

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

If the situation was difficult at higher administrative levels in the state system of higher education before, it would seem that the late action of the state board in accepting Secretary Byrne's resignation from two of his three positions and giving him a four months' leave of absence would make the situation impossible. For the jobs from which Mr. Byrne retires—administrative assistant to the chancellor and director of information—are highly important; and there is no one left who can handle them. This comes at a time when the problems of reconversion at the higher institutions are most critical, and Mr. Byrne has been the one carrying the chief burden at the central office. His assignment merely to secretarial duties leaves a vacuum which may provoke a crisis. The heads of the several institutions, like the university and state college, may simply refuse to operate "in a vacuum."

The difficulty seems to have been one of relations between Chancellor Hunter and Secretary Byrne. For years the board has shown more confidence in Byrne for administrative work than in the chancellor. When Byrne found his position too much of a personal strain, members of the board suggested to the chancellor that he retire, since he is two years past the retirement age. Dr. Hunter demurred. This put the board on the spot; but instead of (Continued on editorial page)

## Seizure Order Issued, AFL To Back Move

By the Associated Press  
President Truman yesterday formally ordered government seizure and operation of the nation's strike-ridden meat packing industry, and a few hours later the AFL meat cutters union ordered their striking members to return to work Saturday when the plants are seized.

The CIO packinghouse workers, representing 193,000 of the 263,000 meat workers on strike, said their decision would be made today on "whether" to resume work.

The AFL union's back to work order, effective "as quickly as possible," was announced in Chicago by union leaders who said the union "cannot and must not distrust" President Truman, the order called for a "temporary truce."

Under the president's order, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson will take over and operate 134 struck plants of 19 companies at 12:01 a. m. Saturday.

The AFL union said its order affects 55,000 striking workers in 430 AFL locals. Earlier it had estimated 70,000 were on strike. It said all AFL pickets will be withdrawn by noon today. Union spokesmen estimated normal AFL work would be resumed by Monday.

## Navy Mid-Way In Release Plan

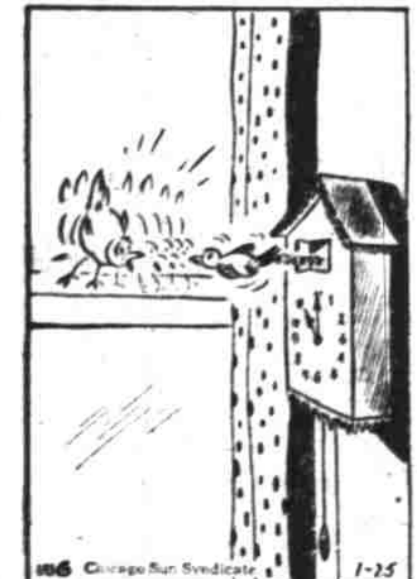
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The navy passed the halfway mark in its demobilization today with discharge of its 1,500,000th naval reservist.

He was Eugene Lowell Smith, free controlman second class, of Watsonville, Calif. He entered the navy Dec. 11, 1942, at the age of 17 and won 11 Pacific battle stars. He was discharged at the Shoemaker, Calif., separation center.

Congratulations and wish for "good sailing" were broadcast to Smith over the Associated Broadcasting system by Vice-Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of naval personnel.

