

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

Two weeks ago Life Magazine, anticipating a truce in Korea, re-lates the background of events in the Korean war and then said: "Thus President Eisenhower can in good conscience sign away the first war the U. S. has not won."

Several other publications, among them the Oregonian, have referred to the Korean War as our first which did not end in "physical victory."

Such a dogmatic statement is open to challenge. In the first place this was not a United States war. It was a United Nations war in which the United States held the command and to which it contributed the most in men and money, aside from Korea itself. The fact that it was a U. N. war required our government to consult with its U. N. allies. The latter protested use of atomic weapons, objected to pushing the war north of the 38th parallel. The U. S. authorities had a difficult time cooperating with its U. N. associates (some of whom made no contribution to the conduct of the war), with President Syngman Rhee of Korea, controlling U. S. military commanders in Korea and trying to satisfy critics at home who were numerous and articulate.

Some will say that the war was a United Nations undertaking only in theory, that it was in fact almost entirely a U. S. operation in support of the Republic of Korea. Granting that, it still is not

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Italy Premier De Gasperi's Regime Falls

ROME (AP)—Foes of the left and right ganged up on Premier Alcide De Gasperi's new, pro-Western government in the Chamber of Deputies Tuesday and overthrew it. 282-263.

Communists and Socialists teamed with Monarchists and Fascists to vote "no confidence" in De Gasperi in the precariously balanced chamber.

It was the first such defeat for the premier, 72, who has held the reins of Italy's governments continuously since Dec. 10, 1945. The new government formed two weeks ago, was his eighth.

De Gasperi needed 273 votes, or half the total 545 votes cast, to stay in office.

Thirty-seven deputies, members of three small center parties formerly allied with De Gasperi's majority Christian Democrat Party, abstained. They could have provided the margin of victory. Eight members of the 590-seat chamber were absent.

French Closing Ring Around Red Regiment

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—French Union forces hammered by air, sea and land Tuesday at a 3,000-man Vietminh regiment based near the coast of Central Indochina north of Hue, the capital of Annam Province.

French officers said heavy fighting had developed in this biggest action of the Indochinese War since an armistice ended the shooting in Korea.

The French threw 10,000 men into the assault, hoping to close a ring around the Communist-led troops before darkness gave the enemy a chance to flee from entrenched positions to nearby mountains.

Several battalions of the enemy already have been surrounded and are being pounded by American-supplied B26 bombers and by warships firing from the South China Sea, the French said. French tanks are on hand for use in the area.

The Vietminh regiment has been harassing communications between Hue and Quan Tri, 40 miles to the north, for several months. Though it has occupied several villages, the fight was reported centered 25 miles north of Hue.

The trap was set up over an area about seven miles long and five miles wide. Warships landed men along the northern and southern boundaries. Simultaneously, marching columns took up positions inland. Thirty-nine transport planes dropped parachutists into the region.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

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Industry Zoning Attacked

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Home owners in areas marked for heavy industrial zoning under a new code made it plain to Salem Planning and Zoning commission Tuesday night they didn't like it.

Several citizens in the overflow crowd of 175 at a City Hall hearing protested the proposed restriction against building homes, schools or churches in an M-2 (heavy industry) zone.

Otherwise it was a renewal of the running fight between residential and business interests of North Capitol and South Commercial Streets in most of the 50 statements made to the commission.

The occasion was the final hearing before the commission on the zone code it has spent three years preparing. Commissioners decided to go over the hearing material next Tuesday night before making its final recommendation to the City Council for legislation.

Last night's hearing developed little, if any, new information for the zoners, they indicated after the fast-paced two-hour session.

But it convinced several of the commission members that some change should be made in the industrial zones where home owners are already located.

Two major areas of this sort are the half-block strip along Oak Street between 14th and 19th Streets and the area south of Mission and west of 22nd Streets.

Asked Business One Changing the proposed industrial zones there from M-2 to M-1 would allow home building but would still prohibit churches or schools. Residents who protested last night asked for apartment or business zoning instead of industrial zoning, for the most part.

