

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

This January 10th may be an important date in world history. It will be if the hopes of hundreds of millions of people are fulfilled. For today the first session of the permanent organization of the United Nations, the general assembly, will convene in London. Gathered there will be the delegates from some 50 nations which have signed the San Francisco charter. On the way this assembly moves off depends much of the future success of the United Nations organization.

The immediate tasks of the general assembly are numerous. First, it must elect six members of the security council, the body with the real power for averting or suppressing war. It will also elect members of the international court of justice, of the economic and social commission, and will choose the secretariat. And it is expected to pick the site for the permanent offices of the organization.

Nation Looks To Oregon for Voting Trend

Eyes of the nation tomorrow will be on the 10 Oregon counties which comprise the first congressional district as voters name a successor to the late Rep. James W. Mott, republican.

Mott's party has given its blessing to Walter Norblad, Astoria attorney, who will compete for

ELECTION TOMORROW

Polls open: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polls location (table page 4).

Ten-county issue: election of first district congressman.

Salem issue: ratifying of city-acquisition of Bush pasture.

McMinnville issue: Appointment instead of election of city recorder.

the position with Bruce Spaulding, democrat, Salem attorney. Spaulding is running as an independent.

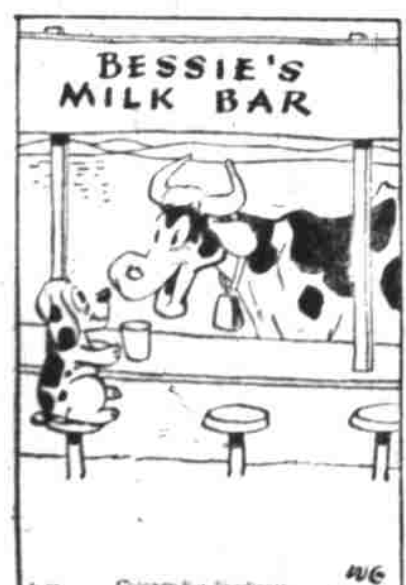
Two cities in the district will hold special municipal elections Friday in conjunction with the congressional ballot.

In Salem, voters will be asked again to approve a \$125,000 bond issue for purchase of 43 acres in Bush's pasture to complete a 100-acre park tract. Because of failure to advertise properly a special election in June of last year the election has been declared illegal and the bond issue voted at that time has never been prepared or sold.

McMinnville voters will consider for the third time a proposal that their city recorder be an appointive officer. J. M. Peague, now city recorder, holds the office by election. The plan has been voted down twice.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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ARMISTICE DECLARED IN CHINA

Move In East To Continue

CHUNGKING, Thursday, Jan. 10. (AP) — Representatives of the Chungking government and the Yen-an communist regime today ordered an immediate cessation of hostilities on the part of their armed forces.

Military commanders were directed to halt all troop movements, with the exception of transport of nationalist troops into or within Manchuria for the purpose of restoring Chinese sovereignty.

Followed Talks

Issuing of the "cease fire" order followed prolonged negotiations between nationalist Gen. Chang Chun and communist Gen. Chou En-lai, in which Gen. George C. Marshall, President Truman's envoy to Chungking, has been participating.

Only last night the truce negotiations were reported bogged down following unexpected government demands that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's army be permitted to occupy certain strategic towns in communist controlled Inner Mongolia. Chou said the demands were "unacceptable."

Delegates to Convene

A conference of 38 delegates of China's various political factions had been summoned for a consultation by Chiang today in an effort to settle the main differences between the two main parties—the Kuomintang and the communists.

Aid Sought for Apprenticeship System in State

Possibility of securing assistance through the veterans' affairs bureau for operation not only of the Salem apprenticeship council's advisory service but for similar services throughout the state is being investigated here this week as returning servicemen literally line up for apprenticeship ratings.

More than 100 veterans are employed under auspices of the Salem apprenticeship council, 56 of this group having been present at the last meeting of the organization, Supt. Frank B. Bennett told the Salem school board Tuesday.

