

# Kansas City Struck By Tornado, 32 Die

KANSAS CITY, May 20 (AP)—A tornado ripped across the southern and eastern suburbs of Kansas City tonight, killing at least 32 and sending more than 300 to hospitals.

## Beck Kicked Out Of AFL-CIO Post



WASHINGTON, May 20—Teamsters President Dave Beck (passing under an "Exit" sign) was removed Monday as vice president of the AFL-CIO. (AP)

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

### Beck 'Guilty Of Misuse of Union Funds'

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Fellow union chiefs today found Dave Beck guilty of "gross misuse of union funds entrusted to his care" and virtually read him out of the labor movement.

### Flags to Be Hoisted

CAIRO, May 20 (AP)—Egypt issued orders today that all ships approaching the Suez Canal from the Red Sea must hoist flags so their nationality can be recognized easily.

### Higher Postal Rates: House Hearings Completed

Natural Gas Regulation: House committee holding hearings; conflict between Southern proponents and White House views may prevent any action.

### School Construction Aid: House Committee Recommends \$1.5 Billion

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### Jeff Names Princess

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—Dolores Meryk, an 18-year-old, blue-eyed senior, today was selected Jefferson High School's 1957 Rose Festival Princess.

## Hounds Find Missing Girl, Pinned by Leg Under Log

She was resting comfortably Monday at her home at Salem Route 1, Box 427. Her doctor said she suffered a bad leg bruise, a hip bruise and shock. Temperature dropped to 96 during the night. She was wearing a bandanna with a coat over her plaid shirt and pedal-puffers.

During the night she dozed, waking every once in a while to try and move the heavy log from her legs without success, she said.

The search began about 8 p.m. Sunday when her father, R. J. Meisner, Meier & Frank maintenance engineer, began to worry when his daughter failed to return from her walk.

The girl's father turned for help to the Polk County sheriff's office, which called on Wilson and his four bloodhounds.

After many false starts the dogs caught the scent several hours later and led the searchers to Judy's side.

Heights and Hickman Mills, about 12 miles south of downtown Kansas City. Three members of a family were killed at Spring Hill, Kan., and a woman perished at Ottawa, Kan., southwest of Kansas City.

Rascus workers dug into the debris searching for the trapped and other dead.

Greatest destruction was concentrated at Ruskin Heights, where the twister smashed a 15-story shopping center, the new two-million-dollar high school and the Presbyterian church.

Six bodies were recovered at Ruskin Heights, most of them from the wreckage of a grocery supermarket.

The Martin City business district, also south of the city, was destroyed. Many were injured there.

What was believed to be the same twister killed a woman near Ottawa, Kan., about 60 miles southwest of Kansas City and roared on, dipping its angry funnel to the ground at many spots, tearing apart farm houses and barns.

The Martin City storm raged on to the northeast and smashed into Ruskin Heights.

Its progress was followed by the Weather Bureau on radar, and numerous warnings carried by radio and television stations alerted the metropolitan area.

The storm blacked out the stricken zone. Power lines were downed and roads blocked by debris.

Emergency treatment centers were set up in the Ruskin Heights area. Volunteer nurses, doctors and rescue units moved in quickly.

The tornado was one of at least 10 that lashed eastern Kansas and northwestern Missouri today and tonight. Western Kansas was swept by a dust storm.

## Mystery of Carnival Banner Ends

The "mystery" of who hung up the carnival banner is solved.

Two men from Krebs Advertising hung it up last week—like they were paid to do—across S. Commercial Street at Candalaria Avenue in the city.

The South Salem Suburban Chamber had ordered the banner, which reads "CARNIVAL HERE JUNE 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8." They're sponsoring the Browning Bros. Carnival at Liberty Road and Browning Avenue (outside the city) to raise money for its two parks, and thought a banner nearby would help.

They applied to the State Highway Department for a banner-hanging permit, but through a mixup, the sign was hung inside the city.

Henry Benz of the city engineer's office saw last Wednesday that no one had obtained a permit for hanging the banner—which requires approval of the City Council, city engineer and city manager—and so he took it down. He folded the \$100 flag gently and put it in a drawer in his office.

