



SEATTLE, Wash.—Shown inside an iron lung, which is in turn inside a converted B-18 bomber winging toward Seattle 6,000 feet above the ground, is Richard O'Connor, 23, Salem, Ore., polio patient. The youth, struck down by the crippling virus last November, was transferred in the plane's bomb-bay—the first transfer of its kind to the new respirator center in Harbor View Hospital. He arrived at 12:25 p.m. after an hour and a half flight. Special nurse Mrs. Paul Herring, Salem, is shown above adjusting the lung, which was powered by a portable gasoline generator. In the foreground is an emergency resuscitating unit, which didn't have to be used. (Statesman photo en route)

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Framers of U. S. foreign policy are keeping rather quiet these days, since the return of Mr. Dulles from Geneva. It's a waiting period while the conferees at Geneva wrestle either in another Berlin (stalemate) or another Munich (apostasy). But the brains in Washington are not just resting. They are pursuing the same objective of halting Communist aggression in Southeast Asia. Just how it may be done, and where, remain unresolved questions; also, who will do it?

Much has been written of the setback which U. S. diplomacy has lost the initiative and temporarily at least the leadership of the anti-Communist alliance. Really it is too early to decide how final or how fatal is the reverse suffered by Mr. Dulles over the Asian business.

A key may be found, however, in loss of moral initiative. In virtually all our previous involvements in this century we have held the banner of virtue. We entered the first world war to "save the world for democracy." Thrust into the second world war our minds already were conditioned to two things: the menace of Nazism and the diabolical aggression of Hitler; and the long character of Japan on our long-time friend, China. Aid was rushed to Greece and Turkey to "continue on editorial page 4"

### 'SLIGHTLY WARMER' TODAY

The highest temperature in Salem Wednesday was recorded by U. S. weathermen as 75 degrees and predictions for today are for slightly warmer with the high near 80 degrees. Minimum temperature in Salem Wednesday was 41 degrees and the lowest looked for today is about 48 degrees.

## BASEBALL

- WESTERN INTERNATIONAL**  
 At Salem 3, Victoria 5  
 At Tri-City 1, Vancouver 7  
 At Calgary 0, Yakima 3  
 At Edmonton 13, Wenatchee 4  
 At Spokane 5, Lewiston 12
- COAST LEAGUE**  
 At Portland 3, San Francisco 4  
 At Los Angeles 4, Seattle 0  
 At Sacramento 7, Hollywood 4  
 At Oakland 2, San Diego 1 (13 in.)

- AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
 At Cleveland 3, Boston 3  
 At Detroit 4, Philadelphia 3  
 At Chicago 2, New York 3  
 At Baltimore 5, Washington 3
- NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
 At New York 0, St. Louis 3  
 At Brooklyn 3, Chicago 2  
 At Philadelphia 2, Milwaukee 6  
 At Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2

### ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WARREN GOODRICH



Haile Selassie En Route to U.S.

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia arrived by air Wednesday night from Addis Ababa en route to the United States.

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## Valentine Innocent, Jury Rules

### Dikes Hold Firm as Idaho River Swells

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho (AP)—The turbulent Kootenai River swelled to the 33.1 foot level here Wednesday and this community of 1,800 in Northern Idaho was threatened by its worst flood in years.

The river was still rising—it's gone up more than 27 feet in 15 days—and civilians volunteers worked alongside Army Engineers padding dirt behind the water.

Some 40,000 acres of farm land are threatened. More than 500 persons have already abandoned their homes in lowland areas.

"It's a critical situation here," said Gov. Len Jordan who flew up from Boise after proclaiming a state of emergency in Boundary County.

The rate of the river's rise slackened a little Wednesday evening as the water spread out over a wider area. It rose at the rate of .15 feet per hour during the day, and was coming up at .10 feet per hour during the evening.

The Sheriff's office said at 8 p.m. that all the dikes were holding and appeared firm. The town was better prepared for this threat than for the big 1948 flood, officers pointed out, as heavy equipment was put to work on the dikes as soon as the danger became serious.

The river, fed by melting snows from the mountains, is expected to reach its runoff crest probably by Saturday, the sheriff's office said.

The Spread Creek Bridge between Troy, Mont., and the Yaak Air Force Radar Station was washed out by the torrent, cutting off air mail at the installation. A plane was being flown in to repair the radio so communications can be resumed through the Libby sheriff's office. No one in the danger, on high ground, was in danger.

