



SALEM HEIGHTS—A new well that produced 420 gallons of water a minute produced a flurry of excitement for officials of the Salem Heights Water District Thursday. The well is said to be the highest producer ever tapped in the area. The district has five other wells, but this one will increase capacity nearly 50 per cent. In insert, George Dietz, 216 E. Ewald Ave., a member of the water board, prepares to sample new water source. Duffield Bros. drilled the 292-foot well, located near Boyce rest home. (Statesman Photo)

### Legion Asks U. S. to Warn Asia Commies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Legion called Thursday for a U. S. warning that any further Communist aggression in Southeast Asia "will bring forth immediate military retaliation with or without the cooperation of the other free nations."

In another resolution at its 36th annual convention, the nation's largest veterans organization suggested that America seriously consider breaking off relations with Russia.

"The American Legion," it said, "will never accept the principle of coexistence with gangsters, atheists, ruffians and murderers."

Support investigations On the domestic scene, the Legionnaires called by resolution for full support and unlimited investigative power for congressional committees investigating communism and subversion.

These include the Senate investigations subcommittee headed by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), the Senate internal security subcommittee led by Sen. Jenner (R-Ind) and the House Committee on Un-American Activities, headed by Rep. Velde (R-Ill).

In taking this stand, the delegates turned down attempts to have the Legion declare specifically it does not approve of investigating methods which "violate the traditional American concepts of due process of law."

Asia 'Proving Ground' The resolution proposing a warning to the Reds on Southeast Asia said: "We believe that Indochina, and other areas of Southeast Asia, will be the proving ground of the Free World's ability to stop the march of communism."

It expressed hope that "a policy of massive appeasement" will not replace the theory of massive retaliation and said retaliation to aggression should be "with weapons of our choice" aimed at the heart of any enemy which may create such aggression.

In still another resolution, adopted with a less enthusiastic voice vote, the Legion delegates voted continued support of the United Nations.

### 'Federal Power Needed to Halt Unemployment'

PORTLAND (UP) — State Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said Thursday Oregon faces a crisis in employment unless there is an immediate return to the federal low-cost power program.

The Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate told a meeting of sheet-metal trade unionists that Oregon "lost" 10,000 jobs in manufacturing between May of 1953 and May of 1954. "Yet," he said, "The state's population rose approximately 34,700, according to the State Board of Health, during this period."

"Recent history tells us what to do," he said. "We should go back to the great public power programs which erected Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams." He said that in the first decade after lowest Bonneville kilowatts were available, Oregon experienced the major industrial boom in its annals as a state.

### COMING TO SILVERTON

SILVERTON—The Rev. and Mrs. Joseph A. Luthro have received word from the pastor's sister, Mrs. Elton S. Thayer of McKinley Park, Alaska, that she will come to Silvertown the middle of the month to live for a few months. Thayer was killed last May in a mountain climbing accident while making the descent on a climb to McKinley. Mrs. Thayer has been employed at McKinley Park during the summer.

### Rains Delay Reds' Release Of de Castries

SAIGON, Indochina (UP)—Heavy rains lashing northern Indochina Thursday delayed the return to freedom of Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries and other high-ranking prisoners of the Communists.

Communist sources in Saigon said they hoped the hero of Dien Bien Phu would reach the exchange point at Ning Gian Thursday night.

The Communist Indochinese announced Wednesday they would return de Castries and other important captives on Thursday and it was indicated their repatriation would be accompanied by a fanfare of Communist propaganda.

There was a sudden news blackout in Hanoi, the northern capital of Viet Nam where de Castries and the other prisoners were scheduled to be taken.

Mail, telegraph, cable and telephone services in and out of Hanoi were cut suddenly and the only news from the North was broadcast over the French army radio.

Bad weather and poor communications failed to stall the return Wednesday of 409 French union prisoners in the Vietri area where de Castries was believed held.

