

Lifer Free for Only Minutes, Slapped Behind Bars Again

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sorensen

Postwar Highway Program—II

Yesterday's report on Oregon's postwar highway program gave figures of work completed or contracted for and work planned for 1946 to 1957. The grand total for highway construction is estimated at \$321,200,000. The money from authorized bond issues of \$72,000,000 aids materially in advancing the modernization of the state's highway system. Improvements for US-99, Pacific highway, were detailed yesterday. Now I shall summarize the improvements made or projected for other principal highways in the state.

US-30, the Columbia river-Oregon Trail highway, certainly ranks as a major traffic artery. Important work on this road since the war has included: four miles of reconstruction east of Rainier, 24 miles between Sundial and Bonneville, ten miles between John Day river and Quinton; and grading on important sections Heppner-Junction-Boardman and LaGrande-North Powder.

The five-year program now under way includes a relocation near Knappa, another near Wauna, a third between Clatskanie and Delena; and a reconstruction job near St. Helens. At Portland the big project is the Banfield expressway up Sullivan Gulch to Sundial, a 4.7-mile reconstruction Cascade Locks-The Dalles; eleven miles of reconstruction east of Arlington, relocation of the Cabbage Hill section east of Pendleton and the paving of the sections mentioned above as having been graded. Also there will be eight miles of reconstruction east of Olds Ferry.

When this work is done more than 300 miles of this 512-mile highway will be at modern standards of alignment and width. Another road of great importance both to a tourist and a commercial angle is US-101, the Oregon Coast highway. While its traffic volume is less, it is for (Continued on Editorial page 4.)

Student Saves Boy From Mill Stream

A four-year-old Salem boy was saved from certain drowning in Mill Creek Friday morning by a Willamette University student who plunged into the frigid waters to pull the frightened, drenched youngster to safety.

Tommy LaRoche, son of Mr. and Mrs. William LaRoche of 630 N. Cottage St., suffered shock and chills from the dunking, but his mother said his condition was good Friday night.

His rescuer was Carl Blanes, 26-year-old former GI, who lives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Coe at 795 N. Winter St.

Blanes, a senior at Willamette University, was studying in his room when Mrs. Coe called him to say Tommy had fallen into the stream.

Witnesses said Tommy and three other boys were "fishing" in the creek between Cottage and Winter Streets about 10:30 a.m. when Tommy slipped and fell into the rushing rain-swollen water.

Cries for help by his companions were heard by Mrs. Robert Stephenson of 797 N. Winter St. She called Mrs. Coe who lives next door, knowing that several Willamette students lived at her home.

Tommy was swept an estimated 80 feet downstream before Blanes was able to pull him to safety. The student, whose home is in Kelso, Wash., lost his glasses during the rescue.