Only by serving their apprenticeship under council supervision can these men obtain GI benefits, Bennett explained. The one man who serves as counselor for this group and their employers also works with the city schools vocational program, a job which has always taken at least half time, Bennett said. The service is jointly maintained from city schools and state vocational education funds.

'Pappy' Secretly Wed, Halts Plans of Would-be Divorcee, Blames Romance on War Nerves

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9. (AP) — Marine ace "Pappy" Boyington disclosed today he was secretly married to a striking blonde film actress at about the same time the attractive brunette trustee for his three children was making public endearing telegrams she said meant wedding bells for her.

The famous holder of the congressional medal of honor—Lt. Col. Gregory Boyington—revealed that he and Mrs. Frances Baker, 32, were married yesterday in Las Vegas, Nev.

Boyington's marriage, culminating a romance that began last November, was a bombshell of surprise to Mrs. Lucy Malcolmson, who announced in Reno Sunday that she planned to marry the 35-year-old flier yesterday.

She had disclosed numerous affectionate telegrams she said Pappy had sent her and had announced plans to marry him immediately after she had expected to receive a divorce. Her husband is Stewart Malcolmson, General

GI Torchlight Demonstration in Paris



PARIS, Jan. 9.—Shouting "We want to go home," U. S. soldiers carry torches in a parade demonstration in Champs Elysees last night. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Paris to The Statesman)

Ike Frowns on Punishment for Protesting GIs

By the Associated Press

The army reacted yesterday to swelling protests from soldiers overseas against its demobilization policies by directing that any men not needed may be sent home, no matter what their point score.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff, cabled the order to all theatre commanders. He said unneeded men with highest scores and longest service should be given preference.

The war department announced that it was reviewing its entire demobilization program.

The war department indicated that demonstrating, protesting troops would not be punished unless there were violence or disorder.

The nearest thing to that, apparently, was at headquarters of U. S. forces in the European theatre at Frankfurt, Germany. More than 4000 soldiers and WACs assembled there to chant "We want to go home."

Angry shouts arose but soon subsided when a military policeman pushed a demonstrator. Military police arrested one of two soldiers who came to blows.

Salem School Board Reindorses Park Issue

Re-endorsement of the Bush park bond issue was voted Tuesday by the Salem school board. City school directors expressed themselves as favoring the measure before it was presented and approved at a special election last June. That election has since been held illegal because it was not properly advertised, so it is to be re-referred at Friday's election.

UNO Starts Meet Today, U. S. Delegation Agreed

By John A. Parris

LONDON, Jan. 9. (AP) — The United States delegation to the United Nations assembly closed ranks in harmonious accord today after a two-hour conference with Secretary of State Byrnes, who made it clear that any plan dealing with atomic energy secrets must receive congressional approval.

Fears were eliminated that the American delegation might enter in disagreement the first session of the assembly, which opens tomorrow at 8 a.m. (PST).

Byrnes said his views on safeguards were entirely acceptable to all American delegates. Minutes later Senator Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) — critic of Byrnes' atomic energy policy up to this point—issued a statement saying he now was "completely reassured."

Vandenberg had assurances from Byrnes on two points—that adequate security arrangements

must precede disclosures concerning atomic matters and that "any plan recommended by the atomic commission must receive congressional approval in the United States."

In assuring the American delegation, Byrnes recalled the Moscow Big Three foreign ministers conference, where he said it was agreed that the United States would retain the atomic energy secrets until suitable UNO machinery was set up for its control.

Russia, the only one of the five larger powers not to send her foreign minister to the assembly meeting, probably will not even be represented at the opening session by her chief delegate, Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs Andrei Vishinsky.

News dispatches said the Soviet vice commissar arrived in Sofia late today for what were termed in the Bulgarian capital as important political conversations.

New Downtown Building Slated

Adolph C. Nelson of Nelson Brothers has announced that he will erect a new building adjoining his present one, on Liberty between Chemeketa and Center streets, and expects to let the contracts within 10 days.

The reinforced concrete building is planned to have an 82½ foot frontage on Liberty st., with a depth of 114 ft. Lumber has already been hauled to the site for erecting forms, he said.