There it lies.

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The Weather Today's forecast: Cloudy morning, becoming partly clearing in the afternoon, today and Wednesday. High today 68; low tonight 45. (Complete report page 2)

## Mama Bear Can't Bear Excitement

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—Once upon a time there were three bears, a mama bear and two baby bears. They lived in the Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn.

Today, the two baby bears snuggled up the wire enclosure and escaped from their cage. They were missed and quickly retaken by Patrolman Alfred Johnson and other policemen.

But the excitement was too much for the mama bear. She collapsed and died of a heart attack.

## House Votes 2 More High Court Judges

The House of Representatives Monday night mustered a bare majority to pass the bill recommending two additional judges for the Oregon Supreme Court.

By 31 to 28 the House approved Senate Bill 466. Although the Senate had passed the bill calling for two court-appointed commissioners to ease the work load for the Supreme Court, the House state and federal affairs committee amended it to increase the court by two members instead, appointed by the governor.

The bill as passed by the House must go back to the Senate for further work.

The latter plan was in line with a strong recommendation from Gov. Robert D. Holmes and an original bill for two judges that was tabled in a Senate committee.

Three Republicans and 28 Democrats voted for the House version, with eight Democrats and 20 Republicans opposed. The Marion County delegation split on party lines, the three Republicans opposed and the lone Democrat in favor of it.

The House met for 2 1/2 hours last night to catch up on a calendar it had expected to finish during an afternoon session. The House will resume at 10 a.m. today.

In another controversial matter between House and Senate, the House amended for the second time a Senate attempt to set up a legislative interim committee with broad, unspecified investigating and recommending powers (SJR 43).

The vote against the resolution was 17 to 41, following which the House voted to indefinitely postpone any further consideration. The measure was similar to SJR 26 which met the same fate in the House May 10.

(Add. details on page 2.)

## Clouds Minus Rain Forecast

More clouds are due today and Wednesday but no rain is expected, says the U.S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field. Expected temperature range will be 68-85.

A total of 37 inches of rain Monday brought May's precipitation so far to 2.49 inches. The average for a May in Salem is 1.92.

It will be partly cloudy at northern Oregon beaches today and tonight, the weatherman says. Winds west to northwest at 20 miles per hour are expected.

## Brighter Side . . .

By John Erickson

### Sack Loses Court Appeal

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—George F. Sack, under death sentence for the murder of his wife at Portland, Ore., in 1954, today lost his last court appeal.

The U. S. Supreme Court refused to grant a hearing of his case.

Sack's apparent last hope of escaping the gas chamber rests with Gov. Robert Holmes of Oregon, who has proposed that Oregon do away with capital punishment.

At Salem, the governor said he would have to review the case before deciding whether he will commute the sentence.

Sack was convicted of murdering his wife and placing her in the trunk of a car, where she was asphyxiated.

### Sentencing on Tap

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—Portland gambler Big Jim Elkins and his employe, Raymond Clark, are scheduled to appear in U. S. District court tomorrow morning for sentencing.

### BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE No games scheduled

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE At Vancouver-Seattle, postp. rain At San Francisco-Los Angeles, postp. rain (Only games scheduled)

AMERICAN LEAGUE At New York-Cleveland, postp. rain At Boston-Chicago, postp. rain At Washington 2, Detroit 1 At Baltimore 2, Kansas City 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE At St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 16 (Only game scheduled)

## City Budget Kept Inside 6% Limit

By RUSSELL BIERAUGEL Staff Writer, The Statesman

A \$4,848,000 Salem city budget was recommended today by City Mgr. Kent Mathewson in a report submitted to the city budget committee and the public at a Chamber of Commerce lunch Monday in Marion Hotel.

The budget proposed for the fiscal year starting July 1 is some \$48,000 higher than the present budget.

This increase is largely due to greater expenses in water bond funds, but the net operating budget of \$13 million also is increased by a small amount gained from a \$30,000 increase under the 6-percent limitation and an estimated \$70,000 balance that will be left at the end of this fiscal year, he explained.

