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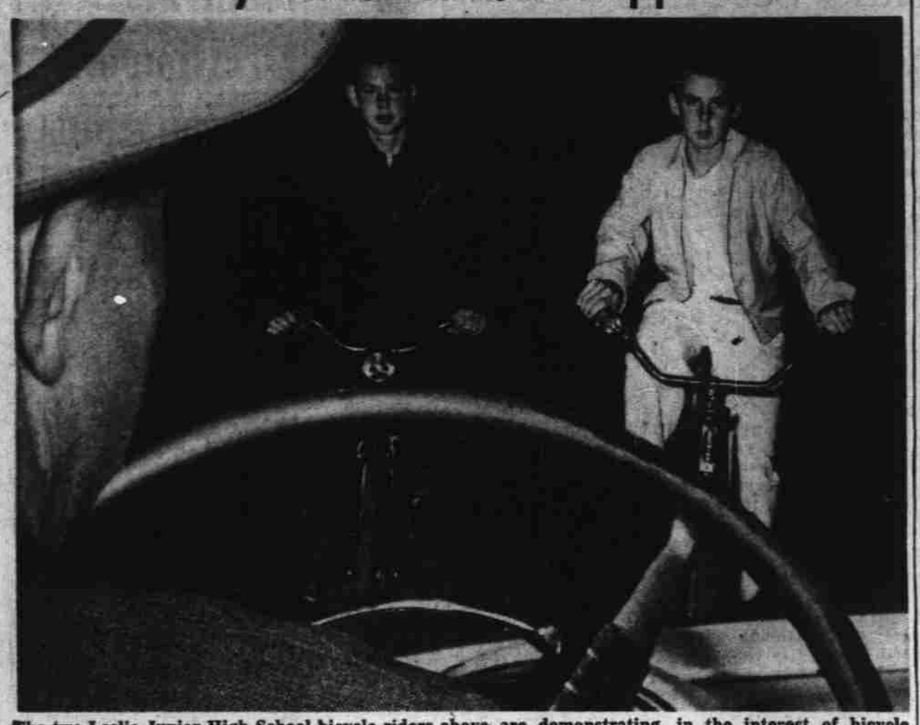
Jailed Commie Chief Given Lead Pipe Beating, Critically Hurt by Anti-Red

Safety Measures Quite Apparent



The two Leslie Junior High School bicycle riders above are demonstrating, in the interest of bicycle and pedestrian safety, the contrast between dark-and-light-clothed bike riders—as seen by a motorist at night. The hard-to-see rider at left is Bud Chapelle and his lighter-clothed, easier-to-see companion is David Austin. Motorist is Mason Chappelle, father of Bud. (Statesman photo) Story also on Page 2.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Today is United Nations Day, the eighth anniversary of the establishment of this organization as an international body designed primarily to preserve peace in the world.

October 24, 1953 finds UN heavily engaged in wrestling with grave and bitter disputes. The most serious of course is Korea where the process of executing a truce agreement produces strain and controversy. A fresh and grievous outbreak in Palestine reminds the world that the truce between Israel and the Arab states is an uneasy one. And Trieste, long off the agenda at UN, has been projected into the arena of debate by Russia's Vishinsky.

Other issues embitter the atmosphere if they do not disturb the decorum at United Nations: South Africa's race legislation (which only this week prompted Premier Malan to call UN a "cancer eating at the peace of the world"); nationalist aspirations of Morocco; demands of backward nations for a sharing of wealth. The forum of the nations becomes a sounding board for the proclamation of the woes of the nations, and their ambitions.

Perhaps the significant fact is that United Nations has survived eight years of tension, of cold war and hot, of conquest without violence (the satellite states), of border conflict, of resurgent nationalism. It has; and no nation has withdrawn its membership. Instead a score of countries are eager for admission, kept out only by the tactics of the

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Injured Couple Held For Abduction of Oregon Policeman

TOPPENISH, Wash. (AP)—A 28-year-old White Swan man and his 21-year-old woman companion who were injured in an automobile crash near Mabton, 28 miles southeast of here, Friday were arrested for investigation in the abduction at rifle point of an Oregon State policeman at Pendleton, Ore., a few hours earlier.