The building will be under five year lease, Nelson said, but to whom or what the nature of his business will be, he could not reveal. The property had been recently purchased from the Portland General Electric Co., who had bought the site years ago for a proposed office.

Congressmen to Visit Protest Meet

HONOLULU, Jan. 9. (AP) — U. S. congressmen of a house territories subcommittee conducting Hawaii statehood hearings, said they would attend a service men's mass meeting tonight on demobilization.

An invitation was extended by Col. A. J. Bird, commander at Hickam Field, site of the meeting.

Members of the committee include: Homer D. Angell (R-Ore).

Decision Nears In Dennis Case

Upon his return from New York City today, Gov. Earl Snell is expected to consider the application of Andrew Dennis, Portland, for commutation of the death sentence under which he is now scheduled to die in the state penitentiary's lethal gas chamber later this month.

Dennis is asking that the sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. He was convicted of first degree murder for the slaying of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Belle McAllely, in a Portland apartment house in January, 1944.

The first death sentence was held up by appeal proceedings; a second was set aside by the state supreme court because a proper death warrant had not been issued by the Multnomah county circuit court.

Counting Boards to Start Friday at 6 p.m.

Counting boards will not start to work in Marion county Friday before 6 p.m. because of the short ballot. Gladys White elections deputy in the office of County Clerk Harlan Judd, said Wednesday.

The Statesman, as at other elections, will gather and tally the votes.

Seek Third Janitor In Chicago Slaying

Police Claim Case 'Hot,' End Possible Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 9. (AP) — The search for the kidnap-killer of 6-year-old Suzanne Degnan was described tonight by Detective Sgt. Jack Hanrahan as "getting hotter and hotter" with a solution possible "within 24 hours."

A man identified by Hanrahan only as a janitor on a drinking spree was being sought for questioning, the detective said. "I am satisfied now that there were two men in the job," he added.

The hint that a possible major break in the kidnap-dismemberment case might come soon was given by Hanrahan in a criminal court habeas corpus hearing at which the judge ordered two North Side building janitors freed within 24 hours, or charged with an offense. They are being held for questioning and for so-called lie detector tests.

The detective expressed the opinion later to newsmen that the pretty golden-haired Degnan child was handed out her bedroom window by a kidnaper to an accomplice.

Reported Drinking

The man sought is a resident of a neighborhood flat and has been reported drinking heavily, the detective said. He reported that a search of the flat produced no clues.

The court issued its "charge-or-else" ruling after counsel for the janitors, Hector Verburgh, 65, and Desere Smet, 35, and Verburgh's wife, Mary, 64, asked their immediate release.

The janitors and Mrs. Verburgh were being held by police only for questioning.

Bones Not Human

State's Attorney William J. Tuohy told reporters that a chemical analysis showed bones found in an apartment furnace just off the room where they believe the victim's body was dismembered were not human.

The bone test was made in an effort to account for the missing arms of the victim, the only parts of her body which have not been recovered.

Parts of Child's Body Found

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9. (AP) — More portions of a baby's body were found today in a sewer where a severed leg was discovered yesterday.

Workers broke open a drain pipe in the basement of a building in a west side apartment district and removed parts of the head and torso of a baby whose age could not be determined, Detective Sgt. William Pleitner said. No child has been reported missing.

Committees to Study Ways of Conquering Willamette River

The nine counties involved in the Willamette valley project will be served by committees on reclamation, irrigation and for the study of flood control measures under a program approved at the joint meeting of the Willamette basin commission and the valley project group here Wednesday. The program was prepared by Ivan Oakes, engineer-analyst for the two organizations.

Army engineers reviewed conditions in the Willamette valley for many years past and stressed the property damage that had resulted. One engineer declared that had it not been for the war at least four of the large dams proposed in the Willamette valley flood control project would have been completed. Two dams, one at Cottage Grove, and the other at Fern Ridge, were completed prior to the war.

