



Part of the bars and metal panelling for Marion County's rooftop jail atop the new courthouse is shown above being installed by workmen and supervised by representatives of the Pauly Jail Building Co., St. Louis, Mo., contractors for the job. From left to right are O. A. Hausman, superintendent; Ted Tysdal, foreman; C. L. Nicholson and Fred Clark. In the foreground is shown piping which will be used to heat the jail and after equipment is installed a concrete floor will be poured. In the background is the detention sash which girds the building's top floor. (Statesman photo.) (Story on page 5, sec. 2)

### Reds Still Advance In Laos

LUANG PRABANG, Laos (AP) — Spearheads of the Communist-led Vietminh rebels advanced to within eight miles of Luang Prabang Tuesday. The French Union defenders dug in deeper to meet any all-out assault on the royal Laotian capital. The bulk of Vietminh's crack division, 308, slicing across Laos toward the Thailand border, was reported about 30 miles away. No direct attack on the city was foreseen for several days. Some military leaders expressed belief the Vietminh may not attack Luang Prabang, despite the menacing advance of the last week. They view the rebel campaign as having more of a political than a military purpose. The rebels advanced toward the royal capital last May, only to pull away without attacking. Only 12,000 men. These military men believe the Vietminh has no chance of taking Luang Prabang with the estimated 12,000 men committed to the offensive. They said the rebels may have two other objectives: 1. Make the French pull back the forces with which they have been operating for two months in the Hou and Suong River Valley approaches to Luang Prabang. 2. Establish closer contact for the rebels between the Red Chinese frontier to the north and Burma and Thailand to the south and west.

### Guilty



WASHINGTON—Rep. Ernest K. Bramblett, right, California Republican, was convicted Tuesday of falsifying his office payroll in connection with an alleged kick-back of \$4,036 from two women. (AP Wirephoto)

### Jury Convicts Congressman Of 'Kickbacks'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal jury Tuesday convicted Rep. Ernest K. Bramblett (R-Calif.) on charges of falsifying his congressional office payroll to collect kickbacks. Defense counsel immediately served notice of continuing the fight on Bramblett's behalf. The jury deliberated an hour and 40 minutes before bringing in its verdict. The California legislator was convicted of making written "false statements" concerning his payroll, based on the fact that he signed a clerk-hire form putting a woman on his payroll. The charge was that during a seven-month period, in which she did no work, Bramblett got most of her pay. Each of seven paychecks made out to the woman during her employment was cited as a separate offense in the indictment. Each count carries a possible maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine, but the maximum penalty is seldom imposed. No Emotion. The 52-year-old congressman, serving his fourth term in the House, heard the verdict without a trace of emotion. He told reporters he had nothing to say, and referred them to his attorney, Edward Bennett Williams. Williams said he would fight the case all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. Meanwhile U. S. District Judge Walter M. Bastian permitted Bramblett to remain at liberty under \$2,500 bail. The jury found that Bramblett had falsely represented to the House disbursing officer that Mrs. Margaret M. Swanson of Arlington, Va., was \$4,700 a year clerk on his staff for the last seven months of 1950. Did No Work. Mrs. Swanson testified that she did no work for Bramblett in connection with his official duties while she was on the payroll. Her husband, Irving, testified that he "kicked back" to Bramblett most of the \$3,300 his wife was supposed to have earned. Immediately after the verdict was returned, Williams asked the court to set it aside. He argued the law under which Bramblett was indicted last June does not apply to members of Congress.

## State Unemployment Due to Freight Rates, Group Tells Patterson

### Roosevelt in Chicago, to Visit Mother

CHICAGO (AP) — James Roosevelt, who says he can't meet his estranged wife's money demands flew to Chicago from Los Angeles under an assumed name Tuesday and immediately arranged to have dinner with his mother. The meeting — which both Roosevelts contended came as a surprise — heightened speculation that they would discuss possible financial settlement of James Roosevelt's bitter separate maintenance controversy with his estranged wife, Romelle. The eldest son of the late president said he was visiting Chicago and New York for conferences in connection with his father's estate. Roosevelt testified at a support hearing in Pasadena, Calif., Friday that he already has used his expected inheritance from the estate as basis for a \$100,000 loan from his mother. He told newsmen Tuesday he didn't know in advance that his mother was registered at the Blackstone Hotel and that his brother, Franklin Jr. also was expected. The three Roosevelts registered at the Blackstone. He added that of course he would see them if they were there. He left the hotel minutes after checking in saying he was going to see a lawyer. A short while later he came back and said he planned to dine with his mother. There have been reports that both Roosevelt and his wife, Mrs. Romelle Roosevelt, are trying for an out of court settlement of their bitter separate maintenance controversy.