1,000 Acres Inundated  
About 1,000 acres of farm land outside "diking districts" were inundated near Bonners Ferry, but 34-foot dikes protecting wheat and pasture land elsewhere in the rich Kootenai valley appeared to be holding up. There was some seepage, however.

The town itself, menaced annually by the river, is protected by 37-foot dikes. However, the main business district is on low ground and some stores were moving stock and sand bagging.

All the schools have been closed. Grocers reported a "run" on canned goods by residents who feel they might be cut off by the water.

A downtown theater added some humor to the grim business. It put up a marquee reading, "Dog gone U Kootenai, stay in your own bed."

There appeared little chance that it would.

Gov. Jordan, who toured the dikes with other state officials, said he didn't think it would be necessary to call out more National Guard troops. Some are here. The governor said the work of building up dikes is a professional job. About 100 trained Army Engineers and 50 pieces of heavy equipment have been in action since Tuesday night.

In Washington, meanwhile, Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho) called on Brig. Gen. C. Itchner, civil works chief for the Army Engineers. Itchner gave assurances the Army is alerted to keep all necessary aid.

There were fears the Kootenai might reach 37 feet unless cool weather slows down the runoff. The serious flood of 1948 came at the 35.3-foot level. Water was dangerously close to the top of the Bonners Ferry bridge in town but traffic was still moving.

North of the border in Canada working tributaries wandered through the streets of Kimberley, cut some highways and threatened several towns.

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### Not Guilty



PORTLAND — Jimmy Valentine, 41-year-old Portland gambler, who was cleared of the kidnap attempt of young George Brice III as the result of a jury verdict here Wednesday.

### Pakistan, U.S. Sign Mutual Defense Pact

By ZAMIR SIDDIQI

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan and the United States Wednesday signed a one-year mutual defense pact under which America will help equip and train the armed forces of this strategic nation of more than 75 million at the eastern gateway to the Middle East.

The Soviet Union, India, and Egypt have denounced the pact. But both Washington and Karachi officially proclaimed it another step to consolidate the strength of the free world.

Both the United States and Pakistan have mutual aid arrangements with Turkey.

Pakistan has been a member of the British Commonwealth since it gained independence in 1947. It has a common border with India, and the northern area of West Pakistan is within a short distance of both Russia and Red China.

Under the new pact, Karachi agreed to cooperate with Washington in controlling trade with nations threatening the maintenance of world peace. This is aimed at preventing the shipment of strategic goods to the Communist bloc.

The pact provides for a U. S. military advisory group in Pakistan, plus assurances from the Karachi government it will not use the arms aid for aggressive purposes or against the United States. There is no provision for U. S. bases in Pakistan.

Like other mutual aid pacts negotiated by Washington, it was an executive agreement not requiring confirmation by the U. S. Senate.

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### Portland Suspect Cleared in Brice Kidnap Try Case

PORTLAND (AP)—A circuit court jury decided Wednesday night that Jimmy Valentine, 41-year-old gambler, was not the man who tried to kidnap 9-year-old George Brice III last March.

The jury returned its verdict of innocent on a 10-2 vote after about 5 1/2 hours' deliberation.

The slender Valentine, who testified readily that he was a gambler and a narcotics addict, insisted he had been arrested only because he was dark and wore a mustache, and thus had a resemblance to the would-be kidnaper. He and four friends testified he was in his apartment at the time the kidnap attempt was made.

Four witnesses for the prosecution, including the boy's mother, had testified Valentine was the man who tried, but failed, to snatch the son of a wealthy Portlander from an exclusive school in the city's west hills.

The man had forced the boy's mother and her maid to accompany him to the school. There teachers held doors against him, and the gunman fled after firing several wild shots. One instructor suffered a bullet wound in the finger, but there were no other injuries.

The man who attempted the kidnaping said he was after a \$125,000 ransom.

Valentine is still in jail. Bond is \$50,000. Before he can be freed he must be cleared of two kidnaping charges. The charge of which he was cleared Wednesday night was attempted kidnaping, and it was brought to trial first because a prosecuting attorney considered it the best time to put controversial evidence into record. Rules of evidence may make it more difficult to introduce evidence against Valentine in the other two charges.