It was brought out that \$3,000,000 for the overall project was included in the recent house deficiency bill. While this amount of money will assist materially in continuing the flood control program it is up to the people of the valley to promote future appropriations, the engineers said. The engineers were emphatic that dams were preferable in flood control to river revetments, although the latter originally were included in an alternate program.

Questioned



CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Desere Smet, 35, janitor in a building where Suzanne Degnan was slain, is being questioned by city detectives hunting a solution to the slaying. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

FDR Predicted Japan Clash In Willkie Note

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (AP) — President Roosevelt wrote Wendell Willkie two days before Pearl Harbor that there might be an "armed clash at any moment" with Japan, the congressional investigating committee learned today.

Counsel distributed to committee members copies of the letter obtained from the late president's files. It is expected to be introduced in evidence after the committee resumes hearings next Tuesday. Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific fleet commander when the Japanese attacked Dec. 7, 1941, is to be the first witness.

With the Roosevelt letter the members were given a memorandum which Sumner Welles, then assistant secretary of state, sent to the president. This advised that Sir Keith Murdoch, Australian newspaper publisher, had suggested that Australia would welcome a visit from Willkie.

Trade California For Palestine?

CAIRO, Jan. 9. (AP) — Agitation in the United States for establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine drew a counter proposal from a member of the Iraq parliament today. In a tongue-in-cheek gesture, the legislator urged that California be separated from the United States and converted into a national home for Arabs.

Distance Calls Due To Be Cut

Bargaining to Be Resumed in Steel Industry

By the Associated Press
A walkout of installation workers that began yesterday had spread today to 44 states and the strike threatened to shut down the nation's telephone system. The new walkout brought the total idle because of strikes to 407,000.

Most of the 8000 members of the Independent Association of Communication Workers were away from their jobs in the wage dispute. The workers install Western Electric company equipment for the Bell Telephone system. Union spokesmen predicted a "100 per cent breakdown of toll service" and disruption of dial

telephone service within a few days. The union has announced its intention of picketing telephone exchanges and said it had been assured that other telephone workers would not cross picket lines.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 9. (AP) — A tie-up of long distance telephone circuits out of Portland and most western Oregon cities Friday was predicted tonight as telephone workers here voted to respect communication workers' picket lines.

Meanwhile, the steel fact-finding board in Washington announced that collective bargaining in the steel wage dispute would be resumed today between the U.S. steel corporation and the CIO United Steelworkers union.

Earlier, it was reported the government might authorize an increase of about \$4 a ton in the price of steel. The steel companies, with the strike of 800,000 steelworkers set for Monday, had requested a \$7 a ton increase as a condition of resuming collective bargaining.

Special School Budget Election Due in March

A special election sometime the week of March 22 for consideration of a school budget exceeding the 6 per cent limitation is in prospect for the Salem school district.

School directors agreed Tuesday to hasten budget proceedings so that the budget may be drawn and the election held before the "hiring season" for teachers opens. They laughed when Supt. Frank B. Bennett suggested the bleak alternative that teachers' salaries be lowered next year.

The district will have more difficulty than was met last year in contracting for teachers if definite salary promises cannot be made, the superintendent predicted, urging that action be speeded on the budget.

Germans Abandoned Declaration of War

NUERNBERG, Germany, Jan. 9. (AP) — The Nazi high command in 1938 decided that a "declaration of war is no longer necessarily the first step at the start of a war," top secret Nazi documents introduced before the international military tribunal disclosed today.

Further, the German high command said, "the normal rules of war toward neutral nations may be considered to apply only on the basis of whether the operation of these rules will create greater advantages or disadvantages for the warring nations."

State Industrial Accident Payroll Coverage Drops

The state's covered payroll dropped from \$58,584,741 in December, 1944, to \$33,246,864 in December, 1945, the state industrial accident commission reported here Wednesday. The November, 1945, payroll was \$34,508,724.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	42	30	.11
Eugene	42	29	.13
Portland	39	30	.12
Seattle	45	33	.08
San Francisco	57	34	.00

Willamette river 14.3 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today, occasional light rains. Gentle to moderate winds this morning. Highest temperature today 48 degrees.