

By Charles A. Sprague

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The debate which has been progressing the past week in the special political committee has been intensely interesting. The subject, Race Conflict in South Africa, was posed by 18 states, chiefly of the Arab-Asian group. Their purpose is to bring out in this public forum the legislative policy of the present government of South Africa in the handling of its races.

Yesterday Dr. Bukhari of Pakistan, which is one of the sponsors of the resolution, made a long and moving speech, in which he compressed the centuries-old resentment of the colored peoples to the treatment accorded them by Europeans. He quoted from asserted claims of South Africans to justify white supremacy, and laid at the feet of the old colonial powers the sins of their

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Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, and New York.

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem) Considerable fog this morning, lifting and becoming partly cloudy this afternoon. Foggy again tonight, high today 40 to 48, low tonight 28 to 32. Minimum temperature at 12:01 A.M. today was 27.

Sprague, Madame Pandit Chat



UNITED NATIONS, New York.—Charles A. Sprague, alternate delegate for the U. S., pauses in the new delegates' lounge for a hasty conference with Madame Pandit of the Indian U. N. delegation on his way to a meeting of the ad hoc political committee. India has complained about the treatment of the Indian minority in South Africa, and Sprague, publisher of The Oregon Statesman at Salem, Ore., is a member of the special committee debating the South African race problem. (Photo by Thomas G. Wright, Oregon Statesman Staff Writer.)

750 Laid off Due to Power Ration

Pupils Must Take Baths Except for Religious Reasons

Can a school child be required to take a shower in Oregon? Yes and no, said the attorney general's office in a formal ruling Monday. Because the constitution guarantees freedom of religion, a pupil may be exempted from taking showers at school if his religion prohibits him from taking a bath, the ruling said.

Compromise On PW's Meets Cool Reception

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—India offered the UN a compromise proposal Monday for an armistice in Korea and a settlement of the prisoner of war issue. But a United States spokesman immediately opposed it and an Iron Curtain diplomat said it did not go far enough to effect an agreement.

Salem Area Job Cutback Undetermined

An undetermined number of Salem industrial workers will be laid off temporarily if the electric power cutback effective Monday continues into next month, it was indicated. As 15 Salem area firms began the 10 per cent reduction ordered by Defense Electric Power Administration, the plea for voluntary cuts in electricity use by the public was extended by DEPA and power companies in the Northwest Power Pool.

Stabilizer Calls For Meat Price Rollback Order

WASHINGTON (AP)—Price Stabilizer Tighe Woods Monday called on his meat price experts to have ready by next Monday an order rolling back retail meat prices or let him know the reason why it can't be done.

Woods set his Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) staff to work last month on a study of beef prices as wholesale and retail, together with the prices slaughterers are paying cattlemen and farmers for their livestock. "I told them today they have had enough time to consider the matter," Woods told a reporter. "I told them not to leave the matter hanging any longer. I want action by Monday."

Washington Firms Hardest Hit by Decree

By The Associated Press Some 730 workers were laid off their jobs Monday as the Defense Electric Power Administration's order for a 10 per cent slash in firm power went into effect in the Pacific Northwest. The hardest hit was the Kaiser Aluminum plant at Mead, in Spokane County, where 286 employees were laid off from the payroll. The plant previously discharged 357 men when interruptible power was cut off.

Fourth C-119 Crash Kills 8 Near Billings

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—Eight men died and eight others were injured, one critically, when an Air Force C-119 Flying Boxcar crashed and burned in a swampy pasture 12 miles east of here Monday.

All aboard the ill-fated ship were military personnel. These included two English soldiers, who walked away from the scattered and flaming wreckage northeast of U. S. Highway 10 minutes after the fatal crash at 2:30 p.m.

The plane was the fourth C-119 flying boxcar to crash in 11 days. Civil Aeronautics Administration investigators said "propeller trouble" apparently caused one motor of the transport to shake loose. The plane crashed as it tried to circle for an emergency landing at the Billings airport.

The faulty motor dropped from the ship as it crossed over Highway 10 several miles northeast of the crash scene. The missing engine had not been located late Monday night.

The two young RAF officers, Dudley Mills and John Downs, both 21, said the plane was "about 6,000 feet high when something went bang."

"It was the port engine," Mills told reporters at a local hospital where the two were taken following the accident. "It tore completely away. A window broke and parts came flying through into the passenger compartment."

"The pilot came back and said we should bail out. We got the big back doors open and someone was saying, 'Out, jump out.' But nobody jumped."

Then the pilot, Mills continued, decided he would try to bring the plane down.

"Most of us were strapped in our seats when we went into a dive," he said. "The plane came down a steep bank, hit the ground and skidded quite a distance."

Following the crash both men stumbled to a gash in the side of the wreckage and clawed their way out.

In Washington, the Air Force said that there was no intention to ground C-119 boxcars unless a pattern of mechanical failure is established by the accident investigations which are now in progress.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Guard Company Now Heavy Weapons Unit

A Salem rifle unit, Company G, of the 162nd Infantry, National Guard, will become a heavy weapons company today, it was announced Monday by Maj. Gen. Thomas Rilea, Oregon adjutant general.