They were identified as Leonard Ellsworth Miller and Barbara Jean Royer of Omaha, Neb. They were in an automobile which crashed headon with another and after being taken to the hospital at Toppenish two loaded pistols were taken from Miller. A rifle was found in the wrecked car.

Five in Auto

Sheriff Bert Guns said Miller told him he, Miss Royer and three unnamed men were in a car stopped three miles east of Pendleton by the policeman, Laurence Kezar, 24.

When Kezar returned to his car for his ticket book, Miller and another man got out and Kezar was ordered at rifle point to enter this car. The rifle was discharged, Miller said, but no one was injured.

Manacled to Car

Six miles beyond this point, Kezar was left at the roadside, manacled to the wheel of his car. The gunmen broke the policeman's radio and car battery before leaving him.

The sheriff said Miller told of dropping the other three men off near Prosser, 30 miles southeast of Toppenish, and continuing north.

Near Mabton, while attempting to pass another car, Miller's auto collided headon with an oncoming vehicle. A passerby took Miller and Miss Boyer to the hospital at Toppenish where they were put under arrest by State Patrolmen who recognized the smashed outomobile as answering the description of the one involved in the Oregon abduction.

Rifle Recovered

Lt. R. W. Denslow of the Washington State Patrol said he recovered a rifle from the back seat and Patrolman William W. Wilson took two pistols from Miller at the hospital.

Neither of the two persons were injured badly. No charges have been filed against them but the sheriff said he is holding them for the Oregon police.

The district attorney at Pendleton meanwhile had issued John Doe warrants charging five persons with kidnaping Kezar and setting bail at $10,000.

NIXON IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE (AP) — U. S. Vice President Richard Nixon arrived at this British crown colony Saturday from Indonesia on his official tour of the Far East.

Vikings Take Crucial Game With Corvallis

Salem High School's Vikings Friday night defeated the Corvallis Spartans 14 to 0 in their crucial District 8 A-1 football game before 4,000 at Waters Field. It was the seventh win of the season for the undefeated and untied Salems, ranked No. 5 in the recent Associated Press poll for high school grid squads.

Halfback Mike Campbell scored for the Vikings in the second quarter on a pass play from Quarterback Herb Triplett, and in the fourth period Triplett crashed over from the 1-yard line. Halfback Ray Taylor, who has made good with 23 out fo 24 conversion attempts over two seasons, connected after both touchdowns.

(Full details and statistics in today's sports pages.)

Berserk Man Takes Lives Of 6 Persons

MONTE VISTA, Colo. (AP) — A berserk railroad man, defendant in a divorce action, shot four members of his family to death today, killed a policeman summoned to the scene, then blasted out his own life with a 12-gauge shotgun.

Another policeman was seriously wounded in the shoulder and back by shotgun blasts.

Police Chief Andrew Hull identified the railroad man as Rudy Morgan, 55, superintendent of the San Luis Central Railroad.

His body, with that of his wife, Betty, 32; their son Jimmy, 7; daughter, Tamara, 5, and Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Nannie Detrich, 58, were found in the blood-drenched two-story house.

Outside was found the body of Assistant Police Chief Guy O'Neal, 50. The other officer was R. V. Keyes. Although his condition was reported as serious, he was expected to recover.

Hull said Morgan had been living in a hotel after separation from his wife. She filed suit for divorce in Del Norte, Sept. 24, charging mental and physical cruelty.

B17 Blows Tire In Salem Landing

An Air Force B17 bringing 11 Navy enlisted men to Salem on weekend leaves blew a tire in landing at McNary Field at 9:45 Friday night, but the pilot taxied the plane to a stop without incident.

Capt. Delbert Gosser, 245 S. Elma Ave., Salem, was piloting the plane which flew here from Point Mugu Naval Air Station near Los Angeles, Calif.

