

# Army 'Toughens' Charges Against McCarthy, Cohn

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army Wednesday handed investigating senators a list of the charges it will try to prove against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) and some of his aides at public, televised public hearings starting April 22.

Informed sources who saw the seven page document termed it even tougher in its statements about McCarthy than a version which had been released earlier.

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
By Charles A. Sprague

After his consultation with Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Minister Eden, Secretary of State Dulles went on to Paris for conversations with the French. He gave out quite an optimistic statement as he left London. He declared:

"I have had the best series of talks in 48 hours that I have ever had."

The conversations were directed toward setting up a ten-nation NATO for Southeast Asia, as a means to defend that area from Communist penetration. No terms of an agreement were announced, and the inference is that it is held in abeyance until after the Geneva conference. The British and French have resisted any provocative statement on the eve of that conference which is set for April 26.

From the tone of his statement one may conclude that Dulles was influenced by the speak of leaders, for it does not break of "united action," "massive retaliation." But it includes reference to the Geneva conference which had been conspicuously absent in recent statements. Mr. Dulles even intones "collective defense within the framework of the United Nations" which is a new gesture toward that body specially designed to preserve peace.

The Dulles statement needs only to be (Concluded in Editorial Page 4)

## Portland Ban On Coin-in-Slot Games Upheld

Portland's city ordinance outlawing coin-in-the-slot mechanical games was ruled valid by the Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday in an unanimous decision.

The decision reversed a three-judge circuit court which had held the ordinance invalid.

The suit attacking the ordinance was brought by Stanley G. Terry, whom the high court said owns 1,000 pinball games worth more than \$100,000.

Terry contended, with the circuit court agreeing with him, that since the state licenses such games, the city has no right to interfere.

The supreme court, in a decision by Justice George Rossman, ruled that the city can exercise its police power in order to outlaw the devices.

Justice Rossman wrote: "Obviously the police power authorized the prohibition of gambling. Therefore, if the machines which plaintiff (Terry) possesses can properly be deemed gambling devices, the police power can be employed for their elimination."

Discussing whether the state has pre-empted the field, Justice Rossman said the state law is a taxing statute, without placing any restrictions upon the devices.

## Willys Crews Vote Paycut

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Toledo production workers at Willys Motors, Inc. Wednesday voted a paycut for themselves to bring the company's labor costs in better competitive position with other automobile manufacturers.

The almost unanimous vote may cost the workers as much as 10 per cent of their weekly earnings.

But they may recover part of this later, if a new bonus pay plan can be worked out.

Richard T. Gosser, UAW-CIO vice president, told Willys workers at Wednesday's meeting the pay cut is necessary to stabilize the firm's economic position.

## ANIMAL CRACKERS



"I'm not mad at anybody, I'm making a statue."

## Big 3 In Accord In Pacific

By PRESTON GROVER

PARIS (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles concluded Wednesday a Big Three agreement to work for a Western Pacific defense wall against the spread of Communism. The final step was taken with joint issuance of a communique by Dulles and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault spotlighting the war in Indochina as a danger to peace in all Southeast Asia.

Dulles' goal was a 10-nation military alliance like NATO. After the agreement was announced, Dulles left for home by plane. He will report to President Eisenhower on the success of his mission in London and Paris.

The joint statement by Dulles and Bidault guaranteed that France, Britain and the United States would furnish a common front at Geneva when the Far Eastern conference opens April 26. The statement, similar to the announcement in London Tuesday by Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, was approved by France's Premier Joseph Laniel before it was made public.

The statement said that the war in Indochina threatened peace in the whole Pacific area, adding: "In close association with other interested nations, we will examine the possibility of establishing, within the framework of the United Nations charter, a collective defense to assure the peace, security and freedom of this area."

"We recognize that our basic objective at the Geneva conference will be to seek the re-establishment of a peace in Indochina which will safeguard the freedom of its people and the independence of the associated states. We are convinced that the possibility of obtaining this objective depends upon our solidarity."

## Tax Deadline Tonight, State Office Packed

More taxpayers have appeared at the state commission here the past three days than at any similar period for several years, Ray Smith, in charge of the state income tax division, reported Wednesday.

He attributed the current congestion of taxpayers to Thursday's deadline to pay 1954 income and corporate excise taxes based on 1953 incomes.

The tax office will be open from 8 a.m. until midnight tonight and tax forms postmarked before midnight will be accepted, Smith said. Last year there was no congestion during the few days preceding the tax paying deadline.

"It may be that the average person is having a more difficult time paying his tax this year than in the past few years," Smith averred.

Smith said it probably would be a month before the returns of this year's tax paying period will be tabulated.

## Reds Ask New York Abandon Civil Defense

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York State Communist Party proposed a change Wednesday in the New York City budget.

It suggested striking out \$1,600,000 allotted for the Office of Civilian Defense.

