

Two Texas Men Fight Sleep, \$1,000 at Stake

MIDLAND, Tex. (AP)—Two fellows who haven't slept in more than 80 hours walked the streets of Midland Monday night doggedly trying to stay awake.

Turn Abolition Voted as Aid to One-Way Route

A new restriction designed to improve Salem one-way traffic was adopted Monday night when the City Council moved to prohibit left turns by southbound Liberty Street traffic at Division Street.

The corner has offered traffic safety problems, said City Manager J. L. Franzen, because the one-way northbound traffic there must either swing left to keep in the one-way pattern on North via divided Commercial Street or swing right toward Broadway Street.

Three vacation proceedings were completed, to close an alley in the Portland General Electric shop area near Liberty and Division Streets and to close streets crossing property where the South Salem High School is being built.

The Council assessed PGE \$1,250 for benefits derived. This was a committee recommendation increasing the city administration's \$980 assessment. City Engineer J. H. Davis estimated the benefits to the Salem School District would have been \$3,150. The Council had earlier decided to waive this fee since both district and city are tax-supported.

Hearing Set
Public hearing was called for Dec. 22 on a proposed business zoning to permit a drive-in restaurant on Center Street across from the Capitol Shopping Center.

After hearing affected neighbors and C. P. Holgate, applying for permission to use a house at 1604 Chemeketa St. for Plymouth Brethren church purposes, the Council instructed the city attorney to draft an agreement suitable to both parties. Neighbors wanted assurance that no signs would be displayed and off-street parking would be provided.

Signs reminding motorists to stop while crosswalks are occupied were authorized for the D street intersections at 19th and Thompson Avenue. Residents of the area had asked for regular stop signs. Study will be given the 19th and Market intersection for similar signs.

At the recommendation of City Transit Lines, no change was authorized in the Highland Avenue bus route. Residents had petitioned for a loop of 7 of a mile in the Front and Hickory Streets area, now four or five blocks from a bus line. Alderman David O'Hara said the potential bus users of the area might make further overtures to convince the bus company of the value of added service as requested.

Bids on a new fire department pumper truck were again referred to a Council committee, which earlier had tossed out a set of bids and asked the administration to write more detailed specifications. Low bidder Monday was Nelson Equipment Co. of Portland with a Seagraves truck at \$17,015. The only Salem bidder was Howard Cooper Corp., with a Kenworth truck at \$18,000 which

1021 Accidental Deaths in Oregon In Past 11 Months

PORTLAND (AP)—Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, reported Monday that there were 1021 accidental deaths in Oregon during the first 11 months of 1952. That is an increase of 8 per cent over figures for last year when Oregon had the sixth worst accidental death rate among the 48 states.

Erickson said there were fewer of all types of fatal accidents in Oregon except for those occurring in the home where a 22 per cent increase was reported.

ranked next to high among the six bids.

Contract for three pumps to equip the new West Salem sewage pumping station was authorized E. A. Finkbeiner Co., Portland, on bid of \$8,791, provided delivery is guaranteed in 70 days. Low bid was \$7,827, from Worthington Corp. which would not guarantee delivery before 160 days for the two sewage pumps and 266 days for the one large storm flow pump. There were two higher bidders.

Permission was denied Hobart Price to build a second house on his property consisting of two partial lots near Fairmount and Luther Streets. Price contended he had purchased the property and obtained building permits in good faith, believing the two parcels would be considered separate lots and not in conflict with recent legislation to make 6,000 square feet the minimum lot size.

Citizens' petition for a crosswalk at D and Commercial Streets was referred to the city manager with power to act.

A bill was introduced to set a Jan. 12 public hearing on annexation of Watkins Addition in West Salem to the city.

L. A. Shaw was allowed to install a sign at 1815 S. 12th St. A bill to regulate portable unvented oil heaters was tabled for two weeks. Authorized was petitioned improvement of Wildwind Drive between High and Summer Streets.

Morse Asks U.S. Strengthen West Alliance

(Story also on page 1)
SHERIDAN — Sen. Wayne Morse called Monday for a solid front between the United States and its Allies as the first step towards peace.

Here to open a post-election series of speeches in his home state, the Oregon senator said "our so-called unity alliance with our Allies is a token alliance."

"Suppose we issue an ultimatum that if such-and-such doesn't happen we'll drop the A-bomb. Drop the A-bomb and you're not going to have any allies," the fiery senator declared.

"We've got to find out from the British how big are the price tags on Hong Kong and recognition of Red China," Morse said.

The number-one battle for the Allies, Morse asserted is to organize themselves, then deal with Russia.

"I'm frightened about the Asiatic situation, and I don't frighten easily," he added.

Prior to addressing 500 persons at Sheridan High School, Morse spoke to approximately 40 persons who attended a dinner at the Sheridan Bus Depot Cafe.

The dinner gathering was liberally sprinkled with Salem residents. Attorney Steve Anderson, who also bolted the Republican party to support Gov. Adlai Stevenson for president, received a cheery wave from Morse on entering the dining room.

Others from Salem at the dinner included Freeman Holmer, Charles Jens, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Lee, Murray Wade, Mr. and Mrs. William VanMeter, and five newspaper reporters.

Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman from Oregon, also heard Morse's dinner speech.

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Imports Cut Seed Prices, Growers Told

PORTLAND (AP)—Imports are causing sharp reductions in prices paid for seeds produced in the U. S., the Oregon Seed Growers League was told Monday.

To correct this the league voted to appoint a committee to work with Oregon seed dealers in seeking "favorable seed legislation from the new administration."

James Jenke, Albany grower, reported that there were surpluses in Oregon of red clover, ladino, alsike and alfalfa.

H. A. Schoth, Oregon State College agronomist, said that European growers were increasing production of crops that are competitive with Oregon's.

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