

U.S. Civilian Pilots Brave Red Fire at Dien Bien Phu

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Gifts Send Y Drive Off to Flying Start

Salem YMCA dramatically opened its \$450,000 building fund campaign Tuesday night with a report from Board President Carl Abrams that nearly half the goal already is in sight.

A broad public solicitation for \$90,000 of the amount begins today, with several hundred YM members and friends expected to be out seeking donations.

But one group of Y leaders has been at work many weeks obtaining some of the large-scale subscriptions that will be necessary to financing the proposed three-story addition to the YM.

Enthusiasm and evidences of strong organization for the fund appeal stood out Tuesday night as 285 men, women and boys sat down to dinner and an official campaign start.

Filling the YMCA gymnasium, this crowd heard YM President Abrams mention the last capital funds campaign of the YMCA in 1925 and the planning for the present campaign over the past decade by the YM board.

"We have stepped aside for other organizations these 10 years, but our time is now," Abrams declared.

Then he gave the news that the special gifts committee headed by Walter C. Winslow already can count on about half the goal.

Campaign General Chairman Roy Harland told the volunteer fund raisers: "We have the power and the ability in this community to make a success of this job. If the YM is to carry on as it should, we must expand."

And speaking for the boys of the YMCA, Hi-Y member Ron Anderson told how the Y helps them train for manhood tomorrow. He pinned his remarks on the recurring phrase: "What are we worth to you?"

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Finalist in Beauty Contest



Eunice Peckenpaugh, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Peckenpaugh, 2299 State St., will be one of 10 finalists in Miss Oregon Press Photographer contest to be held in Portland at the Multnomah hotel May 1. Miss Peckenpaugh is a sophomore at the University of Oregon, and was chosen to be in the top 10 from photographs of 60 entries judged in Portland Tuesday night.

Late Worshippers Not Allowed to Forget Offering

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Milton Spitzer, 33, and Carl Wiltzel, 36, explained to Magistrate George M. Ober Tuesday that they had gone to the New August Church to pray when police found them there at 1:30 a.m. Monday.

The men said that in the course of drinking a quart of wine they became conscious stricken because they hadn't gone to church on Easter.

The magistrate withheld judgment but ordered the men to send \$10 to the church's pastor.

East Salem Petitions Ask Annexation

Some 200 property owners in a large residential area east of the State Fairgrounds presented petitions for annexation to the city Tuesday night to Salem Planning and Zoning Commission.

The area involved approximates 185 acres and lies north of Sunnyview Avenue between the Fairgrounds and the new bypass highway. The northeast boundary jogs along Livingston Street and Lansing Avenue to present city limits.

The annexation petition was submitted by Edward J. Fischer, 685 Larry Ave., a builder who does not live in the area.

The planners turned the petition over to their annexation committee headed by V. D. McMullen.

Members said an annexation move also is underway in area east of Salem and south of the section represented by the petitions now before them.

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French Lose Outpost; Lines Draw Tighter

By LARRY ALLEN
HANOL, INDOKHA (AP)—American-supplied planes dropped tons of food and war material to the defenders of Dien Bien Phu Tuesday.

Braving rebel anti-aircraft fire, American civilian pilots swooped in low in Dakotas and Flying Boxcars to parachute ammunition, food and war material of all types into the heart-shaped area still held by the French Union troops.

Thousands of French, Viet Nam and Foreign Legion troops were dug in to hold against a massive new assault. They chalked off 151 days of desperate defense Tuesday.

French military sources said that by giving up another hard-to-defend position in the northwest corner of the fortress they had made the besieged bastion more compact for defense.

The garrison depends on a thin aerial life line for all supplies and reinforcements, even firewood and timber, the latter used for trenches and bunkers. Only its drinking water is obtained at the fort, from the Youm River which flows through the heart of the plain.

In the hills and jungles and in the forward foxholes and trenches around Dien Bien Phu were tens of thousands of attackers.

Rumbling into the Vietnam bases were long caravans of Russian-made Molotov trucks bringing in fresh regular or regional and guerrilla fighters rounded up in Northern Indochina, as well as tons of Red Chinese supplies.

The rebels now hold two outposts in the northwest and three in the northeast.

The French also disclosed that strong patrols were sent out towards the south to feel out whether a big rebel attack was ready to unfold. They reported "strong contacts" about 800 yards east of "isabelle," the southernmost strong-point which is cut off from the fortress center.

In the fortress itself, French troops and tanks were busy day and night plugging gaps breached by rebel infiltrators who continually blow up long strings of thick barbed wire barricades.

The French parachute reinforcement troops into the fortress as rapidly as Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries calls for them.

McCarthy Says Army Attack Seeks to Avoid Probe of Wilson Aide

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) charged Tuesday an Army report blasting him and his chief aides was instigated by a high Pentagon official trying to dodge investigation "for misconduct and possibly for law violation."