### Elected



John Carkin, new president for Salem Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Carkin Heads City Zoning Commission

Salem Planning Commission Tuesday night elected John Carkin, president, succeeding W. W. Rosebraugh. Carkin was appointed to the planning and zoning group recently, soon after his retirement from public service with the state—including 15 years on the public utilities commissioner's staff and previous service with State Tax Commission and the State Legislature. Rosebraugh, a member since the zoning group was started in Salem over 25 years ago, was recently reappointed to a new term. He has been chairman the past three years. Powell Elected. Robert K. Powell was elected vice president at the City Hall meeting last night. He will continue to preside over separate long-range planning sessions of the commission. Miss Betty Marsh, chief assistant to City Recorder Alfred Mundy, was elected secretary for the commission under a new plan of separate responsibility and pay for the secretarial work. In the past the city recorder has been commission secretary, assisted in recent years by Miss Marsh. Rules Adopted. The commission adopted new rules, including requirement for specified information which must be supplied by citizens petitioning for zone changes, variances, vacations, annexations and plats. Chairmen of the new standing committees which Carkin appointed are: V. D. McMullen, zone changes; Robert T. Stanley, plats; Chris Kowitz, minutes; Powell, variances; Rosebraugh, street names; Carkin, coordination with City Council. In planning considerations McMullen and Stanley were named to check on cost and procedure for obtaining land use maps which would provide easy reference to what improvements actually occupy the land in Salem.

### Cherry Crop Said Among Rate Victims

High freight rates are to blame for much of Oregon's present high unemployment, Gov. Paul L. Patterson was told at a Capitol meeting Tuesday with industry and labor leaders. The freight rates which Oregon shippers face make it difficult for Oregon products to compete in Eastern markets, these leaders declared. One example, given by A. C. Newell of Paulus Bros. Packing Co., Salem, indicated Michigan cherries compete in Salem stores with those grown and canned in this area. T. Morris Dunne of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission told the conference that an estimated 13.8 per cent of the labor force which figures in UCC is now without work. He said 42,000 are drawing unemployment checks and 4,500 already have drawn maximum benefits. Diverse Industry Needed. Some of the labor leaders present charged the state and industry were not doing everything possible to expand markets and thus increase employment. They cited also a need for more diversified industry. George Brown, CIO state secretary, noted that Multnomah County, with more diversified industry than upstate, has only about half the unemployment rate as the state at large. Season Blamed. Brown and AFL Secretary James T. Marr said the state UCC and other officials were accounting for the current unemployment only as result of seasonal shutdowns. Marr urged more power development as one way of expanding Oregon industry. Brown urged that the state development commission be broadened by better representation of industry, labor and banks. Lack of markets, as such as seasonal change, is closing many mills down, it was averred by Kenneth Davis, secretary of the Northwest Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers.

## Soviet Union to Present 'Europe Security' Plan

BERLIN (AP) — Soviet Russia, striving to wreck the Western defense alliance, declared Tuesday night it will present a new plan for "European security" to the Big Four conference here Wednesday. Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, who had refused at a secret session Monday to get the Korean peace conference started on United Nations terms, Tuesday kept

## McKay Backs Eugene Plan For New Dam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eugene, Ore., plan to share in construction of Cougar Dam in Western Oregon went before Congress Tuesday with the blessing of Secretary of the Interior McKay. Sen. Gordon (R-Ore) and Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) introduced bills for the proposal and released a statement in which McKay gave "an emphatic endorsement." The Eugene plan is to pay the cost of power facilities in the dam and to contribute 1 1/2 million dollars more toward flood control features in the dam. That would make the city's total contribution about 10 1/2 million dollars. The federal share would be 24 million. The dam would be located on the south fork of the McKenzie River. Army Engineers would build the dam, which has been authorized by Congress as a flood control project. Eugene proposed to install power facilities, expecting to be able to produce about 35,000 kilowatts, all of which would be used by the city's municipal power system.