## Politics on Parade... Who's Running for What in May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Stories in The Oregon Statesman's exclusive Political Parade series are written by or for the candidates on invitation of this newspaper and opinions expressed therein may or may not be in accordance with The Statesman's own policy.)

Today's subject: **EDDIE AHRENS**  
Candidate for **STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARION COUNTY (R)**

Believing that one of Marion County's representatives should be experienced in agriculture, the county's principal resource, Eddie Ahrens is seeking election for that position.

However, he pledges sincere and faithful service to all the people in the county that with high school, Ahrens our fast-growing population the improvement and preservation of natural resources should be of concern to our urban population as well as the rural people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens have one daughter, Patricia, a junior in high school. Ahrens pledges sincere and faithful service to the people of Marion County whether or not elected. (Tomorrow: W. W. Chadwick)

## Rev. Swift to Lead Church Service Today

"Truly This Man Was the Son of God" is the theme scheduled for Holy Week services today at the First Methodist Church starting at 12:25 p.m. The half-hour service, sponsored by the YM and YWCA Religious Work committees, is open to the public. The meditation will be given by the Rev. George H. Swift of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with music by the Salem High School choir.

## Warden Must Produce Cons As Witnesses

The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Penitentiary Warden Clarence T. Gladden must produce convicts as witnesses in court trials when ordered to do so by the circuit courts.

The high court upheld Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, who had started contempt proceedings against Gladden for refusal to produce a convict as a defense witness at a trial.

The supreme court, pointing out that the Oregon constitution gives every accused person the right to meet the witnesses face to face, dismissed Gladden's appeal from Judge Lonergan's contempt charge.

The circuit court had ordered Gladden to produce Phillip Wallace, a prisoner, as a defense witness in the robbery trial of George LeDuke. Wallace had pleaded guilty to the same charge.

Upon advice of Attorney General Robert V. Thornton, Gladden refused to produce Wallace. Thornton cited an 1862 law which says that testimony of convicts can be obtained in affidavits at the prison.

Justice Walter L. Tooez, in writing the supreme court opinion, said the law is contradictory on the subject.

But, Tooez added, when the constitution says the accused can face the witnesses in court, that means the witnesses on both sides in the case.

"The conclusion we reach," Justice Tooez wrote, "is of benefit to the state as well as to the defendant. If we adopted the construction of the statute as insisted upon by the plaintiff (Gladden), then the state itself would be prevented from producing a convicted felon in court to testify against an accused. This would mean that in some cases vital testimony upon which the conviction of a guilty defendant might depend would not be available."

## Britain Offers To Add to Europe Army

LONDON (AP)—Britain Wednesday spurred France toward ratification of the European Defense Community treaty with a historic commitment to keep troops on the continent.

The British offered also to integrate ground and air forces in the six-nation European army. The pledge by this island nation was announced in the House of Commons by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. It was aimed at quieting French fears about West German rearmament within EDC and inducing the French Parliament to ratify the treaty.

## Man Surrenders In Fatal Stabbing

ST. HELENS (AP)—Carl Simpkins, 28, was held here Wednesday after walking into the police station here and saying he had stabbed a man.

He was arrested after police, going to investigate, found the body of James Bolen, 45, in a vacant lot near Bolen's home in Scappoose. They said they had received a report 20 minutes before that the two men had been fighting.

## THE WEATHER

Locality	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	54	35	.00
Portland	56	35	.00
Baker	54	29	.00
Medford	70	40	.00
North Bend	53	41	.00
Roseburg	53	43	.00
San Francisco	68	49	trace
Chicago	78	51	.00
New York	57	49	.00

Willamette River 6.8 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Increasing cloudiness throughout day, with possible rain by late afternoon or evening. High today 60; low tonight 44. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 45.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Year Year Sept. 1 to Date Last Year Normal 40.50 96.78 34.75

# Tax Survey in County Shows Stores Fail to List Inventories

## 'All We Want Are the Facts, M'am'



It's an authentic murder investigation, but the culprits were FBI agents, and the murdered girl shown is a wax dummy. The phony murder was staged here Wednesday morning as a final exercise in the Advanced Oregon Police School training program which ends today. Investigating officers shown above are from left to right Robert Mason (taking a murder scene photo), Max Taylor, FBI instructor; David "Max" Houser and Thomas Robson. The "murdered" girl's name is Rita. (Statesman photo)



Following investigation of a staged "murder" here Wednesday morning—part of class work in the Advanced Oregon Police School training which ends today—Salem Patrolman LaVerne Jenness (left) and William Warren remove the corpse—a wax dummy named "Rita"—from the scene of the "crime" in the 900 block of North Front Street. (Statesman photo.)

## Easter Bunny to Hide Eggs Again in Willson Park

Salem area youngsters will have Easter eggs by the hundreds to hunt in Willson Park again this year.

The 20-30 Club announced Wednesday the annual project will be sponsored Sunday at 2 p.m. in the city park west of the Capitol. Youngsters under 7 will hunt eggs on the south side and those 7 or older will hunt on the north side of the park.