The official, Asst. Secretary of Defense H. Struve Hensel, retorted, "bare-faced lies."

McCarthy hurled the accusation as investigating senators reached final agreement on "ground rules" for public, televised hearings opening Thursday in McCarthy's bitter row with Army officials.

The gist of the agreement: McCarthy will step off the Senate investigations subcommittee during the hearings. Sen. Dworth (R-Iowa) will sit in for him. But McCarthy and his Army antagonists will have—as McCarthy has insisted—all along—the right to cross-examine witnesses.

While this agreement was being hammered out, McCarthy and aides Roy M. Cohn and Francis Carr filed a "bill of particulars" declaring the Army's original charges against them were put out under the "influence and guidance" of Hensel in an effort to block an investigation of "serious charges" against himself.

The McCarthy statement said the investigations subcommittee has established Hensel made at least \$56,526 in three World War II years from a private ship supply firm operating with government priorities while he was a high-ranking Navy official.

Declaring McCarthy is "corrupted" and resorting to "cowardly irresponsibility," Hensel threatened to sue him if the senator repeated the charge without the protection of senatorial immunity. (Additional details on page 2, section 1.)

Thomas Fails To Recover Congress Seat

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—J. Parnell Thomas, who tried to ride back to Congress on a pro-McCarthy platform, Tuesday was overwhelmed by defeated incumbent Republican primary election in New Jersey's Seventh District.

Rep. William B. Widnall, the incumbent, easily defeated Thomas, who was jailed in 1949 for payroll padding and later pardoned by President Truman. Thomas had campaigned as a "1,000 per cent" supporter of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis).

Widnall held a 31,393 to 4,075 lead over Thomas in unofficial returns from 227 of 264 election districts in the mostly rural Seventh Congressional District.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The Dr. Oppenheimer case is being heard behind closed doors in a room in Washington whose location has not been made public. The special board conducting the hearing is composed of Gordon Gray, former secretary of war, now president of the University of North Carolina, Thomas A. Morgan, former president of the Sperry Corporation, and Dr. Ward V. Evans, professor of chemistry at Loyola University, Chicago.

The board's findings will be reviewed by the Atomic Energy Commission which will make the final decision. Thus the "trial" of Dr. Oppenheimer will have none of the characteristics of a hippodrome such as often marks the inquisitions of congressional committees.

At the same time secret trials are to be deplorable. They hark back to the Star Chamber sessions of courts in England. Offensive to some may be the glare and glare of a public trial, it nevertheless puts every witness and every action or statement of judge or juror or counsel under public scrutiny.

The Oppenheimer hearing should not serve as a precedent, or under less trustworthy hands the hearing procedure might degenerate into another Star Chamber assize.

In Washington last week I visited with a scientist, one who in fact had had some responsibility for the work of one of the laboratories which developed the atom bomb. He is well acquainted with Dr. Oppenheimer whom he described as a man of brilliant mind and very sensitive conscience. What was of special interest was his comment that there are only a very

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Two-Headed Child Dies

WASHINGTON, Ind. (AP)—The two-headed child of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hartley, died late Tuesday of a respiratory difficulty.

County Voter Registration Ends in Rush

Slightly more than 48,000 voters were enrolled in Marion County as of closing of registration booths Tuesday night, and county clerks said they had their busiest registration crowds just before deadline time.

Registrants were taken care of by 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the clerk's office at the Public Administration Building and by an hour later in special offices in the new courthouse.

Marion County Clerk Henry Mattson explained that registrants for the May 21 primary election were "much slower coming in" than in most past elections. The estimated tally of 48,000 compares with 50,448 registered for the general election of 1952.

Three representatives of the clerk's office were on hand in the new courthouse to register about 55 voters as an additional part of the non-partisan rally sponsored by the Marion-Polk Counties Young Republican Club. The ceremonies were held in front of the new courthouse Tuesday night.

Radio appeal was made in an hour long broadcast urging voters to register before deadline and special transportation was provided for those unable to get downtown. Ten people took advantage of this service.

Thirteen candidates in the coming election were introduced and gave a short election speech. Music was provided by the Williamson University Air Force band.

High Taxes Increase Need for PTA, National Official Says

Parent-Teacher Association work is more important than ever in these days of high taxes, said Mrs. Herman Nordfors, national PTA vice president, as she arrived in Salem Tuesday afternoon for the state PTA convention.

Enthusiastic veteran of 26 years' PTA experience, the Longview, Wash., woman described the PTA as a layman's group with important public relations responsibilities on behalf of a community's schools.

"You don't have to 'sell' schools, really, for nothing is more obviously desirable to an American community than good schools; but you can do much to keep your fellow citizens well informed about the schools," Mrs. Nordfors said.

She acknowledged that the public is becoming more and more tax-conscious, as school population growth results in building needs.

"That's why it's more important than ever for PTA to help keep the public well informed; after all, PTA knows the need for new schools," she stressed.