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
By Charles A. Sprague  
Congressman Ellsworth is pushing his bill to permit acquisition of government-owned timberland in exchange of private timberland which the government takes over for some public project. The essential features of his bill are that when the government appropriates privately owned forest land operated under a sustained-yield plan and in doing so reduces the allowable cut below an economic level for the operation, the government shall transfer other timberland in the area to the private owners. Values of the two tracts would be determined by negotiation or condemnation proceedings. Excluded are lands within national parks and monuments, wildlife refuges and similar reservations. An advisory public hearing may be held prior to the exchange. The bill is endorsed by the Interior Department. The Forest Service opposed the bill until it was called off by Secretary Benson; but still has not given the bill its approval. It is easy to assume that the Forest Service doesn't like the bill. I am inclined to question the wisdom of the bill from the standpoint of the public interest. It looks like robbing Peter to pay Paul. Say the Reclamation Bureau has to condemn some timber land for a reservoir site, then it in effect gives a duellion to the Forest Service for equivalent value in timberland. (Continued on editorial page 4)

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
In sharply worded exchanges with U. S. Secretary of State Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Eden, the Soviet foreign minister disclosed he would offer a new Communist security plan in an attempt to kill off the European Defense Community (EDC). Reshaping Communist arguments since a six-nation European army including West German units was envisaged in 1950. Molotov said EDC was a "preparation for war" against his country. Eden ignored. He said the latter reiterated Britain's offer to extend the 20-year British-Soviet pact against German aggression beyond its expiration date in 1963 in order to allay Russian fears. There were briefings on Tuesday's meeting, and statements of the ministers were released for publication, in contrast with Monday's secret session. There was no expectation in the Western diplomatic camp Tuesday night that the new Communist security plan would be more than another booby trap to weaken free Europe. Molotov clung tenaciously Tuesday to all his demands of last week for "neutralization" of a unified Germany with Communists at the governmental helm. Asked Quarrel End. Their patience frayed, Dulles, Eden and French Foreign Minister Bidault sought unsuccessfully to persuade Molotov to end the hopeless East-West quarrel here over Germany and EDC.

Man Drags Mental Patient From Creek  
E. C. Barker of 4075 Arnold St., a Fuller Brush salesman, saved the life of an escapee from the Oregon State Hospital by dragging her out of Mill Creek near Center Street Tuesday morning, city police reported. After pulling the young woman out, Barker, who remained unidentified until he called police Tuesday night, brought her to the station. Police notified hospital authorities who returned her to the institution. Barker told police Tuesday night he saw no reason to hang around after bringing the woman in, police said. They added that Barker explained that he was selling brushes in a home on Center Street near Mill Creek when a man knocked and asked to use the telephone because "a woman just jumped in the creek." Police quoted Barker as saying he investigated and was able to pull the woman out with help.

Overloaded Salem school buses now, and the prospect of an increasing school population for next year, resulted in a report at the regular Tuesday evening school board meeting that at least four new buses will be needed in the fall. Estimated cost of the buses is about \$6,000 each. Harry Scott, member of the board, explained that overloads now in the district total 158 youngsters and this would be increased considerably next year. The district presently has 27 buses in use, one of which is utilized on a standby basis. Supt. Walter E. Snyder said one bus, a 1937 model, would probably be traded in when the four are purchased. The present population of the district was given by Snyder as 9,582 and the outgoing senior class of 576 is overshadowed by the incoming first-grade group of 1,207. The school board held their regular meeting Tuesday night at Hoover school on the invitation of the Parent-Teachers Association there. About 60 persons composed the audience. (Additional school board details on page 2, sec. 1.)

## Salem District Urged to Add 4 School Buses

Portland Firm Gets Army Contract  
PORTLAND (AP) — An Army ordnance officer announced Tuesday the award of a contract for more than \$500,000 worth of practice projectiles to the Screw Machine Products Co., Portland. The firm said the contract would enable it to rehire about 50 persons previously laid off. The work is expected to take about six months.

## Dense Fog Hugs Valley

Mid-Valley spring weather ended Tuesday and there's little chance of it returning today, the Weather Bureau at McNary Field said early this morning. Dense fog rolled in late Tuesday night and is expected to continue until mid-morning today, forecasters said, with some occasional drizzling during the day. A low temperature of near 26 is expected tonight. Low visibility and clouds hampered United Air Lines scheduled Tuesday morning when one northbound flight was forced to fly over Salem enroute to Portland, United officials said.

