

# Flood Crisis Spreads South, Crest Nears Omaha

**THE WEATHER**

Salem	Max. 53	Min. 33	Precip. .00
Portland	71	39	.00
San Francisco	72	41	.00
Chicago	62	38	.00
New York	67	44	trace

Willamette River 3.2 feet

**FORECAST** (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Considerable high cloudiness today and tonight. High today near 65, low tonight near 38. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 44 degrees.

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## Stevenson Bows Out of Race

### Pickets Appear En Masse at Phone Building



This is part of the force of local Telephone Workers Union employees who picketed en masse Wednesday the Salem offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Union workers plus some non-union employees also remained off the job in the newest flareup in the telephone strike. Balloon in background was used by cagey pickets to hoist strike cards into the air.

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles A. Sprague

**Travel Letter No. 3**

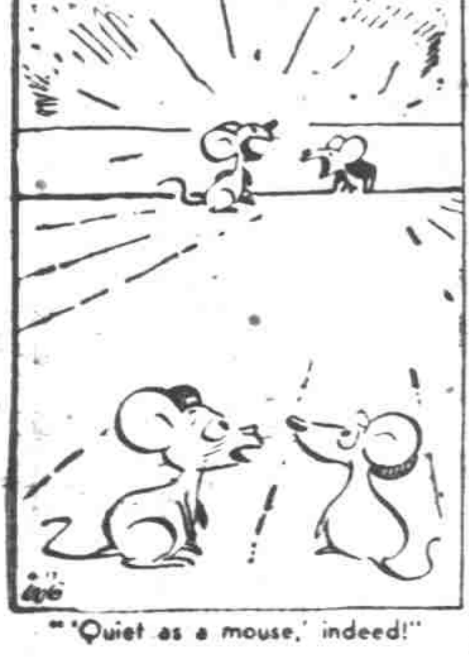
San Francisco—Spring is late in California but it finally arrived—on Easter Monday. Easter Sunday was cool and rainy, in fact the heavens opened up at noon, just as the crowds were leaving the last morning services. There were mad dashes to cars and uniforms encounter good weather. The City—it still is the City for all who live in the suburbs—has its unique charms, which have been written up so often there is no point in repetition. Just now the stores are a main attraction for shoppers, as they display their fresh spring merchandise. San Francisco sets the "high" style for the West Coast, as Los Angeles (Hollywood) sets the "low" style (sports clothes, bathing suits, etc.)

A visitor from Oregon, however, finds a brake on his purchasing power in the sales tax: three per cent state, one-half city. He reasons: why buy this merchandise here and pay a sales tax when one (Continued on editorial page 4)

### State Board to Ask Replacement of Hospital Building

Largest state construction project now proposed by the State Board of Control for the next three bienniums involves replacement of the main building at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem. Officials estimated the cost at approximately \$8,000,000 and said the work would be under three separate contracts with one-third of the construction during each of the three bienniums. First reconstruction would involve the center section of the structure which includes the dining room and kitchens.

### Animal Crackers



"Quiet as a mouse," indeed!

## 150 Telephone Workers Heed Strike Call at Salem

Approximately 150 union employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's Salem installations stayed off the job Wednesday and brought a return of picketing to the State and Court Street offices.

Telephone officials said regular service was not seriously curtailed, despite mass picketing by about 25 employees.

Meanwhile a local dispute between the Salem Building Service Employees Union and the Livesley Building put a picket in front of the big office building at State and Liberty Streets.

Salem's two other struck businesses, Pacific Greyhound Lines and Western Union, remained closed without pickets.

Mass picketing Wednesday by telephone employees here grew out of the 10-day old telephone strike, conducted by Western Electric Employees.

Orders from Portland

Orders for the Salem Telephone Union members to stage a no-work program and picketing came from Portland headquarters, where union leaders charged that Portland workers who refused to cross a picket line Monday returned to work the next day and were told they would be assigned only on a day-to-day basis. Salem union leaders said Wednesday that company officials had given the same orders to local operating crews Tuesday. But company officials denied this.

The Associated Press reported from Portland Wednesday night that CIO officials had filed unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board there.

By late Wednesday afternoon there were picket lines at Portland, Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook, Newport, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Baker, Roseburg, St. Helens and Oregon City, in addition to Salem. No trouble was reported at any of the exchanges.

