

# Ike Appoints C. A. Sprague Rail Mediator

Charles A. Sprague, editor and publisher of The Statesman, Thursday was named by President Eisenhower to a three-man emergency board set up to study a labor dispute between the nation's railroads and the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, the Associated Press reported.

Others picked for the board were Judge Edward M. Sharpe, Lansing, Mich., chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court; and John T. Dunlop, Harvard economics professor.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

They built well, those workmen of five millenniums ago when they sealed the vault containing the funeral boat of King Khufu (Cheops). The slabs of limestone were neatly fitted, making the gallery secure for the lapse of fifty centuries. Desert sands wiped out even memory of its location and only the probing of inquisitive archaeologists led to its discovery. The Great Pyramid which Khufu built has attracted visitors through the ages, and now the cedarwood boat whose bow is adorned with carved lotus blossoms is exposed to view.

This solar boat was built for a special purpose. It was to bear the soul of the ruler through the heavens to the kingdom of the gods. Gracefully designed it was, in perfect symmetry, sleekly tapered fore and aft, finely carved—its dimensions 114 ft. long and its center beam four feet. The wood came from Lebanon where centuries later the Hebrews obtained lumber for Solomon's temple. In the dry dark wood did not decay, it merely took on the deeper shade of mahogany.

We know not to what bourne or how the soul of Khufu was carried; all we know is that his funeral boat never touched water or coursed through the heavens. It was landlocked in its limestone drydock. But it made a strange voyage nevertheless, for it crossed from near 3000 B.C. to 1954 A.D. Though it felt no pull of oars or push of winds it made the leap of centuries. If the soul of Khufu were aboard and animate he surely might think he had awakened in (Continued on editorial page 4.)

## Dallas Farm Home Burns

**Statesman News Service**  
DALLAS—Fire of undetermined origin leveled the farm home of Mrs. William Fisher, Dallas Route 3, Thursday afternoon while she was away for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The two-story, frame house was engulfed in flames before the Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection department in Dallas was alerted about 2:30 p.m.

Three trucks answered the call and one broke down on the way to the blaze, which was located about three miles southeast of Dallas on the New Monmouth Cut-off Road. Adjacent farm buildings were saved by firemen who pumped water with a portable pressure rig from Ash creek, 100 yards away. Mrs. Fisher, whose husband died a few months ago, had been away for two days and it was believed she was visiting relatives for Thanksgiving.

## Longshoremen Pact Reached In New York

**NEW YORK** — Agreement was reached Thursday on a two-year "no strike, no lockout" contract aimed at bringing peace to this port's long-troubled waterfront.

It provides the port's 30,000 longshoremen with a union shop for the first time, a 17-cent package pay boost in two stages, and a provision intended to wipe out the criticized shape-up hiring system.

The agreement "should prove a strong factor in stabilizing labor relations in the port of New York," said Vincent A. G. O'Connor, New York city commissioner of marine and aviation.

Paralyzing strikes have hit the port several times in recent years, diverting ships and millions of dollars in business to other ports.



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## It's Easier to Give Thanks on a Full Stomach



It was a turkey dinner with all the trimmings Thursday afternoon at the Union Gospel Mission here for about 20 transient, homeless men—some of whom hadn't had a "square" meal in several days. A group of the men are shown eagerly helping themselves to "seconds." There was plenty of food and some of the men had "thirds." A few had fourths. (Statesman photo by John Erickson.) (Pictures also on page 12, sec. 2.)

Sprague, one-time governor of Oregon and former alternate delegate to the United Nations, said the Labor Department felt him out about the post in a phone call last week.

"I was asked if I would be available for the job," said Sprague, "and my reply was that I would try to be of service if it would be of any value."

The three-man board will meet in Chicago early next month. The board has a 28-day time limit, dating from next Tuesday, in which to report its findings in the dispute.

The appointment of the board, under provisions of the Railway Labor Act, has the effect of delaying a rail strike for at least 60 days. The reason for this is that union members cannot stage a walkout until 30 days after a fact-finding report has been filed.

Sprague said he did not know the identity of his two fellow board members until he read news accounts.

"There was no explanation of how they happened to pick me," Sprague added in referring to the call from the Labor Department.

## Airliner Lands Safely With Engine Dead

A United Air Lines Convair was forced to return to Salem from a flight to Eugene Thursday afternoon when one engine "quit cold" in the vicinity of Jefferson.

The crippled plane, piloted by T. J. Graham of Seattle, came in for a smooth landing with the dead engine "feathered" 15 minutes after its 4:56 p.m. takeoff.

Mechanics were being brought from Portland to seek the cause for the engine failure. Five of the passengers were provided with taxi service to their destination in Eugene by the air line. The other two, destined for California, will board another flight today.

Emergency equipment was dispatched to the airport when it was learned the plane was in trouble, but the plane had landed before the equipment arrived.

## Car Throws Out Occupants, Gets Into Headon Crash

**MALTA, Idaho** — What happens when there's no driver in the oncoming car to counter your zigs with a zag? You smack headon. Calvin T. Christensen, 30, of Nyssa, Ore., said Thursday.