Some of the area is in industrial zoning but homes have been developed there instead of factories. And the industrial zone under present city law makes no restriction against any other use of the property.

To Permit Rebuilding Zoners explained that houses already built would be allowed to continue in the industrial zones as proposed and rebuilding would be permitted in case of fire or other damage unless the destruction amounted to over 20 per cent of the structure.

Just about everyone who appeared last night had some objection to voice.

But not Roy Adsett, South Commercial Street grocer. "We're perfectly happy and want to thank the commission for the change in our block," he said. The change extended the present business zone.

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North Salem Public Park Near Reality

Hollywood Lions Club's long-planned North Salem public park is progressing from idea stage toward reality, club leaders reported Tuesday after a board meeting.

Land for the park has been leased from the state, they said, at the old camp grounds corner of Oregon State Fairgrounds—an oak grove of more than three acres.

To begin converting this site into the family recreation-type park, the club will stage a no-host evening picnic there Aug. 12 for members and their families and others interested in working on the project.

The project will begin working that night on picnic tables, fireplaces and other fittings for the park.

Arizona Ponders Fate of 263 Children of Polygamous Town

SHORT CREEK, Ariz. (AP)—The future of Short Creek's many children was being determined by the state of Arizona here Tuesday.

Sun Brings Out Tans, Cuties



With the summer sun finally making a regular appearance here each day, pretty Leanne French (center), 1925 N. Liberty St., who has flaming red hair, is doing her best to get a sun burn to match. Helping her with the sun-tan lotion at Leslie swimming pool are Shirley Juran (left), 1795 S. High St., and Reita Gilman, 1440 Douglas Ave. (Statesman photo.)

130,000 East Germans Get Food in West Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—Western food gifts drew 130,000 hungry East Germans to the Allied sectors of Berlin Tuesday. Some recipients were reported harassed by Communist police when they headed home. But two million are now expected to be fed in two weeks from the American-financed relief.

The flood of needy from Soviet-occupied territory defied threats of police reprisals and shrugged off ominous propaganda from Premier Otto Grotewohl's Communist government against the program.

They queued up from dawn to dark at 40 food giveaway centers in West Berlin. They followed 120,000 who swarmed across the East-West border when the project got underway Monday.

City officials were overwhelmed by the influx—more than double the 60,000 a day they had counted on feeding during a two-week period.

Supplies Rushed Some distribution points ran out of food, but new supplies were rushed from warehouses. Lord Mayor Ernst Reuter's administration worked swiftly to handle the emergency.

Rec police in East Germany apparently feared to torpedo the relief by a concerted campaign of arrests and confiscations.

Taken Into Custody But Berlin informants said several East Germans carrying Western food were taken into custody at Soviet sector railway stations. Many others had to give their names and addresses when they were allowed back in the East by police sentries.

The informants said these incidents appeared to be haphazard persecution which failed to intimidate the bulk of those trekking home with five West marks (\$1.19) worth of free food per person. In the inflated prices of East Germany, the food was worth 10 times as much in East marks.

Hounsell to Head Group Studying State Constitution

Sen. John P. Hounsell, Hood River, was elected chairman Tuesday of the 17-member committee to study whether Oregon's constitution should be either revised or rewritten.

Rep. Mark O. Hatfield, Salem, was elected secretary at the State-house meeting.

The committee, which will report to the 1955 legislature, met for the first time.

Its next meeting will be here Sept. 1 when it will make a general study of whether the constitution needs changing.

School Opening Delayed

By CONRAD PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman

Salem district public schools will open a week later this fall, by order Tuesday night of the Salem School Board which hoped this action may help the late bean harvest.

School will start on Monday, Sept. 21 instead of the originally planned Sept. 14. To partially make up for the lost week the Spring Vacation week, normally held from March to 19 will be cut down to two days, March 18-19.

School board members heard cannery representatives outline the plight of bean growers and packers. George Paulus of Paulus Bros. Packing Co. was spokesman for the canners.

Prospective Loss He said growers and packers were in line for "million and a half dollar loss" if the board didn't delay school opening so that youths could harvest and pack the later-than-usual crop.