Mathewson said it is estimated that the city tax millage will rise two mills next year, due largely to expected reduced valuations on downtown business and utility property.

Organizational Meeting Mayor Robert F. White said the budget committee will have its organizational meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in City Hall. A chairman will be elected and subcommittee assignments made at that time.

Mathewson's proposals would call for two questions to be put to the voters in a special election.

One, for \$180,000, would decide the fate of Olinger and Leslie swimming pools, threatened with condemnation by the state if extensive repairs are not made this year. In the other park board is asking \$475,000 for expansion and improvements. Mathewson questioned a \$75,000 item it includes for a proposed municipal golf course.

Other expenditures in the proposed budget would be paid from normal sources of revenue. Some of these are:

Widening of State Street to four lanes east of 12th Street.

In Time for State Fair A start on extension of 17th Street north to Silverton Road, finishing the project next year in time for the 1958 State Fair.

Resurfacing of Mission Street from Commercial Street to 12th Street and from 16th Street to its connection with a new North Santiam Highway link under construction.

Expenditure of \$76,105 for sewer construction projects, including extension to the Park Avenue area between Market and Center streets in East Salem, replacement of the Cross Street sewer from 16th Street to the east end of Oxford Street, completion of a lift station at Front and Union streets, and site purchase for a future pumping station at Cross Creek.

West Salem Library Establishment of a West Salem library branch in the former West Salem City Hall.

Salary increases for department heads as recommended and partly adopted a year ago.

Reduction of residential water rates to encourage lawn beautification.

(Complete budget text on page 14.)

# Demos Push Last-Minute Bid to Boost School Fund

## Senator Prepares for Adjournment



With the end of the Oregon Legislature in sight, Sen. Sidney Schiesinger began the task last night of removing some of the books, notes, etc., accumulated during the 127 days of the session so far. Mrs. Lawrence Anderson, Senate door keeper holds the door for him at right. (Statesman Photo)

## Holmes, Thornton Insist Kaplan Stay

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—Gov. Robert Holmes today said a key figure in the state-directed vice probe here should remain on the job instead of going to work for the U. S. Senate labor-rackets committee.

Holmes said Asst. Atty. Gen. Arthur G. Kaplan has an "obligation to finish his work."

Kaplan announced in a letter to Oregon Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton that he had asked for a leave of absence to work with the Senate investigators.

But at Salem today, Thornton said he had not received a copy of the letter and added "I am unable to approve any such request at this time."

Kaplan's letter also was critical of the way Thornton has handled the probe in charges of vice and corruption here.

Critical of Thornton Earlier, a fourth Multnomah County grand jury investigating vice returned a long report that was critical of the way Thornton had handled the probe. The report asked he be replaced.

Thornton also said today that Kaplan "has an obligation" to finish the work begun by the latest grand jury, which returned some 60 indictments.

Holmes said that Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate committee, had called him in February and asked if Kaplan could be released to work for the Senate investigators.

Holmes said he later called Thornton, whom he quoted as saying that Kaplan could be released, in about 30 days. But the governor today said the 30-day period was a "serious error" and added Kaplan should finish the work.

Kaplan had been assigned as one of the prosecutors in the case of Mayor Terry Schunk, scheduled to go on trial Wednesday on a charge of perjury.

Claims "Whitewash Try" Thornton's request that the trial be postponed was made shortly before the issuance of Kaplan's letter, which said "continued misdirection of the investigation will give added credence to those who believe you are attempting to whitewash this prosecution."

Meantime Thornton said that he had given Asst. Atty. Gen. Ralph Wyckoff until 8 a.m. tomorrow to accept or reject a fee schedule for bringing the cases to trial.

The fee, which Thornton said he offered, was \$60-a-day for preparation of the case and \$100-a-day for the trial with a maximum of \$500 a month.

Thornton said he had made the offer in a letter to Wyckoff. Wyckoff said he had not received such a letter.

## Sold by 10 a.m.

This Statesman Want-A-D brought results the first morning it appeared.

