

By Charles A. Squire

While President Eisenhower is making good strides toward recovery, one notes expressions of doubt that he should run again for the presidential office.

True, the external signs point toward his announcement that he will stay in the race. He is visibly making an effort to transact public business and plans to fly to Panama for a meeting with heads of Latin American states in July.

Republican governors of Atlantic City joined in a tribute to the President and his administration and pledged their support for his (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Salem to Fete Franzen at Close of Work

City officials, employees and former employees of the city will honor retiring City Manager J. L. Franzen Friday afternoon at a reception and party in City Hall.

It will be Franzen's last official work day as city manager, but he will be staying on several weeks to help break in new city manager Kent Mathewson, from Martinsville, Va.

Franzen, Salem's first city manager, came here Jan. 1, 1947, from Oregon City.

The reception Friday will be from 2 to 4 p.m. in the City Council chambers. City employees from all departments have been invited and former employees are welcome and urged to attend.

Refreshments will be served. Committee chairman ASSISTANT MISS Mary Brady in arrangements include Miss Betty Marsh, Mrs. Lois Mahaffey, Mrs. Della Colver, Mrs. Phyllis Schaff.

A public reception honoring Franzen is being planned for July 18 with Salem Rotary Club as sponsor and former mayor R. I. Elfstrom as chairman.

Move to UHF Band Charted

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Tuesday moved to end the mixture of VHF and UHF television channels in a score of cities. It also charted a course toward possible long-term shift of all, or a major portion of TV, to the ultra high frequency (UHF) channels, numbered 14 through 83.

The commission said it has made no final determination on a UHF shift, but invited comment on the possibility, to be submitted by Oct. 1.

The plan would involve a lengthy transition period, possibly over 10 years. During that period FCC suggested very high frequency (VHF) stations now operating on channels numbered 2 through 13 might be required to broadcast on both VHF and UHF channels.

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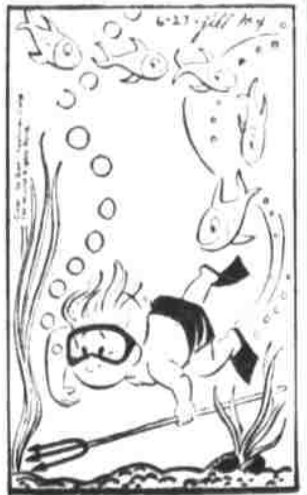
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PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE At Portland 9, Seattle 2. At Hollywood 10, San Francisco 6. At Santa Diego 1, Sacramento 0. At Vancouver 15, Los Angeles 10.

NATIONAL LEAGUE At Brooklyn 10, Chicago 5. At New York 3, St. Louis 9. At Philadelphia 4, Milwaukee 2. At Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 10.

