

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

United Nations, New York, Dec. 10, 1952—If you look on the map of Africa you will see on the south side of the "hump" a section bordering on the Atlantic-Togoland. It has this resemblance to Germany and Korea: it is divided. Before the first world war it was a German colony having been seized by that European country during the race for the partition of Africa. When Germany lost that war it lost its overseas colonies. In a burst of virtue (Wilson's Fourteen Points), the former colony of Togoland was not restored to Germany nor was it handed over "in fee simple" to any of the victors. Instead it became a land administered under the mandate of the League of Nations. But since it bordered on British and French colonial possessions each was given a chunk under the League mandate. After the dissolution of the League of Nations United Nations set Togoland up as a Trust Territory, but the country remained divided between the British and French for administration, under treaty agreement with United Nations.

Today the fourth committee heard three natives of Togoland make a plea for the unification of their country with a view to its independence. They complained of the boundary which separates their people who are chiefly of the Ewe tribe of Negroes. One speaker was particularly critical of the colonial administration of France. Last fall a visiting mission of UN Trusteeship Council visited Togoland, but its report stated there was lack of (Continued on editorial page 4)

Insurance Rate Cut Reverts To Last July 1

Insurance rates on nearly all property in Salem — other than residential — are being lowered retroactively to July 1, 1952, and applicable to policies issued on or after last May 1, the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau informed city officials Saturday.

But there was no indication what the saving would be. Guesses were that it would be between 10 and 20 per cent. A. J. Snow, manager of the bureau, said the reductions would vary considerably from building to building and that his office has not estimated a general percentage figure.

Hit-Run Driver Strikes Woman

Miss Ivy Whitney, 67, of 1100 Chemekeia St., received a possible fractured back early Saturday evening when she was struck by a hit-and-run driver while crossing Center at 12th Street.

Bible Reading in Schools Sought

PORTLAND (AP) — John C. F. Merrifield, Portland, recently elected state senator, said Saturday he would try to get the next Legislature to pass a bill requiring daily Bible reading in public schools.

In Your Statesman

There's a lot of interesting reading in your Statesman today, particularly a. Robert Smith's story on Gov. Douglas McKay's new callbook in Washington, D. C. (page 12, section I) and Don Whitehead's AP story on the resurgence of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower (page 10, section II).

High-Ranking Russ Employee Fired by U.N. Due to Spying

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The United Nations has fired a highly placed Russian employee who was tagged as a Soviet spy by the American State Department.

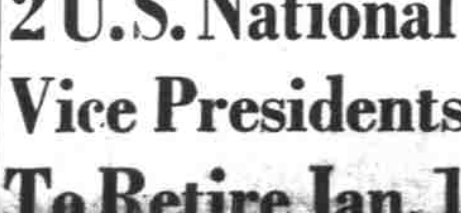
He is Nikolai Skvortsov, who was personal and confidential aide to Constantin E. Zinchenko, a now-absent U. N. assistant secretary-general who was the highest ranking Soviet national in the Secretariat here.

Skvortsov was boss of the Soviet's state farm system before he came here in 1950. Russians have always held the assistant secretary — general post for security council affairs since the council first met in 1945.

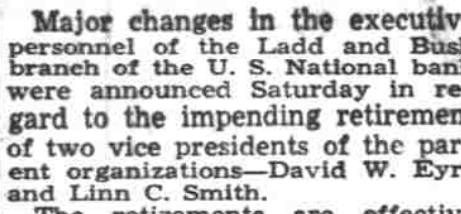
This means both Zinchenko and Skvortsov were in position to see some of the most restricted U. N. political documents — from the council's Atomic Energy Commission, the Military Affairs Committee, and the Disarmament Commission, which have held many closed meetings attended by selected personnel.

The United States, however, has made clear that it never furnished the U. N. confidential military or atomic information. There was some talk in the U. N. last summer that Skvortsov had "violated a U. S. law." Lie was told in September, a State Department source said.

Retiring



David W. Eyre



Linn C. Smith

2 U.S. National Vice Presidents To Retire Jan. 1

Major changes in the executive personnel of the Ladd and Bush branch of the U. S. National Bank were announced Saturday in regard to the impending retirement of two vice presidents — David W. Eyre and Linn C. Smith.

The retirements are effective Jan. 1. Named to succeed Eyre as manager of the Ladd and Bush branch is Rex Gibson, now manager of the West Salem branch.

Sherman P. Bostrack, assistant manager of the Salem branch, will become manager of the West Salem branch.

