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U.S. to Pay 23 Jap Victims of H-Blast Burns

TOKYO (AP)—Ambassador James M. Allison Thursday announced the United States would give financial aid to 23 Japanese fishermen who suffered radiation burns in the mighty hydrogen blast March 1 near Bikini Atoll.

As an interim step, Allison said, the American government "is prepared to agree to reimburse the Japanese government for such financial assistance" as necessary for medical care and the relief of their families. He said this would include lost wages.

Allison said he had informed the Japanese Foreign Office upon authorization of the U. S. government.

Earlier Allison had said there was "some hazard" to eating fish caught near the Pacific test grounds "a short time subsequent to the tests."

Allison, in a statement handed Japan's Foreign Ministry, said the United States is checking for radioactivity all fish brought to Pacific ports as Japan is doing the same.

The Foreign Office in a statement said no radioactive fish had been found on Japanese fishing boats since the "Lucky Dragon," dusted by radioactive ash from the blast 80 miles away, came back to Japan. There have been no reports of radioactive fish reaching U.S. ports.

Allison emphasized that "there is negligible hazard, if any, in the consumption of fish caught in the Pacific Ocean outside the immediate test area."

Based on Studies
The ambassador said these conclusions were "the opinion of the Atomic Energy Commission's scientific staff based on long-term studies of fish in the presence of radioactivity."

Despite the assurances, fish sales in Japan remained dull and a clamor of press, politicians and labor leaders persisted over the accidental burning by radioactive ashes of 23 Japanese aboard the "Lucky Dragon."

Fish dealers in nearby Yokohama announced they were closing up shop for three days because business was bad. "Sushi," a fisherman sandwich as popular among Americans as the hot dog is among Americans, went begging.

Time Tables Asked
Kyodo New Service said director Tsutae Yamaguchi of the Maritime Safety Board had sent a request through the Foreign Office asking the United States for a time table of remaining Pacific tests.

It seemed unlikely such secret information would be forthcoming. Allison had told the Foreign Office the enlarged danger zone around the area and increased air warnings to ships was "considered ample adequate to provide for safety."

Yamaguchi also announced that his board had advised fishing associations to equip their ships with charts and other necessary items "presumably geiger counters — if they intended to fish in waters in the Marshalls Islands."

Found



Donald E. Hemenover, convict-escapee found inside the walls.

Con's Escape Try by Using Dummy Fails

A dummy failed to qualify as a bona fide Oregon Penitentiary convict Tuesday night and the real inmate was found Wednesday huddled in a plumbing access shaft between two cellblocks. His discovery ended a night-long search.

He was identified as Donald E. Hemenover, 28, serving 10 years from Multnomah County for assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was received last May 29.

Stuffed Overalls
Warden Clarence T. Gladden said the man had fashioned a dummy out of overalls stuffed with old clothes and placed them in his bunk with radio earphones near the head of the bed. The warden explained the ruse this way:

"The man's cell is located in E block on the south side of the control area just inside the walls from the administration building. Following Tuesday night's meal, which is preceded and followed by a count, the man apparently made his way into C block on the north side of the control area. In this area he removed a wire mesh and sawed a bar off the face of a tunnel vent which serves also for access of plumbing pipes. When captured the man had a short piece of hacksaw blade in his possession."

The warden pointed out that this went courses between the rows of cells. After once getting inside, the man made his way into another man's cell. From here Gladden said the inmate then cut another vent loose in the roof of the tier and got outside onto the top of the cellblock. "He apparently saw it was futile to try to get out this way and went back down into the vent shaft," Gladden conjectured.

In Segregation
Following his capture, which was accomplished without incident, the man was placed in segregation and the warden said he would probably be formally charged with attempting to escape from the prison.

In reconstruction of the escape attempt, Warden Gladden mused at the futility of the method. "Even after they get atop the cellblock there's no place to go," he said. It would take a ring-tailed monkey or a mighty long rope to jump from building to building," he explained. The cellblocks are all under close scrutiny of guards in the towers located along the wall.

Weather Outlook
'Mostly Sunny'
Weather outlook for Salem today appeared to be good with "mostly sunny" and anticipated high temperatures reaching about 64 degrees, according to predictions by the U.S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field.