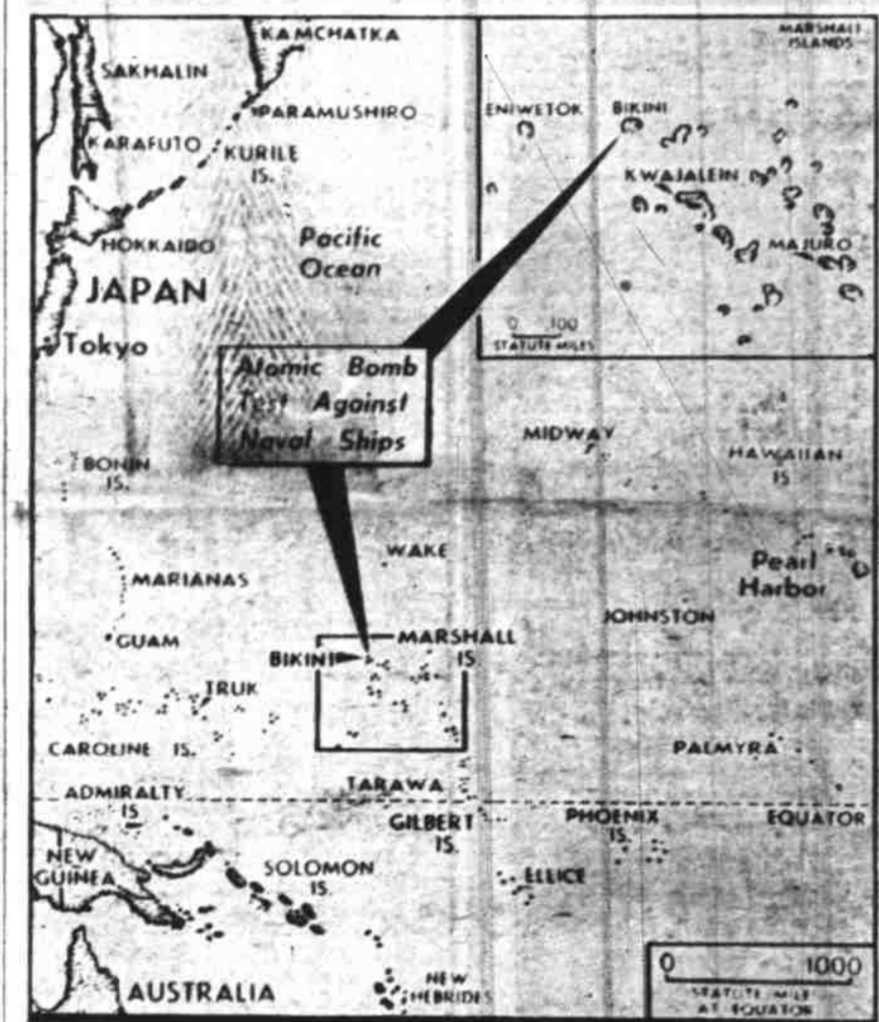
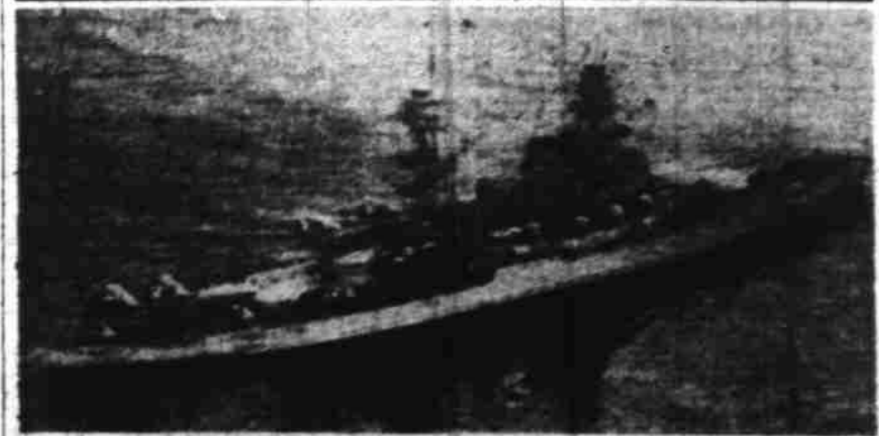
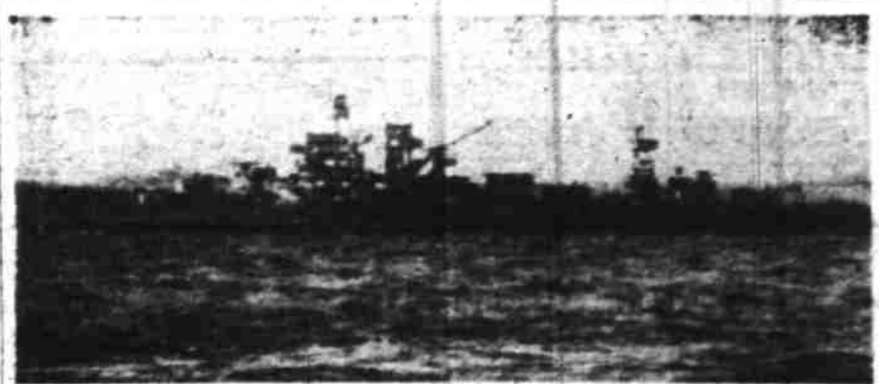
## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I'm crazy about you—Baby—can I see you—at twelve?"

## Renowned Warships Destined To Feel Power of Atom Bombs



Jan. 24.—(Above) These four U. S. battleships will feel the destructive force of an atom bomb next spring in the test at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Top to bottom are the Arkansas, oldest battleship in the fleet, the Pennsylvania and the Nevada, two Pearl Harbor victims that came back to fight out the rest of the war, and the New York, veteran of action from North Africa to Okinawa. (Below) Planes locate Bikini Atoll, in the Marshall Islands, where the tests will be conducted. Inset locates Bikini in relation to other important islands in the Marshall group. (AP Wirephotos to The Statesman)

## Navy's Guinea Pig Fleet Already On Way to Scene of Atom Tests

By ELTON C. FAY  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Ships of the United States navy's guinea pig fleet already are westbound in the Pacific for a test to determine what the atomic bomb has done to sea power.