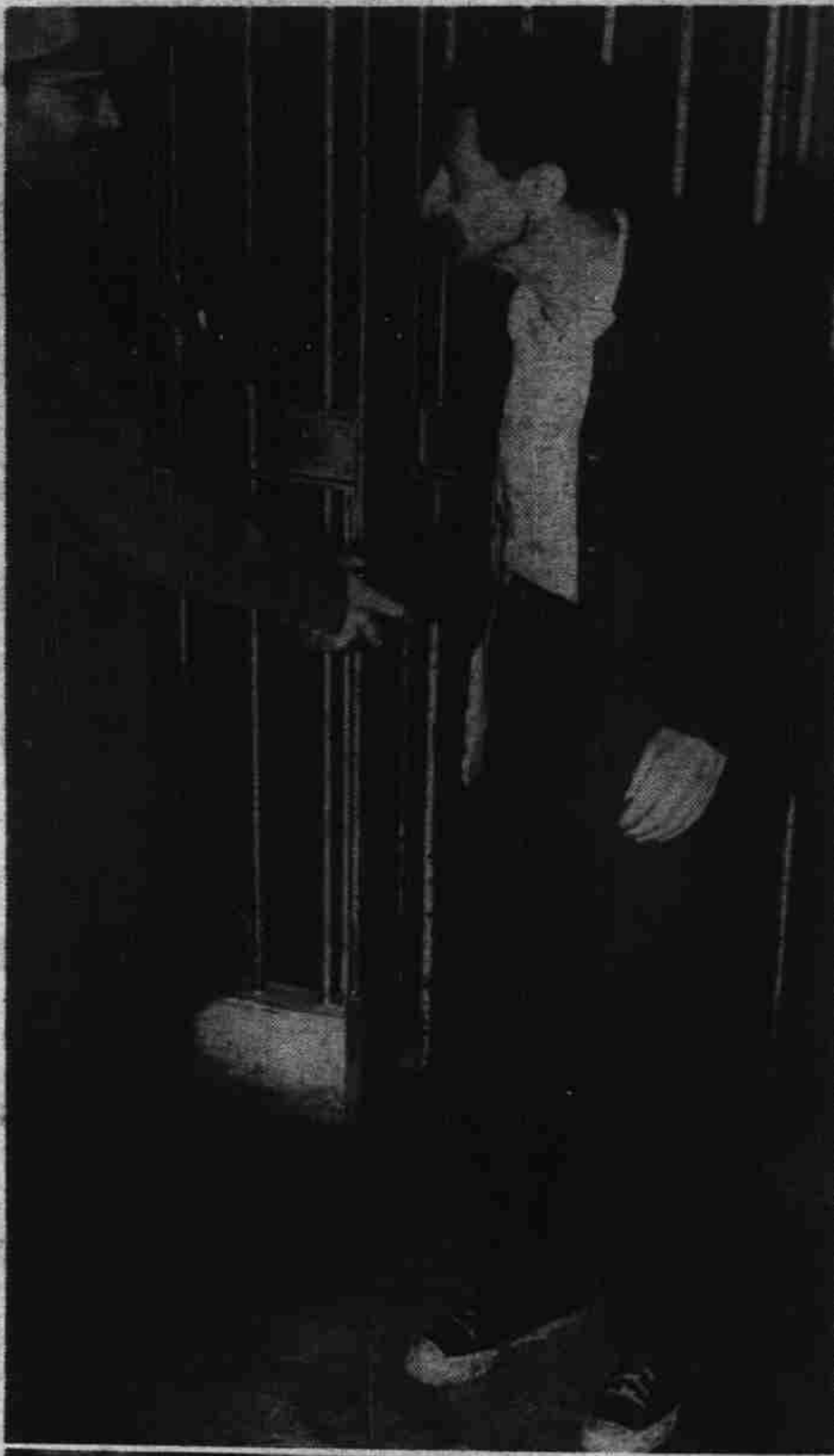
Mrs. LaRoche was called to the scene by one of Tommy's older brothers. She took him home and called the doctor.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



WHY SHOULD I KEEP SAYING THAT FOR WHEN I DON'T WANT ANYTHING?



Joseph Poggi was a free man only a few minutes Friday after his release on court order from the State Prison. He was quickly taken into custody by Clackamas County officials. In top photo Poggi (right) is greeted by his attorney, Merila Estep of Salem, who claims the Clackamas County arrest is "unconstitutional." In lower photo the handcuffed Poggi sits between Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Snobe (left) of Clackamas County and Marion County Deputy Sheriff Harvey Frankum. (Photos by John Erickson.)

After 20 Years Illegally Behind Prison Bars, Poggi Finds Freedom Is Fleeting

By PHIL SLOCUM Staff Writer, The Statesman

"I guess I'm just unlucky," said stoop-shouldered, 57-year-old Joseph Poggi when he was freed for a few brief moments Friday from the State Prison—his home for the past 25 years.

The Pennsylvania-born Italian, a tailor on the "outside," never got out from under the shadows of the prison walls.

Sheriff's handcuffs were slapped on his wrists and he was whisked off to Clackamas County Jail in Oregon City.

He was in jail Friday night, waiting for the legal machinery to grind out his freedom or another jail term.

Poggi was freed from the Oregon State Penitentiary by order of Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell, who ruled Wednesday that the sharp-featured Italian had served nearly 20 years more than he legally should have under a life sentence imposed under the habitual criminal act.

Kimmell ruled that Poggi had completed a five-year burglary sentence in Clackamas County and had been illegally held in the pen under the life sentence for nearly 20 years.

The life sentence was imposed in 1928 by the late Judge J. U. Campbell.

Kimmell said Poggi's conviction under the habitual criminal law followed his admission in open court that he was previously convicted of three felonies.

"The state should have proved these felony convictions," Kimmell said.

Waiting for Poggi yesterday afternoon when he emerged from the prison were Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Snobe of Clackamas County and Marion County Deputy Sheriff Harvey Frankum.

They arrested him on a warrant issued by Circuit Judge Ralph Holman of Clackamas County charging him as a habitual criminal—the same charge Judge Kimmell ruled illegal.

