

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

It was ten years ago last August 1 that the City of Salem took over the local water system from the Oregon-Washington Water Service company.

But not taxes. The municipally-owned system pays no taxes. To get a fair comparative picture one should make an allowance for taxes, which for the private company amounted to around \$25,000 a year, or \$250,000 for a ten-year term.

The financial results would have been much better if the city had not made the investment of around \$1,000,000 in the new pipeline to Stayton island to tap a new source of supply.

Work Mapped On Bush Tract, Other Parks

Clearing of underbrush, trimming of large oak trees which were severely damaged by a silver thaw a few years ago, and the building of footpaths probably will be the first work undertaken in Bush park when the city takes possession of a portion of the 100-acre estate.

Park board members agreed on this at their initial meeting of the new year Tuesday in chamber of commerce rooms.

Grading, seeding and planting of Pringle park will be undertaken as soon as dirt is available, board members declared.

The tract at 15th and Mill streets is being cleared and will be equipped for playground purposes, it was announced.

Vatican Newspaper Says Russians Lie

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano, replying to a Moscow broadcast of Jan. 12 which allegedly quoted the soviet newspaper Pravda to the effect that the Vatican had supported fascist reactionaries, declared today that the Russian charges were "lies and mystification."

Animal Crackers



"You've taken the best century of my life!"

Report on Demobilization



WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (center), army chief of staff, and Adm. Chester Nimitz (left), navy commander in chief, confer with Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky), house military affairs committee chairman, as armed services chiefs appear at library of congress today to explain demobilization plans. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Discharges Slowed So U. S. Won't 'Run Out Of Army'—Eisenhower

'Near Hysteria' Gets Blame for Confusion; Commitments Cited

By the Associated Press WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower quieted some, but not all, of the demobilization din in congress today by explaining that if discharges hadn't been slowed down "we would literally have run out of army."

With a manuscript and charts, the army chief of staff made these salient points in his hour-long talk before a committee investigating recent troop demonstrations: "The war department has ordered that by April 30 all enlisted men with 45 points or two and a half years service either be discharged or aboard ship returning home."

Expectations Thwarted The army found it impossible to live up to what Eisenhower said was the "hope" of former chief of staff George C. Marshall that two-year men would be out by March 20.

The "causes of confusion" about demobilization are two: "The nation's release from the urgency of war started an emotional wave to get men out of the army" which has reached the "proportions of near-hysteria."

Foreign commitments, including maintenance of armies of occupation, and the guarding and disposal of equipment (property valued at \$7,000,000,000 in the European theater) now requires \$22,000 troops in Europe and \$65,000 in the Pacific.

Always GI Advocate In light of this "there will no longer be any useful purpose in such demonstrations as our troops conducted during the past week in various areas of the world."

Battery Plant On Schedule

Time for opening of the National Battery company's new West Salem plant is still indefinite, depending upon a variety of contributing factors.

Violence Breaks Out In Argentine Lockout

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The first outbreak of violence in the three-day lockout by Argentina's industry and commerce protesting the government's labor policies was reported tonight from Mercedes, where several thousand persons attacked a warehouse and a number of stores.

PARK FOUNTAINS OBTAINED

Rare Arctic Fox Blamed for Fowl Loss at Hubbard

MILWAUKIE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A fox—identified as the rare Arctic blue variety—which has been raiding Hubbard area turkeys, will give ranchers no more trouble.

Ralph Dimmick trapped the animal at a ranch east of Hubbard, Regional U. S. wildlife biologist Stanley G. Jewett said it probably escaped from a fox farm.

13 Miners Die In Blast; Many More Escape

WELCH, W. Va., Jan. 15.—(AP)—A freakish mine disaster, in which the explosion force was mostly spent in wrecking equipment, today killed 13 men and injured 36 others from a total crew of 267 underground.

Minor Outbreaks Provide Active Day for Firemen

As regularly as the clock chimed, city firemen responded to minor fire calls Tuesday morning. At 8:20 a.m. they went to 520 E. st., where a chimney was blazing.

WATER SYSTEM PLANNED

SHIP SENDS OUT SOS

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Kimmel Attacks 'Secrecy'

Vital Information Withheld, Naval Officer Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel asserted today that Washington had information pointing to both the time and place of Japan's 1941 Pearl Harbor attack but withheld it from him, the Pacific fleet commander.

Had he known what Washington knew, Kimmel told the senate-house investigating committee, he would have ambushed at sea the Japanese task force whose planes bombed and burned eight battleships and 10 lesser craft in a surprise raid on their Hawaiian anchorage.

Told by Chairman Barkley (D-Ky) to go ahead in his own fashion, Kimmel read a 25,000-word statement.

Annual Meet Of Red Cross Set on Feb. 22

Tentative date for the annual meeting of the Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, has been announced for the evening of Friday, February 22.

TRANSPORTS ARE DELAYED

'Long Live America'

MANILA, Jan. 15.—(AP)—This is the story of an unsung American sergeant, mortally wounded by a Japanese firing squad, who cried a defiant "Long live America" before a second volley finished him.

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He Talks



NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill answers reporters' questions on the pier here last night shortly after he and Mrs. Churchill (standing beside him) disembarked from the liner Queen Elizabeth. They left here for Florida. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

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Outbreak of Auto Looting Disclosed On Police Record

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Walkouts Involve 875,000

Ford Ups Offer; Truman Hopeful Of Steel Accord

By the Associated Press The largest single work stoppage since before the war began early today with the strike of some 268,000 CIO and AFL packing-house workers in plants throughout the country.

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