15 Ft. Boat & Motor \$45. P.M. XXXX.

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## Still Aim At Finale Tonight

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE City Editor, The Statesman

State basic school support bounced back as a top legislative controversy Monday at the Oregon Capitol with these unheralded developments:

A last-ditch administration move for an extra \$5,000,000 amount based on Gov. Robert D. Holmes' promise to raise liquor prices 15 cents a bottle.

A complicated amendment designed to assure that whatever increase in state money a local school district gets will be ear-

marked for direct property tax offset. This came from the Senate education committee.

The two announcements put the Senate in a mild uproar and resulted finally in a delay of the school support bill HB 566.

Administration leaders wanted to rush the bill through by accepting changes on the floor, but Republican efforts sent the bill back to the joint ways and means committee. That group then scheduled an 8 a.m. meeting today on it.

Adjournment Still Tentative Whether the change of signals on school support will delay the session's final adjournment couldn't be determined by last night.

Here's how the adjournment picture looked:

House and Senate are aiming at a 5 p.m. final adjournment today, as agreed last week.

The House, considering itself ahead of the Senate, didn't come back from weekend recess until 2 p.m. Monday, then got through only eight scheduled bills in the afternoon and returned to a night session. The Senate finished its calendar by 6 p.m. but has several bills scheduled for today.

Early Sessions Today Keeping the aim on adjournment this evening, the Senate called its meeting today for an unprecedented 8:30 a.m. and the House planned to convene at 9 a.m.

Several bills remained last night in conference committees but none was considered of top rank in legislation.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes made his late bid for the additional state school support at a Monday afternoon press conference. He now wants the state fund based on \$100 per census child, compared with the present \$80 base, the ways and means-approved \$95 and the \$120 he recommended at the outset of the legislative session.

Putting the base figure at \$100 would mean an approximate \$20 million increase over the present \$80 million fund that is split among local school districts.

Battle Joined by GOP Republicans in the Senate, agreeing that both parties had favored an high increase as possible in the fund, took issue with the new proposal when it came up late yesterday afternoon.

They questioned closely the financial soundness of the proposal. When Ways and Means Chairman Alfred H. Corbett (D), Portland, said he didn't know "the precise amount of revenue that will be available," then fellow Democratic Sen. Walter J. Pearson moved for sending the bill back to ways and means.

Gov. Holmes said the proposed liquor price increase would produce an extra \$3,000,000. Pearson said the price boost might cut sales to the point that no extra revenue could be counted.

Favors \$100 Base Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Senate education chairman, said it looked like the state could now afford the \$100-based school support "because total revenue may be several million more than we expected."

Some of the Republicans asked what this extra revenue was. Sen. Philip Lowry (R), Medford, said "if there's extra money floating around, perhaps it ought to go directly to property tax relief."

Although not mentioned on the Senate floor, the latest ways and means committee appraisal of the financial situation indicated a budget of about \$27 1/2 million, against anticipated revenue of something between \$27 1/2 and \$28 1/2 million.

(Additional details and other legislative news on page 13.)

## Mid-Valley Planning Engineer Appointed

Appointment of Wesley J. Kvarsten, Springfield planning engineer, as planning director of the newly formed Mid-Willamette Valley Planning Council, was announced Monday.

Kvarsten, 33, was a planning technician with the Marion County Planning Commission at Salem from 1953 to 1955. He is presently director of urban renewal at Springfield, employed by the city of Springfield and the Lane County Housing Authority.

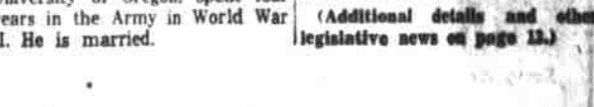
He will arrive in Salem in early July, Robert K. Powell, council president said.

Four more are to be added to the staff, which will coordinate planning efforts and be an advisory group to the members of the mid-Valley Planning Council.

Member organizations include the city of Salem, Marion and Polk county planning commissions and the Salem public school district.

Headquarters are temporarily in the Marion County Planning Commission office in the courthouse.

Kvarsten, 1953 graduate of the University of Oregon, spent four years in the Army in World War II. He is married.



WESLEY J. KVARSTEN