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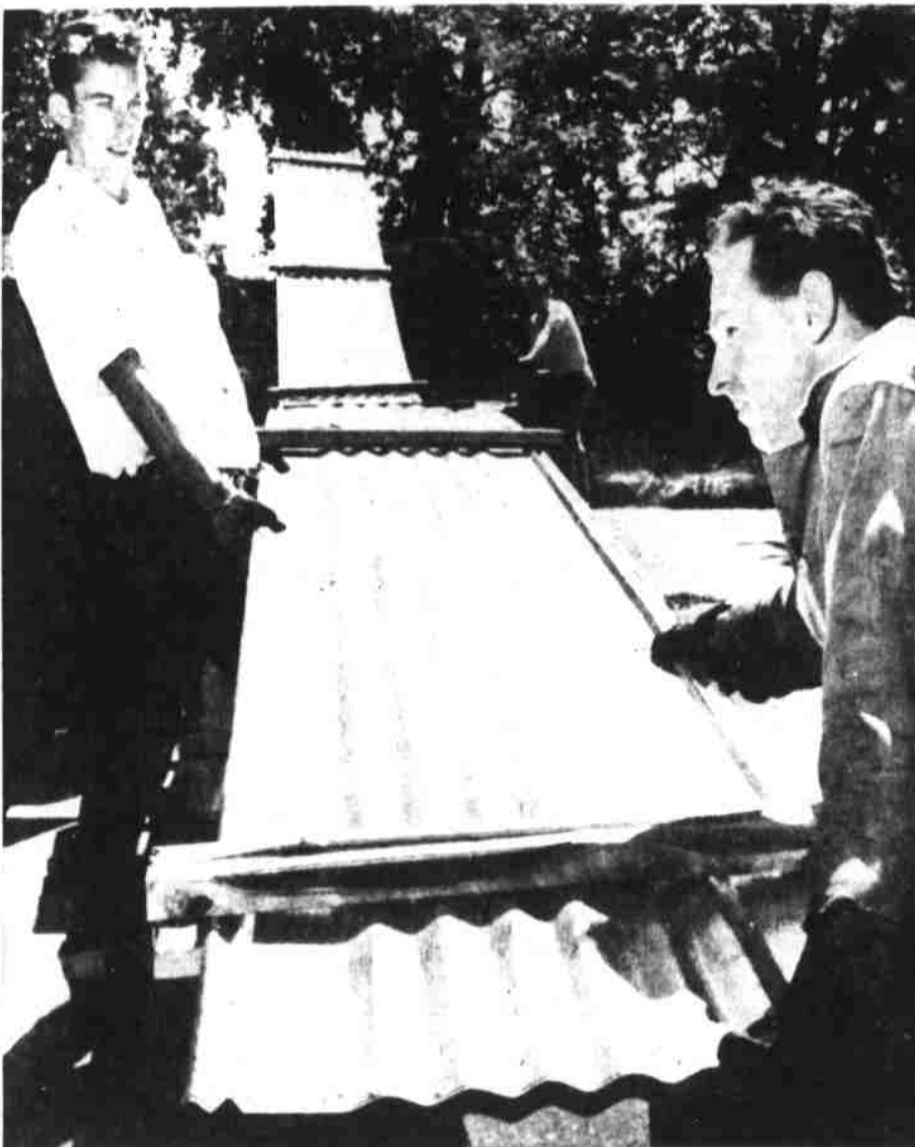
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48-Foot Aluminum Strips Used for Roofing



These 48-foot pieces of aluminum roofing sheets—probably the longest ever corrugated in the Northwest—left the Western Aluminum Corporation plant in Salem Tuesday morning bound for the new Holt Equipment building in Independence.

5,000 Jehovah Witnesses to Meet in Salem

(Photo on page 3, Sec. 1) A Northwest district assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses will bring nearly 5,000 Witnesses to Salem Aug. 25, it was announced Tuesday by officials of the religious group.

Their four-day Bible education program for members will be conducted at the State Fairgrounds grandstand. Those taking part will be from more than 80 congregations in Northern California, Western Oregon and Washington.

Convention director will be John A. Green, a circuit minister in Northern California and Southern Oregon. John B. Hammonette is president minister of the Salem congregation. The instruction of Witnesses is sponsored by the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society.

Principal speaker will be Nicholas Kovalak Jr., Brooklyn, N.Y., a district director of the Witnesses. All congregation members are considered active ministers in the Witness program and all attend at least one general assembly a year.

Salem will be one of three district assemblies in the West Coast area this year; the others scheduled for Albany, Calif. July 19-22 and Spokane the same dates as the Salem meeting.

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Girl Weds Doctor Who Delivered Her

CLIFTON FORGE, Va. — When Dr. Ortho Paul Argabrite 72, of Alderson, Va., married Sharon Ann Kirby, 20, of Alderson, here the other day he had reason to be proud.

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Ike Toyed With 3rd Party Idea, New Book Declares

WASHINGTON — A book about the Eisenhower administration which has drawn senatorial attention reports the President once seriously toyed with the idea of forming a third party.

House Interior Committee Approves Hells Canyon Bill

WASHINGTON — Bills Canyon Dam legislation, symbol of opposition to the administration's electric power policies, cleared the House Interior Committee Tuesday after a year-long deadlock.

Democrats forced through the committee a bill which if approved by the rules committee is expected to touch off a floor attack on what Democrats term the "giveaway" policies of the Eisenhower administration.

The bill would authorize a federal dam in the Hells Canyon stretch of the Snake River along the Idaho-Oregon border where the Federal Power Commission (FPC) has licensed the construction of three smaller dams by the Idaho Power Co.

Validity of the license is being tested in the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Public power groups, including the National Hells Canyon Assn., recently asked the court to stop construction work by Idaho Power until after a decision on legality of the FPC license.

Idaho Power lawyers, in an argument filed with the court clerk Tuesday, asked the court to uphold the FPC license saying six million dollars have been spent on the dam.

The House Hells Canyon measure is identical with a bill sponsored by 20 senators, which was approved by the Senate Interior Committee a week ago.