Not Described as Negro  
After the trial one juror said that points counting in Valentine's favor included the fact that no witness for the state had described the kidnaper as a Negro, nor had mentioned a voice with an accent or a bad eye. Valentine is a Negro, has a thick accent and has a cast in his right eye.

The defense also made much of the point that Valentine said he had met the Brice's maid at Portland hotel spots several times and even bought her a drink. The maid had testified she had never before seen the man who attempted the kidnaping. The jury disclosed that the first ballot was two for guilty, seven for innocent and three undecided.

### Meeting to Seek Ways to Resist Segregation Bar

ATLANTA (AP)—Attorneys general of 17 states Wednesday were invited here next week to discuss means of resisting the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing public school segregation.

Eugene Cook, Georgia attorney general, asked his colleagues in the states having segregation to a conference next Wednesday.

An emergency meeting of the Southern Governors' Conference to study the segregation ruling was suggested by Gov. Charley Johns of Florida to Gov. Johnston Murray of Oklahoma, the conference chairman.

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### Hitchcock to Resign State Senate Seat

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregonian said Wednesday it has learned that State Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock of Klamath Falls will resign his legislative post and join the staff of Lewis and Clark College here.

The newspaper said Hitchcock, reached by telephone at a Detroit church conference, said he would resign shortly after he returns to Oregon Monday.

The president of Lewis and Clark College, Dr. Morgan S. Odell, said Hitchcock would become director of church and public relations.

Hitchcock, a former lumber operator, has been in the implement business in Klamath Falls until recently. He had been a contender for the presidency of the Senate in the 1953 session.

### Prolonged Dry Spell Affecting Farm Crops

Farm crops began to show the effects of the prolonged dry spell Wednesday as Oregon had another day of warm, dry weather. No rain is in sight to ease scattered water shortages and critical fire danger in the forests.

Temperatures were lower Wednesday after a day of sweltering weather. Tuesday, as thermometers rose to the mid-90s. Some cities enforced curtailed lawn sprinkling and some outlying areas near Portland had temporary water shortages because of increased consumption.

Logging operations were curtailed in Western Oregon and fire lookouts were manned in the forests. A small forest fire, the fourth of the year in the area, was cleaned up by state crews northeast of LaGrande. The blaze on Frazier Mountain covered seven acres.

Slow rises continued on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, as predicted. A level of 18.7 feet is expected in Portland by Sunday morning, and a reading of 20.3 feet by Monday. This is high enough to put some low-lying docks under water. Portland's flood stage is 18 feet.

The Columbia at Vancouver, Wash., is expected to top the 15-foot flood level Thursday. A reading of 20.5 feet is predicted by Monday. River forecaster Elmer Fisher said.

'That Was a Lady? I Hoped It Was My Wife'  
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Rube Wainwright, a witness in recorder's court, was asked Wednesday to explain why he slugged a woman during a night club brawl.

"I thought it was my wife," Wainwright replied.

### Fewer Than Half of State's 785,285 Voters Expected to Cast Ballots in Election Friday

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. Associated Press Writer

Fewer than half of Oregon's 785,285 registered voters are expected to vote in Friday's primary election, which has the distinction of offering the smallest number of statewide or congressional contests in many years.

Interest has been centered chiefly on the Republican contest for governor and upon Multnomah county's congressional race, but many lively local and legislative battles are being depended upon to bring out the voters.

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## Flying Iron Lung Takes Salem Polio Victim to Seattle

By JAMES BURR MILLER Staff Writer, The Statesman

SEATTLE, Wash.—A Salem, Ore. man, his iron lung securely lashed down in the bomb-bay of a converted Douglas B-18, was landed at Boeing Airport here Wednesday at 12:25 p.m., following an hour and a half flight from his home.

The polio victim, Richard O'Connor, 23, was quickly transferred by ambulance from the airport to Harbor View Hospital where he was placed in an iron lung in the respirator center, a unit of the National Polio Foundation.

The young man was transferred by one of the most unique methods ever employed to bring a polio patient to Seattle. The flight northward, winging 6,000 feet above the ground over billowy cumulus clouds and beneath a beaming sunlight, was made calmly without serious difficulty and the patient admitted, "It was no trouble at all. I feel fine" after his arrival here.

Few problems were too bothersome en route. On the takeoff from McNary Field in Salem, he confessed, the forward motion of the plane forced his chin against the iron lung collar. When the plane was at 6,000 feet he gulped air a little faster to clear his ears "and just once I felt a little air sick, but it quickly passed."