Several thousand candy eggs will be hidden and many special eggs will be labeled prize eggs to entitle their finders to special prizes from the club.

## Cloudy Day On Forecast

Salem's balmy spring weather may abruptly end today as weathermen at McNary Field predict a cloudy day with possible showers in the offing by late afternoon.

However, weathermen added, it is possible the temperature front may bypass the city area, leaving only cloudiness with no rain.

URANIUM IN COLORADO GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP)—An official of the Atomic Energy Commission confirmed Wednesday that substantial deposits of uranium ore have been found in Western Colorado's Montrose County.

## PUC Order Allows Merger Of Utilities

An order permitting merger of the Pacific Power & Light Company and the Mountain States Power Company was issued Wednesday by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel.

The Pacific Power and Light Company, with headquarters in Portland, is a Maine corporation and operates in Oregon and Washington. Of its 1953 revenue, 65.09 per cent was received in Oregon.

Mountain States Power Company, a Delaware corporation, operates in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, with its principal office in Albany. Of its 1953 revenue, 60.34 per cent was received in Oregon.

Heltzel said the economies resulting from the merger should provide rate adjustments and uniform schedules in various districts throughout the areas served and should facilitate future financing at a lower cost than under the existing setup.

The order said the employees of both companies would carry the same responsibility as now, with additional retirement benefits.

The agreement provides for the exchange of two shares of the preferred stock of Mountain States Power Company for one share of the preferred stock of Pacific Light & Power Company and one share of common stock of Mountain States Power Company for nine-tenths of a share of the common stock of Pacific Light & Power Company.

It also provides that the presently outstanding common stock no par value of Pacific Power & Light Company be converted into \$6.50 par value.

Further provision is made that Pacific Power & Light Company shall assume all of the indebtedness and obligations of Mountain States. The Pacific Power & Light Company will be the name of the surviving concern.

## Job's Daughters Meet Opens Today

About 1,000 Oregon girls are due in Salem today through Saturday for a state convention of Job's Daughters.

Ritual and social events are to be held at the Armory and Crystal Gardens. Convention headquarters is at the Marion Hotel. This is the first of four state conventions expected to bring over 2,000 to Salem in the next two weeks. More than 1,500 are due for Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers April 20-22. The state Association of Master Plumbers is coming April 23-24 and an Episcopal Church convention April 25-27.

7 'SPIES' SENTENCED VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Seven persons were sentenced to death by an Albanian court Wednesday on charges of spying for the United States, Tirana radio reported.

## Check of 100 Firms Shows 41% Deficit

A state survey of tax reporting by Marion County merchants shows after a check of 100 businesses that about 41 per cent of their taxable inventory hasn't been reported.

This was disclosed Wednesday by the State Tax Commission which is making a survey of 20 per cent of all Marion County businesses, selected impartially in the start of a statewide check-up.

W. E. Bass, in charge of the survey, said about one-third of the 100 merchants (mostly in Salem) checked to date had reported full "book inventories 100 per cent accurately," to the county assessor.

He said 23 firms had not reported their inventories at all and 44 had reported "something less than book value of their inventories." The percentage reported by the latter averaged 77 per cent and ranged from 16 per cent to 98 per cent, he added.

Near \$2 Million Altogether nearly \$2 million is unreported, according to Bass who said \$989,627 is accounted for by the merchants who hadn't filed at all and \$865,607 by those undervaluing their inventory. About 50 firms remain to be checked in this county; meanwhile, a similar survey will start Monday in Clackamas County.

Business inventories as of Jan. 1 are required by state law to be reported as personal property to the county assessor no later than March 2 every year.

Inventories of this kind are one of the classes of personal property on which the county property tax is paid. Prod Assessors The State Tax Commission, which had had the authority for many years to make such surveys, announced recently that inventories would be checked over the state and assessors would be encouraged to take steps to insure consistent reporting of merchant inventories. Assessors have under law penalty powers in this connection but they rarely have been used.

Bass said the survey so far had required 43 man hours. This indicates, he said, that a man working full time on checking inventories could check all books in Marion county within two months.

## Fishing Resort Burns, Arson Squad Called

EUGENE (AP)—Fire early Wednesday leveled Thomson's Lodge, a fishing resort on the McKenzie River 22 miles east of here. The state arson squad was called to investigate.

The owner, Dayton Thomson, estimated the loss at about \$30,000 with about half of this covered by insurance.

Thomson said electricity had been turned off in the building, which was unoccupied during the off season. He could not account for the blaze.

## Portland Transit Fare Hike Passes

PORTLAND (AP)—The City Council approved an increase in student fares Wednesday, virtually eliminating any possibility of a strike in Portland's trolley and bus service.

Gordon Steele, president of the Portland Traction Co., said the increase will enable him to grant a 6-cent wage increase asked by AFL drivers. That will make their scale \$1.90 hourly.

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