House Interior Committee Democrats were jubilant after the long deadlock was broken by Tuesday's 15-13 vote. The outcome hinged on the vote of one Republican member, who sided with 14 Democrats.

Rep. Chenoweth (R-Colo.), formerly an opponent of the Hells Canyon bill was persuaded to vote for it in the hope of getting the Colorado-Evans Pan-Arkansas reclamation project sprung from the rules committee.

He said he was persuaded by House Speaker Sam Rayburn who was anxious to get the Hells Canyon bill out of the interior committee.

Income Taxes 50 Per Cent Ahead of '55

WASHINGTON — Personal income tax collections for the first 11 months of the biennium are \$20 million higher than during the same period a year ago, Ray Smith, chairman of the State Tax Commission, said Tuesday. The increase was a gain of 50 per cent.

"Full impact of the increased surtax was not felt until April and May," Smith said. "The large increase in the May collections was due to the fact that many of the returns made in April could not be processed immediately and were not included in the May report."

Totals for the period ending May 31 were \$62,110,000 compared with \$41,206,774 a year ago. The figure reflected results of the 45 per cent surtax applied to income taxes by the 1955 Legislature.

Corporate income tax collections were also up with April totals of \$2,929,920 compared with \$2,474,142 in 1955. Total corporate excise taxes for the first 11 months were \$15,712,764 compared with \$13,294,061 for last year.

Salesman Invites Arrest as Test for Albany Ordinance

ALBANY, Ore. — A salesman invited an Albany policeman to arrest him Tuesday and the policeman cheerfully obliged.

Involved is Albany's city ordinance banning out-of-town peddlers which Robert Ivan Prussell, 35, Springfield, said he was putting to a "friendly test."

The salesman invited patrolman Park E. Hutch to accompany him to an Albany store where Prussell made a sales pitch for the photo-graphic studio which he represents.

The policeman arrested Prussell and took him to police court where a hearing was set for Thursday.

Meanwhile, Prussell said he'd seek a temporary injunction which would permit him to solicit in Albany pending his trial.

AUTO PLANT CLOSED

DETROIT Mich. — Studebaker-Packard Corp. disclosed Tuesday it has completed its run of 1956 model Packard and Cpper models and laid off indefinitely some 3,000 workers in its Detroit plants. No definite date was disclosed for a start on 1957 model cars.

SIKH LEADER DIES

CHILLIWACK, B.C. — The only Sikh archbishop in North America, Harnam Singh, died in a hospital here at the age of 70.

Senate Adds \$1 Billion for Jets

Ike Given \$33 Billion Road Bill

Signature on Highway Plan Expected Soon

WASHINGTON — The \$3-billion highway bill, biggest non-defense spending program in history, was passed by Congress Tuesday and sent to President Eisenhower.

Congressional action was completed by an 89-1 roll call vote in the Senate. The lone dissenter was Sen. Long (D-La.). Earlier in the day, the House passed the bill by voice vote and without debate.

The roadbuilding program includes just about everything Eisenhower requested, except for bond financing of the federal outlays. Congressional Democrats succeeded in substituting tax boosts to help pay for the 13-year program.

"Urgent" Item Eisenhower has listed the highway bill as an "urgent" item on his program for Congress. Supporters of the legislation expect him to sign it promptly, perhaps this week.

The bill provides for a \$14,000,000 hike in taxes to be levied on highway users in the next 16 years. These will go into effect July 1 if Eisenhower signs it by that time.

One of the tax boosts would add 1 cent to the present 2-cent-a-gallon federal tax on gasoline and motor fuels.

The measure represents a compromise, worked out last week, of differing bills voted earlier by the two branches. Some Congress members have termed it "the greatest governmental construction program in the history of the world."

Its major feature calls for a \$1,000-mile network of interstate superhighways to cost some 27 1/2 billion dollars. The federal government would pay 90 per cent of the bill, the states the rest.

The system would connect 42 states completely and 90 per cent of all cities of over 50,000 population.

New and increased taxes, apart from that on gasoline, are: A new tax of 4 cents a pound on retread rubber and a 2-cent-a-pound hike in the 5-cent levy on tires.

A 2 per cent increase in the 8 per cent excise tax on trucks, buses and truck trailers.

A new annual tax of \$1.59 per 1,000 pounds on trucks and buses weighing more than 26,000 pounds and registered for use on highways.

Federal aid highway funds totaling \$51,100,000 will be received by Oregon as soon as President Eisenhower signs the new highway bill, Deputy Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said Tuesday.