The company will be redesignated Company D immediately, but new equipment is not expected for several days. The new weapons unit will include 75 millimeter recoilless rifles.

Tentative plans call for a formal change ceremony and an open house on Dec. 4 if the new recoilless rifles and other weapons are here, according to 1st Lt. John D. Cannon, commanding officer. This Thursday night's drill will comprise orientation to the change.

No change of personnel will be involved in the move, which includes guard units in five cities. Company D comes here from Oregon City; Company G will be reorganized tonight at Portland International Airport; Company B of the 188th Regiment will move from Myrtle Creek to Cottage Grove, and the latter city's heavy mortar company of the 162nd Regiment will go to Oregon City.

To Unite Geographically The purpose, according to adjutant general's headquarters, is principally to bring battalion units of the 162nd Regiment, 41st Division, into closer geographical relation.

Company D thus will be nearer the remainder of the First Battalion, including Headquarters Company at Silverton, Company A at McMinnville and Company C at Eugene, while Company G will join the rest of the Second Battalion at Portland. Lt. Col. Paul L. Kliever of Salem commands the First Battalion.

The revamped unit in Salem will have 21 mm mortar, machine gun and 75 mm recoilless rifle platoons, providing heavy weapons support for a battalion. Manpower quota will be little altered, calling for five officers and 121 enlisted men.

Recruiting Drive Since the unit now has only three officers, one warrant officer and 59 men, a recruiting drive is planned, and Lt. Cannon pointed out that several ratings are open. He said most of the company are non-veterans.

Other officers are 1st Harold E. Parkins, 2nd Lt. Loren Newkirk and Warrant Officer Kenneth D.

Grocer Group Wants Sunday Closure Law

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Food Merchants Association wants the State Legislature to pass a law requiring food stores to operate on a six-day week and close on legal holidays. That was the report Monday of Ward McAnulty, secretary. He said association directors voted to sponsor such legislation at a board meeting at Eugene Sunday. The proposed legislation would require the stores to close Sunday or one other day. The association also will ask the Legislature to provide penalties for violation of the present price law. It prohibits grocers from selling items for less than cost plus 6 per cent. The association will continue efforts to obtain a store differential price on milk, McAnulty said.

Word Awaited From Climbers On Mt. Everest

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Himalayan experts and government sources said Monday night they are still uncertain whether a Swiss mountain-climbing team has conquered Mt. Everest. The last word received from the expedition said it had reached within 150 feet of the world's tallest peak. On the basis of this report experts here said it was safe to predict the team is now on its way down.

Communication between the expedition, attempting to be the first to conquer Mt. Everest, and Katmandu, Nepal, is by runners. The latest message took nine days in transit and said the climbers had established their eighth camp 150 feet from the summit of the more than 29,000-foot mountain. That is the highest man has ever climbed and lived to tell it.

The expedition, led by Dr. Gabriel Chevalley, left its first base camp 12,000 feet up at Nanche Bazar, 170 miles from Katmandu, on Oct. 5. It was the second Swiss attempt this year.

Child Found in Beach Search

DELAKE, Ore. (AP)—Linda Damon, 3, was rescued unharmed from a ledge 25 feet above the beach here Monday night after a three-hour search by her parents, volunteers and the fire and police departments. She apparently became separated from her playmates and tried to climb the beachfront cliff to take a shortcut to her home. Unable to finish the climb, she remained on the cliff ledge in the dark.

She was found by Allen Reed and Police Officer Andy Allum. She is the daughter of Mrs. D. N. Damon of Delake. She apparently became separated from her playmates and tried to climb the beachfront cliff to take a shortcut to her home. Unable to finish the climb, she remained on the cliff ledge in the dark.

4 More U.S. Air Bases On Greenland Expected

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—A Danish government source said Monday agreement had been reached for the United States to establish at least four more air bases in strategic Greenland, but a U. S. State Department spokesman and Denmark's foreign minister denied knowing anything about it.

Finn Nielsen, acting chief of Denmark's Greenland department, questioned about the report, said an official announcement was expected Tuesday or Wednesday from both Copenhagen and Washington. He later declared this statement would concern only work to be carried out by six Danish contractors at "Blue West One," a U. S. Air Force base already in operation at Narsarsuaq on Greenland's West Coast.

He refused to deny the report that at least four, possibly five more bases are to be established, in addition to three already in operation, declaring repeatedly, "I personally know nothing about it."

Asked why six of Denmark's largest engineering and contracting firms had combined to carry out a relatively minor job at Narsarsuaq, Nielsen said "I guess they hope to get something bigger to do in Greenland after they have finished the project, but I know nothing."

In Washington, a State Department spokesman also said he knows of no basis for the report of additional Greenland bases which would push the free world's defenses hundreds of miles closer to Russia along the polar air routes. Danish foreign Minister Ole Bjorn Kraft, at the United Nations in New York, said he knew of no Danish-American agreement for new air bases in Greenland. This was the information pieced together from these informant and engineering circles.