Gosser said he was getting a new tire and wheel today and would return to Point Mugu Sunday afternoon.

Haley Candidate For GOP Position

MEDFORD (AP) — George Haley, Salem plumbing and heating contractor, was reported to be a candidate for president of the Oregon Republican Clubs as the organization opened a two-day convention here Friday.

About 150 delegates are attending the meeting which will be climazed by Sen. Guy Cordon's keynote speech at a Saturday night banquet.

Clark Accepts Citadel Post

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — Gen. Mark W. Clark announced Friday he will accept the presidency of The Citadel, the South Carolina military college at Charleston.

The former supreme Allied commander in the Far East will retire from the Army Oct. 31.

TROOPS TAKE OVER

LONDON (AP)—Urgent efforts to end a wildcat strike of London's oil truck drivers failed Friday night and the government ordered 2,600 armed troops to take over the distribution of emergency supplies.

Top Industry Leaders See '54 Business at High Mark

By STERLING GREEN

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Top men of industry Friday forecast that, despite a "readjustment" already in progress, business in 1954 will hold up to within 5 per cent of this year's boom level.

Thirteen industrialists, selected from the 169-member Business Advisory Council of the Commerce Department, for a survey of their own segments of the economy, delivered the reports to Secretary of Commerce Weeks.

They foresaw a period of intense competition, smaller profits and some price declines.

But council Chairman John D. Biggers, chairman of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Toledo, summarized the survey in this way:

"We are now experiencing what I would consider a moderate adjustment from an abnormal situation to a normal—a very high normal.

"Industrial production will be higher in 1954 than in any previous year with the exception of the artificially high year of 1953."

A council spokesman later told reporters that the reports indicated a "sound present situation and an encouraging outlook for 1954," although conditions vary from industry to industry.

The spokesman said the reports, indicating moderate declines in sales and production in several industries, should be considered in the light of the fact that the economy in 1953 was buoyed by the "artificial" stimulus of war and mobilization.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"I DUNNO! IT DOESN'T SPEAK FISH!"

Loyalty Of 1,456 Doubted

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE

WASHINGTON (AP) — The firing or forced resignation of 1,456 government employes as poor security risks was announced Friday by the White House.

It represented the results of the first four months of operation of a new security program set up by President Eisenhower last May 27.

Others Released

At the same time, White House Press Secretary James Hagerty told news men that since the Eisenhower administration took office, 145,000 other federal employes have been let go for economy reasons.

When the new administration took over last January, there were approximately 2,600,000 employees on government rolls. On Aug. 31 the Civil Service Commission put government employment at 2,445,200.

For Four Months

The figures on security separations were submitted to the Cabinet and the National Security Council by Philip Young, chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

They cover only the four-months period from May 27, when the President put into operation his new security program, to Sept. 30. Young's statement said 862 employes were dismissed for security reasons, and 593 resigned.

Partisans Kill East German Police, Reds

BERLIN (AP) — Partisan bands have slain nine East German policemen and one Communist Party official in the past two weeks, accounts reaching West Berlin indicated Friday night.

Five resistance fighters were reported executed by firing squads.

A state of siege has been laid down in the Cottbus area, near the Polish and Czech frontiers.

The Communist East announced some details of the outbreak of violence, which apparently started Oct. 10 and is still a threat.

In Cottbus, the official Communist newspaper blamed "fascist murderers" and drew a parallel with 1932 and early 1933, when the Nazis and the Reds clashed through Germany in street battles that took hundreds of lives.

Pieced together from admissions by the East and from underground and Allied sources in West Berlin, the picture in southeast Germany is one of high tension.

Snows Trap 200 Hunters

SHERIDAN, Wyo. (AP) — Forest Service officials and law officers worked Friday to rescue an estimated 200 snowbound big game hunters sighted from the air in northern Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains.

The hunters were trapped in the mountain wilds after a two-day storm from the Pacific Northwest dumped 12 to more than 30 inches of snow and accompanying winds piled the crystals into drifts 4 feet deep in 24 degree temperature.