Authorization for immediate aid for 1957-58 allotments as soon as the bill is signed has already been received by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Oregon will be allocated \$13,600,000 for interstate highway construction in 1957 and \$1,800,000 for construction of non-interstate routes. Williams said. The 1958 allotments will be \$12,600,000 for non-interstate and \$23,100,000 for the interstate systems including highways 99 and 30.

Action is expected on the 1957-58 program by the highway commission to get projects under way in August.

Willamette River Days Queen Coronation on Monday Night

Plans for a colorful coronation of Willamette River Days festival queen next Monday night and for the gala public outdoor dance Tuesday night have been completed, it was reported Tuesday.

Winner of the ticket selling contest for title of "Queen of the Willamette" will be announced Monday at 8 p.m. at a program on the Capitol Mall. Tickets are on sale now.

Rosarians to Attend

Adding color to the ceremony will be the appearance of the Portland Rose Festival queen and her court, attended by a group of uniformed Rosarians. Gov. Elmo Smith will be on hand for the program and master of ceremonies will be the

Vote of Senators Aims to Put Woodburn Base in High Gear

WASHINGTON — The Senate Armed Services Committee approved Tuesday an appropriation of \$12,508,000 for the projected Greater Portland Air Base seven miles west of Woodburn, Ore.

It would provide for operation and training, maintenance, supply, administrative, housing, and community facilities, utilities and ground improvements and land acquisition.

The committee also approved \$28,000 for storage facilities at the Army's Unattila Ordnance Depot and \$1,130,000 for the Air Force's contemplated land acquisition, operation, training, maintenance, housing and utilities at the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport.

Action of the Senate Armed Services Committee in approving a \$13,508,000 appropriation for the Woodburn Air Base apparently portended a year's step-up in plans Tuesday.

The \$13 million figure was the one originally announced as contemplated for the first 12-months' expenditure at the French Prairie site, and was to have provided for construction work to begin late this summer.

ATLANTIC CITY — Republican governors put their second term support for President Eisenhower in writing Tuesday while a survey turned up strong backing in states with Democratic governors for Adlai E. Stevenson to oppose him.

Gov. Averell Harriman still was in their pitching for the Democratic nomination, though.

The New Yorker invited all the Democrats attending the 58th annual Governors' Conference to a cocktail party in his hotel suite — including those who like Stevenson.

Living Costs Back at Record High, Climbing

WASHINGTON — Living costs for American families are now equal to the all-time peak of three years ago and appear to be rising toward new record levels this summer.

The government reported Tuesday its living cost index rose a whopping four-tenths of one per cent in May — largest increase for any month in three years.

The Labor Department's index jumped to 115.4 per cent of the 1947-49 base period, matching the record set in October 1953. Living costs in May were 11 per cent higher than a year earlier.

At the same time, the take-home pay of factory workers fell off somewhat.

Ewan Clague, labor statistics commissioner, said virtually all major consumer cost items are moving upward and seem sure to continue on that trend through the summer months. Since food is a big item in the index, the upward spiral might be halted when more plentiful fall crop harvests come in.

Food prices, particularly increased in May, continuing to be heard from housewives following their weekly trips to the grocery stores.

A 1.3 per cent hike in food in May was the largest monthly boost in three years. However, food is slightly below last year's level and nearly 5 per cent below its August 1952 peak.

The Weather

Table with columns for location, max, min, and precip. Locations include Salem, Portland, Eugene, Medford, North Bend, Roseburg, Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Clifton, and Willamette River.

Harris Elected Labish Flood District Head

LABISH CENTER — A. J. Harris was elected chairman of the nine-member board of directors elected Tuesday night for the newly formed Labish Water Control District.

K. D. Coomler was elected vice chairman, and Ed Boes, secretary-treasurer, in the board's first meeting following the district election in Labish Center School.

Harris and Coomler each received 21 votes in the district election. Boes received 17.

Leading vote-getter was Max Dibby with 22. Other directors elected were G. A. Russ, 21; Nathan Kurth, 20; Willard Aker, 18; Frank Weinman 14; and Jim Jackson, 13.

Most of the elected directors are union growers. Jackson, however, who does not grow onions, was a leader in a move against formation of the district.

Defeated candidates in the close election were Noble Ragland, 12; Leslie Klampke and William Heilmann, 10 each; and Sam Rump, 9.

Nominations were made from the floor in the meeting attended by 26 district residents, mostly onion growers. Election was by ballot.