Temperature in Salem Wednesday ranged from 59 to 32 degrees. The weather man predicted increasing high cloudiness today with a "cooler Friday." Lowest temperature expected today is about 35 degrees.

Consolidation of Schools Rejected
Statesman News Service
SPRING VALLEY—Proposed consolidation of Bethel and Spring Valley School Districts was turned down Wednesday night by Spring Valley voters.

Voting in this district was 30 to 16 against consolidation. Bethel District residents voted 16 to 6 in favor of merging the districts, but approval on both sides was required. The two school districts are located in northern Polk County. Bethel is operating two classrooms this year. Spring Valley sends its pupils to Hopewell, Wheatland and Salem.

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Pretty Hazel Green Contestant Wins Finals of Mid-Valley Spelling Contest



It can't be! That's what Sharon McKimmey (center) of Hazel Green seems to be saying as she finished spelling "guillotine" to win first place in the Grand Finals of The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest at Parrish Junior High last night. At right is James Oberg of St. Paul, who is relaxing after a tense competition in which he won second place (he missed "fastidious"), and at left is little Mary Ann Cain of Turner who slipped on "nasturtium" but outlasted 17 other school champions to win third place. (Photo by John Erickson, Statesman staff photographer).

'They Can't Kick Me Out,' Haymes Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—After a whirlwind dervish visit to the nation's capital, crooner Dick Haymes took off for New York Wednesday night declaring "they haven't got a chance of kicking me out of the country."

But the singer, husband of Rita Hayworth, declined to say immediately just how he expects to escape deportation to his native Argentina. The Immigration Service ordered his deportation Tuesday on the ground of illegal re-entry into the country last June.

Haymes said he hoped to have a statement of his plans in two or three days, "when I know what I am going to do—which I do not now."

But apparently in good humor after a day spent in Washington, he added:

"I haven't a worry in the world." With Haymes was his attorney, Bartley Crum, who said he tried without success Wednesday to reach Sen. Langer (R-ND). Langer was on the Senate floor during much of the day.

Crum said he will return to Washington Thursday and try again to see Langer, whom he has asked to check immigration files on Haymes' case.

Crum said he believes some source outside of government inspired the deportation action against Haymes and said "in those files we understand there is the name of the informant."

Defendant Unprepared For Freedom

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Judge Frank C. O'Brien said the fine would be \$25.

The 17-year-old speeder, said, "I can't pay it."

The judge said he'd give the boy 10 days to pay half the fine, then 10 more for the other half.

The youth said that was fine but he couldn't get home now because he didn't have carfare.

"I only got fare for one way from my sister," he said. "Everybody told me it was going to be a one-way trip. They said you folks is putting everybody in jail that comes down here."

The judge loaned him a bus token.

St. Paul Boy Second, Turner Girl Third in Annual Statesman-KSLM Event as 450 Watch

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

Hazel Green's fast-spelling, attractive student body president, Sharon McKimmey, captured top spelling honors and the affection of a crowd of 450 Wednesday night in Grand Finals of the Mid-Valley Spelling Contest staged by The Oregon Statesman and KSLM.

Sharon spelled down 19 school spelling champions of Marion, Polk, Linn and Yamhill Counties, and she did it the hard way on words ranging from surveillance and witticism to that ever-difficult floral pair, chrysanthemum and nasturtium.

Runners-up in competition so keen that 49 unpublished words had to be called up were:

James Oberg, 13 years old and No. 13 in the contest lineup, who won second place. A St. Paul seventh grader, he's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Oberg, Aurora Route 1, Third Place.

MaryAnn Cain, Turner seventh grader who won third place.

The little 12-year-old is one of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Cain, Turner Box 157.

Grand winner Sharon McKimmey, 13, is a Hazel Green eighth grade student of Darrel D. Brown and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Franke, Salem Route 6, Box 312. Given \$100 bond.

Sharon was presented the \$100 defense bond by Charles A. Sprague, Statesman editor and publisher, and Glenn E. McCormick, owner of Radio Station KSLM, at the conclusion of the tense 2½-hour spell-down at Parrish Junior High Auditorium.

James received a \$50 bond for second place and MaryAnn received a \$25 bond.