Three reconnaissance planes made a 4-hour flight from Sheridan over the area and reported sighting six camps with the letter F, designating a need for food, stamped out in the snow at each.

Motherly Treatment Grounds for Divorce

BRISTOL, England (AP) — Mrs. Flossie Cridge, 32, was granted a divorce Friday on grounds of cruelty.

She complained the trouble began on their wedding night when his mother sneaked into their bedroom to tuck her son in and did almost every night thereafter—and he didn't object.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	66	34	.00
Portland	65	34	.00
San Francisco	71	42	.00
Chicago	63	59	trace
New York	68	50	.00

Willamette River -1.6 feet

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):

Foggy this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon and tonight. High today 63 to 65 and low tonight 36 to 38. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1		
This Year	Last Year	Normal
4.64	.42	3.90

Benson Fails to Head Off Caravan Of Ired Capital-Bound Cattlemen

By GARDNER L. BRIDGE

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Benson grappled with a growing farm problem at an hours-long conference in the White House Friday as Benson tried vainly to stop a caravan of cattlemen from descending on the capital.

Confronted by mounting crop surpluses and reports of unrest among farmers throughout the country, Eisenhower and Benson presumably canvassed all angles of the farm policy they have promised to play before Congress in January.

"We are not going to pull out anything entirely new," Benson said after the meeting.

"We are going to have some recommendations for improvements in the present program."

While Benson was closeted with the President and staff experts, his office released a telegram he sent to the head of the National Farmers Union urging that a delegation of about 250 Western Cattlemen headed for Washington be called back.

But President James G. Patton of the Farmers Union, which organized the procession, replied it was too late.

In an accompanying statement, the Farmers Union's Washington office accused Benson's department of hemming and hawing, quibbling and procrastinating.

The cattlemen's caravan, assembled from more than 20 West and Midwest states, was due in Washington Sunday for the announced purpose of laying their problems directly before Benson and, if possible, the President himself.

In his telegram to Patton, Benson said a conference involving "such a large number of people is not suitable for an adequate exchange of ideas" and would "accomplish nothing."

Benson urged Patton to reconsider "exposing working cattlemen to the hardships of the caravan" and added:

"I have the greatest interest in the working cattlemen and their views and would regret very much to see them undergo this unnecessary hardship."

The caravan, traveling mainly by bus, was due to spend Friday night at Springfield, Ill.

Benson proposed that instead of coming to Washington the cattlemen organize a series of regional meetings around the country at which top aides of the Agriculture Department could hear their views.

"In lieu of this suggestions," he added, "I would be glad to meet with a small workable group in Washington who can represent the views of the 250 in the proposed caravan."

Patton replied:

"The hardships of a bus trip are inconsequential compared to the hardships resulting from ruinous prices and drought.

"After these men have traveled thousands of miles to discuss their plight with you it would certainly seem advisable that you extend to them the courtesy of a hearing. They will all wish to see you while in Washington."

Benson, who has been reported leaning toward a more flexible system, said the administration's new program would be ready by the time Congress reconvenes in January and he said:

"I don't think it will be anything revolutionary."

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Troubled

Secretary of Agriculture Benson, under heavy fire for his farm policies attempted Friday to head off a caravan of ired catlemen bound for the capital to protest policies.

Redistricting Law Test Set For High Court

Those opposing reapportionment of the State Legislature will take to the Oregon Supreme Court the recent decision of Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell of Marion County, holding valid the constitutional amendment providing for reapportionment.

John F. Steelhammer, Salem attorney for State Rep. David Baum, La Grande, said Friday that Baum had ordered the appeal. It was Baum who filed suit to contest the legality of the amendment which Oregon voters approved at the last general election.

District Changed

Defendants to the suit are Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

Under reapportionment plan Baum's district would be expanded to include Wallowa as well as Union County which he now represents.

