nelson, Silvertown, A. W. O'Connell, Gresham. The six candidates for the two first-district delegates are Vernon W. Brink, Hillsboro; R. E. Cherrick, Canby; Carl W. Hogg, Eugene; Laird, Mrs. James W. Mott, all of Salem; Dean H. Walker, Independence.

Showers Predicted For Easter Parade

Umbrellas and raincoats may be the most desired objects in today's Easter parade.

The Weather Bureau predicted occasional rain this morning, with showers this afternoon. Only respite is that temperatures will remain high, probably nearing 60 this afternoon.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	58	37	tr
Portland	58	38	tr
San Francisco	58	50	tr
New York	47	35	tr

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with occasional rain this morning becoming showery this afternoon and tonight. Cool today, with high near 60, low near 42. Salem temperature at 12:31 a. m. today was 40.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

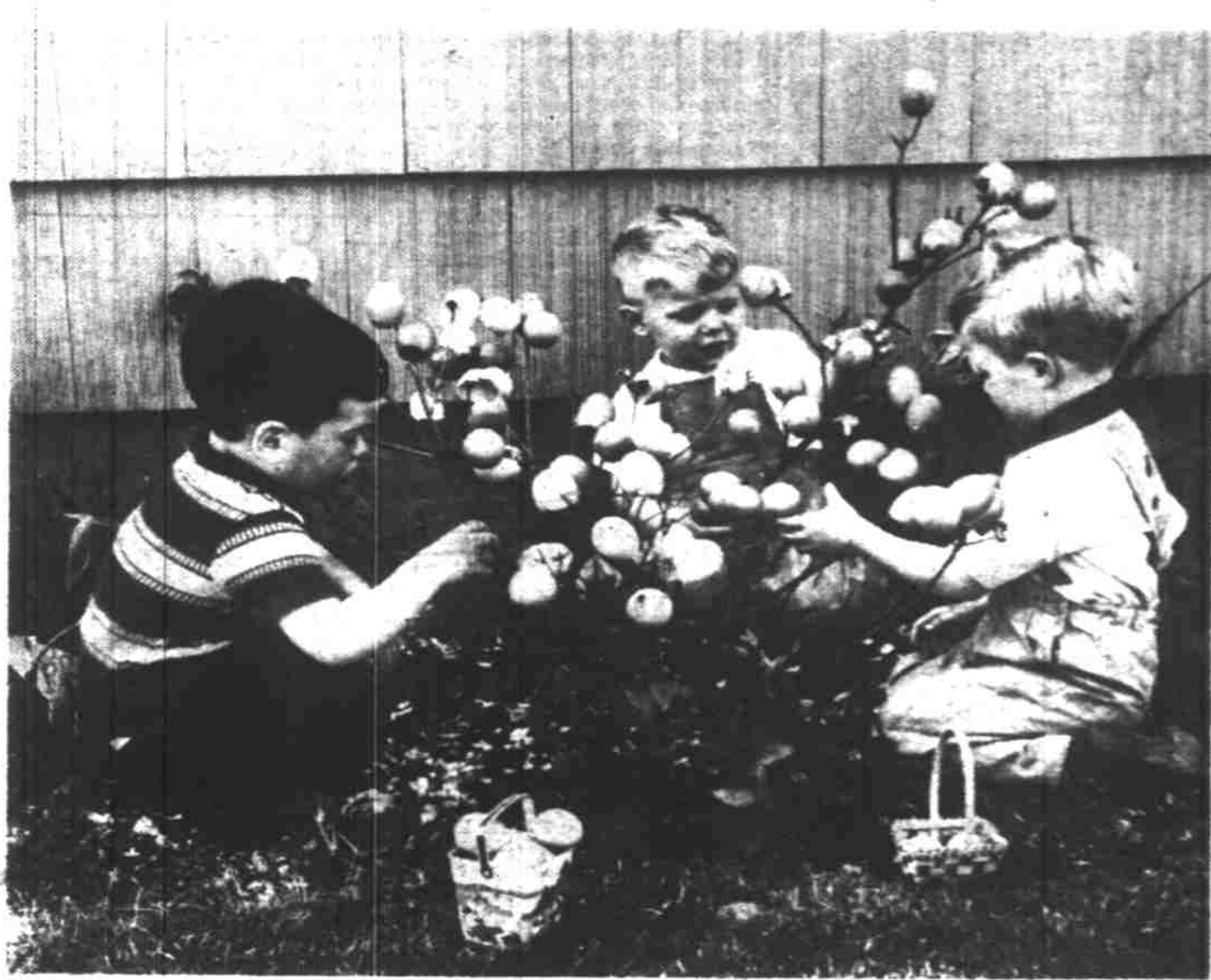
Detroit School District Granted Federal Funds

DETROIT, Ore.—Detroit School District 1237 will receive \$10,881 in federal aid for the current year, Noyes Whitten, school-board chairman, reported Saturday.

