

# Salem Curfew Won't Ring So Loudly Now

"Curfew shall not ring tonight"—for persons more than 16 years of age. And on Friday and Saturday nights every youngster in Salem may stay out until 12 o'clock, so far as city police are concerned.

For, although the formal ordinance amendment has not been passed, the council Monday night unanimously accepted a recommendation of its police and traffic committee that the curfew ordinance be relaxed from its present requirement that no one less than 18 years old may be on the streets alone after 10:30 p.m. Formal action will be taken later.

No one swung on the bell rope, as in the old poem, to guarantee that "curfew shall not ring tonight," but boys and girls of Salem high school, who have at-

tempted to argue it out with police on a number of occasions, started the movement which led to last night's action.

With the approval of the school administration, they directed a letter to the city council. It explained that under the present ordinance many boys would be drafted into the service before they ever had an opportunity to take a home-town girl home from a moving picture show. Curfew also put a quietus on school social and athletic events, they declared.

Established a number of years ago, the curfew had practically been forgotten until the influx of servicemen and the shortage of police force members caused the council to order strict enforcement of its regulations so that closer surveillance of night-time streets could be effected.

# KIDNAPED GIRL FOUND SLAIN

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## Sewers Solve Mystery

### Four Persons in Custody After Gruesome Finds

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The dismembered body of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan, who was kidnaped from her bed early today, was found in sewers tonight within one block of her home.

The child's head was found first early in the evening in a catch-basin sewer between two apartment buildings a half block from the home, and by midnight police had found all the other parts of the body except the two arms.

Chief of detectives Walter Storms said four persons, three of them janitors in the neighborhood, were being held for questioning. Parents Are Notified

Father George Carney of St. Gertrude's parish notified the horrified and heartbroken parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Degnan, that their daughter was dead without disclosing to the mother the manner of death. Both parents uttered a broken prayer that their daughter had not suffered.

Father Carney placed an arm around Degnan's shoulders. Mrs. Degnan, who was lying on a divan in her living room, rose to a sitting position.

"Do you have strong faith?" asked the priest.

"I have faith," sobbed the mother. Degnan nodded, his eyes filling with tears.

Mrs. Degnan looked at the priest and asked hesitatingly, "was she disfigured, Father?"

**Immunity Promised**

The kidnapper had warned that harm would come to the pretty golden haired girl if police were notified of the abduction, but police captain Sullivan said he was reasonably convinced a "sadistic fool—motivated by both lust and money," was the kidnaper-slayer.

Degnan, 36-year-old OPA executive, had appealed to the kidnapper by radio for his daughter's safe return, promising him immunity from prosecution and saying "I'll give you the money—I'll do anything to get my child back."

Suzanne, blue-eyed, curly-haired and blonde, was whisked undetected from her bedroom in her parents' northside home early today in a manner reminiscent of the famous Lindbergh baby kidnapping of 1932. A seven foot ladder, down which she apparently was carried in her white pajamas, was found in the back yard.

**Thought Degnan Wealthy**

Police expressed the belief the kidnapper had mistaken Degnan, who earns approximately \$7500 a year, for a wealthy man. The Degnans resided at the imposing home of a lawyer friend who furnished them quarters when they were unable to find an apartment.

The city news bureau said a man telephoned the Degnans about 10 a. m. today reiterating his demand for \$20,000 ransom in \$5 bills and warning to harm the child if police or newspapers were notified.

# Auto Pay Basis Hailed; Wire Strike Set Today



BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 7.—German prisoners of war spend their last few minutes inside prison compound at Fort Custer yesterday before starting homeward journey. They are first of 5000 POWs at Fort to start the trip back to Germany. Another 6000 will leave Colorado camps through the port of Los Angeles this month. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

## Goering Snarls at Witness Who Testifies Nazis Sought To Slay 30,000,000 Slaves

**Defendants Perturbed By Charges; Mocking Smile Fades Away**

NUERNBERG, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Herman Goering growled curses today at a prosecution witness who told the international military tribunal that the German purpose in attacking the Soviet Union was to exterminate 30,000,000 Slavs.