"It is our feeling that the issues involved in this case are important to both members of the legislature and the public," Steelhammer declared, "and therefore should go to the state supreme court for final consideration."

Termed Confusing

Steelhammer said many members of the legislature and prospective candidates for legislative seats at the 1954 primary election are confused by the reapportionment amendment and apparently do not know what course to follow.

In event Judge Kimmel's decision is upheld by the supreme court the legislature will be reapportioned for the first time in 42 years. The constitution now provides for reapportionment every 10 years but this provision has been ignored.

Witness for Defense Not Too Much Aid

Adam T. Bauer, 61, of 375 Market St., pleading his own case on an intoxication charge, called as a character witness "a friend" who was complainant against him on another charge and wound up with convictions on both Friday in Municipal Court.

Mrs. Ida Neff, a widow, 745 S. 22nd St., filed a trespassing charge, claiming that Bauer had broken her screen door.

Bauer was found guilty and placed on probation.

He then went on trial on the intoxication charge and called Mrs. Neff as a character witness. She testified she had seen Bauer enter a tavern the day of his arrest.

Bauer paid a $10 fine.

PALESTINE ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The U. N. Security Council Friday scheduled two meetings for next Tuesday on the boiling Palestine issue.

Traffic Light At Capitol, Court Sought

State and city officials Friday proposed a traffic light for better control at Court and North Capitol Streets, a junction where additional traffic troubles apparently have resulted from Salem's new one-way street grid.

City Manager J. L. Franzen said he would recommend a light to the City Council and State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said he would make the same recommendation to the State Highway Commission. State and city would share costs.

Franzen said the light would aid traffic even if North Capitol eventually becomes a one-way street from Court to Center Streets, as the engineers originally proposed when Salem went to the grid. Court Street now is one-way eastbound up to Capitol Street. Both Capitol at that point and Court Street beyond are two-way.

Otherwise Friday, the third day of operation of the new grid brought but few additional complaints to city officials.

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Walkout Cuts Production of Jet Aircraft

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Production of jet warplanes at two big North American Aviation Co. plants was halted Friday by a strike which a union official termed the beginning of an industry-wide struggle between unions and the aircraft industry.

An estimated 32,000 production workers were idle. The walkout began last midnight at plants in the Los Angeles area and at Columbus, Ohio.

The main issue is a demand of the CIO United Auto Workers for a wage boost of 23.4 cents an hour. The company offers a 4 per cent general increase.

In Washington, the Defense Department's Office of Industrial Relations said that it had conveyed the military services' interest in settlement of the strike to the National Mediation Board.

North American produces the F86F Sabre jet, which gained fame in the Korean War, the F86D, a continental defense interceptor, the F100 Super Sabre, a new supersonic fighter for the Air Force, and the T28B, a Navy trainer.

Fog Forecast For Valley

Foggy mornings today and Sunday are predicted to give way to warm, pleasant afternoons well sprinkled with sunshine.

The five-day forecast calls for little or no precipitation for the period with temperatures averaging above normal—maximums in the 60's and the minimums around 40 degrees.

Friday's low mercury reading of 34 was still above the frost point.

Blows Crush Skull

By ARTHUR EVERETT

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert G. Thompson, one of the country's top Communists, underwent long and delicate brain surgery Friday night after a reputed anti-Communist slugged and critically hurt him with a lead pipe in the Federal House of Detention.

Thompson suffered a fracture of the skull and was taken to Bellevue Hospital for the operation. His condition was described at 10:30 p. m. as critical.

At that hour the operation had been under way for three and a half hours — and the surgery was not yet ended.

Yugoslav Alien

It was performed in an effort to relieve pressure on the brain from his crushed skull.

Thompson's assailant was identified as Alexander Pavlovich, a trouble - making Yugoslav alien who was to have been deported from this country Friday night.

Thompson, a World War II hero later convicted as a Red revolutionist, was clubbed twice by Pavlovich.

However detention authorities said there was no evidence of any ideological quarrel between the two inmates, and took the view that Pavlovich staged the attack to delay his deportation. If that was the case, he succeeded. His deportation was put off pending an investigation.

