

Military Leave, Resignation Policies of City Questioned

A question over Salem Civil Service Commission's military leave policy was referred to the city attorney Wednesday after commissioners heard an application for such leave from Patrolman George H. Flawn.

The police officer said he expected a call to service shortly and would prefer to enlist now in the Air Force. He was appointed through civil service in April and is still serving his six-months probationary period as a patrolman.

Truman Signs GI Bill for Korea Vets

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's signature Wednesday cleared the way for veterans discharged since fighting began in Korea to share in benefits amounting to about a billion dollars a year.

The Veterans Administration reported there were 870,000 such veterans on May 31, with the number increasing daily.

The measure sailed through Congress on Independence Day with only one dissenting vote. That was cast by the House Republicans' foremost champion of economy, Rep. Taber of New York.

The law gives new veterans an education and training program on the order of that received by World War II veterans.

But there are some changes—in the amounts of money available and in the way the program is to be run.

The act also provides for mustering out pay, unemployment benefits of \$26 a week up to a total of 26 weeks, and financial backing for home and business loans.

It will provide benefits for service personnel released after June 27, 1950. It will operate until the President or Congress wipes it off the books.

Eligible veterans include those who served 90 days or more and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Heat, Storms Bother East, South U.S.

By The Associated Press
Large areas of the nation broiled in humid July heat Wednesday while squalls doused parts of the Gulf of Mexico coastal area with drenching rains.

Temperatures were high in the East, South and Far West. The Central Great Plains area was warming up rapidly after a brief respite from the heat.

Two tornadoes swept across the Texarkana, Ark., airport within two hours. One struck at 4:05 p.m. and destroyed a house and several barns at Rondo nearby. The other tornado swept across the field about two hours earlier, caving in an empty hangar. No one was injured in either twister.

New Jersey wilted under a five-day-old heat wave, with three days of record breaking temperatures. The mercury hit 95 Wednesday, the hottest July 16 on record.

Lake Charles, La., in the Gulf squally area, recorded 9.69 inches of rainfall in less than 24 hours.

NW Airlines Pilots to Strike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pilots of Northwest Airlines gave notice Wednesday of intent to strike on a secretly-chosen date.

Pilots' union members expressed the fear that the strike may spread to other airlines.

A spokesman said Northwest's pilots plan to strike "because they have been denied representation." He added that this denial is the result of not action by the airline but of a court ruling in Chicago which restored David L. Behncke to the presidency of the AFL Air Line Pilots Association.

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Fire department officials questioned the legality of such a leave and said they wanted it cleared before a precedent is established. They said they expect similar cases in their department.

The point in question are the absence of a declared "state of emergency," the matter of voluntary enlistment rather than a call to service (which has applied in recent military leave grants), and the city's obligation to keep up retirement benefit payments.

The commission at a meeting in City Hall also heard a request from Arch Wilson for a hearing on his recent dismissal from civil service on grounds of physical disability which resulted from an accident while he was performing police duty. The city administration gave Wilson a new job as engineering shops yardman, but this necessitated his removal from civil service which covers only police and fire department men.

Commissioners decided to await the outcome of Wilson's application for a disability pension from the state retirement system.

A policy regarding resignations also was reviewed by the commission Wednesday, with further consideration promised when all three commissioners are in attendance. Chairman W. J. Entress was absent yesterday.

The police now requires police or fire chief when transmitting a man's resignation to state whether that man is leaving his department in good or bad standing. Mayor Alfred Loucks recommended that the resignation letter be considered separately from any record the commission wished to make of the man's standing. Originally the commissioners had called for the chiefs' reports as a guide in the future should the resigned man apply for reinstatement.

Fireman T. W. Giles was advanced from temporary to regular status by reason of a vacancy left by the retirement of Herbert W. Savage. Temporary appointment as patrolman of Vern Kanster and Ernest E. Dennis was noted.

Dean Renews Charges of Germ Warfare

LONDON (AP)—The "Red" Dean of Canterbury Wednesday night defiantly renewed his pro-Communist charges that U. S. airmen waged germ warfare in Korea.

Dr. Hewlett Johnson told wild-cheering admirers in an hour-long speech that he saw the evidence with his own eyes. He said "the Swiss Red Cross is not to be trusted" to investigate the germ charges.

The dean addressed a meeting of the Britain-China-Friendship Association in a hall packed to the rafters with people shouting "long live the dean." Many gave the Communist clenched-fist salute.

The white-maned dean—wearing his customary black frock, knee breeches and gaiters—spoke out only one day after he had been denounced in both houses of Parliament as a Communist stooge and a threat to world peace.

of Clarence N. Sayen, who was elected ALPA president a year ago when the union voted to replace Behncke. ALPA's entire paid staff in Washington and Chicago resigned—except for clerical help—members here said.