In winning the top honors, Sharon spelled "fastidious" which Jim Oberg had missed with an "s" ending. Then the brunette went on to the victory by spelling without hesitation the word "guillotine."

The only word Sharon had trouble with was "precipitous" which she carefully sounded out, syllable by syllable, in contrast to her usual rapid delivery.

The St. Paul youth, third boy to finish in the money in the Spelling Contest's four years, had his chance at first place last night when he spelled "raucous" correctly after both Mary Ann and Sharon had misspelled it.

But then the young Oberg faced up to a word he gave every sign of never having heard (and the audience groan seconded his expression). He tripped on "viciastude." Under contest rules, the winner must spell correctly another word after he has spelled the word which somebody missed before him.

Mary Ann went out on "nasturtium."

Contest judges last night were Supreme Court Justice Harold Warner, Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker of Polk and Yamhill Counties and District Judge Val Sloper of Marion County.

Wendell Webb, managing editor of The Statesman, pronounced the words as he had in the 10

Cop Gets His Man, Gets Back His Job
KANSAS CITY (AP)—It hurt when Patrolman Rueben Hunt was suspended Saturday for letting a prisoner escape.

Hunt went to work. He traced his prisoner through the license number of his car.

Wednesday he walked in with Tom Bates, 37, and had him arrested for careless driving, creating a disturbance and resisting arrest. Hunt was reinstated.

CLASH IN WEST BERLIN
BERLIN (AP)—Three hundred east Berlin Communists clashed with West Berliners Wednesday night in brief street fights in the French sector of the city.

HOUSING DECLINE NEAR
WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal housing officials expect new housing starts this year to drop to around 900,000 units as compared with 1,100,000 in 1953.

Tax Cut Voted by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted Wednesday night to cut in half the present 10 per cent excise tax on household appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, ironers, and dryers.

The cut would amount to 100 million dollars in annual revenue.

Although the Eisenhower administration has opposed such tax cuts, the Senate Republican leadership agreed to accept the proposal after it became obvious some GOP members were going to swing over in favor of it.

Sens. Douglas (D-Ill.), George (D-Ga.) and other Democrats originally led a drive to abolish the 10 per cent excise entirely on the household appliances.

But they agreed just before the final vote to accept a modification suggested by Sen. Capehart (R-Ind) to cut the levy to 5 per cent rather than wipe it out entirely.

The cut was tacked onto a pending tax bill which, as passed by the House, would reduce some excise levies and extend others.

The Senate vote in favor of the reduction in household appliances taxes, which would not be cut under the House bill, was 64 to 23.

Voting for the cut were 35 Democrats, 28 Republicans and Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore). Against were 8 Democrats and 15 Republicans.

Principal Items
These are the principal items on which the excise tax would be cut to 5 per cent: Refrigerators, stoves, fans, water heaters, flatirons, air heaters, electric blankets, grills, toasters, broilers, mixers, juicers, food choppers and grinders, clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, floor polishers, waxers, mangles, garbage disposals, power lawn mowers and home freezers.

When it became apparent that the proposal would go through, several senators changed their votes from "no" to "yes." These included Butler (R-Md.), Griswold (R-Neb.), Hendricks (R-N.J.), and Payne and Smith (R-Maine).

Before the tally, Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.), floor manager for the bill and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, announced he would accept the modified amendment and take it to conference with the House.

But he indicated it might face a rough road with the House conferees. He said they were adamant against reducing present excises below the 10 per cent level.

The additional tax cut voted by the Senate would take the reductions in the excise bill past the one billion dollar mark.

\$912 Million
As originally passed by the House, the cuts totaled \$912 million. The Senate Finance Committee boosted them to \$958 million.

Capehart said he and some other Republicans were under heavy pressure from appliance manufacturers all over the country to give them some relief. Sales have been off in many appliance lines.

The Democrats argued that many of the appliances were necessities and home work-savers, and should be given relief.

After deciding that issue, the senate knocked off work for the night without reaching a vote on the bill as a whole.

Suggestions Made
During the day-long debate, Sen. Douglas had called for tax changes to stimulate buying. He urged the chamber to cut the 10 per cent tax on autos, radios and television sets and remove it entirely from a number of household appliances.