Whitten said the payments are made because of the influx of workers for Detroit Dam a federal project. Payments in previous years since the project was started have run as high as \$18,000, he added.

Whitten said he was advised Saturday by Congressman Walter Norblad that the district's application for aid had been approved. The Detroit district, which includes Idanha, has a school budget of approximately \$90,000, according to Whitten.

Busy Builders Create Easter Egg Tree



Preparing for this morning's advent of Easter, according to small children are these three youngsters "building" an Easter egg tree at the A. W. Mann home, 1295 N. 24th St. At left is John L. Boire, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boire, 1195 N. 24th St. Brothers Robert and Lee Watson, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Watson, 1090 N. 24th St. take care of their side of the tree.

Taft Challenges Eisenhower to State Views; Ike Plans to Avoid Pre-Convention Campaign

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED POWERS EUROPE (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower said Saturday that if he wins the Republican nomination he will shed his Army uniform and "be free to speak and act as any other citizen" in quest of the presidency.

It was a clear indication he intends to take as little part as possible in the pre-convention campaign now being waged for his nomination.

He plans to make one appearance, at a ceremony of the Eisenhower Foundation at Abilene, Kan., June 4. Aside from this, he said, he and Mrs. Eisenhower "are looking forward to a short vacation if we may be allowed one."

Until he meets newsmen in a farewell visit possibly 48 hours before departure, "I'm not going to discuss any kind of political question," Eisenhower said. And he declared he had no information "not the slightest" on his successor as supreme commander in Europe.

His statement was made to about 200 reporters, radio and television representatives at SHAPE. President Truman announced Friday the general had asked to be relieved of his command about June 1.

Next Wednesday, Eisenhower will begin a farewell tour of his North Atlantic Command with a trip to Brussels.

Eisenhower's separation from SHAPE has already begun to be an emotional business. About 70 generals, admirals and other high-ranking officers listened tearfully Friday while Eisenhower told them of his plans. The officers, representing all 14 nations, had been talking part in a paper exercise on how to repel a Russian invasion—the major purpose of SHAPE.

Brig. Gen. Anthony Drexel Biddle, Eisenhower's diplomatic advisor, described it as "one of the most dramatic and moving incidents of my experience."

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Eisenhower's British deputy and wartime collaborator, hugged the general to his breast. Handkerchiefs were pulled out all over the room, Biddle said.

Then Eisenhower walked out, turning only at the door to lift his hands over his head in a boxer's salute. Then he, too, reached for his handkerchief.

Easter Bunny to Hide Eggs Today in Willson Park

An Easter egg hunt for children under 11 will be held this afternoon in Willson Park, with 5,000 candy eggs the bait.

The third annual hunt is being sponsored by the Salem 20-30 Club. The eggs will be hidden prior to the hunt with the go signal set for 2:30 p. m.

Prizes will be given to lucky egg gatherers. Sponsors ask that no children be brought to the park before 2 p. m. The hunt will start at the east end of the park near the Capitol building entrance.

Harriman Eyes President Race

HARRIMAN, N. Y. (AP)—W. Averell Harriman, administrator of the Mutual Security Program, said Saturday he would "consider it a high honor to be a candidate" for President.

He was introduced to the press and public at a reception here by a group of Orange County Democrats who have organized a "Harriman for President" campaign.

Lt. Gen. Swing To Visit Salem

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, commanding general of the Sixth Army, is to spend a few hours in Salem on Wednesday, April 23, meeting with the Rotary Club at noon and the Salem Army Advisory Committee and Gov. Douglas McKay in the afternoon. The visit was announced Saturday by W. W. Chadwick, advisory committee chairman.

STASSEN OFFICE TO CLOSE

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A "Shortage of funds" is necessitating closing of the Stassen - for - President office in Washington "probably by the end of next week," a spokesman disclosed Saturday.

Politics on Parade . . .

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Stories in the "Political Parade" are written by or for the candidates, on invitation of The Oregon Statesman, and views expressed herein may or may not be in accordance with the opinion of this newspaper. The articles are published in the public interest, and without obligation on the part of anyone.)

Today's subject: J. F. REMINGTON

Candidate for MARION ASSESSOR (R)

J. F. Remington is a native born Salemite. He is 42 years of age and married and has two daughters, Judy Remington, age 13, attending Parrish Junior High School in Salem, and Janice Kay Remington, 9, attending Richmond School in Salem.