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All 35 Dead in Crash of Airliner

First Presbyterian Church To Stay on Capitol Mall Site

Full agreement that First Presbyterian Church should be allowed to stay and expand on the block it now occupies in the Capitol Mall was reached Friday by the State Board of Control. The program is dependent principally upon the church's being able to acquire other properties in the block for enlargement which would more than double its present investment. The decision, followed a conference of the board with members of the Capitol Planning Commission, representatives of the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Legislature and representatives of the congregation. Gov. Paul Patterson expressed for the board the feeling that the church should be given whatever legal assurance is possible that it will be undisturbed for a long period—perhaps a half century. The planning commission's opinion, resulting from a poll since only four members were present yesterday, was that the church adds to the beauty of the mall and would be the last non-state structure to be removed as the mall expands counter-clockwise from the State Highway Building to D Street and back. While it was expected to be 50 years before the state would need the church block, he reiterated that the state could not be bound to assuring the church any definite period of occupancy. Dean George Gleeson of Oregon State College presented this viewpoint. Sanctions Plan The Ways and Means Committee added its sanction to the plan as Sen. Rex Ellis of Pendleton averred that, if the church adds beauty and dignity to the mall now, it would 100 years from now. The committee "feels we cannot recommend purchase of this property" at the cost required to use the building for state offices or to permit the church to move it across the street.

Dulles, McCarthy Feud Flares Over Support of Bohlen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (D-Nev.) charged Friday that Secretary of State Dulles overrode objections of his chief security officer in backing Charles E. Bohlen for ambassador to Russia. Dulles promptly denied it. The Nevada senator asserted the security chief, R. W. Scott McLeod, refused to clear Bohlen for the strategic diplomatic post, but that Dulles gave him clearance anyway in testimony before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday.

Dulles, in turn, said there was no difference between him and McLeod on the final evaluation of an FBI report on Bohlen's background. There is absolutely nothing in the report, the secretary said, which reflects on Bohlen as a loyalty or security risk. Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) jumped into the argument with a declaration that Dulles' statement "would appear to be untrue" from what he knows of the situation. "My information is in complete accord with what Sen. McCarran said," the Wisconsin senator told a hastily called news conference. "I know what's in Bohlen's file."

A reporter asked McCarthy if he thought Bohlen was a security risk. "That's putting it too weak," the senator replied. McCarthy said the Foreign Relations Committee should recall Dulles, "put him under oath," and then ask him whether he still contended there was no disagreement between himself and McLeod. The sharp new controversy over Bohlen, a 48 year old career officer in the State Department, began on the floor of the Senate, where McCarran made his charges.

Girl School Inmates Riot; Guards Called

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)—Armed National Guard troops in full field equipment moved into the grounds of the Los Gullucos schools for delinquent girls here Friday as violence and mass hysteria flamed into renewed rioting. Soft music, through police loudspeakers, was directed at a din of blasphemy, obscenity and hysterical screaming in an attempt to soothe the teen-age rioters.

Many of the 160 inmates were reported armed with knives and broken glass. A cordon of police was drawn around the school for delinquents and an all-night vigil was planned. All this after the girls threatened to "get" individual supervisors and inmates who didn't take part in the rioting which broke out Thursday night and Friday.

Fifteen teen-agers escaped after a riot in the dining hall Thursday night and another 15 escaped from a maximum security wing Friday afternoon. All were recaptured. One matron told a reporter: "It could mean murder and I don't feel we should expose ourselves to this danger."

Officials of the school were overheard commenting that the riot was believed to have stemmed from breakup of a homosexual ring.

Radio, Press Probe Next On Schedule

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Eberhart (D-Pa.) said Friday "the sky is the limit" in congressional investigation, and he wouldn't be surprised if Congress were asked next to investigate radio commentators and newspaper columnists and editors. Eberhart made the statement in an address to the fifth National Conference on Civil Liberties. "I wouldn't be surprised," Eberhart said, "if the next proposal to come along would be for the investigation of radio commentators, newspaper and columnist and newspaper editors who do not express agreement with practices and procedures of a committee."

The conference also was told: By Philip B. Perlman, former solicitor general, that the McCarran-Walter Immigration act is "a fraud and a sham." By Charles M. LaFollette, former Republican congressman from Indiana and former chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board, that there is a "well-financed campaign" to suppress discussion of changes in government.

Eberhart, who long has been a bitter critic of the House Un-American Activities Committee, said Congress is forgetting the main point of investigations: To get information which will help in legislation.

Malenkov Yields Post of Secretary

MOSCOW (AP)—The Moscow Radio announced Friday that the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has freed Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov at his own request from his duties as secretary of the Central Committee.

The committee in plenary session simultaneously elected a five-man Secretariat headed by 33-year-old Nikita S. Khrushchev.

RECESS CONTRACT TALKS

PORTLAND (AP)—Employers and CIO Woodworkers Friday recessed their contract talks until April 3—two days after the present contract expires.

Ruth Barnett Nabbed Again

PORTLAND (AP)—The state has filed another abortion charge against Ruth Barnett, Portland naturopath, and she was arrested Friday. District Attorney John B. McCourt said the woman is accused of performing an illegal abortion last October. In 1951, when Mrs. Barnett operated the plush Stewart Clinic in downtown Portland, she was convicted of maintaining a nuisance.