Clair Priem, president of the Salem Telephone Workers local said he did not know if picketing would continue today.

At Livesley Building

In the Livesley Building dispute union officials said they were picketing because the building management refused to hire union personnel for cleaning operations and running the elevators. Nine jobs are involved.

Betty Frahm, secretary-treasurer of the building service local, said the building manager "refused to sit down and negotiate a new agreement in good faith."

In a statement to building tenants, R. M. Livesley, operator of the building, said the building's employees had voluntarily petitioned for cancellation of the union contract.

The barber shop in the building operated by C. E. Hald and the Stevens & Son Jewelry store are not affected by the dispute because they have their own curators. Barber stated Wednesday night as he was having dinner with his Salem hosts, the Jock Brydsons, and the E. K. Petersens of Portland. Petersen is a widely known rhododendron propagator. Barber's chief purpose in being in America for 14 weeks is to view rhododendrons and azaleas.

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## U.S. Navy Ship Escapes Heavy Commie Attack

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—The Navy said Thursday the American destroyer-escort Silverstein recently escaped unharmed from what was "probably the heaviest attack of the Korean War against a United Nations warship."

The delayed report from naval headquarters in Tokyo said Red shore batteries splashed 45 shells within 200 yards of the ship.

The Silverstein was on daylight patrol south of Hungnam on the East Coast when the Reds opened up with two guns at 6,000 yards. Three more guns joined in as the Silverstein began maneuvering away.

The navy said "rapid and accurate changes in range deflection indicated the Reds were using modern fire control equipment."

In all the Communists fired 60 rounds at the ship.

On the ground front, star shells bathed the Western Korean front with brilliant light early Thursday during an artillery duel. Red probing attacks in the hills were repulsed.

## Alaskan Husky Takes 10-Day Trip Down Willamette

If dogs could talk, "Mush" might have quite a story to tell. The 9-month-old Alaska Husky disappeared 10 days ago from the Crois-Creek home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll R. Nelson—and turned up at the old Canby ferry landing 30 miles down the Willamette River.

Mush was brought home last night. He had been taken care of at the Parzy Rose place near Canby, then had wandered to the George R. Webb place. Finally, a check with the Marion County Courthouse disclosed his ownership.

Whether he rode a log to the ferry landing or was picked up in a car and ultimately escaped will long be moot questions.

## Eisenhower 'Very Proud' of Jersey Result

By The Associated Press

Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois plumed the scramble for the Democratic presidential nomination into deeper confusion Wednesday with the announcement that he "could not accept" a bid to become his party's standard bearer.

The development came as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower rolled up a 150,000-vote victory over Senator Robert A. Taft in a test of strength in the New Jersey primary election.

In Paris, Eisenhower said he was "very proud" of the outcome. Some of his supporters said it meant the five-star general would not have to undertake an all-out campaign to win the Republican presidential nomination against the hard-stumping Taft.

Gov. Stevenson "could not accept" announcement apparently slammed the door on efforts to boost him as a counter to the front-running Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

"Could not" instead of "would not."

He declared that if the Democratic National Convention stampeded for Stevenson—as the Republican Convention stampeded for Wendell L. Willkie in 1940—it would be difficult for the governor to refuse the nomination.

Harris mentioned

With Stevenson out of the picture, talk arose that W. Averell Harriman, now head of the foreign aid setup, might step in as the party's "liberal" candidate to carry on President Truman's "fair deal" programs.

Harriman will be guest of honor Tuesday at a testimonial banquet in New York aimed at making him the state's "favorite son." New York has 94 votes at the Democratic National Convention.

On the Republican side, Gen. Eisenhower rolled up a popular vote of more than 382,000 against 225,000 for Taft and 22,000 for former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, in Tuesday's New Jersey primary.

Percentage-wise, it was Eisenhower 60.0 to Taft's 35.8 per cent. Eisenhower also won 31 of New Jersey's 38 GOP delegates. Taft got 4 and Stassen one. Two were uncommitted but reportedly leaned to Taft.

## McKay Delays Time Decision

Gov. Douglas McKay said Wednesday he probably would decide early next week whether to proclaim daylight saving time for Oregon.