The district, which was brought into existence by Marion County Court following a public hearing June 7, was organized to plan flood protection for the 1,200-acre area northeast of Salem in which land and crops have frequently been damaged by backwater from the Pudding River.

Bolt of Lightning Follows Wet Oar To Kill Fisherman

ALMOND, Wis. — A bolt of lightning which apparently struck the water and traveled up wet oars killed a fisherman on the Wolf River near here Tuesday as he and a companion rowed toward shore to seek safety from a storm.

The dead man was 45-year-old George Nelson of Almond.

Nelson's companion, J. C. Jurgensen, also of Almond, was unable to tell authorities what happened. He said he and Nelson, both of whom were approaching an island to seek shelter, as they got close to shore, Jurgensen, he, turned around and Nelson was bent over his oars, badly burned and dead.

The announcement was made by Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, head of the State Department of Health, at Berkeley.

It was the first reported human case of the plague in California since 1947.

It is possible he was infected when he went to the Sesse Gorge in Ventura County on a fishing trip June 16. He was hospitalized June 22.

Various forms of rodents carry the plague infection, which is transmitted by fleas to the bloodstream of one animal to another.

Featured activities of the River Days festival will begin next Wednesday with a parade through downtown streets at 10:30 o'clock. Other activities include a noon picnic at Bush Pasture, boat races on the Willamette River, a barbecue and nighttime fireworks display.

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Solons Reject Ike Estimate of Funds Needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected President Eisenhower's assessment of the nation's air power needs Tuesday and voted nearly a billion dollar more than he wanted for the Air Force in fiscal 1957.

The 48-40 roll call vote was a smashing victory for Senate Democrats, who refused to accept assurances of administration leaders that the Air Force would have enough money to keep ahead of Russia in the struggle for air supremacy.

Voting was preceded by a bitter attack on Secretary of Defense Wilson, who was called inept, vain, arrogant and contemptuous of Congress.

The extra Air Force money, most of it earmarked for improved aircraft, was added to the Defense Department's budget for the 12 months beginning next Sunday.

Then the Senate passed the \$5 billion dollar defense measure on a routine roll call vote of 88-0. The big bill provides about 16 1/2 billion for the Air Force, 10 billion for the Navy and Marine Corps and 7 1/2 billion for the Army. The balance would go for miscellaneous Defense Department needs.

The House has yet to act on the controversial air power issue, which is sure to reverberate in the election campaign this fall. If the House approves the extra money, it remains to be seen whether Eisenhower will spend it or impound it, as President Truman once did with additional Air Force funds voted by Congress.

While the Senate was voting more money for defense, the British government announced in London that it had trimmed 50 million pounds (about \$1 1/2 billion) from its \$4,200,000,000 defense budget as an anti-inflation measure.

Forty-three Democrats and five Republicans voted for the Senate amendment adding 900 million dollars to the Air Force budget. Both Morse and Neuberger of Oregon favored the larger figure.

Ike Asks Vet Pension Boost Plans 'Slowed'

WASHINGTON — The House, squaring off Tuesday for an election year battle over veterans pensions, heard a go-slow plea from President Eisenhower.

An Eisenhower letter, dated May 30 before the President was hospitalized for abdominal surgery, was read to the House by Rep. Ayres (R-Ohio). The President had written the letter to Chairman Teague (D-Tex.) of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

In it, Eisenhower said he was convinced that findings of his commission on veterans benefits should be carefully evaluated "before such basic and far-reaching pension legislation as you mention is acted upon."

The three rival proposals, which will be voted on Wednesday, are: 1. An omnibus bill approved by featuring a \$105-a-month pension plan sponsored by the American Legion. The administration says it would cost 1 1/2 billion dollars the first year and a total 148 billion by the year 2000.

2. A last-minute "compromise" sponsored by Rep. Dora (D-SC) with Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars backing. It would lower the pension proposal to \$90 a month and cut the estimated first year costs in half.

3. A "compromise" by Teague which would knock out most of the non-service-connected pensions called for in the other bills and concentrate on service-disabled veterans. This would cost some 200 millions the first year.

Bubonic Plague Causes Death of California Man

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bubonic plague was confirmed Tuesday as the cause of the death of Andrew Sakas, 43, of Port Huemene, Calif., who died last night at Corona Naval Hospital.

The announcement was made by Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, head of the State Department of Health, at Berkeley.

It was the first reported human case of the plague in California since 1947.

The Weather FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Mostly sunny today with high near 90, partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 55, high Thursday 80. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 61.

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