Eyre, now 70, regarded as the "dean" of bankers in Oregon, is a native of Illinois but has been in the banking business in Salem for 48 years. He is manager of the Ladd and Bush branch as well as vice president of the entire U. S. National organization, and a long-time civic leader.

Smith's a native of Oregon, has been in banking in Salem for 25 years. He became vice president last January, and has taken a leading part in the development of Salem industries for many years. He will be 65 on Dec. 30.

E. C. Sammons, president of the U. S. National Bank, said "the entire U. S. National organization salutes Dave Eyre and Linn Smith. They have been important aids in building not only the bank but of their community. Their business and civic standing is a credit to this institution. We feel that the Ladd and Bush branch is creditably under the management of Rex Gibson with the assistance of Tommy Thompson, Roy Nelson, Leo Page, Jake Furber and other officers in the Ladd and Bush-Salem branch. x x x We are sure of a good record on the part of Sherman Bostrack at West Salem." (Additional details page 6)

OMS Seeks to Abandon Runs

Abandonment of its Salem-Dallas-Falls City run by Oregon Motor Stages will be discussed at a Public Utilities Commission hearing Dec. 30 at 10 a. m. in the Public Service Building here.

The stage line has also asked for permission to give up its West Salem to Dayton run, and claims lack of patronage is responsible for both requests.

'Atomic' Cloud Hovers Over Canada Plant

CHALK RIVER, Ont. (AP) — A pinpoint leak in Canada's atomic pile and a quirk of the weather were blamed Saturday for a dangerous radiation cloud that set the sirens screaming here Friday.

The alarm emptied the government atomic energy plant of its workers without mishap. Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, president of Atomic Energy of Canada, said the atomic reactor may be out of operation for some time. Other operations at the \$40,000,000 plant 140 miles northwest of Ottawa won't be delayed as long, he said.

About 350 workers were evacuated when the 100 sirens sounded the warning that atomic particles were present in dangerous proportions. Conditions at the plant seemed normal Saturday but a careful instrument check continued.

Dr. Mackenzie said a pinpoint size hole in the reactor caused greater — than — usual radiation to escape up the 200-foot-high stacks that carry off radiation; then heavy overcast and humidity kept the atomic particles from dispersing as it normally does and a down draft brought it about the plant site. Instruments detected the cloud immediately.

Workers and scientists left the plant's 100 buildings in an orderly manner. Many were taken by bus to their homes, about seven miles away at the community of Deep River.

The distance is considered sufficient safeguard against dangerous radiation affecting residents. Decontamination squads, with goggles, rubber gloves, lead-soled shoes and rubberized clothing, cleaned up the plant area by Saturday noon.

Buildings least in danger were put back into use, including one where construction is under way on a new atomic pile.

The atomic reactor where the leak occurred is considered to be the most efficient heavy — water reactor in the world. It is a boiler-like structure 24 feet high and 34 feet in diameter coated with lead. Its concrete walls are seven feet thick.

TRouble DELAYS FLIGHT

TOKYO (AP) — A commercial airliner carrying evangelist Billy Graham and 14 other passengers to Korea was forced to return to Tokyo Sunday after developing trouble with its landing gear.

Hartley asked that a committee be appointed to carry the resolution to proper authority and try to effect a change in assessed valuations. Thompson appointed Hartley to represent the beef cattle industry; H. A. Barnes, Silvertown, the dairy cattle; Paul Jacques, Silvertown, the sheep industry, and Lyle McKinley, Woodburn, the swine industry.

