

# Soviet Plans Dramatic Disavowal of Treaties With England, France

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union's ruling Council of Ministers asked Parliament Saturday to scrap Russia's treaties of friendship and alliance with Britain and France. The move was in retaliation for ratification by those nations of the Paris agreements re-arming West Germany.



By Charles A. Sorenson

Easter marks the culmination of the story of Jesus and is the climax of the year for the Christian church. Like Christmas its religious significance is offset by unrelated symbols: Santa Claus for Christmas, eggs and rabbits for Easter. The fact remains, however, that Easter is recognized as a great religious holiday. Christian churches are filled to overflowing. The gospel narratives of the death and resurrection of Jesus are recited. Choirs sing Alleluias of rejoicing; and folk leave the churches uplifted in spirit—some of them not to return until next Easter.

Many writers have noted the late revival of interest in religion. Some account for it by the portents of the times. The world is passing through a fresh time of troubles. The material abundance which people enjoy today does not subdue their fears. As knowledge of the potential of new weapons spreads there is nothing of bravado, no "eat, drink and be merry" complex though death may ride on tomorrow's bomber. Folk are more sober.

Some religious leaders, however, regard this revival of religion as rather superficial: an eagerness to get God on one's side rather than to range one's self on God's side. Religion, church membership have (Continued on editorial page 4).

## Russia Seeks Fast Action on Austria Treaty

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union declared Saturday it considers unjustified any further delay in an Austrian independence treaty and expressed hope the visit here next week of Chancellor Julius Raab will promote a speedy conclusion of the long-delayed treaty.

Apparently taking note of a declaration on Tuesday by the three Western powers that the Austrian treaty was a matter of four-power concern, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov called in the diplomatic representatives of the United States, Britain and France and presented them identical statements.

These said the Soviet Union took into consideration that Austrian officials have exchanged opinions on the treaty with the Western powers since the four-power foreign ministers' conference in Berlin early in 1954.

"The Soviet Union expresses the hope that in case there is a desire on the part of all states concerned, it will be possible to achieve an agreement for the conclusion of an Austrian state treaty," the statements added.

At the Berlin conference the Russians linked withdrawal of troops with the conclusion of a peace treaty for Germany.

Saturday's statement to the Western powers said the Russians had proposed at Berlin "to return not later than in 1955 to the examination of the question regarding the time of withdrawing the troops of the four powers from Austrian territory."

## Diamond Lake Resort Owner Dies of Stroke

ASHLAND (AP)—William Emerson Fox, 48, operator of the Diamond Lake resort, died Saturday. He had suffered a stroke last Sunday.

Surviving are the widow, and a daughter, Toby Kay Fox. Funeral services will be held here Tuesday.

## Russ Teenager Tires of 'Defection' in West, Joins Parents in East Reich

By TOM REEDY  
BERLIN (AP)—A Russian teenager feted for three weeks by American officials as an anti-Communist defector voluntarily returned to his parents Saturday, spouting Soviet slogans.

Valery Lysikov, son of a Soviet lieutenant colonel, was reunited with his father and mother at U.S. high commission headquarters here at noon. He hugged and kissed them, whispered in his mother's ear, and was promptly whisked to East Berlin.

The four-minute ceremony climaxed a strange flip-flop story that aroused the Soviet Union to the point where Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov personally intervened with a demand for the boy's return, charging the Americans would not let him go.

Lysikov, admittedly in trouble in his school at Soviet headquarters in East Berlin, crossed into the U. S. sector March 18. A week later, his parents came to see him but he refused all their entreaties to return to them.

## Knight Errant In Plane Finds Lady in Distress

BOWMAN, N. D. (AP)—Chivalry is not dead. It's merely taken to the air.  
Mrs. Ole Septon stopped her car on a highway near here with a flat tire.  
As she grappled with the tire, other motorists whizzed past, playing her no mind.  
Not so with Alfred Miller, flying his light plane overhead. He landed nearby, helped her change the tire and then took off again.

## Senate Votes \$10 Increase In Jobless Pay

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE  
City Editor, The Statesman  
The Oregon Senate by a preliminary vote Saturday indicated it is prepared to approve raising unemployment payments and boosting employer taxes to finance the change.

Senators debated for an hour and a half over how much to increase the present maximum weekly payment of \$25. Then they voted by 21 to 8 to set the figure in the proposed new law at \$35.

This would up payments to eligible workers about 40 per cent and raise the employers' tax about 50 per cent on the average.

Final Senate action on the Senate bill proposing the \$10 increase will come Tuesday morning. It is one of the major pieces of legislation facing this session of the State Legislature.

**Minority Report**  
The action yesterday was the acceptance of the report of a minority of the Senate committee on labor and industry, spearheaded by Sen. S. Eugene Allen (R), Portland. The committee majority recommended holding the maximum payment to \$32.