This became known today as Vice Admiral W. P. Blandy announced detailed plans for a three-phase test of the world's most destructive weapon against this nation's traditional "first line of defense."

The target fleet of 97 vessels—not all of them yet en route—will include some famous veterans of American naval action as well as a sampling of the navies of Germany and Japan. With supporting ships for observation, supply and transportation, these vessels will constitute "joint task force one," an operation in which the army, the navy air forces and the Manhattan project (the military custodians of the atomic bomb) will participate.

It will, Blandy told the senate's atomic energy investigating committee, be designated by the code word "crossroads." That word, Blandy commented, was selected for two reasons: for reasons of brevity in communications and with an eye "to its possible significance."

Chairman McMahon (D-Conn) of the senate committee, told newsmen after the admiral's testimony that "the entire security council" of the United Nations organization ought to witness the test. (Additional details on page 2)

## Riot Toll Hits 14 in Bombay

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Police battled sporadically tonight with bands of demonstrators who had thrown up flaming barricades earlier in riots in Bombay, and the toll in two days of bloody fighting mounted to 14 killed and at least 500 injured.

Police fired again today on the demonstrators, and the provincial information office in a statement tonight declared the situation remained "very dangerous."

Qualified observers predicted the riots would reach a peak by Saturday, when the Indians will celebrate the 16th anniversary of the Indian national congress declaration of independence.

## River Above Flood Stage at Jefferson

High water caused by heavy rains in the Willamette and other valleys of western Oregon is expected to recede slowly today, according to the Portland forecast received by Salem's U. S. weather bureau office last night.

The Willamette river at Harborsburg is expected to reach a crest of 15.5, three and a half feet over flood stage, and the Santiam at Jefferson to top its flood stage of 13 by three feet this morning, before starting to fall.

No damage other than soil erosion is predicted.

**BAN NIPS BORROWING**  
TOKYO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—General MacArthur's headquarters barred the Japanese government today from further borrowing and ordered immediate steps to pay off a \$1,700,000,000 (B) deficit in twin moves against inflation.

## Army Scientists Make Radar Contact With Moon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The war department announced tonight that army signal corps scientists had made radar contact with the moon in an experiment which promises "valuable peacetime as well as wartime applications."

The tests were carried out at the Evans signal laboratory, Belmar, N. J. The first contact with the moon was made Jan. 10 and has been successfully repeated several times.

Using specially designed equipment, pulses of very high frequency energy were shot into space at the speed of light—186,000 miles per second—and the echoes detected some 3 1/2 seconds later. The moon is about 238,857 miles distant, on the average.

"The signal corps experiments have valuable peacetime as well as wartime applications, although it is impossible at this stage to predict with certainty what these will be," the war department said.

One of the possibilities is the radio control of long-range jet or rocket-propelled missiles, circling the earth above the stratosphere. The German V-2 missiles were believed to have reached an altitude of 60 miles.

Maj. Gen. Harry C. Ingles, chief signal officer, said the primary significance of the achievement is that for the first time scientists know with certainty that a very high frequency radio wave sent out from the earth can penetrate the electrically charged ionosphere and stratosphere. The several layers of the ionosphere start about 38 miles above the earth's surface and extend to approximately 250 miles.

As other possible uses of the new technique the war department listed:

1. Studying the effects of the ionosphere upon radio waves. By checking radar data against astronomers' visual data it will be possible to compute accurately the effects of distortion of radio waves by the ionized layers.
2. It may be possible to construct detailed topographical maps of distant planets with the aid of radar data and to determine the composition and atmospheric characteristics of other celestial bodies.
3. A "less likely" application of the new technique is the radio control from the earth of "space ships" venturing thousands of miles and reporting astronomical data, electronically computed aboard such vessels.

The experiments were directed by Lt. Col. John H. Dewitt, Jr., former director of the Evans Signal Laboratory.

W. E. Osborne, former Australian army major, told newsmen in Los Angeles tonight that Australian scientists made radar contact with the moon four years ago.

Working with Dr. J. H. Piddington, a scientist in the radio-physicist laboratory at the University of Sidney, we contacted the moon several times in October or November, 1941," said Osborne, who is doing secret research work for the American government here.

"Using experimental high-powered radar equipment, we directed it at the moon and almost immediately identified pulses which were checked and rechecked. The time interval was 2.4 seconds.