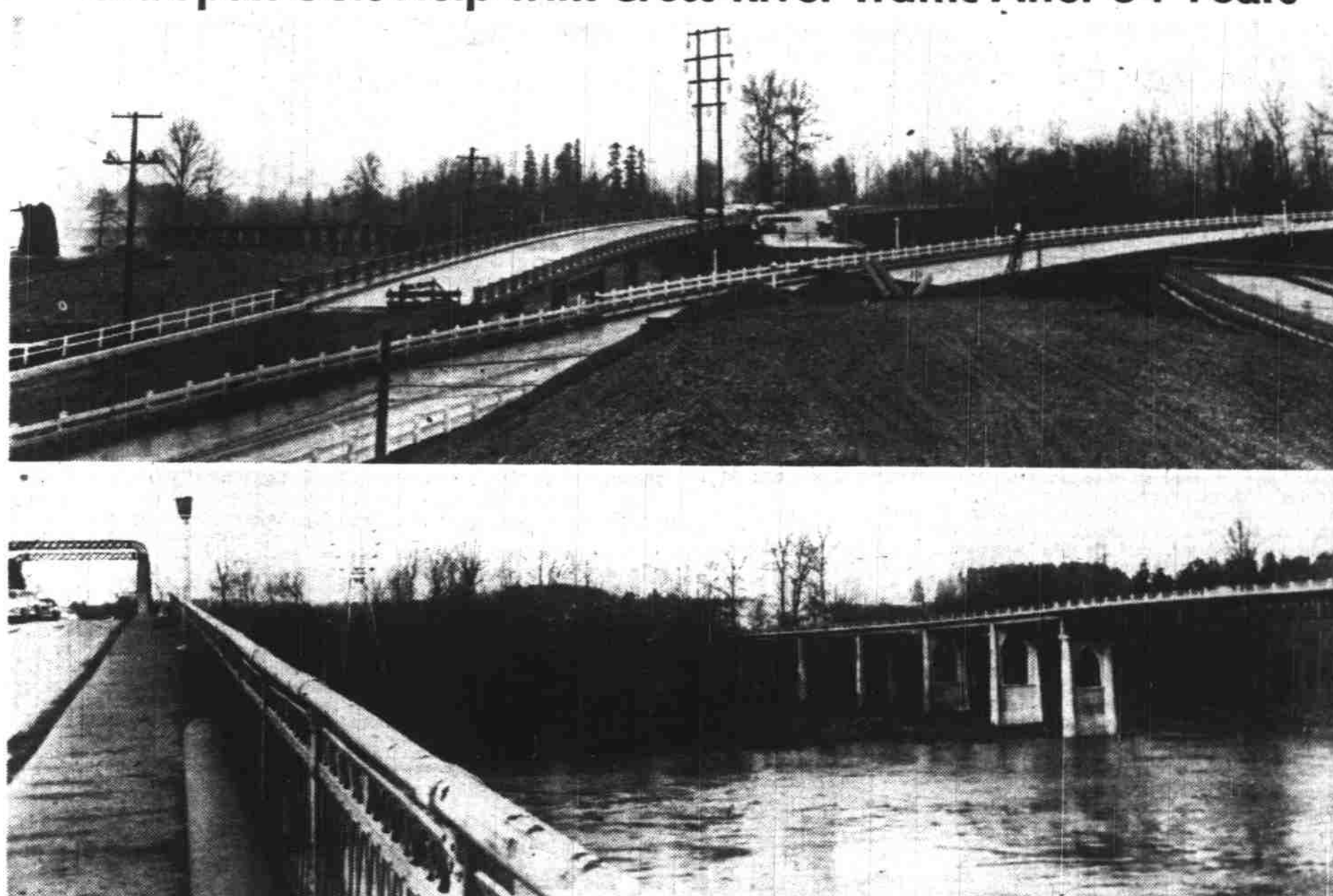
Floyd Edwards, Albany, president, announced the meeting of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association at Corvallis Tuesday afternoon and evening. The business meeting will start at 1:30 and the annual banquet at 6:30, both to be held at Benton Hotel. Besides election of officers the award of the Sheep Breeders' Trophy will be announced and made. This award is presented each year to the breeder who has the most typical breed display at the sheep breeders ram sale held in August at Albany.