The governor said he had received a large number of letters for and against fast time and desired to give the project further study before making a decision. State law prescribes a decision based on whether the state's economic interests would be threatened by staying on standard time.

If Governor McKay proclaims fast time, it would start April 27.

## Expert Visions Valley as World Center for Nursery Plant Stock

BY LILLIE L. MADSEN

Garden Editor, The Statesman

The Willamette Valley as a future world center for growing nursery stock was visioned Wednesday by Major Peter Barber of the Rothschild Gardens, Exbury, South Hampton, England.

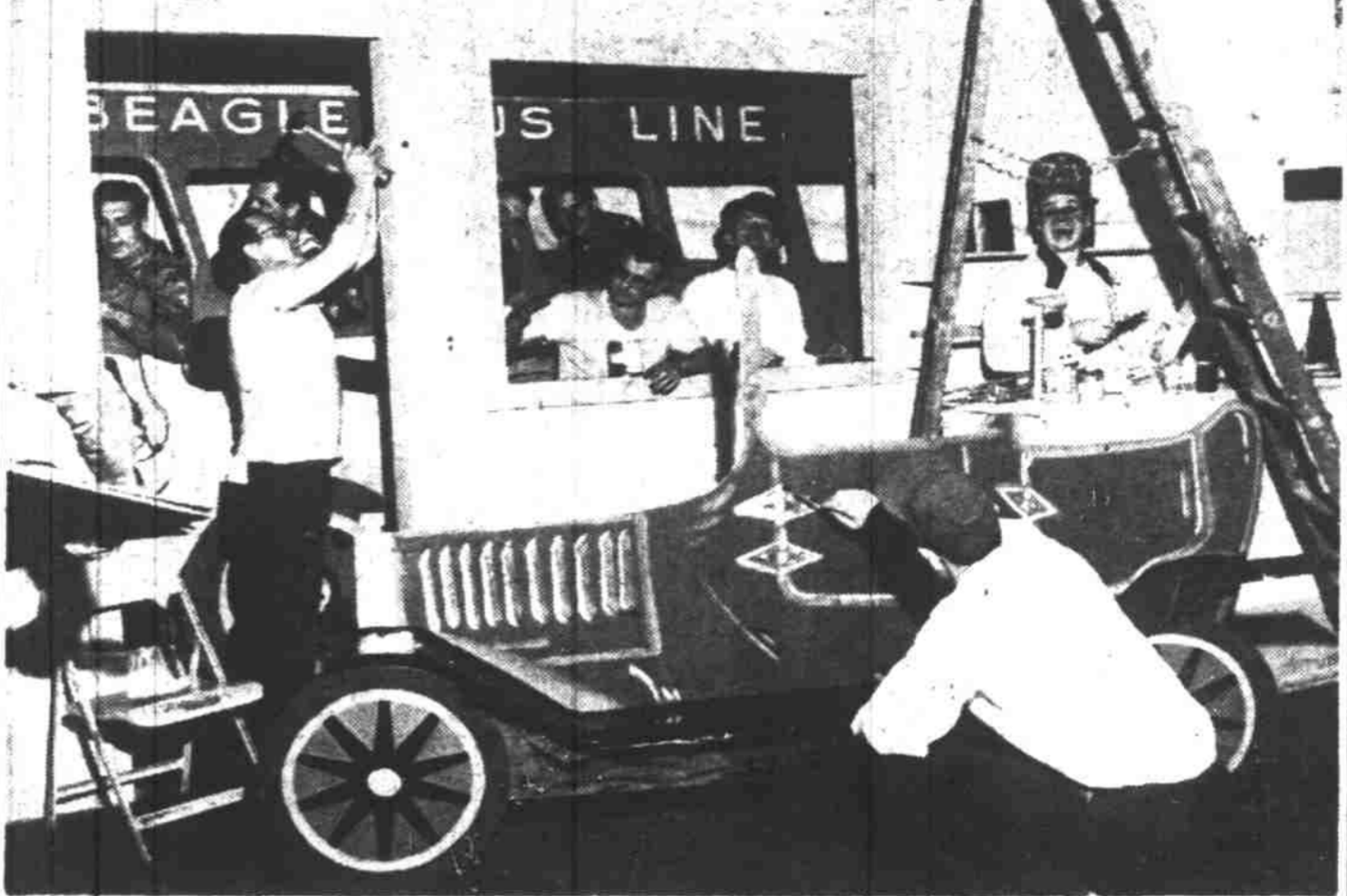
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## Pen Convicts Prepare Props for Coming Show



"On-stage" preparations are brisk at Oregon State Penitentiary this week as convict entertainers get ready for their entertainment show, "Com-Glomerations of 1932," which opens Friday. Those pictured above are fixing the set for one of the humorous skits. The show plays nightly through April 26 to benefit the American Heart Association fund.