Road Project to Aid Island's Residents

A two-foot raise for three sections of the Brown's Island road, off South River Road, to alleviate flood isolation, was approved Friday by Marion County. Members said that families on the island are marooned when the river level goes above 11 feet at present. Property owners involved will provide the fill material needed, an estimated 2,000 yards which county equipment will haul to the low spots.

Deluge Ushers In Spring; Rain Forecast Today

That traditionally most colorful flowery time of the year vernal equinox—better known as spring—bounced and blustered its way into Salem Friday at exactly 2:01 p.m. bringing winds up to 34 miles an hour and lots of rain. Nearly a half-inch of rain fell here between 4:30 p.m. and midnight. In the 24-hour period from midnight Thursday to midnight Friday .52 inches descended.

And the predictions for spring's first days in the valley weren't much brighter. The weather prophet sees a wet and blustery weekend coming up.

Red Trading Ships Target Of Crackdown

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. moved Friday night to crack down on foreign shippers who have been trading with Iron Curtain countries—using ships bought on mortgage from this country.

The Maritime Administration declared the mortgages of 14 Liberty ships sold to Greek companies in default, and demanded that the owners submit annual inspection certificates or pay up in full.

A spokesman for the agency confirmed a statement by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) that 14 vessels were on a list of 96 that allegedly have been trading with Communist countries. The list was supplied to McCarthy by the Defense Department.

Many Ships Involved "We're going after the rest of them now," the maritime spokesman added. He said the others are now sailing under the flags of France and Italy. They were not identified. Italian operators bought 124 American-built ships under mortgage arrangements, and France obtained 98. The Greeks acquired 100 such vessels altogether.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The U. S. government Friday seized a 10,195 gross ton tanker—the Seven Seas—and declared it and other ships had been "running off behind the iron curtain."

The ship was seized at its pier at Transbay Richmond, Calif., and the government charged its owners with violating maritime law by concealing the fact they were aliens.

WU's Annual Glee Tonight

Freshman Glee will be performed before the usual sellout crowd at Willamette University gymnasium at 8 tonight.

The four classes will present their original songs in competition, sing their parodies and go through some of the traditional antics of suspense while judges select the winning class.

By Friday all tickets were taken up and the students were in the final press of rehearsal for the university's most famous activity of the year. Glee has been presented since 1908.

Slot Machines Fall Under Sheriff's Axe

Marion County sheriff's office made quick work Friday of the 49 slot machines recently confiscated after a raid in Silverton. Sheriff Denver Young and Deputy Wayne Stevenson and Larry Wright smashed the machines with sledge hammers, then burned the remains at the county dump near Macleay.

THE WEATHER

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	45	34	.76
Portland	46	35	.25
San Francisco	54	41	.03
Chicago	50	34	trace
New York	50	40	.01
Willamette River	43	30	

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy to clear, across Willamette valley. Increasing cloudiness with occasional light rain tonight. Showery on Sunday. High today near 48 to 50, minimum near 38. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 39 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Year	Last Year	Normal
28.16	37.31	31.13

Pelton Dam Bill Heads for Graveyard

proposal designed to satisfy those who want stiff curbs and those who oppose additional labor legislation. The compromise would substitute for measures to ban the closed shop, forbid strikes without a vote of the employees, and probably the bill to permit union members to sue their own unions.

The new bill would ban picketing to force employees into a union. Rep. Robert W. Root, Medford, one of the sponsors, said it "effects only small employers. Bigger employers already are protected by the Taft-Hartley law."

He said it "represents the absolute minimum that employers will settle for." Rep. Lee Ohmart, Salem, is a co-sponsor of the bill. Two other labor bills were introduced in the House by Rep. Dorothy Wallace, Portland. One would compel employers to pay women workers as much as they do men, and the second would permit any political subdivision of the state to enter into collective bargaining agreements with its employees.

The Senate Friday approved a bill to permit county courts and commissioners to fix salaries of county elective officials. Only disenter was Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton. The House approved and sent to the Senate Gov. Patterson's request for a \$75,000 emergency

At the Legislature

By The Associated Press

FRIDAY Employers introduce bill to prevent picketing to force workers to join unions, as a substitute for all previous labor curb bills. House state and federal affairs committee asks investigation of state water resources, indicating it will bury the Pelton dam bill. Bill to let county courts fix salaries of county officers is passed by senate. Bill to let county courts fix salaries of county officers is passed by Senate. House votes to increase timber severance tax in order to create state forest fire fighting fund. SATURDAY House labor and industries committee to hold its second hearing at 10 a.m. on bills to restrict labor. Both houses meet at 9 a.m. to consider minor bills.