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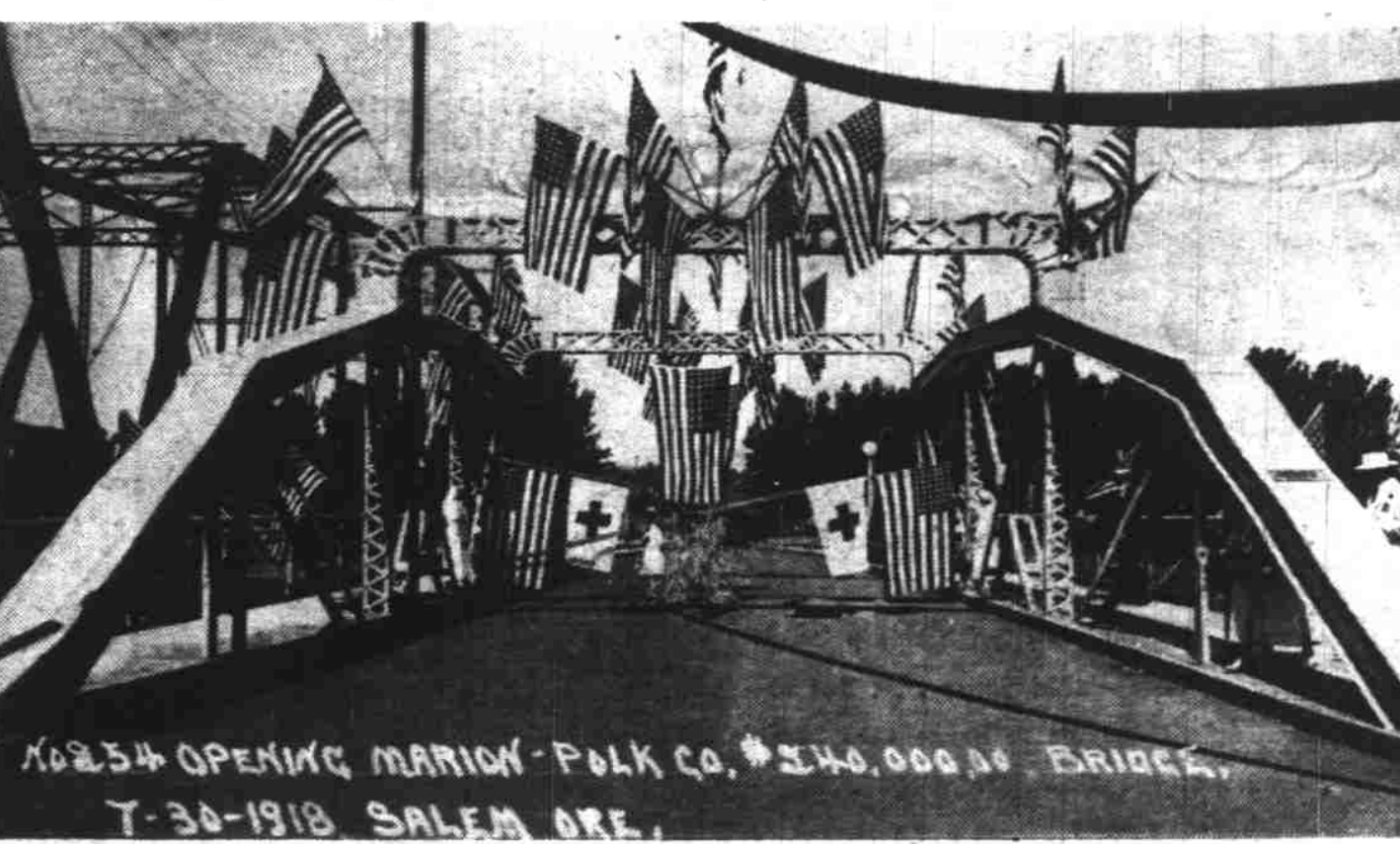
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Ike's Plane Lands in California

Old Span Gets Help with Cross-River Traffic After 34 Years



The Marion Street bridge officially becomes part of the Salem scene when it begins carrying traffic both ways across the Willamette River this morning. Top photo shows the West Salem approach, on the left, with the present Center Street Bridge approach, in the center, being built on the Salem side which will carry the east approach to Commercial Street.



Elaborate ceremonies marked the opening of the Center Street bridge 34 years ago, July 30, 1918, as shown in this old postcard photo from the collection of Mrs. Winifred Rigdon Herrick. The view is towards Salem, from about the middle of the bridge. To the left of the picture is the old steel bridge, which was moved to that location and served as a detour bridge. It was later torn down. The Center Street bridge will be closed this morning as work continues on new bridge approaches.

GEESSE FOG-BOUND

CALDWELL, Idaho (AP) — Fog in Caldwell was thick Saturday morning. Just ask the city police.

Henry Ahrens President of County Livestock Association

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
The Statesman
WALDO HILLS — Henry Ahrens of Turner was named president of the Marion County Livestock Association Saturday night at that group's annual meeting held at Waldo Hills Community Club house. The business meeting and program were preceded by a dinner served to approximately 100 people.

Ahrens replaces J. J. Thompson, Salem, who served as head of the organization this past year. Other officers named were Elton Watts, Silvertown, vice president; Ben Newell, Salem, secretary-treasurer, and Karl Wipper, Turner, director for two years. Louis Henries reported for the nominating committee.

Objection to the raising of assessed valuation of livestock was voiced by the club membership through resolution following a report made by Alvin Hartley, Silvertown, as representative of the Oregon Wool Growers Association. Plans call for assessing lambs, calves and pigs at birth instead of at the six-month age as formerly, and assessed valuation on sheep are being placed at \$18 a head, with talk of raising this to \$24 to \$28, Hartley said, pointing out that breeding ewes were now selling at around \$15 and less in their prime.

Older Bridge Constructed in World War I

There were also two bridges for traffic across the Willamette River when the Center Street bridge was under construction during World War I.