## Michigan Politico Asks Free Trip to Florida for Aged

DETROIT (AP) — Dr. Eugene C. Keyes of Dearborn, a candidate for the Republican nomination as governor, is advocating that Michigan give its indigent aged year-around, cost-free vacations in Florida. Keyes, a former lieutenant governor, said Michigan could support its elder citizens, as well as senile inmates of state hospitals for \$2 a day in Florida. Cost of their keep in Michigan institutions, he said, is more than \$3 a day. Keyes, who holds law, dental and medical degrees, intimated he might include Florida keep for the state's aged poor in his gubernatorial platform.

## Two More Spellers Qualify For Semi-Finals of Contest

Union — Reading, cooking, sewing and other 4-H work doesn't take all of Diana Obrist's time. She still had time enough to become so proficient in spelling that she won top honors in her school and qualified for the semi-finals of the Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest. Kenneth Vincent is in the 8th grade and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Vincent, 4355 Dal-las Road, Salem. He was certified as top speller by his principal, Eva M. Gordon. His teacher is Kenneth Miller. Second place in spelling at Popcorn went to Dickie Haugen, 12, son of Floyd T. Haugen, 4305 Dallas Road, Salem, and third place to Aaron Cooper, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cooper, Route 1, Box 292, Independence. Kenneth will compete in a semi-final contest early in March for the right to enter the Grand Finals in Salem, March 24. He will also receive a certificate of merit, as will Dickie and Aaron.

**THE WEATHER**

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	41	28	.00
Portland	42	30	trace
Baker	46	25	.00
Medford	62	25	.00
North Bend	50	33	.00
Roseburg	31	.00	.00
San Francisco	58	38	.00
Chicago	46	25	.00
New York	41	28	trace
Williams River	40	28	trace

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Considerable fog and low clouds with occasional drizzle this morning. Cloudy with some clearing about mid-afternoon. High tonight near 47. A few patches of fog tonight with a low near 28. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 36.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year	Last Year	Normal
29.43	22.21	25.73

## Lafferty Joins Congress Race

PORTLAND (AP) — Veteran campaigner A. W. Lafferty announced Tuesday he was a candidate for Republican nomination for representative to Congress from the third Oregon district. Two others have announced their intention to run for the post. They are T. Lawson McCall, a Portland radio commentator, and Rep. Homer Angell, the incumbent.

**Animal Crackers**  
By WARREN GOODRICH

"He's the vainest Bald Eagle I ever saw."

**Daily Speller**

Following are 20 words from a list of 1900 which will form the basis for semi-final and final oral competition in the Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest for 1954, in which 83 schools are participating.

topic	equally
profitable	stupid
traffic	widow
urge	equator
pilot	while
traitor	pheasant
upheaval	shove
talent	variety
transfer	whistle
compelled	production

## District Attorney to 'Clamp Lid Tight' on Klamath Vice

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Dist. Atty. Frank Alderson reiterated Tuesday that he would "clamp the lid on Klamath Falls vice, and clamp it on tight." Mayor Paul Landry, who has been pictured at odds with Alderson on matters, said, "I expect to give the city the kind of administration that meets the desires of the majority of the people that live here." A charge of prostitution figures in the controversy. Ten members of the Klamath Falls Ministerial Assn. called last week for an end to organized prostitution in the city. Alderson has filed a complaint accusing Paula Demmon of operating a bawdy house. The charge was filed after police reported a holdup attempt in her establishment, and Edwin Coyle of Portland was killed by police. His companion, Raymond J. Bodinet, Portland, is charged with armed robbery. A report circulated here that Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton has had undercover agents in town to investigate vice. Asked about that, Alderson said, "The attorney general is fully aware of everything going on here." Alderson also said the city at one time had a fund built up by contributions from bawdy houses and slot machine operators. The fund was labeled for use for civic improvements. "Call this what you may, I call it a payoff," said Alderson. "Prostitutes and racketeers don't pay for improvements; they pay for protection." The mayor said he believed Klamath Falls residents elected him to continue the kind of city administration they had been having. He said that in his campaign he voiced that opinion. Another candidate said nothing out of the way was going on and a third candidate promised to "enforce the law to the limit." Landry said, "Landry said he carried 28 of the city's 32 precincts and took that as 'a mandate of the people.'"

## APARTMENTS BURN

PORTLAND (AP) — Fire chased three tenants from second-floor apartment rooms at an east side building here Tuesday, but no one was injured. Damage was estimated at \$14,500.

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