"The bean crop is three weeks behind time right now," said Paulus. "Beans usually start around July 15. But this year they won't get underway in volume for another 10 days."

Another packer said the peak of harvesting and packing beans will probably be reached between Aug. 15-20 and will continue for another three weeks or more.

School Superintendent Walter Snyder pointed out that parents of many children wouldn't appreciate a delay in school opening. He added that spring vacation time should not be eliminated, that children need this rest in the spring from school work.

As it is, by delaying the start, the Salem school system loses about \$9,000 in state basic school support fund contributions.

Board members, however, approved the new schedule—as one of them hoped out loud it wouldn't rain that extra week of vacation, and another hoped the berry growers wouldn't be "on our necks" in next spring.

Board member Harry Scott said that a financial loss to the bean industry would mean a loss to the community.

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Fairgrounds 'Burn' Causes Smoke Screen

Willamette Valley was called "Smokey Valley" in many sections of the Salem area Tuesday due to the smoke-screen let out by city firemen burning off excess dried grass at the State Fairgrounds.

The "burn-off" is described by firemen as a regular annual ritual necessitated by growing and drying grass on what is used as a parking area at the south end of the grounds. The grass is burned off to prevent possible burning by autos during fair season.

Firemen said they started their operation early in the afternoon. On hand were the tanker and the fairgrounds "flusher" (used normally to sprinkle the race track).

Twenty-five acres was the biggest area burned off at one time and the rest was burned in 10-acre lots. Travellers entering the Salem area were perplexed by the "twilight" conditions created by the smoke in the warm afternoon as were many local residents.

Commies Charge Allies With 8 Truce Violations

Site in Marion Square Awaits Old Parsonage

Plans to move the old Methodist Parsonage, second oldest site in Salem, to its original site at 13th and Ferry Streets to Marion Square, were announced Tuesday by Marion County Historical Society.

The house was obtained free from Salem School Board which is clearing an administration building site at 13th and Ferry.

Mayor Alfred Loucks Tuesday asked City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz to draft an agreement to permit the Marion Square location on a one-year temporary basis, upon the conditions that the society harm no trees there, protect the house by a fence and complete within the year a financial program sufficient to guarantee the maintenance of the old building at no expense to the city.

Financing of the project will be on a volunteer basis, Murray Wade said.

Dr. Burt Brown Barker, Portland, a former Salem resident and longtime vice president of University of Oregon, has pledged \$300.

Dr. Barker said in Salem Tuesday the "parsonage" would be made into a city museum. It was built in 1841, housed early Methodist ministers including those who organized the institute which became Willamette University.

Wade said plans are prepared for restoring the old house to its original setup.

The School Board rejected the \$35 bid it received at a public auction for the historic house, along with several other bids. School officials since have been negotiating for selling the four houses and a garage on the corner property for more than the \$280 which high bids totaled at the auction.

Senator Taft Reported As 'Generally Weaker'

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft's condition took a turn for the worse Tuesday after a series of optimistic reports in previous days.

Early Tuesday night he was reported "generally weaker" but a later announcement said he was "resting a little more comfortably."

The latest statement—third to be issued during the day by the New York Hospital—was released at 9:30 p. m. (EST). It said:

"The senator is resting a little more comfortably now."

A 5 p. m. bulletin had said his condition continued to be unsatisfactory, that he was generally weaker and able to take very little nourishment.

Wife's First Visit The Ohio Republican Party stalwart was visited during the day and evening by his wife, Martha, and two of his sons, Lloyd and Robert Jr. It was his wife's first visit to him since he entered the hospital.

Mrs. Taft suffered a stroke some time ago and now gets around only in a wheelchair. She was flown here from Washington, New York Hospital, in a 5 p. m. (EST) report said.

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MUNSAN (AP)—Communist members of the Korean Armistice Commission Wednesday charged the Allies with eight separate violations of the truce agreement signed Monday.

North Korean Lt. Gen. Lee Sang Cho made the charges at the commission's second session since the cease-fire.

