

### Truman Points to Statistics to Show American Prosperity

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman made public Monday figures he said confirm his claims that the American people "are today better off than ever before in our history."

The President said he had received a letter from Roy V. Peel, director of the Census Bureau, reporting that during Truman's administration the American people have made gains "unparalleled in American history."

Peel's letter stated: "During your administration, the people of the United States have made tremendous gains in their incomes, standard of living, education, housing, and in numerous other ways which have been reflected in census figures. The gains are unparalleled in American history."

The letter said that the last census, April 1, 1950, shows that there were nearly 151 million people in the United States, grouped in 43 million households with 46 million dwelling units at their disposal.

Over half of all dwellings were 5.4 per cent were free of mortgages. While the total of 5,400,000 farms was smaller than in 1940, there were 78 million more acres devoted to farming.

Peel said three quarters of all farms are now operated by their owners.

"Never before in history have so many farmers had the help of modern facilities, machinery and

equipment," he reported. "In 1950, over 5 1/2 million farmers reported sales exceeding \$2 billion dollars, an all-time high."

The letter went on to say that the census of manufacturing, covering operations in 1947, enumerated \$41,000,000,000 in value added by manufacture, amounting to 74.5 billion dollars, while last year, according to the annual survey of trends, value added was about 102 billion dollars.

### UAL to Ignore CAB Decree

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines said Tuesday it would ignore a Civil Aeronautics Board order to start operating its DC-4 coaches with at least 64 passengers. It also asserted a congressional investigation of flight regulations might be in order.

The CAB in Washington, told United it must comply with the order immediately or charge full first-class fares on the coach-type planes.

W. A. Patterson of Chicago, United's president, said "in the public interest, United Airlines plans to continue operating its coach service with the limited seating capacity."

United reduced the number of passengers in the coach-type plane to 54 last November 22, Patterson said then research indicated that survivors of a crack-up of a jammed tourist plane might be unable to get out in the event of fire.

United began a practice of keeping the middle seats of three-abreast seating arrangements empty until the planes could be modified.

### Compromise In Tax Dispute

PORTLAND (AP) — The State Tax Commission and Multnomah County reached a compromise on an assessment dispute Monday.

The dispute was over a tax commission order lowering some assessments made by the county. In the compromise, both sides agreed that for 1953 property would be assessed at 53 per cent of cash value.

Spokesmen said this would leave all assessments except those on merchandise, at the 1952 level. Merchandise assessments will go up about 2 per cent, the spokesmen said.

### Hoax Telegram Said Traced to Seattle Man

SEATTLE (AP) — A Seattle furniture salesman was arrested Monday on a charge of sending a hoax telegram to the Washington State Prison to delay the executions of Turman and Utah Wilson.

John Edward (Tommy) Thomas, 42, the father of two children, was taken into custody by agents of the FBI and charged with impersonation of a federal official. He was released on \$1,000 bond and preliminary hearing was set for next Monday.

Richard D. Auerbach, special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, said Thomas had denied the charge after his arrest.

Auerbach said the telegram was called in to the Western Union office here late Friday night from a pay phone in a tavern, but declined comment on how the FBI decided Thomas was the sender.

Thomas told reporters late he was in the tavern that night with his wife and had "two or three beers," but he denied repeatedly that he had sent the wire.

He said anyone dispatching such a telegram would have had an emotional interest in the Wilson brothers, and he had not even read of the case until after his arrest.

Thomas said he used the pay telephone in the tavern several times trying to call his mother-in-law to ask her to care for their children until their return home. Then he added:

"If I were going to send a telegram like that I certainly would have picked a quieter place."

The telegram, sent Friday night, was received at the prison a few minutes after the brothers had been hanged for the 1950 slaying of JoAnn Dewey of Vancouver.

The telegram, purporting to be from U.S. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, carried the signature "W. D. Magnuson."

It read: "Herewith is ordered a stay of execution of Wilson Brothers by emergency decree, presidential authority, delegated through me as U.S. Senator from Washington. Confirmation coming from Olympia."

The telegram previously had been traced to a call from a Seattle telephone booth.

The Wilson brothers were hanged after a long legal battle which brought them four revised plans to do not change the main floor plan but bring changes in the upper portion and outside of the building.

The output of soft coal in U. S. mines is about seven tons per man-day, which is an increase of 80 per cent in 15 years.

### Battleship Back In Yellow Sea To Plague Reds

SEOUL (AP) — The battleship Missouri returned to the Yellow Sea Tuesday for the third time since 1950 and joined British warships in blasting Communist targets along North Korea's West Coast.