## Army Shows Off Prowess of Newest Tank

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP)—The Army demonstrated its new M-47 medium tank Wednesday and disclosed that it now has "many many tanks ready for issuance to troops."

While officials of this big Army proving ground did not disclose the number of the new 48-ton medium tank Wednesday and disclosed that it now has "many many tanks ready for issuance to troops."

Here are some of the things reporters saw done:

1. A moving silhouette of a target tank was hit at the exact cross line of center at 500 yards by M-47s on mm. guns.
2. With the new automatic mechanism the gunner has to aim only for the first shot. Thereafter the gun aims itself even though recoil and tank movement may have moved the muzzle.
3. Tanks climbed a 50 per cent grade, too steep for a man to walk up without slipping, from a standing start.
4. An M-47 ran through water so deep only the turret was visible, firing as it emerged from submerged position.
5. The tank showed a speed of about 35 miles an hour on the highway.

## Neuberger Aims Blast at Elfstrom's Name on Ballot

PORTLAND (AP)—State Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Wednesday protested the candidacy of Robert F. Elfstrom, chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, for nomination as state representative.

Elfstrom, former Salem mayor, is seeking the Republican nomination for one of the four Marion County House seats.

Neuberger, a Democrat, made his protest in a letter to Governor McKay.

"I must protest emphatically against the plunging of various executive departments of the state into partisan politics through the candidacy of executive officials for legislative posts," he wrote.

## Anti-Pari Mutuel Petitions Distributed

PORTLAND (AP)—Distribution of 3,000 petitions to place on the November election ballot a proposal to ban parimutuel betting in Oregon was announced Wednesday.

The Rev. Gilbert Christian, executive secretary of the sponsoring Oregon Council of Churches, said the petitions have gone to all sections of the state. He said another 2,000 would be distributed later.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	38.91
Last Year	46.29
Normal	32.87

## 8 Families Flee Path Of Rampaging Owyhee

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP)—Eight farm families were forced from their homes Wednesday by floodwaters of the rampaging Owyhee River which washed out one bridge and closed two others.

The runoff from rapidly melting snows has filled the Owyhee Reservoir and the overflow from the inundated farmlands in the narrow Six families living between the dam and the confluence of the Owyhee with the Snake River, just south of Nyssa, moved out, taking most of their belongings and livestock with them. No serious loss was reported.

The swift waters washed away a Reclamation Bureau bridge on the road to the dam. The bridge on Highway 201 between Adrian and Nyssa was closed after supports at one end were swept away. The nearby Union Pacific Railway bridge on the Homedale-Nyssa branch line also has been closed to traffic.

The Snake river at Ontario rose two feet in 24 hours, flooding the city's sewers. This, in turn, backed sewage in the basements of some homes, creating a health problem.

Two families on Falk Island in the Snake two miles south of here were evacuated when water inundated two-thirds of the 1500-acre area.

No further damage is expected by Reclamation Bureau officials.

## Brazilian Communist Ring Said Broken

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The newspaper O Jornal reported Wednesday that a Communist ring in the armed forces had been broken with the arrest of 21 commissioned and non-commissioned officers.

Five others are being detained in their quarters for questioning, including two Air Force majors, one Army captain and two Navy lieutenants, the newspaper said.

## Politics on Parade . . . Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Stories in the "Politics on 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.)

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Today's subject: DENVER YOUNG Candidate for SHERIFF (MARION) (R)

In submitting my name to the voters of Marion County as a candidate for the office of sheriff, I do so in the belief that my record of service for the past eight years speaks for itself.

I feel that the office of sheriff is a full-time job with many important responsibilities to the people of Marion County, and to that end will always give my best efforts. The sheriff's duties are many and among the most important are

the collection and dispersing in the many subdivisions of the county the five and a quarter million dollars which now represents the annual tax roll. To this end I have maintained an efficient and courteous tax department.