A postcard photo from the collection of Mrs. Winifred Rigdon Herrick shows the two structures. An old steel bridge, the second one crossing the river, was lifted off its piers and moved 10 feet or so north and served as a detour bridge while the Center Street structure was being built. It had crossed the river at about the same location.

While it was being moved, traffic used the ferry, which had served the two sides of the river for many years. After the Center Street bridge was completed, the older steel structure was torn down. Its predecessor, built in 1887 at nearly the same location, was washed out in the flood of 1890.

Lower Photo gives a view of both the new and old bridge, looking toward Polk County. The Center Street bridge will be closed to traffic this morning and rebuilding work will continue. Piers are presently being built on the Salem side which will carry the east approach to Commercial Street.

Fog Descends Upon Salem Area

Dense fog descended upon Salem and vicinity Saturday evening slowing shopper traffic and weathermen predicted continued fog this morning and more fog tonight.

The afternoon prediction by the U. S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field indicated it may be fair this afternoon. No precipitation was recorded for Saturday.

McKay to Have Part in Defense Policies as Secretary of Interior

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Gov. Douglas McKay's participation in top level talks aboard the cruiser Helena with President-elect Eisenhower and other cabinet appointees illustrates dramatically that the Secretary of Interior these days is more than a manager of forests and waters.

Though no information has been released pertaining to the exact nature of the Pacific talks, a high-placed Interior Department official speculated that the Oregon governor was called because when he becomes a member of Ike's cabinet:

Marion Street Bridge Open to Traffic Today

Salem's new, \$1,300,000 Marion Street bridge across the Willamette River will open to traffic this morning, at the same time the 34-year-old Center Street bridge closes down for major alteration.

No formalities are planned for the Marion Street bridge opening. The new bridge will carry westbound traffic, with eastbound using the older bridge.

During the interim period, all traffic from West Salem will turn right off the bridge at Commercial Street. Approach to the bridge on the Salem side will be from Marion Street or south along North Commercial St.

Length of the structure is 2,561 feet. Its roadway is 26 feet wide. There is also a sidewalk along both sides.

McKay Returns With Ike

By DON WHITEHEAD

WITH GENERAL EISENHOWER (Sunday) (AP) — President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower landed in California last night, nearing the end of his long and momentous trip to Korea.

He is due in New York about 9 a. m. (PST) today. He was non-committal as his Constellation set down at Edwards Air Force Base on the Mojave Desert north of Los Angeles — diverted enroute from Honolulu by fog which closed in Travis AFB near San Francisco.

But aides described him as confident that his 15-day survey of Korean and Far East war problems has paid dividends, despite the criticism of President Truman.

He told a crowd of 100 or so which gathered in the clear, cloudless desert night, with the temperature in the low 30s: "I have no formal statement to make at this time. I'll be thinking to say later about the trip. I expect to be in New York on Monday."

Conference Cancelled
Elaborate preparations had been made for a press conference, but the general's press secretary, Jim Hagerty, canceled it after the press plane landed.

Instead, the general stopped briefly as he stepped off the plane to wave and smile at the crowd and tell them about the trip.

The trip was full of interesting anecdotes, and I let out of interesting people. All of us were obliged by the hospitality we found along the way.

Smooth Crossing
The plane made a smooth crossing of the Eastern Pacific from Honolulu, traveling at 17,000 feet and at a speed of 400 miles an hour, aided by a 30-mile tail wind.

Enroute, the general played bridge with John Foster Dulles, his secretary of state-designate; C. D. Jackson, editor of Fortune magazine; and one of his advisors; and Lt. John Davies, an army stenographer who accompanied him.

He was wearing a beige camel's hair coat, brown suit and hat as he walked to the headquarters of Brig. Gen. J. S. Holtner for a brief conference and a series of intensive conferences about the cruiser Helena between Guam and Hawaii.

TV Cameras
The general blinked in the glare of newsreel and TV camera lights and popping flash bulbs as he stepped from the big Constellation. He pulled his hands from his beige overcoat, waved at the crowd of 100 or so, and flashed his famous smile.

Many of his listeners stood aboard flatbed trucks for a better look. They included newsmen, secret service agents and some base personnel.

Eisenhower added that he expects to be back at work in New York on Monday.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	53	36	.00
Portland	55	35	.00
San Francisco	59	42	.00
Chicago	29	22	trace
New York	43	33	.00

Willamette River 7.4 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Foggy this morning, becoming partly cloudy to late this afternoon. Foggy again tonight. High today 54 to 56, low tonight 37 to 38. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. was 37 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year 8.74 Last Year 20.94 Normal 13.40