United Nations Command members promptly branded the charges as "allegations" and said they needed investigation.

After the hour and 22-minute meeting, Maj. Gen. Blackshear M. (Armistice story and map also on page 5, section 2.)

Bryan, chief Allied commissioner, disclosed that the Reds alleged three aircraft had dived and reconnoitered over the demilitarized zone, four scattered artillery rounds had been fired and a burst of three machinegun bullets fired.

He said no damage was alleged by the Communists.

"These were allegations, broad and general and nothing serious," Bryan said.

"None have been substantiated, allegations and asked for additional information on which to base further action."

The Armistice Commission meets again at 11 a. m. Thursday (9 p. m. Wednesday, EST) at Panmunjon. Bryan said also he had offered to advance the exchange of war prisoners to Aug. 2, but that the Reds could do no better than the Aug. 5 date previously announced.

U.S. Stratojet Beats Atlantic Crossing Mark

FAIRFORD, England (AP)—A B47 Stratojet bomber—borrowing from tactics of the old sailing ships—zipped from Maine to England Tuesday in 4 1/2 hours.

It was man's fastest crossing of the Atlantic from the United States, 37 minutes faster than it had ever been done before.

The 6-engine Boeing-built bomber latched on to previously charted winds of up to 104 miles an hour at altitudes of about six miles to better the previous record from the U. S. Air Force base at Limestone, in Northern Maine, to this air base 80 miles west of London. The average speed for the 2,925-mile flight was reckoned at 616 miles an hour.

At the same time another B47 flew here from Goose Bay, Labrador, some 2,480 miles, in 4 hours, 14 minutes for an average speed of 611 miles an hour.

The Air Force said this was the fastest known time for the route. A British-built, twin-engine Canberra jet bomber once flew much of the same route from Labrador at an average speed of 605 miles an hour.

The Weather table with columns for location, max, min, precip, and forecast.

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A series of promotions and changes involving top offices at Parrish and Leslie Junior High Schools, were approved by the Salem School Board Tuesday night.

Charles Schmidt, principal at Leslie, was appointed principal of Parrish. He succeeds Carl Aschenbrenner, who will be principal of the new South Salem High School, now under construction. Aschenbrenner will work in the school office building the coming school year.

Earl Hampton, assistant principal at Leslie, will move up to the principal's chair there. Len Mort, dean of boys at Salem High School, will be assistant principal at Parrish.

Robert Dow, teacher at Parrish for the past six years, will advance to the assistant principal post at that school.

Neil Brown, assistant principal at Parrish, will move over to the senior high school as assistant principal in charge of youth personnel.

Power Failure Forces 'Rotation' of Electricity

PRINEVILLE (AP)—Rural areas got their electricity Tuesday as hour at a time. Service was rotated among outlying districts because of a transformer failure.

Officials got approval of highway replacement transformer on a truck from Portland.

Blast Shakes Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM (AP)—A 3-mile section of Birmingham's west end was shaken and a wide area sprayed with flying rocks from the accidental explosion of an estimated half ton of dynamite Tuesday.

No injuries were reported from the blast at a strip mine on Red Mountain, although the clothes were blown from a worker near the scene. Many windows were shattered.

Acting Asst. Police Chief B. F. Walker said the blast occurred while old dynamite was being burned as a safety precaution at a strip pit. Walker said that apparently a dynamite cap was somewhere in the pile of "probably 1,000 pounds or more" of explosive. Dynamite won't explode of itself while being burned.

Loot Includes 909 Indianhead Pennies KANSAS CITY (AP)—A burglar ransacked the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hause Monday night and got, in addition to \$250 worth of jewelry, \$9.09 in cash.

It wasn't ordinary cash. Every cent of it was Indianhead pennies saved by Mrs. Hause in 12 years.

MORE HEAT PREDICTED Another warm day in Salem was predicted for today by U. S. weathermen at McNary Field with temperatures expected to range from 84 to 46 degrees. Highest temperature in Salem Tuesday was 82 degrees.

Today's Statesman table with columns for Section 1, Section 2, Sports, Comics, etc.