Mr. Remington has made his home in Salem most of his life. He was educated in the Salem Public schools and Willamette University. Mr. and Mrs. Remington own their home at 2433 Trade St., Salem.

His past employment has al-

ways been in and around Salem, working for the Salem Steel and Supply Co., Shell Oil, the State Division of Audits, and for the Marion County School Office.

Mr. Remington is a World War II veteran, serving a good portion of his enlistment overseas.

His purpose in seeking this position is to further his desire to render public service. He believes the office of Marion County assessor is one of the most important positions in the county government and its efficient operation requires constant study and research to the end that all property is equitably and fairly appraised.

His pledge is fair and unbiased treatment to all regardless of race, color, creed, or politics.

His qualifications are as follows: 42 years of age and in good health; native of Marion County and a resident for over 40 years; formerly employed with the state division of audits working with county tax rolls; during the last four years with the Marion County School Office, working with school budgets and their relationship with tax rolls.

(Tomorrow: E. Shelton.)

10,244 Families Homeless

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Spring floods, scourging seven Mid-West states, had driven 10,244 families—perhaps 30,000 to 40,000 persons—from their homes Saturday night, and more were evacuating by the hour.

For another 7,500 families, displacement was only a matter of time, the Red Cross said.

Nearly 4,000 Army troops were ordered in to help fight the battle to raise the levees.

The worst lashing was coming from the muddy Missouri, swollen

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Mississippi floodwaters crept up to 20 1/2 feet late Saturday night, breaking one sandbag dike and entering additional homes in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. An estimated 2,000 persons have fled their homes in St. Paul.

beyond all precedent along nearly 1,000 of its miles from South Dakota to Kansas and Missouri.

Sioux City, Ia., and its cross-river neighbor, South Sioux City, Neb., were taking the worst of the Missouri's rampage, with still another three-foot rise expected before the flood "hump" arrives Monday night.

Downstream, Omaha and its twin city, Council Bluffs, Ia., worked feverishly in a slim hope that levees could be raised enough to hold back a gigantic surge expected next Thursday.

Evacuation Ordered Total evacuation of a Council Bluffs area containing nearly 5,000 persons was asked and hundreds more on the Omaha side were being out.

In Minnesota, the Mississippi surged to an all-time high at St. Paul, ousting about 700 families and all but closing Holman Airport. Scores were engaged in a sandbag battle to stem damage from river rises in the next several days.

In North Dakota, the Red River of the North rampaged along a 150-mile course from Whapeton to Grand Forks in what loomed as its worst flood of the current century.

Fargo, with its 32,250 population, was a focal point. St. John's Hospital in Fargo was surrounded by water up to five feet deep and 107 patients were evacuated with the help of National Guard

"ducks" paralyzing blow being dealt by the Missouri, trying to disgorge its load of spring thaw runoff, was set against a backdrop of dreary spring rains mixed with snow.

Along the Nebraska-Iowa reaches downstream, the river's width spread out to 10 miles and more, gobbling up farm after rich farm.

The Red Cross estimated 9,800 families had been displaced or faced imminent displacement in Iowa, 3,301 in Nebraska, 623 in North Dakota, 1,979 in South Dakota, 31 in Minnesota and 1,390 in Missouri.

Guard Units Activated Iowa's Gov. William S. Beardsley ordered six more Iowa National Guard units into action, bringing to 13 companies and one platoon the number on flood duty.

Nebraska's Gov. Val Peterson proclaimed a state of emergency in the affected Nebraska area. States of emergency had been declared for cities as far downstream as St. Joseph, Mo.

The Missouri's depredations held the spotlight, but at least six Midwest states were in the throes of flood difficulties.

At St. Paul, Minn., the Mississippi surged to an all-time high, flooding out an estimated 600 homeless homes.

Minnesota River also kept rising at two critical points—New Ulm and Mankato. Breaks and water mains made it touch-and-go for drinking water for some 15,000 Mankato residents.

Fire Damages Stayton Truck Line Building

STAYTON — Fire flashed through the Wright Truck Line building here Saturday causing an estimated \$10,000 damage to the interior, freight and storage goods.

Fire department officials speculated that the blaze started from an acetylene torch that a workman was using to repair a truck. The fire spread rapidly and Stayton's volunteer firemen were credited with saving the building by fast work.

Acting Fire Chief Harry Shugka is employed at the truck plant and was present when the fire started. Lindsey H. Wright is proprietor.

The Farm and Home Electric Co., located in the same building, reported water and removal damage. It is operated by R. T. Woods.