The new bases will be in addition to three bases the Air Force already operates on Greenland, one of them the huge new Thule base whose existence was disclosed only two months ago. The new bases will bring the Air Force hundreds of miles closer to Moscow and the western rim of the Soviet sphere than Thule, which is on the rocky northwest coast of Denmark's frigid Northern Island colony. The new bases will be designed for both defensive and offensive purposes, the informants said, and will extend directly across the path which Red air force bombers would be expected to follow on any mission against key industrial areas in the Eastern United States and around the Great Lakes.

Sale of Stores Adds to Talk of Development

Prospects for a large-scale downtown Salem commercial development loomed larger than ever Monday when sale of a South Liberty Street business property filled out a recently acquired holding to three solid quarter-blocks. One of three Portland corporations with the same directors bought the 44 by 185 foot property of Duane and Rex Gibson at 171-173 S. Liberty St. where the Fuller Paint Store and Stetler Pump & Supply are located.

This was announced by Grabenhorst Bros, real estate firm, representing the Portland corporations which by now own the property fronting the north side of Ferry Street from Commercial Street to one-half block east of Liberty Street, all extending full half-block depth north from Ferry. They also own two Liberty Street properties south of the Armory and Crystal Gardens.

Reports that the property acquisition foretells a big shopping center development have not been confirmed by parties to the transactions. But Coburn Grabenhorst of the realty firm said Monday the Gibson property purchase "accomplishes what we had aimed for in that immediate area and puts this area into position for further business development."

Unofficial estimates of the total paid so far for the downtown properties involve run to about \$700,000.

Fire Leaves 11 Homeless at Sweet Home

SWEET HOME — The 11 members of the John Bryson family of Sweet Home were left without home or furniture Monday after a Sunday fire completely destroyed their home and contents. Community effort was under way Monday to secure furniture and clothing for the family, who have rented a house on 22nd Avenue. Pete Ferland is in charge.

The family was routed from the house on Airport Road, about 2 a.m. Sunday by the blaze, believed to have started from a defective fuse. Mrs. Bryson was awakened by the smell of smoke, found the house full of smoke, and by the time she had awakened her husband, five daughters, three sons and Mr. Bryson's mother, the house was all ablaze. Sweet Home firemen were summoned but the fire was beyond control when they arrived.

Loss was estimated at \$5,000, with the house insured but not its contents.

Industrial Breakfast to Feature Displays From Salem Factories

Displays from 40 or more Salem industries will decorate the Capitol Room at Hotel Senator Wednesday when about 250 Salem businessmen meet at breakfast to launch a new Salem industrial program. This event will mark the start of a fund campaign to put into effect a carefully-drafted industrial expansion project aimed at getting more and bigger payrolls for Salem.

Planning in the past year has been carried out by the Salem Industrial Development Council as an independent but allied unit of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. The 22-man council is headed by Carl W. Hogg. The Wednesday breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m., is to end by 9 a.m. It is open to all chamber members and any other interested in industrial progress for Salem.

Council members will outline the purposes and plan of action of their program in a series of six short talks. Their topics will be illustrated in another special display for the occasion. A third wall decoration will be a large map of the Willamette Valley project.

The industrial program has received formal endorsement from the Chamber board of directors and recognition in resolutions of the Salem City Council and the Marion County Council. Masters of ceremonies and speakers for the breakfast program include Robert W. Fenix, Arthur Atherton, Roy Harison, Alfred Loucks, Rex Hartley, Carl Hogg, Dave Hess, L. O. Adams, William H. Hammons, Clair Brown, Robert Letts Jones, Edwin Schroeder. Greeters will be Robert Sprague, Linn Smith and Hartley.

Several Firms May Bid on Salem Plant

Firms making aluminum, chemicals and automotive products are among those interested in buying Salem's Cherry Avenue industrial plant from the federal government. The former government alumina plant, now operated by Continental Chemical Corp., is up for sale by bids under orders of the U. S. General Services Administration. Bid opening is set for Dec. 22.

Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday said one of the probable bidders would be American Metallic Chemicals Corp. of Portland. And it became known otherwise that the National Automotive Fibres Co. of Detroit, Mich., and the Harvey Aluminum Co. of Los Angeles also are interested.

Salem Chamber executives have conferred with officials of the Portland firm which makes manganese dioxide. The corporation is interested in making the same product here, plus sodium perborate, a bleaching chemical.

The firm was incorporated in Portland last year. Its directors include several nationally prominent men in chemical and industrial fields, with Percy E. Lantsov, New York, consulting chemical engineer, as chairman.

The Cherry Avenue plant is now producing manganese dioxide for batteries, under control by the Ray-O-Vac battery company on a lease basis from the government.

Home Burns At Cloverdale, 5 Homeless

CLOVERDALE — The H. Miller home west of Cloverdale School was destroyed by fire Monday evening. The old two-story frame house was virtually a total loss before Turner firemen arrived at the scene.

Nobody was home when the blaze started, and cause of it was not determined.

The Millers and their three children were cared for last night by the Lester Hudgins, Clifford Fellers and other neighbors. The house, formerly the Fred Fellers place, until Miller bought it two years ago, is on the Turner road about 1 1/2 miles west of the school.

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