The big battleship turned her 16 inch rifles on gun caves and fortifications in the Haeju Peninsula area. The British cruiser Birmingham joined in the attacks and the British Carrier Glory roared down on Red supply targets.

American warplanes streaked across the North Korean bombing and strafing rail lines in daylight Wednesday.

Allied infantry Tuesday night turned back several Red thrusts on the Sniper Ridge and Jane Russell Hill sections of the Central front.

More than 100 Allied fighter-bombers destroyed at least 28 buildings Tuesday in a raid on a big Red troop and supply center 30 miles from Manchuria in North-west Korea.

Communist MIGs from nearby Manchurian bases did not challenge the massive air strike, but Sabre pilots claimed two Red jets were damaged earlier in the day.

### Revised Plans For St. Paul's Church Okehed

Tentative revised plans for a proposed new St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem were approved at a church vestry meeting Tuesday night.

Glenn S. Paxson, chairman of the church building committee, said that bids will be called for and if everything goes well, construction may begin in the spring. It is hoped he said that final figures on the bids may be in by February.

Paxson said that it is expected to complete the new edifice this year. Construction begins early enough. The plans, he said, have been redesigned to fit in with the church's means to build. The first step, he said, found the project "running away" from the church's financial means.

The church plans to build on the site of the old Lincoln School building in south Salem. The revised plans do not change the main floor plan but bring changes in the upper portion and outside of the building.

### \$10 Million in State Highway Bonds Sold

PORTLAND (AP) — Ten million dollars worth of bonds were sold Tuesday by the Oregon Highway Commission, which accepted the interest rate of 1.99 per cent offered by the First National Bank of Chicago and 28 Associates.

The bonds were the last of 40 million for highway work authorized by the 1951 Legislature. Commission Engineer R. H. Baldock said that half of the 10 million would be spent on projects to be put under contract Jan. 22. The rest will be spent by May 1.

Fred Paulson, deputy state treasurer, said that the interest rate was higher than previous sales. The first two sales were at a rate 1.61 per cent and the third at 1.63.

The 1.99 per cent rate is in line with bids for state and municipal bonds and is close to the figure paid by the federal government on 91-day treasury notes.

The bonds sold Tuesday will mature in half-billion dollar units annually from 1953 to 1972. The commission also approved a plan to temporarily invest surplus bond money. It was pointed out that such an investment or periods of from three to 18 months could earn the commission up to \$300,000 on the money.

Baldock recommended that the commission approved a West Portland expressway route 9.25 miles long that would cost \$8,896,000. He said it would be cheaper than the proposed Upper Boones Ferry or Tualatin Tunnel routes.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A commission named by Eisenhower to help draft GOP farm policy debated in closed sessions Tuesday ways of streamlining the Agriculture Department and its far-flung regional and local agencies.

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### Arrest of Trio Clears Santiam Area Robberies

Two service station burglaries of last Saturday, one at Mill City and one at Aumsville, were cleared up Tuesday with the arrest of three young men in Vancouver, Wash., police reported.

Representatives of the Marion County sheriff's office and state police, who went to Vancouver Tuesday, identified the youths as Gary Glen Blegan, 20; James Washington Robb, 19, and Vernon Ray Cranfill, 18.

Officers said the men admitted burglaries of the S. C. (Pink) Mason service station at Mill City and the Cranfill Garage at Aumsville early Saturday. Seven tires taken from the Cranfill Garage and a considerable amount of automotive supplies taken from the Mill City station were recovered.

Cranfill was returned and lodged in Albany jail on a Linn County warrant charging him with burglarizing Mason's station, located in Linn County at Mill City. A Marion County warrant charging burglary of the Aumsville garage will be filed this week, deputies said.

Meanwhile Blegan and Robb were taken to Lyle, Wash., to face burglary charges there, officers said.

### Alumina Plant Case Delayed

WASHINGTON (Special) — A spokesman for General Services Administration disclosed Tuesday that disposition of the Salem-Alumina Plant may not be made for "three or four weeks."

The plant built north of Salem in World War II was recently put up for sale by the government. Decision on the federal-owned property has been shifted from the Seattle, Wash., field office of GSA to Washington, according to Murray Cramer, and is being delayed pending an up-to-date appraisal of what the plant is worth on the market today.

Cramer said GSA has now received three bids on the plant, one from the Harvey Machine Co. Cramer added the new appraisal is being made because "all the bids may be too low."

Cramer explained that GSA can refuse to sell even to the highest bidder if the top bid is deemed insufficient by GSA.