Osborne has experimented with electronics and radar for many years and predicts rocket trips to the moon within the next 10 years.

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## Russians To Join In Nip Trials

### Soviet Breaks Weeks of Silence With Decision

TOKYO, Jan. 25.—(AP)—After weeks of silence, Russia has decided to participate in the international tribunal which will try top ranking Japanese war criminals, Joseph P. Keenan, General MacArthur's chief prosecutor, announced today.

Keenan said all nine signatories to the surrender of Japan now have decided to participate.

A few minutes after Russia broke its silence, Keenan added other names to make the list read: United States, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, France, Russia and The Netherlands.

General as Judge  
Russia will send a major general as judge and a director of judicial science as assistant prosecutor. The cable from Moscow informing of the decision was garbled and the transmitted names could not be read.

The Netherlands notified that Judge Roling of the court of Utrecht had been named as an assistant prosecutor and would later nominate its judge.

France will name an assistant prosecutor.

Plans Proceeding  
Previously, in announcing plans for the trials of such top ranking war criminal suspects as ex-premier Hideki Tojo and his Pearl Harbor cabinet, Keenan had mentioned Russia's silence. Plans for starting the trials, probably early in March, were proceeding without Russia's delegation when the decision from Moscow was received.

## Polk County Welfare Fund Running Short

DALLAS, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Polk county, in common with several other Oregon counties, finds that it will not have sufficient funds with which to meet its portion of public assistance costs for the remaining quarter of the 1946 fiscal year.

According to Walter Williams, chairman of the Polk county public welfare commission, the balance of funds will take care of February and March payments and possibly two programs for April. At least \$18,000 in additional funds must be provided by the Polk county court if the present grants for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, blind assistance, and general assistance are to be continued.

The county must certify to the state public welfare commission that it has funds available to meet its portion of the estimated costs. The source of the required \$18,000 not included when the budget was approved is not indicated at this time.

## 3 Fires Plague Silverton Home

SILVERTON, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Third time was anything but the charm so far as fire is concerned, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Skafie said early Thursday morning. The third fire in their home in one night occurring shortly after 2 a. m., burned a large hole in the roof and side of the wall.

The first fire occurred shortly after 7 p. m. Wednesday night and proved only a bad chimney fire. This was followed an hour later with another chimney fire of more serious degree, but with no real damage done.

The Skafie home is less than two blocks from the fire hall and each time the department was there almost before the whistle had stopped blowing. Promptness Thursday morning was the only thing that saved the home from destruction, Skafie said.

## Weather

Location	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	54	48	56
Eugene	54	41	37
Portland	54	40	50
Seattle	50	40	50
San Francisco	57	44	00

Willamette river 10.5 ft.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, an appreciable change in temperature. Highest near 50 degrees. Light variable winds.

## Veteran, Family Live in Jail



MADISON, N. J., Jan. 24.—Charles Stanek, 27-year-old ex-serviceman, his wife, Anna, 29, and their two children, Charles, Jr. (on mother's lap), one-year-old and Anne, 3, occupied a cell in the jail here yesterday after having spent a week in the Pennsylvania railroad station waiting room in Newark, N. J. Their plight was solved today with the donation of an apartment by an Ashbury Park woman. Stanek has been unemployed since before Christmas. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

## Stanek Family Plight Solved

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Stanek family who lived for a week in Newark's Pennsylvania railroad station, sat down to a steak dinner tonight in a house at 612 Munroe ave., which will be their home rent free, until they find a place of their own.

The dinner was provided by Mrs. Martin Stein, whose husband turned over a heated and furnished three-room apartment at the rear of their home to Charles Stanek, 27-year-old war veteran, his wife, Anna, 29, and their two blond babies.

The Staneks spent last night in Madison police headquarters, their first shelter since their week in the railroad station where they had gone after being evicted from a Madison apartment.

Stanek was bewildered by offers of aid from many sources. A New York man sent him \$100. Two servicemen's organizations offered children's clothing and the municipal relief organization in Madison donated clothing.

## Short Declares Alert Ready on Minutes' Notice

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short declared today that the army in Hawaii could have gone into a more stringent alert in "a matter of minutes" if the navy or the war department had given any advance hint of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Washington had nine days to tell him that the alert he ordered as Hawaiian commander—only against sabotage—was not the correct one, Short told the senate-house committee investigating the attack.

"They didn't," he added tersely. "If we had got the information from the navy or the war department, it would have been simply a matter of minutes of going into the correct alert immediately."

When the attack did come, Short recalled, the army switched from the sabotage alert in seven minutes flat.