It was believed that communications may have been cut in an effort to stem the torrent of Red propaganda expected to follow de Castries' release.

### Fishing Pole Short-Circuits Noisy TV Set

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Wilshire District resident has found a way to silence his neighbor's TV set whenever he wishes.

The idea came to him during a recent hot spell when he was unable to sleep because of the blare of commercials from the set next door.

He stuck a metal fish pole out his third story window and leaned it against the antenna of the neighbor's roof. It did a beautiful job of shorting reception.

He resorts to the fish pole now as often as necessary, removing it in the morning. The neighbor and a TV repairman, he reports, are slowly going nuts.

mouth of the Copper river and 65 miles northeast of Valdez, Alaska. The power would be used by electro-chemical and electro-metalurgical industries in the area.

### Permit for Water Project Authorized

WASHINGTON (UP) The Federal Power Commission has granted a three-year preliminary permit to Seattle, Wash., for a proposed water project on the Pend Oreille river.

The FPC also granted a similar permit to Harvey Aluminum, Inc., Torrance, Calif., for a proposed water power project on the Copper River in Alaska.

Seattle's proposed project would be built just below the U.S.-Canadian boundary and its transmission facilities would connect with the Bonneville power administration system in the Spokane area.

The Harvey project would be located about 65 miles above the

### \$14 Bid at Oregon City Auction Buys Fortune in Gold, Silver

LONG BEACH, Wash. (UP)—A treasure in gold and silver jewelry dating from the last century languishes in the hands of a Long Beach curio dealer—an unexpected windfall from last week's auction at the Shively Opera House in Oregon City.

Indifferent Bid Wellington W. Marsh, a curio and antique dealer, was in the market mostly for old store fixtures when he attended the auction of all contents of Oregon City's venerable show place. At the end of the day, when everything had been sold but odds and ends, Marsh indifferently bid \$14 for a pile of old boxes, corsets and fans. The contents of one of the boxes he has now insured for \$7000.

It was not until several days after the auction that Marsh, sift-

ing through his loot, opened a beaten old garment box and came on a stock of solid gold jewelry and sterling silver — what would have been typical stock in a good jewelry store in the 1870s and '80s. Price tags were still on some, reflecting the \$16.50 per ounce price of gold which was current in those days.

Over 200 Pieces The bonanza included solid gold watch chains, watches with gold cases, a cameo locket, cuff links, rare gold thimbles, rings, bracelets, brooches and scores of other items totalling 200 pieces.

Marsh is still checking the authenticity of a well-preserved newspaper purporting to be a 1770 issue of the Boston Gazette, a valuable find in itself, if it is the real thing.

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### Marooned Cat Has Reasonable Cause

PERU, Ill. (AP) — Wandering Ratzy, a pure white cat owned by Mrs. William Jantz, is back home after five nights out with a reasonable reason.

Ratzy was let out on a hot night and failed to wake up the family with its usual meows the following morning. A town-wide search failed to locate the cat. A passerby noticed a white cat on a roof a block away from Ratzy's home.

It was Ratzy. The cat had climbed a pole about two feet from a building, jumped onto the roof but had been unable to make it back the same way.

### Insurance Group Opens Convention

KLAMATH FALLS (UP) — The Oregon Association of Insurance Agents opened its annual convention here Thursday with some 400 members expected to attend. Principal speaker Friday will be Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon College at Ashland.

### CONFIDENT CROOKS

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—While robbing a supermarket safe of \$3,000, burglars thought of their comfort. They drank beer and whiskey and kept a fan running.

### Marilyn Faces \$3,000 Suit

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UP) — Actress Marilyn Monroe faces a \$3,000 damage suit in municipal court stemming from an auto accident last May 21.

Bart Antinora, a physical education instructor, filed suit yesterday for personal injuries, charging Miss Monroe's auto struck the rear end of his convertible at an intersection.

Antinora said he was stopped at the intersection at the time of the accident.