INDICTMENTS SOUGHT BOSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors are endeavoring to indict 12 men named by the FBI as participants in the \$1,219,000 Brink robbery, it was reported Tuesday night. There was no comment available from official sources.

### Capitol Area Zoning Subject Of Discussion

(Story also on page 1) Zoning of the fringes of the State Capitol Mall was discussed Tuesday when the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission joined the State Capitol Planning Commission in a discussion following the latter's regular meeting.

The two planning groups reached accord over the general trend of zoning to be recommended in the rezoning of Salem. A zoning commission committee is now preparing the big code revision for the consideration of the commission the public (at hearings) and the City Council.

Under the tentative plans commercial zoning would be made along Capitol Street at the east fringe of the mall. The Capitol Shopping Center and other business development already has been established along Capitol Street near the state buildings.

On the west fringe, along the west side of Winter Street, members of both commissions indicated an agreement that apartment-type residential zoning be enacted, probably with a height restriction so that no building be erected higher than the state buildings along the mall.

Robert Stanley, code revision chairman for the city zoning, pointed out that much of the zoning is already established in character — with the telephone building at Court Street, the Presbyterian Church probably to be relocated at Chemeketa Street, the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the next block and the big Lee Apartments at Union Street.

### Dulles Aide to Tackle Job of Reorganization

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Eisenhower Tuesday named an undersecretary of state whose duties will, among other things, include reorganization of the oft-criticized State Department.

Chosen for the post was Donald B. Lourie of Peru, Ill., 53 year old president of the Quaker Oats Company, a Republican and an All-America football player at Princeton in 1920.

The announcement of his appointment said the purpose of his job is to relieve John Foster Dulles, secretary of state-designate, and his policy advisers "from the burden of reorganization and administration."

No further details were given. Eisenhower named a Washington newspaperman as an assistant secretary of state who will head the "Voice of America" broadcast operations — another State Department facility which has at times drawn fire.

Selected for this position was Carl W. McCordie, a veteran newspaperman who now is in charge of the Washington bureau of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. The announcement said he would be primarily concerned with public affairs in the assistant secretary's post.

### Two Wrecks In Silverton

SILVERTON — Two motor accidents occurred on Silverton hilly street sections Tuesday.

A truck, driven by Delbert Iverson and loaded with hog fuel tipped over on the driveway of the R. E. Fisher home in the West Hill section. Street traffic was blocked for almost an hour.

Fred Crites, a passenger in a car driven by Fred Kuenzi, sustained head and back injuries when the car in which they were riding ran into a power pole while coming down East Hill. Crites was treated at Silverton hospital and released.

### PLYWOOD PRICE BOOST

PORTLAND (AP) — The M and M Wood Working Company of Portland, one of the Pacific Northwest's major Douglas fir plywood producers, Tuesday announced a plywood price increase of about 9 per cent.

### By-Pass Job Bids Sought

Bids for grading and surfacing approximately five miles of the Turner Road-Battle Creek Junction unit of the new by-pass highway southeast of Salem will be called for at a State Highway Commission meeting in Portland Jan. 21-22.

Also to be considered will be bids on paving of about seven miles of the new Wilsonville cut-off route near Tualatin, and furnishing 15,000 cubic yards of crushed rock and gravel in stockpiles on the Santiam Highway east of Foster in Linn County.

Multnomah County projects included in the bidding are construction of a concrete 130-foot viaduct to carry T. H. Banfield expressway traffic over a connection to Multnomah Street at 92nd Avenue in Portland and the Cereghino overcrossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. tracks on the expressway.

### MAN DIES IN BLAZE

PORTLAND (AP) — A man tentatively identified as Charles Wilson, 76, died Tuesday in a flash fire which swept through a two-room shack where he lived with 25 stray cats.

Death was believed caused by asphyxiation.

### ACTRESS AWAIT BIRTH

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor entered Santa Monica hospital Tuesday to await the birth of her first child.

Dr. Monrad Aaberg said the baby would be delivered by Caesarian section Wednesday morning.

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United States Government Bonds	245,485,611.13
Municipal and Other Bonds	60,388,874.84
Loans and Discounts—Net	228,328,451.98
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	900,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	7,274,899.12
Customer's Liability on Acceptances	541,856.09
Interest Earned	2,224,711.91
Other Resources	150,936.78
	\$ 688,416,816.53

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 14,000,000.00
Surplus	16,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,229,736.19
	44,229,736.19
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	2,876,878.78
Acceptances	541,856.09
Dividends Declared	420,000.00
Deposits	637,283,382.96
Interest Collected Not Earned	3,214,263.32
Other Liabilities	50,700.21
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