## West Coast Dock Strike Looms As Parleys Collapse

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A Pacific coast longshore strike on or before April 1 was recommended today by the CIO international longshoremen's and warehousemen's negotiating committee after charging that waterfront employers had broken off negotiations for the 1946 contract in an effort to nullify the wage hour law.

Ballots on a strike authorization will go to longshore members in California, Oregon and Washington next week, the committee announced. Strike action was unanimously recommended after an all day conference.

Harry Bridges, ILWU president, today disclosed that he had appealed to President Truman to intervene in the west coast waterfront labor difficulties to avoid an otherwise "inevitable" shipping tieup.

Frank P. Folsie, manager of the waterfront employers of the Pacific, asserted that contract negotiations had been merely suspended because of union contract violations resulting in ship tieups in Port Gamble, Wash., and Portland.

Bridges contended that the reason for the breaking off of the negotiations was a "flimsy pretext" because "the employers won't give us an answer to our proposals, and in six months of negotiations have failed to make a single proposal of their own."

"It all resolves down to the fact that the waterfront employers want to operate outside the wage hour law," Bridges told the Associated Press.

"The negotiating committee which has told us it had no power to negotiate, and that the industry was broke, likewise told us that if we would commit ourselves not to enforce the wage hour law under our contract they would negotiate. We might even get a raise."

The ILWU telegram to President Truman charged that the employers had "refused" to pay \$9,000,000 in retroactive wage increases dating back to October, 1944, as ordered by the war labor board.

## Vets Housing Co-op to Build 30 Unit Court

Construction of 30 housing units in a 132 by 320-foot apartment court at 2500 N. Church st. will be undertaken next month by the new veterans' housing cooperative, it is predicted by Vance MacDowell, a leader in the project.

The announcement followed disclosure that the new group has purchased the North Church street lot from Ed Gorman and has contracted to buy 23 acres from James Smart in the Orchard Heights section of north Polk county. The latter property will be site of 32 one-family houses.

The support of local union labor, regardless of the fact many cooperative members will be taking a hand in the building work themselves, was promised by Al Brant, representing the local Building Trades council, at a meeting of the cooperative last night.

On Sunday, several members of the cooperative, some with their families, will inspect the Orchard Heights property. They will leave together at 3 p. m. from the Farmers Union headquarters, 345 N. Commercial st.

Applications for the apartment court units are still being taken by MacDowell at the Farmers Union. Detailed information also may be obtained from Don Goode at the state veterans' affairs office and from Carl Greider at the U. S. employment service office.

## Kaiser Offers Steel Solution

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser, west coast steel producer and industrialist, suggested in a formal statement tonight that a solution of the steel strike could be reached by granting workers an increase of approximately 18 1/2 cents an hour plus an incentive bonus for high production.

Kaiser has accepted the 18 1/2 cent increase proposed by President Truman as a compromise between U. S. Steel and the CIO for his Fontana, Calif., plant. U. S. Steel has offered a basic wage increase of 15 cents an hour.

The statement underscored the word "approximate" in speaking of the 18 1/2 cent increase, but added the words "provided a bonus clause based upon high productivity is included."

## Agency Sale No Affect On Politics, Snell Says

Sale of his automobile agency interests at Arlington will have nothing to do with his political plans, Gov. Earl Snell declared here Thursday night. The governor said he was not prepared to announce whether or not he would be a candidate for re-election this year.

## Survey Reveals Some GIs Believe German Propaganda

By Richard A. O'Regan  
WIESBADEN, Germany, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A U. S. army poll, taken last fall of 1700 men said to represent a cross section of American troops stationed in Germany, shows that 19 per cent of those questioned believed the Germans had some justification for starting the war.

Fifty-one per cent said they believed Hitler did the reich a lot of good before 1939. The poll was not officially released for publication but was made available by an authoritative source.

The survey had been kept an official secret for weeks. Authorities declared it revealed an amazing lack of knowledge of the causes of the war and that it appeared to indicate that the U. S. soldier in some cases had fallen for the propaganda of Germans echoing Joseph Goebbels.

It showed large percentages of the soldiers ready to accept German explanations why Germany went to war. Twenty-nine per cent conceded they had grown "more favorable" toward their former enemies since they had been in the country.

## Freshman Glee Plans Underway

A variety of alumni activities will be added attractions to draw former Willamette university students back to the campus on the day of Freshman Glee, Saturday, February 9, Sybil Spears McLeod, alumni secretary, announced Thursday.

A meeting of the alumni association is scheduled for 4 p. m. that day in Collins hall. A get-together for alumni in Chresto cottage and a dance in the gym are scheduled to follow Freshman Glee. Proper the annual inter-class song rivalry.