Besides the \$35 maximum, these are principal features of the bill:  
1—Covers nearly 30,000 more employes in firms hiring fewer than four persons.  
2—Permits workers to draw unemployment and still earn up to one-third as much as their UCC benefit weekly.

3—Tightens up rules to allow only half-payments to those who quit work, are fired for cause or refuse to accept offered jobs.  
4—Removes from coverage an estimated 15,000 seasonal workers by requiring that earnings be more than \$600 a year and that they be more than one and a half times the highest amount earned in any quarter.

**Contribution Raised**  
5—Employers' contribution rate stepped up by 3 of 1 per cent.  
6—Unemployment fund stabilized by requiring automatic raise of employers' rates when fund falls to certain level.

Sen. Allen argued that it wouldn't be fair to lighten up the unemployment law to the extent of this bill if it weren't accompanied by a substantial increase in payments to qualified workers who are out of jobs.  
**Higher Taxes**  
Sen. Gene Brown (R), Grants Pass, opposed the \$35 pay on grounds that it would quicken the time all employers would have to pay even higher taxes than the increase in the bill now.

Sen. George Ulett (R), Coquille, chairman of the committee which drafted the bill after studying six proposed bills on the subject, said he thought even \$32 was too high for payments.

Voting against the \$35 report Saturday were Sens. Harry Bovin (D), Klamath Falls; Lee Ohmart (R), Salem; Truman Chase (R) and Donald Husband (R), Eugene; Stewart Hardie (R), Condon; Carl Francis (R), Dayton; Brown and Ulett.

Sen. Mark Hatfield (R), Salem, was absent.  
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**Not Surprised**  
British and French officials expressed little surprise at the announcement. State Department reaction in Washington also was calm. In efforts to delay or defeat ratification of the Paris agreements, Russia first threatened last December to abrogate the friendship and alliance treaties.

An identical charge was directed against France.

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## Relief Column Brings Joyous Easter To Canadian Town Isolated 19 Days

ST. HILAIRE DE DORSET, Que. (AP)—The isolation of St. Hilaire ended Saturday when a big bulldozer cut a path through 18-foot snowdrifts to this hunger-threatened village.  
The village of 265 persons, 75 miles south of Quebec, had been snowbound 19 days.  
The arrival of jeeps meant a joyous Easter. St. Hilaire has no stores, no baker, no butcher, no doctor.

The villagers were short of rations, cattle and horses were going without feed, and farmers were considering butchering their livestock when the relief column broke through the nine-mile road from St. Evariste, the nearest railroad station.  
The hero of the long siege was the parish priest, the Rev. Armand Germain, who sent out the call for help to the provincial highways department last Thursday.

Father Germain had been sharing his supplies with mothers of eight or more children whose husbands were away in the many sugar camps of the area 40 miles north of the U. S. border. But his reserves were about exhausted.

St. Hilaire depends upon St. Evariste for its supplies, but 20 days ago a swirling blizzard dumped great mounds of snow on the nine-mile lifeline. All travel except on snowshoes became impossible.

Contractor Henri - Paul Gilbert, who sent two bulldozers into action Friday morning after the call for help, said "Neither I nor my men have stopped working since."

## Seven Children Die in Tacoma House Fire

TACOMA (AP)—Seven children who never had "a prayer's chance of escaping" perished in a flash fire which swept through their 7-story frame house early Saturday while the mother of six of them was away at a show.

The flames which raced through the structure so rapidly neighbors were helpless to even attempt a rescue was believed to have started in overheated wiring in a kitchen refrigerator. Hours later, however, other possible causes still were being sought.

Six of the victims were children of Mrs. Jean McCarley, 28, who returned home while the blaze was at its peak. They were Nancy, 12; Thomas, 11; Cyndia, 9; Darrell, 8; Susan, 3 and Magnus, 8 months.

The seventh victim was James Clifton, 15, brother of Mrs. McCarley who had been left to baby sit while the mother attended a drive-in theater with a man friend.

The father of the children, Winfred A. McCarley, lives in San Diego, Calif. He and the mother have been estranged three years. Intense heat.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor at 12:45 a. m., already blazing at inferno intensity. Police who arrived at the scene a few minutes later said the heat was so intense they could not get within five feet of the building.

Mrs. McCarley told officials she had left the house about 9 p. m., feeling the older children could "take care of things."

She was lodged in Tacoma city jail for questioning.

Later, the dry-eyed mother said she returned to see fire trucks and police cars in front of her home. No answers.

"I went down and asked what happened and nobody would answer me," she told Captain of Policemen Myrtle Van Bevers.

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## Mid-Valley Churches to Celebrate Easter Message Today



The holy observance of Easter, bearing the message of Christ's Resurrection, will be observed in mid-Willamette Valley communities today in harmony with churches the world over. Shown here is the Easter morning Holy Eucharist service which will take place this morning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem. Minister is the Rev. George Swift, pastor. Acolytes are (from left) William Crandall, William Purvine, Thomas Dunham, David Perry, Thomas Heitler, and Bingham Powell. (Statesman photo)

## State Primary Ballot Delay Wins in Senate

Holding Oregon primary elections a month later received the approval of the State Senate Saturday.