"Dirty dog! Damned traitor!" Goering snarled at Waffen S. S. Gen. Erich von Dem Bach-Zelewski stepped from the stand.

Goering and others of the 21 high nazi defendants facing the court were visibly perturbed by the testimony of the 46-year-old former ardent nazi who was said by allied authorities to have witnessed personally or participated in more atrocities than any other German witness yet summoned, and who has "found my conscience."

Jail officials said they would "call Goering on the carpet" to be rebuked for his behavior in court, regardless of whether the tribunal chose to take notice of this first incident of its kind in the trial.

Goering lost the mocking smile and the iron control which has marked his demeanor thus far. A German-speaking court attendant said the former reichsmarshal turned to his fellow defendants and growled: "Why that has more blood on his hands than all the rest of us put together and I will testify to that under oath!"

## Kaiser, Union In Accord

### Wage Scale Will Be Suggested For All Industry

By the Associated Press

A contract with the new Kaiser-Frazer corporation calling for an "unprecedented" wage rate was announced last night and the union leader signatory said he would recommend it as a basis for settlement of disputes in the entire automotive industry.

The company and the CIO United Auto Workers jointly terminated the agreement "most satisfactorily."

Disclosure of the new contract, calling for a new wage rate of \$1.18 at the outset, was made by R. J. Thomas, CIO-UAW president, Henry J. Kaiser, chairman of the new company, and Joseph W. Frazer, president of the firm.

In addition to the \$1.18 base, the company has agreed to meet any increase that comes out of the UAW-CIO strike against General Motors and to form a pool of \$5 per car produced, the money to be distributed among production workers on an hours-worked basis.

Estimated at 10 Per Cent

Thomas said the production bonus would amount to a 10 per cent additional wage for workers covered by the contract. Frazer estimated that approximately 8000 employees will share in the bonus pool.

On another labor front, the president of the CIO Oil Workers was on record today as declaring his union was willing to whittle its wage increase demands from 30 down to 18 per cent—as a pattern for settling the industry's current wage disputes.

The statement, made to the oil industry fact-finding board in Washington by O. A. Knight, union president, marked the first instance of a sharp CIO wage increase demand reduction in a major industry since the war.

**Efforts at Peace Fail**

Knight said agreements had been reached on the 18 per cent basis with several companies. His statement capped a day which brought these other developments on the labor front:

1—Mayor William Dwyer of New York City announced failure of 11th hour efforts to avert a strike of 7000 Western Union employees in New York and New Jersey scheduled for 11 a. m. today and union locals in eight international cable and radio message companies decided not to handle messages from Western Union company offices throughout the country during the tieup. A.O.A. officials estimated that 40 to 50 per cent of transatlantic messages originating in the U.S. would be affected by the sympathy move.

2—The CIO United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America announced in Chicago that Monday, Jan. 21, had been set for a strike of an estimated 30,000 members in 11 plants of the International Harvester company, in the Midwest and east.

**Frowns on Price Boost**

3—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles was reported to have informed President Truman that full price increase demands of the steel industry—to compensate for current losses and any wage increase granted in efforts to offset a strike of 800,000 steelworkers Jan. 14—could not be granted under present wage-price policies.

4—Coast-to-coast telephone paralysis by Wednesday was threatened from two sources. Ernest Weaver, president of the Communications Equipment union, said a strike was scheduled for Wednesday that would mean "100 per cent breakdown of toll telephone service. He said dial systems would break down in a week or 10 days." The other disruption hinged on a nationwide poll of the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Spangue

Oregon's Senator Wayne Morse is a born crusader, eager for the jousting, and seems to prefer the role of lone knight rescuing the lady fair. That serves to explain his "declaration of war" against Senator Taft for his "radio tirade" of last Friday night in reply to President Truman's speech. Morse, who had endorsed such new deal vagaries as "full employment" legislation, etc., said that Taft's speech "demonstrated in frightening manner why the common men and women of America cannot look to the reactionary republicans who are seeking control of the republican party to protect and improve their standard of living." Since Morse himself had previously criticized Truman he seems to find all the world out of step—which is not in the least disconcerting to Oregon's junior senator.