Christensen faced that predicament late Wednesday on the highway south of this Southern Idaho town.

Investigating officers said this is what happened:

Mrs. Eddie Mills, 65, of Nampa, Idaho, twisted the wheel sharply when her car veered off onto the shoulder; so sharply, in fact, that the door flew open and she flew out.

The car then swerved back to the left, popping open the right door and hurling her husband, Clay, 72, out that side.

The driverless car veered back and forth down the highway 450 feet, with Christensen trying to outguess it. He didn't.

Christensen's car was demolished in the collision, and the Mills' car badly damaged. The most serious injuries were Mrs. Mills' bruises, skin burn and shock.

## Polk Irrigation Canal Subject of 2 Meetings

**Statesman News Service**  
DALLAS—A proposed irrigation canal that would serve 500 farms in Polk County will be discussed at two public meetings in December.

The meetings are scheduled by the Polk County Water Development Committee to determine whether the area's farmers are interested in securing Willamette River water for irrigation.

If enough farmers show interest, the Bureau of Reclamation will likely ask Congress for funds to conduct a survey to determine the feasibility of constructing the canal.

The proposed canal would serve some 20,000 acres in Central Polk County, according to Glenn Hogg, Salem, chairman of the water development committee.

The meetings, both scheduled for 7:30 p.m., will be held on Monday, Dec. 6, at Central High School, near Independence, and on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Grange Hall in Rickreall.

## Portland Bar Brawl Fatal on Thanksgiving

**PORTLAND** — A barrage of pistol shots rang out in a busy tavern here Thanksgiving afternoon and Willie Harbrough, 38, fell dead, hit by three bullets.

Police arrested James Wilson, 52, who was in the crowd that lined the bar. Detective John Sanders said Wilson later was booked on a murder charge without bail.

Meanwhile hundreds of curious persons lined the streets outside and police locked up the tavern.

Sanders and Detective Michael O'Leary said Wilson told them Yarborough and he had been quarreling for some time and that Yarborough had told him he had better have his gun the next time they met.

They quoted Wilson as saying that when Yarborough entered the tavern and started to pull out a gun, he grabbed his own pistol and "let him have it. I wasn't going to let him shoot me."

A revolver was found by Yarborough's left hand.

## Hubbard Man Found Dead

**HUBBARD** — A Hubbard man was found dead beside Highway 99E Thursday, across the street from the bus depot here.

The man was identified as Matt Moll, 79. It was thought he planned to catch a bus to go to Aurora for Thanksgiving dinner with relatives.

Death was attributed to a heart attack by the Marion County Coroner's office. Moll was said to have been in ill health for some years.

He had lived here for several years but had no known relatives in this area. The body was discovered Thursday morning and was taken to the Aurora Funeral Home.

A brother lives in Vancouver, Wash.

## Holiday Offering to Provide \$10,000 in Food for Needy

More than \$10,000 worth of surplus food will be distributed to needy persons in foreign countries as a result of the union Thanksgiving day service in Salem Thursday.

The distribution, sponsored by the "Share Our Surplus" program, was assured by the day's offering which totaled \$520 at the service held in First Baptist Church. Through an agreement with Church World Service, the federal government will provide \$20 worth of foodstuffs for each dollar contributed. Church World Service will use donations to handle distribution.

Principal speaker at the all-city union service, sponsored by the Salem Ministerial Association, was the Rev. Wayne Greene, pastor of First Christian Church. He pointed out that many Americans have developed the habit of thinking that if God doesn't provide, Washington, D. C., will.

The Rev. Mr. Greene contrasted this attitude with that of Jesus Christ when "He took bread and gave thanks," though faced with crucifixion.

## South Salem High Vies Tonight for State Grid Title

**PORTLAND** — (Special) — Eyes of Oregon prep football fans, and especially those of Salem and Coos Bay, focus on Multnomah Stadium here tonight where the South Salem Saxons and the Marshfield Pirates meet for the state's football championship at 8 p.m.

South Salem's Coach Lee Gustafson boasts a four-power backfield combination in Herb Juran, LaMoyné Mapes, Neal Schiedel and Jim Anderson. Slam-banging Benny Baker, a 186-pound junior back, and Johnny Johnson, are expected to pace the Pirate's attack which has carried through 11 straight victories.

Stadium officials said South Salem rooters will sit in sections C and D on east side of the big stadium where gates will open at 6:30 p.m.

The weatherman forecasts cloudy skies for today and tonight but no rain.

(Details are on sports page 10 and 11, Sec. 1.)

## RAINS LASH ENGLAND

**EXETER, England** — Torrential rainstorms lashed most of West England Thursday, flooding roads and railroads and cutting off low lying villages.

Hundreds of farmhouses and cottages were flooded.

## THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precep.
Salem	50	41	.27
Portland	50	44	.38
Baker	45	19	.01
Medford	53	35	trace
North Bend	50	48	.20
Roseburg	63	42	1.11
San Francisco	36	47	.00
Los Angeles	57	49	.00
Chicago	42	34	.06
New York	48	42	.00

Willamette River, 7 foot.  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):  
Partly cloudy today, increasing cloudiness tonight, with rain late tonight and early Saturday; partly cloudy with scattered showers Saturday afternoon; little change in temperatures, with highest today near 64, lowest tonight near 42.  
Temperature at 12:31 a.m. today was 46.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
9.26 11.56 16.18

## Allies Pledge West Berlin More Power

**BERLIN** — The allied powers Thursday night pledged to give West Berlin wider independence and self-governing authority as a direct result of the Paris agreements.

The American, British and French commandants announced a "declaration of intent" to amend the occupation statute and give the German government here as much latitude to run its own affairs as the security of the Soviet-surrounded and divided city permits.

The declaration was contained in a letter sent to West Berlin Mayor Walther Schreiber.

Mayor Schreiber and Assembly President Dr. Otto Suhr commented immediately that the declaration gave them "great satisfaction" and that they hoped for talks soon to implement the idea.

American officials said specific actions to illustrate the "declaration of intent" have not yet been decided upon.

## Mother of GI in Chinese Prison Has Heart Attack

**PORTLAND** — Mrs. Ray Peters received a telegram from President Eisenhower Thursday consoling her about her son's plight in Red China. But she was too sick to show whether it gave her comfort.

Mrs. Peters, 43, mother of Airman 2c Daniel C. Schmidt, suffered a heart attack Wednesday night. Members of her family here attributed it to worry over her son whose sentence to four years for "spying" was announced by Communist China two days ago.

The President's telegram was similar to those he has sent relatives of other Americans sentenced with Peters. It assured her of his sympathy and of the government's efforts to obtain release of the prisoners.

## Clouds, Rain Due Today, Saturday

Salem area folk had better keep their wet weather gear near at hand, weathermen warned early this morning.

The forecast from the Weather Bureau at McNary Field is partial cloudiness today, with rain late tonight and early Saturday. Showers are expected Saturday afternoon.

Weathermen registered .27 of an inch of rain in the area Thursday—but it all fell in the early morning hours.

## TYPHOON HEADS FOR GUAM

**GUAM** — A typhoon generating 75-mile-an-hour winds was expected to hit Guam a glancing blow shortly after midnight Friday.

## Nationalist-Held Island Invaded, Reports Declare

**\*TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)**—Unconfirmed reports said the Chinese Reds invaded a Nationalist-held island 80 miles west of Formosa Friday and fierce fighting was in progress.

The island was identified as Wuchiu, south of Nanjih Island. The reports, which completely lacked official verification, said the landing followed a bombardment by 10 Communist gunboats.

Nationalist warplanes and warships were reported rushed to support of the defenders and it was claimed that part of the attacking force was wiped out.

(Additional details on page 2, section 1.)

## Wreck On 99E Fatal

A Portland man was instantly killed and his wife critically injured Thursday in a head-on collision eight miles south of Salem near Illahee on highway 99E.

Killed was Ray Thurston Smith, 70. His wife, Mrs. Minnie Smith, 65, was hurt when the 16 Smith car struck a vehicle driven by Steve A. Sadowsky, former Salem resident now living in Eugene.

Smith's death was the 16th fatality to be recorded in Marion County this year.

Mrs. Smith was rushed to Salem Memorial Hospital by Willamette ambulance and treated for a possible skull fracture, shoulder and internal injuries.

Sadowsky received facial bruises, and his daughter, Dianne, 12, suffered mild shock. They were treated at Salem Memorial Hospital and released.

Mrs. Smith underwent surgery Thursday afternoon and her condition was said to be somewhat improved late Thursday night.

The deceased was an inspector in the Portland city engineer's office.

The engine of the Smith car was found about 100 feet from the vehicle and on the opposite side of the road from where the auto plunged down a 50-foot embankment. Witnesses said the Smith car swerved into the lane of oncoming traffic just before the accident.

The Smiths were southbound. Sadowsky is a former Salem real estate man and resident of 365 Tyrone Ave. He has been living in Eugene for the past two weeks.

Thanksgiving Day traffic was blocked for some 30 minutes in both directions for over a mile on the highway following the accident. The crash occurred at 11:30 a.m.

Smith's body was taken to the Howell-Edwards Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements by the family.

(Picture at bottom of page)

## SAAR TALKS PLANNED

**BONN, Germany** — French and German officials will hold new discussions in Paris this weekend on the controversial agreement to "Europeanize" the Saar territory, the West German government announced Thursday.

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## Portland Man Killed in Crash South of Salem



Shown above is the car in which Ray Thurston Smith, 70, was killed and his wife, Mrs. Minnie Smith, 65, critically injured in a head-on auto accident Thanksgiving Day eight miles south of Salem near Illahee on Highway 99E. Both are from Portland. After the crash, the car rolled down a 50-foot embankment, shown here, and the engine was found on the opposite side of the highway. Driver of the other car, Steve A. Sadowsky, suffered facial bruises and his daughter, Dianne, 12, mild shock. They are from Eugene. (Statesman Photo.)