The bill proposing that the primary be held on the fourth Tuesday in June now goes to the House. Another feature of the measure is electing the precinct committee members for both parties at the general election instead of the primary.

The six Democrats in the Senate voted against the bill; all the Republicans were for it.

Sen. Pat Lonergan (R), chairman of the elections committee of the Senate and sponsor of the bill, said the change would shorten the time and save expense of campaigns for the general election. The primary now is in May.

The Democrats contended that by late June vacations and farm work would keep many people from the polls and this, in turn, would add to the number removed from pollbooks for the general election for not voting in two successive elections.

## Sheriff Quits At Roseburg

ROSEBURG (AP)—Sheriff Calvin Baird, who took office in 1953 after four years as Roseburg chief of police, submitted his resignation Saturday. It will become effective April 18.

Baird said he will return to the federal Bureau of Prisons, the agency he was with for several years in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

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## Sunrise Service to Open Day's Events

An egg hunt for the kiddies, a union sunrise service at McCulloch Stadium and traditional observances in countless churches will commemorate Easter today in the Salem area.

As is customary, milady will appear in her annual finery and the man in the family may be expected to spruce up a bit also. Numerous family gatherings will mark the day.

Although there had been predictions for scattered showers for Easter, the latest report indicated it would be cloudy today but no rain was mentioned.

State police said they expected increased traffic on highway routes of the area, but nothing comparable with the congested holiday weekends of the summertime.

Some 10,000 candy eggs will be the quarry for hundreds of youngsters expected to participate in the annual Salem 20-30 Club Easter egg hunt at Willson Park today.

The hunt will begin at 2 p. m. at the west end of the Capitol.

Participants in the hunt will be divided into two age divisions—6 years and younger and 7 to 12. The younger group will hunt their eggs on the south side of Willson Park's center sidewalk and the older youngsters will search on the north side. Prizes will go to those finding specially-marked eggs.

To Start at 6 A. M.  
The sunrise service, sponsored by the Salem Ministerial Association, will begin at 6 a. m. at McCulloch Stadium. Dr. Edison Habegger, Van Nups, Calif., evangelist, will present the message to an expected large turnout of worshippers. Station KSLM will air the service.

Other groups taking part in this morning's sunrise event will include a unit of the 162nd Infantry, National Guard, presenting colors; the Salem Academy choir, directed by John Eby; and Boy Scouts of Salem Troop 1, who will act as ushers.

## Employment Rise Below Expectation

The Spring employment pickup in the state generally was below expectations, the Oregon State Employment Service said Saturday.

Cool weather was listed as a contributing factor as it held back expansion in various industrial fields.

However, said officials, employment in Marion and Polk Counties was comparable to March of 1954.

The cool, wet weather held down seasonal agricultural activity to a point where placement of agricultural workers by the Salem office was 65 per cent below March of last year.

Estimated unemployment in Marion and Polk Counties was 4,200 in March, comparable to the same period last year but about 100 under February 1955 figures.

Unemployment was found chiefly in food processing, lumber, logging and construction fields.

## Fears of Wrangle May Cheek U.S. Citizenship for Churchill

WASHINGTON (UP) Congressional proposals to grant Sir Winston Churchill honorary U.S. citizenship might do more harm than good, administration officials said Saturday.

They were far from opposed to the idea of this nation's showing its appreciation for Churchill's services to the free world during his long career. But there were definite misgivings about risking legislative debates and a possible legal inquiry by the Supreme Court into the constitutionality of any move to give Churchill citizenship.

## THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	56	38	.16
Portland	55	49	42
Baker	55	39	trace
Medford	58	49	.10
North Bend	53	—	.07
Roseburg	50	49	.07
New York	65	46	trace
Chicago	74	40	.00
Los Angeles	59	49	.00
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Willamette River 4.2 feet.  
FORECAST (From U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem):  
Partly cloudy today, clearing to night and Monday. A little warmer with a high of 60-62 today; Monday 63-65. Low tonight 32-34 with local frost.  
Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 41.

**SALEM PRECIPITATION**  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year	Last Year	Normal
25.03	40.78	34.33

## CHILE BLAST KILLS 10

CONCEPCION, Chile (AP)—Ten persons were killed and 12 injured Saturday by a black damp explosion in a coal mine.

## Frost Forecast By Weathermen

Local frost is predicted for tonight by McNary Field weathermen who, however, forecast warmer daytime temperatures for today and Monday. Tonight's low will be about 32-34.

Today is to be partly cloudy but it's expected to be clear to night and Monday.

Today's high is expected to be 60-62; Monday's, 63-65.