## City Acts To Use Barracks

### State Loses Out In Airport Deal; Zones Changed

Salem moved to develop preferred army air base properties and barracks for veterans' housing Monday night when the city council authorized Mayor I. M. Doughton to appoint a city housing authority of five commissioners with terms ranging from one to five years.

At the same time the council passed the necessary resolution to seek a permit for use of the barracks and the 550 acres the federal government added to the city's 450-acre airport while it was used as an army base.

The state may not be so fortunate, Oregon Budget Director George Aiken, who has worked on the unofficial citywide housing committee, told the council. Federal surplus property officials who Saturday notified him that 29 buildings at the base would be set aside for the state, to be moved to state hospital grounds for use of employees, Monday apologetically withdrew the offer with the explanation that they apparently had not the authority to make the deal.

**City Deal Still Stands**

The promise to the city still stood Monday night, however, Aiken declared.

Only ordinance passed at Monday night's council session sets new fees for billboard concerns, doubling the minimum license to a new \$100 high, with the provision that outdoor advertising concerns shall pay one-half of one per cent of annual gross receipts for each new year's license. Originally written one-fifth of one per cent, the ordinance was amended last night.

Transfer of the initial \$5000 to go into the firemen's pension fund from the general fund was approved and another series of transfers was directed to bring the pension fund to \$10,000 by the end of the current fiscal year.

Tentative approval was voted a new city bus schedule to go into operation when new Oregon Motor Stages equipment arrives or at least by February 3. The police and traffic committee will give the schedule further study and probably recommend some changes, Chairman Kenneth Perry said.

**Zone Will Be Changed**

On recommendation of the city planning and zoning commission, first steps were taken to change the north end of Condit's addition (the Keith Brown industrial development) from class II residential to class IV industrial zone. A request from Commercial Sand & Gravel for a lease of river bank property running 100 feet north from Court street, on which it proposes to establish a ready-mix plant and office, was referred to the property committee. The recorder was instructed to buy a new car for the police department, and repairs for bridges at 24th and Mission streets and 19th and Chemeketa streets were approved. (Council story also on page 2.)

It is further reported that Morse had a piece running in the LaFollette "Progressive" magazine condemning the republican old guard. Perhaps Morse aspires to the mantle of Bob LaFollette, pere, and seeks to reorganize the group once described by Senator Moses as "sons of the wild jack-ass." If so, it would be a part to his liking, for Morse seems to thrive on gore and publicity. The label "progressive," however, is a bit dated; and even the Wisconsin LaFollette are wondering whether it will pay off in the coming elections.

Senator Taft was extreme in trying to pin communism on Truman's legislation. Much of it is leftwing, but hardly communist. That epithet is often a sign of poverty of language in condemnation. The full (Continued on editorial page)

## Congress Has Final Say on Atomic Bomb

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes gave detailed assurances tonight that congress will have the final say on any move to turn over U. S. atomic energy knowledge to the projected United Nations atomic commission.

The statement was issued at the state department just after Byrnes and top aides who will assist him at the United Nations assembly meeting opening in London Thursday left from National airport. The party took off in the face of rainy weather.

Before boarding the plane, Byrnes told newsmen he intends to stay in London until the United Nations atomic commission is established. The plan for the commission was drafted at the Moscow meeting of big three foreign ministers from which Byrnes returned only nine days ago.

## Holdup Nets \$102 But Girl's Pluck Cuts Down Loss

Police were on the lookout for a man with \$102 and a sore scalp today.