Oregon Town Turns Yellow

CLIFTON, Ore. (AP)—This small community turned yellow Tuesday. When residents awoke, there was a coating of yellow dust over the whole fishing community, which is located 20 miles up the Columbia River from Astoria.

Astoria again had things falling from the sky Tuesday—shiny, black, soot-like specks, such as fell there Saturday.

No black specks were reported here, though. Just the yellow dust, which continued to sift down in the morning. It was thick enough to pile up a bit in corners. The whole community had a yellowish cast.

Nearby towns, such as Bradwood and Wauna, escaped the dust. The wind was light and from the south, leading to speculation that paper mills at St. Helens and Longview might have something to do with the yellow dust.

The paper mills, however, said their plants were fixed to prevent discharge of any such thing.

Longtime residents said they never before had seen such a thing.

First Forest Fire Of Season Halted

PRINEVILLE (AP)—The first forest fire of the season in Central Oregon was stopped 20 miles east of here Monday, before it got into a stand of merchantable trees.

The fire started in brushland, burned about three acres of brush and young trees. It was heading for the Ochoco Lumber Co. tree farm before it was controlled.

The fire was blamed on timber cutters, who had built a warming fire in the area.

Board Asks Parents Pay for Youths in Training Schools

The State Board of Control decided Wednesday to ask the legislature for permission to make parents pay for the support of children in the State Training School for Boys and Girls.

The proposed bill would be a means of forcing parents to care for their children.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, the third member of the board, was absent.

THE WEATHER

Salem	62	37	99
Portland	61	37	98
Baker	55	30	90
Medford	74	37	90
North Bend	55	47	90
Roseburg	68	42	90
San Francisco	68	46	90
Chicago	61	43	82
New York	78	33	90

Willamette River 1.9 feet.

RED DELEGATES LEAVE
HONG KONG (AP)—A Communist Chinese delegation headed by Premier Chou En-Lai left Peiping Tuesday by plane for the Geneva conference.

PTA's growth has been "tremendous" in this area, keeping pace with the big growth in school population, she said. Oregon has an all-time high PTA membership of 109,481.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

BY WALTER GOODRICH

"No, thanks, I think I'll skip the fish course tonight."

Vet Memorial Model Seen

Members of the Marion County Courthouse Commission journeyed to Portland Tuesday to view the clay model of the veterans' memorial which will go on the face of the new courthouse.

The model was viewed at the studio of the sculptor, Frederic Littman on Skyline boulevard, overlooking the Tualatin valley.

The model is virtually completed, at half-scale. It will be cast in plaster and from this the sculptor will carve the slab of white marble which will be the permanent work. The figure is that of a grieving woman, with head bowed, holding a laurel wreath in her hand.

Those viewing the work expressed satisfaction with the artist's work, and felt confident it would be approved by the public.

Littman will do most of the carving at his studio, reserving the finishing touches for execution after the slab is in place. He hopes to have it done for an unveiling on Nov. 11.

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. The stories are published solely in the public interest, and without cost or obligation on the part of anyone.)

Today's subject:
WILLIAM E. KIMSEY
Candidate for STATE REPRESENTATIVE Marion County (R)

William E. Kimsey came to Oregon in 1910 from Kansas, his native state, and to Salem in 1943, where he has resided since.

He was employed in Oregon City and in Portland as the trade of printer until 1922, when he became associated with the commercial firm of Dempsy, Kimsey & Downs in

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FIRE DANGER SEEN
MEDFORD (AP)—Warnings of forest fire danger were issued here, following a fire that burned two acres in the Squaw Cr. area near Tallowbox Leaker. Foresters said drying weather had created an earlier-than-usual danger.

Grand Ronde Man Pleads Innocent to Murder Charge
DALLAS, Ore.—John Ramoz of Grand Ronde pleaded innocent to a second-degree murder charge here Tuesday.

Trial was set for June 2 in Polk County Circuit Court by pro tem Judge John L. Foote.

Defense Attorney W. A. Wiest said he proposed to show that Ramoz was "insane or mentally deficient" when William Lee Riggs was fatally wounded by rifle shots at Grand Ronde on Dec. 30.

MORE SUN EXPECTED
Continued fair weather was predicted for Salem today, tonight and Thursday by U. S. weathermen at McNary Field. Temperatures ranged Tuesday from 62 degrees to 37, with about the same expected today.

Dulles Leaves For Geneva
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles left for the Geneva conference Tuesday night, promising to seek an "honorable" peace in Indochina and a free, united Korea.

But he said the recent "reckless assaults" by the Reds in Indochina are "not a good prelude to Geneva." He said it is tragic that the lives of tens of thousands should be sacrificed by the Communists in an attempt "to improve their bargaining power at Geneva."

Dulles served notice that he would open an expected Russian move to turn the Geneva meeting on Far East issues into a Big Five meeting on world problems.

This was in line with the U. S. government view that specific problems should be tackled one by one, as a means of testing Russian good faith.