Marching to Lunch

Pavlovich swung the lead pipe at Thompson's head as they were being marched to lunch with about 30 other inmates. There was no immediate explanation of how the alien happened to have such a dangerous, make-shift weapon.

Thompson reportedly regained consciousness before removal to a hospital on a stretcher.

The 38 year old Thompson was one of 11 top American Communists convicted in 1949 of conspiring to teach and advocate violent overthrow of the U. S. government.

Caught in Hideout

Thompson jumped bail when it came time for him to serve his three-year prison sentence. He was recaptured only last August in a California mountain hideout after two years as a fugitive.

Pavlovich jumped ship on the West Coast in 1951. He served a jail term in Chicago for attempted petty larceny and in 1952 was brought to Ellis Island for deportation.

On Sept. 28, 1952, Pavlovich tried to escape the island, but his plans were nipped in the bud.

Pavlovich reportedly fled Yugoslavia during the war as a refugee from Marshal Tito's Communist regime.

Crosby Sued For Million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Crooner Bing Crosby was sued for a million dollars damages Friday by three persons who claimed that he was "under the influence of intoxicating liquors" at the time of a traffic crash Oct. 11.

The three were injured and Crosby suffered a wrenched back in the two-car collision before dawn at a west Los Angeles intersection.

At the time Crosby was driving his $12,250 German Mercedes-Benz car. The driver of the other car was Frank Verdugo, 32, a Los Angeles city fireman. Also in Verdugo's car were his wife, Lucy, 25, and his brother in law, Eulalio Perea, 25.

HIGHWAY TO OPEN

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP) — A new section of the Oregon Coast Highway between here and Hauser will be open to traffic early next month, Ben R. Chandler, chairman of the State Highway Commission, said Friday.

The stretch will cut the highway distance between the two points from seven to five miles.

Catron Family Comes Back Home to 'Bury Pa'

THE DALLES (AP) — The Willis Catron family is back home. They came, Mrs. Catron and her seven children, to bury her husband. And like always, the goodness of people eased their trip.

It was just last May that the Catrons came to people's attention. They had asked then at San Diego for help for their baby, Julie, who was ill.

People responded, of course, to help the family which had no money to show for harvest work down the West Coast and a foray into Mexico, taken because Catron knew there were poor people there and "I though we might fit in."

Briefly, at San Diego, they were put up in a hotel where the children's chief joy was a gleaming bathtub. Catron, 43, was offered an airplane plant job, but his health was bad and he didn't take it.

In June they were ordered out of a ramshackle home and they began to drift east.

Last week Mrs. Catron wrote from Miami, Fla., to a reporter who had written about them while in San Diego: "Willis is here in the hospital. He don't even know me. All his trouble is that what he had is cancer. He will die any time. I love him so much."

Then he died and Mrs. Catron gathered her seven children and started home. There was a little help from welfare people and some from his brother who lives near here.

They were in Chicago Wednesday with $4.40 and the rest of their tickets to here.

Earl V. Cadle, dining car steward on the Union Pacific's City of Portland, took charge of the $4.40. He added $5 from his own pocket and let the word get out in his dining car. Before dinner was over he had $69. Guy F. Dean, steward in another diner, did the same and got $33.

When the train reached Rawlings, Wyo., Cadle wired a Pocatello, Idaho, department store and at Pocatello packages came aboard with new clothes for the children and a new maternity dress—another baby is due soon—for Mrs. Catron.

Cadle then took over the train barber shop, enlisted a couple of women passengers, and put the children into the shower.

As at San Diego, the bath was the thing that most impressed them. "A glorius time," was the way Cadle described it.

They dropped off the train here Friday. No one was there to meet them but Mrs. Catron said she'd leave the children with their uncle and be back Saturday. That is when her husband's body will come home.

She waited Friday at her brother-in-law's house, a rural home where there is no telephone, and no one in town seemed sure just what she planned for the future.