Most missed items in the limited vision from the bomb-bay was a mirror by which the young man could have enjoyed the sweep of mountains nudging above the clouds and into the sun. "I'll see 'em on the trip back," he told a Statesman reporter happily as he settled down in his new lung at Harbor View.

Doctor Accompanies  
The polio patient, struck down with the malady last November, was accompanied on the flight by his attending physician, Dr. William C. Crothers, his special nurse, Mrs. Paul Herring, and orderly Ernest Tarpley, all of Salem.

The plane, owned by the Ace Flying Service at Salem, was adapted especially to accommodate the iron lung and a special gasoline-powered, unit was used to power the lung.

Pilot of the plane was its owner, Leo (Ace) Demers, and copilot was L. H. Van Aken, both of Salem. The bomber, one of three similar owned by the Salem company, is equipped primarily for budworm spraying and grass-hopper control. A 1,000 gallon tank is welded in the forward end of the bomb-bay and a special flooring was constructed just behind the tank to house the iron lung and secure it to the plane.

(Additional details on page 2, sec. 1).

### Infant Born With Two Joined Skulls

NAPLES, Italy (AP)—A baby girl with two joined skulls and two brains was born Wednesday to Mrs. Maria Faicchio, 23, in the nearby village of Marigliano.

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### Triplets Multiply Name-Choosing Task

MONTICELLO, Minn. (AP)—After Mrs. Joseph Blaido had selected names for the last three of her nine children, she laughingly told her husband he could name the next.

"Boy I sure didn't think I'd catch up all at once," Blaido said Wednesday as he chose Mitchell, Michael and Marion as names for the couple's newly arrived triplets.

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### Solons Add \$65 Million to State Projects

WASHINGTON (AP)—Appropriations of more than 65 million dollars for dams and other projects in Oregon were included in the Army Civil Functions appropriation bill approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee Wednesday.

The total appropriation, more than 484 million dollars, is a 12 per cent increase over the amount approved by the House. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration, probably early next week.

A nine million dollar increase was voted for The Dalles lock and dam, 38 million approved instead of the House figure of 29 million.

Other Oregon projects: McNary lock and dam, 24 million dollars. The House approved the same amount.

Lookout Point Reservoir, 3 million dollars, the same as the House figure.

Bank protection work in the Willamette River Basin, \$300,000, same as the House appropriation.

Filling funds were included for the Hills Creek Reservoir project, \$125,000, compared to the House figure of \$93,000; John Day lock and dam, \$500,000. The House approved no funds for the John Day project.

### Hike in Funds For State Dam Draws Praise

PORTLAND (AP)—Word that the Senate Appropriations Committee increased at least one Oregon dam appropriation and approved all others without trimming them brought enthusiastic comments from power and construction officials Wednesday.

Col. Thomas Lipscomb, district Army engineer, said the 38 million dollar figure for The Dalles dam will assure power on the line in 1958, with a possibility power might be available sooner.

William A. Pearl, Bonneville power administrator, said the Senate action is "good news to us." He said Bonneville is concerned about keeping The Dalles and Chief Joseph dams on schedule.

R. L. Clark, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, praised the committee's action in approving planning funds for John Day Dam and Hills Creek Dam.

### Severe Quake Rocks Geneva

GENEVA (AP)—Switzerland's most severe earthquake in eight years shook the country Wednesday. It rocked the Palace of Nations where the Geneva conference is meeting, but the delegates were not in session.

No casualties or damage was reported.

Liberace Chosen as 'Pickle Man of Year'  
CHICAGO (AP)—Liberace Wednesday was named "pickle man of the year."

The National Pickle Packers Assn., which makes the award annually during National Pickle week, used this reasoning in selecting the pianist:

Some people find Liberace's piano playing sweet; others, rather sour.

### THE WEATHER

Station	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Portland	75	41	00
Baker	81	54	00
Medford	85	51	00
North Bend	81	51	00
Roseburg	75	44	00
San Francisco	60	46	trace
Chicago	58	45	20
New York	71	58	00
Los Angeles	69	60	00
Williamsport	75	46	00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today, tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer with the highest temperature today near 80, lowest tonight near 48.

Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 53.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
 Since Start of Year Sept. 1  
 This Year Last Year Normal  
 41.21 39.58 37.16