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Background for a Party's Deliberations



CHICAGO—Workmen carry portraits of five Democratic Presidents into the International Amphitheater in Chicago's stockyards Wednesday in preparation for the Democratic National Convention starting July 21. Left to right are pictures of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. The portraits will be part of the Democrats' revamped decoration of the convention hall. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

5 Die, 4 Missing in Fire



FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Fairbanks firemen fight flames and smoke as they struggle to save the old three-story Pioneer Hotel. Flames, however, leveled the building in two hours Monday, leaving five dead and four missing. Note flames in third story window (upper center) where most guests were trapped. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

5th Body Found In Hotel Rubble

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, (AP)—The body of Mrs. Carolyn Kimble, 42, Bakersfield, Calif., school teacher was found Wednesday in the rubble of the burned out Pioneer Hotel which was destroyed early Monday.

The discovery brought to five the number of persons known to have been killed by the fire which

swept through the crowded wooden building. Four other persons who were among the 250 guests at the hotel are listed as missing.

SANDY MILL BURNED

SANDY, Ore. (AP)—Fire destroyed a planer at the Koch Lumber mill here Tuesday night at a loss estimated by the owners at \$40,000.

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4 Men Viewed For Gille Post On City Council

Salem City Council members are giving strong consideration to four men as possible successors to the late Albert H. Gille in the Ward 2 Council seat.

Five aldermen met with Mayor Alfred W. Loucks Wednesday night to go over a list of numerous candidates who were suggested by citizens and to check over the complete list of 2,200 registered voters in the ward for further suggestions.

Mayor Loucks said the list was narrowed to about four men who would be sounded out in personal calls from aldermen. It was indicated that the aldermen would prefer to appoint someone interested enough in the post to run for election in November when the interim appointment expires.

Names mentioned by the aldermen were not disclosed.

Alderman Gille died Sunday after having served the council 10 years. His ward in Central Salem includes Precincts 2, 11, 23, 27 and 29. A council vacancy is filled by the council itself until the next regular election.

Labor Fights German Peace

LONDON (AP)—Laborites voted in a stormy private meeting Wednesday to oppose immediate British ratification of the West's new peace contract with Western Germany.

But the issue splintered Laborite forces and threatened the party leadership of former Prime Minister Attlee.

Attlee's resolution on Western Germany was carried by only six votes after a session of about 150 Laborite members.

Fiery leftwing Aneurhan Bevan, bitter critic of Attlee on many party issues, gained substantial support for a stronger resolution opposing ratification of the West German contract.

Eisenhower Plans Parley With Duff

DENVER (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will talk over campaign plans next week with Sen. James H. Duff of Pennsylvania who helped spearhead the general's successful bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Eisenhower headquarters said Wednesday that Duff will arrive here probably July 21. There has been no decision yet whether the conference will take place in Denver or at Eisenhower's vacation retreat at a cattle ranch near Fraser, Colo.

Steel Strike Action Minus

PITTSBURGH—No one lifted a finger to end the steel strike Wednesday and reports of a secret settlement were scoffed at by union aides.

Labor and industry have no plans for new bargaining sessions. The White House has not made a move to get them together again.

A New York state chain of newspapers published a story which said the striking CIO United Steelworkers will accept the industry's last offer and announce the end of the strike at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Monday.

Philip Murray, president of the steelworkers, said the report isn't true.

Smaller Wheat Crop Proposed

WASHINGTON—A 1953 wheat crop about 8 per cent below this year was recommended Wednesday by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

Brannan set the 1953 wheat goal at 72 million acres. With normal yields, this would result in a crop of about 1,080,000,000 bushels of wheat, about 170 million bushels below this year's estimated high production.

The crop called for next year compares with production of 937,470,000 bushels in short-crop 1950 and 1,019,389,000 bushels in 1950. Brannan said the goal would meet all anticipated requirements for wheat, both domestic and export, and probably add some to the reserves.

Subway Accident Tangles Riders

NEW YORK (AP)—A rush hour subway train rolled backwards down a grade into a train behind it Wednesday, knocking hundreds of screaming and panicky passengers violently to the floor.

At least 75 persons, by police count, were taken to hospitals.

Disaster squads roared to the

station in downtown Manhattan to aid the passengers, tossed into a human tangle below ground in sweltering 90 degree temperatures.

Burglar Gets \$6 From Child's Bank

A burglary at the residence of Connell C. Ward, 409 Ohmart St., netted the culprit \$6 from one child's bank and another small bank that was empty.

Ward, business manager for Salem Public Schools, reported the burglary to city police Wednesday evening after returning from a week's vacation. Entry into the house was made by breaking out a slide-bolt lock on a side door of the house.

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