Sen. Millikin said he was opposed to any further cuts in the bill, at a time when the budget is unbalanced and the government needs the money. But he promised a complete overhaul of all excise taxes as soon as the government's finances permit.

Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) said he did not see how any senator could support the Douglas proposals and at the same time refuse to increase the national debt limit.

The government will be in a "catastrophic situation" if it loses a lot more revenue and does not get a higher debt ceiling, he said.

President Eisenhower has proposed a 15 billion dollar boost in the present 275 billion ceiling. The House passed this last year. But the Senate Finance Committee pigeonholed it.

Chicken Added To 'Pie in Sky'

BALTIMORE (AP)—Tim Bright, Maryland's only candidate so far for the Republican nomination for governor, gave the City Wide Women's Republican Club his definition of the "100 per cent prosperity" he favors.

"I want chicken legs roasting around this state like a snow storm in Chicago," he said. "I want turkey gravy dripping out of your mouths like Niagara Falls."

"I want you to have porterhouse steaks for breakfast."

After Bright's speech, the audience was served hot dogs and lemonade.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	59	32	.00
Portland	58	39	.12
Baker	61	31	.00
Medford	54	35	.02
North Bend	53	40	.40
San Francisco	54	45	.14
Chicago	50	37	.00
New York	50	37	.00
Williamette River, 4 feet			

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem):
Mostly sunny today with increasing high cloudiness late tonight or early Friday. High today 62 to 64, low tonight 36 to 37. Cooler Friday. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
37.38 28.07 32.71

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH

"Oh, oh, here comes that 'one big happy family' routine!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Over the weekend I made a "quickie" trip by air to attend a board meeting in Philadelphia. Returning I boarded the plane (United) at 9 p.m., PST Tuesday; and arrived in Portland at 8:30 a.m., PST Wednesday. One has to pinch himself to realize the transition in space, so swiftly does it occur.

Not so good traveling in the other direction this time, however. Clouds were over Chicago, with low ceiling, and when we arrived eleven other planes were stacked up awaiting their turn to come down through a hole in the clouds. Our pilot cruised overhead for three-quarters of an hour then flew back to Cedar Rapids to sit down and refuel. When we finally reached Chicago the last evening plane had gone, so I had to wait till 3:30 a.m. to get out of there.

I do want to report how air terminals have to be rebuilt or expanded to keep up with the growing volume of air travel. Cedar Rapids has a very neat, new air terminal. Philadelphia opened a fine, big one just a few months ago. Newark, N. J., which was "out of bounds" for some months because of a series of accidents is back in service as one of three major airports for New York City, with a new, well-designed terminal. Chicago's terminal reminds one of the stockyards with runways; but a new airport is a-building on the northwest side of the city. It's a race to provide proper facilities to take care of air traffic.

How's business? The question-mark tells the story. Every one is asking the other fellow the question, and in the run around you get

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Living Costs Slip, Jobless List May Drop

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported a modest decline in living costs Wednesday. Secretary of Commerce Weeks said there are "some indications" of a slight drop in unemployment this month.

These reports came as President Eisenhower counseled patience in dealing with the general economic situation, saying a slam-bang program of federal aid isn't called for at this time. The President added such emergency action might dim chances of an orderly business upturn later this spring.

The government living cost index edged down two tenths of one per cent between mid-January and mid-February. It was 115 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with the 115.4 peak set last October.

The living cost report reflected lower consumer prices in a wide variety of items, including food, clothing, used cars, movie admissions and TV sets. Ewan Clague, labor statistics commissioner, said it indicated "the general business situation is undoubtedly affecting prices."

Weeks told the National Conference of Business Paper Executives that new claims for unemployment benefits dropped in more than a dozen cities in mid-March.

At the same time, he said, there has been some substantial rehiring in the farm machinery field and a rise of some 10,000 jobs in the automobile industry.

Woman Dies In Dentist's Chair

PORTLAND (AP)—Mrs. Virginia Mae Stafford, 22, died suddenly in a dentist's chair here Wednesday while awaiting removal of a tooth.

Physicians from nearby offices were unable to restore breathing in 45 minutes of resuscitation. An autopsy was planned.

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