The man got both the money and the soreness at the State theatre on Sunday night, when he opened the rear door of the cashier's booth and commanded Miss Patricia Jones to "stick 'em up."

Miss Jones was startled enough to ask "are you kidding," just before she caught sight of the man's gun, but she wasn't too startled to swing into action. When he threatened to hit her with the gun, she grabbed the man's hat, gave his hair a few healthy jerks, knocked the gun out of his hand, and while she didn't manage to hold him in the booth she threw him far enough off stride so that not all the available cash was taken.

Miss Jones said she believed there was another person in a car to which the man fled.

## Oregon Deposits Greatly Exceed National Average

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Deposits by individuals, partnerships and corporations in Oregon banks during the five war years were two and a half times more than the national average, a federal deposit insurance corporation report revealed today.

Oregon was fourth highest of states in the nation, reporting a 236 per cent increase compared to the 91 per cent national average.

**SMELT BACK ON MARKET**

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Columbia river smelt were on the market today at around 40 cents a pound. Some 1400 pounds arrived from Clatskanie where the run appeared.

## Democracy at Work, Manila Editor Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A GI demonstration against alleged inequities in demobilization was staged at nearby Andrews Field, Md., today.

MANILA, Tuesday, Jan. 8.—(AP)—American enlisted soldiers vociferously protested the new demobilization slowdown at a mass meeting last night and demanded a congressional investigation but military police said they spent the remainder of the night in relative quiet.

MANILA, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A Chinese editor expressed amazement tonight at the freedom of comments and profane critical remarks directed at generals and other officers by GI speakers at a mass meeting protesting a slowdown in demobilization.

"You can smell democracy!" exclaimed Ken Lin, editor of the Chinese Commercial Bulletin. "This is democracy working. It isn't just a word."

## Fifty Veterans Seek Houses

Registration of more than 50 veterans for quarters in the recently-projected housing program at the city airport was announced Monday by H. C. "Hub" Saalfeld, Marion county service officer.

By telephone, mail and in person, the bids came from recently discharged veterans critically in need of living space, Saalfeld said. Most of the applicants were Salem veterans. A few were from nearby towns such as Independence and Falls City.

## Congestion Being Cleared at Motor License Counter

The state automobile division is fast clearing away the congestion of motor vehicle license applications for 1946 plates received up to January 1, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said Monday, and state police and other peace officers soon will start arresting delinquent motorists.

More than 225,000 applications had been processed up to last Saturday night. Officials estimated that 435,000 motor vehicle licenses would be issued.

## Aged (104) Father of Chemawa Coach Dies

SILETZ, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Death of Coquille Thompson, Indian who at 104 could recall skirmishes between whites and Indians around 1850, was reported here today. Survivors include a son, Coquille Jr., coach at Chemawa Indian school.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



## Mayor Urges Speed in Development of City Sewage Disposal Plans; Traffic Study Asked

Immediate preparation of plans for the city's sewage disposal system "so that construction may proceed when materials are available" was urged by Mayor I. M. Doughton in his annual message to the city council last night.

"Too long Salem has polluted the Willamette river, destroyed its fish life, rendered it unfit for recreational use, and made it a menace to the health of our people. This is the year to clean up," Doughton declared, calling attention to the fact that financing of the system already has been arranged.

The mayor also urged a study of traffic problems, expressing his belief that parking meters would not be a solution; improvement of the city's parks to make them of greater use to the public; securing of additional finances for the city without added general taxes; preparation of plans for personal retirement and for placing returning veterans, and vigilance by health and police departments in proportion of the city's residents.

Doughton expressed his hope that the council would adhere to its present policy of denying city services to persons who have "for

the most part, settled in suburban areas to avoid paying for such conveniences."

The plea that has been part of his every message during two terms as mayor—that earnest consideration be given to a change from "our archial system" of city government—was marked this year by reference to "one or two incidents", not otherwise described, which he declared "again demonstrate the need of definite responsibility for the performance of the administrative functions of the city."

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