Our civil department last year served over 3,000 civil cases with promptness and dispatch.

Our criminal department, while few in numbers, I feel has done an outstanding job in fair, impartial and courteous law enforcement, that has helped to place Marion County in an enviable position as a good place in which to live.

The office of sheriff has kept pace with the rapid growth of the county, rendering service 24 hours of the day, and it is my desire to continue this service during the next term of office.

I have lived in Salem since 1935, and operated the Capitol Tile Company until entering the sheriff's office in 1942. I am a member of the Elks, Eagles, and the Salem Lions Club, and past president of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association.

(Tomorrow: Emery Jackson)

## Added Farmland Engulfed

OMAHA (AP)—The Missouri River strained mightily—but still unsuccessfully—Wednesday to smash Omaha and Council Bluffs, Ia., with the worst flood in their history.

President Truman flew over the flood area and later conferred with the governors of eight Midwest states. (Details on page 2.)

Upstream and downstream, the "Mighty Mo"—mightier than white man ever has seen her—was having its way.

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Defiance shown

But at Omaha and Council Bluffs there was defiance. The line of defense ran along 23 miles of levees which had never been expected to get such a test but which in recent days had been bolstered by a hastily-recruited army of 8,000 men.

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The Omaha River level passed the 28 foot mark, nearly four feet higher than ever previously recorded, with the levees still holding. The crest—maximum flow—is due at 10 p.m. (EST) Thursday.

Ghostly vacant but still safe behind the hastily-bolstered levees lay nearly three-fourths of Council Bluffs, a city of 45,000, and sections across the river including East Omaha and Carter Lake, Ia., 100,000 displaced.

The homeless, nearly 40,000 in Omaha and Council Bluffs, were among some 100,000 the Red Cross says have been displaced in the Midwest by rampaging waters of the Missouri, Mississippi, Red River of the North and the Milk River in Montana.

Little added flood damage was expected at St. Paul and Red Cross crews and Army amphibious vehicles moved downstream to Winona, Minn., where a dike failure could inundate one-third of the city.

Downstream points in Wisconsin and Iowa braced for record assaults in the near future.

At the twin cities of Fargo, N. D., and Moorhead, Minn., the Red River of the North appeared ready to crest some 17 feet over flood stage.

In Montana, Army Engineers estimated damage from flooding on the Milk River at \$2,941,000, most of it in rural areas.

The Nebraska City, Neb., had given up about 90 per cent of its 1,200 persons and the remainder were about to evacuate. Missouri towns like Craig, Corning, and Forestone already had evacuated.

Along the 150 mile stretch from the Iowa line to Leavenworth, Kas., Army Engineers estimated 60,000 acres were under water, 6,000 persons were displaced and 57 levees were breached.

Along the lower Nebraska reaches, most towns were out of the water's reach but nearly all of them Army Engineers estimated 60,000 acres were under water and 57 levees were breached.

At Gov. Val Peterson's bidding, the Nebraska legislature will go into special session at noon Thursday, the fourth such special session in the state's history. The assignment: Flood relief.

## Congress Told 'Youths Not Eager to Fly'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force told Congress Wednesday it is getting more and more difficult to persuade American youths to man new types of combat aircraft.

It added that Russia is luring its best youths into flying duty by offering almost double pay and other benefits.

This testimony came from Air Secretary Finletter and Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, ranking Air Force officer.

They appeared before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee checking on the extra pay given servicemen for "extra hazardous" duty—flying, submarine duty and parachute drops.

There have been charges of abuses of this pay system, and some members of Congress have been talking of reducing the extra pay.

Vandenberg, urging the senators not to do this, said: "The increasing risk is dampening the enthusiasm for flying. I would not like to give the impression that our youth is losing its sense of duty or its zestfulness."

"But the fact cannot be denied that the Air Force is meeting increasing difficulty in attracting sufficient number of young men physically and mentally qualified for flying."

ONE MORE VOTE FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS (AP)—The Virgin Islands delegation to the Republican National Convention has been instructed to cast its one vote for Gen. Eisenhower on the first three ballots.

AMBASSADOR APPROVED (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved Wednesday the nomination of Robert Murphy as first postwar ambassador to Japan.