

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

One evening last week at about closing time a woman came into The Statesman office and asked to see a paper containing church notices. She was seeking the name of a pastor of a particular denomination. When she failed to find the name on the notice our Mrs. Arnold helped her out and the woman called up the pastor to appeal to him for assistance. She had hitch-hiked with her children, a boy and a girl, from Seattle and gotten as far as Salem. She knew no one here but did know there was a church of her preference here so called on his pastor. He heard her story, took the boy home with him for the night, arranged accommodations for the mother and daughter at the YWCA and the next morning arranged with the welfare office for the family's return to Seattle where they would be entitled to receive proper assistance. She had left Seattle in a panic of fear because of a drunken husband.

The point in the story which is significant is that in her distress she appealed to one who from his profession could be expected to have a sympathetic interest in her plight. Her faith was not misplaced. Without doubt preachers and priests many times are imposed on because of their known benevolence; but rarely or never do they fail to listen with sympathy and understanding. Lack of this basic human interest is offered as a criticism of the professional social worker. Hers is a job, with set hours. Persons are not person, but "cases"—numbers or a folder in a file; a griat to be

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Truman Backs Gen. Bradley In Legion Fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—President Truman backed Gen. Omar N. Bradley "to the hilt" today in the veterans' administration's feud with the American Legion over the handling of veterans' problems.

John Stelle, national commander of the Legion, said in a letter to all congressmen yesterday that there had been a "tragic breakdown" in the veterans administration under Bradley.

Presidential secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters today: "I should like to say for the president that General Bradley was the complete and unqualified support of President Truman."

"The president does not feel that Mr. Stelle in his attack on Bradley is speaking for the American Legion."

"The president considers that General Bradley has done a fine job under extremely difficult conditions. In other words, he is backing General Bradley up to the hilt."

Morse to Talk at Salem Meeting February 15

Sen. Wayne Morse will speak at the annual banquet of the Federated Patriotic Societies of Salem Friday, February 15, at the Marion hotel.

Rex Kimmell is chairman of the banquet committee. B. E. (Kelly) Owens, president of the organization, said Saturday as he announced plans for the dinner.

TAKE OVER LA YARDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—President Truman today directed Secretary of Agriculture Anderson to include the Los Angeles Union Stockyards company among the plants to be taken over by the government in the meat packing industry strike.

NEW CABINET IN CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sunday, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A new cabinet was sworn into office early today, following a week of tension and riots.

The new cabinet took office after a split in the labor front, with the socialist party withdrawing its support of a nationwide strike ordered for Monday by the labor confederation.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"The little dears are as good as gold. I hate to think it's because there are so many switches in this tree."

FIRE IN HOME FOR AGED TAKES 12 LIVES

50 Saved as Blast Touches Off Blaze In Ohio Institution

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Twelve of the 62 occupants of Jennings Hall, Catholic home for the aged, died today in an explosion and ensuing fire which swept through the one-story frame structure.

Coroner Samuel R. Gerber reported all 62 occupants of the home had been accounted for and that a final check disclosed a death toll of 12. Previous estimates were that the toll might reach 40.

Seven persons still remained in hospitals but the condition of only one was listed as critical by the coroner. Five other occupants were given emergency treatment at local hospitals but later were sent to homes of relatives or friends.

The flash fire quickly engulfed the tar paper and thin frame walls of the structure shortly after an explosion at 11:15 a.m. (PST). Loss was reached by Elmer Cain, second assistant fire chief of Cleveland, at \$30,000. The one-story structure was completed June 1, 1942.

Some of the aged residents in the home perished when they became hysterical and resisted rescue efforts, it was reported by Sister Hyacinth, who said: "I was in my office and the nuns were having prayer period in a neighboring building when I heard the explosion. I rushed into the hall. The smoke was so dense I couldn't see my hands in front of me. I rang a bell to alert the house and then tried to help get occupants out. In two minutes after the explosion everything was on fire."

"The sisters felt they would suffocate, but kept trying to pull the occupants out of their rooms. In one room I saw a woman waiting calmly while firemen tried to free her from approaching flames. Just as firemen were about to reach her, her hair burst into flames and she perished."

The naval officer, in charge of intelligence in naval communications in 1941, based his assertion on that he described as the disappearance of records on messages intercepted by east coast radio monitoring stations for the month of December, 1941.

In disagreement with numerous earlier witnesses, Safford insisted he had seen an intercepted and decoded Japanese message, three days before the attack, which included the words "east wind, rain." Those words, under a Japanese code known here, would have advised Tokyo's agents abroad of a break-with the United States.

Safford said "I prefer not to answer" a question as to whether he now believed that General George C. Marshall, wartime chief of staff, directed destruction of the message. He said he had had a third-hand report to that effect and "reluctantly" told about it in a naval inquiry last year.

He startled the committee earlier with a statement that last year a representative of Secretary of the Navy Forrestal tried to get him to change his testimony at previous inquiries on the winds code.

Old Age Relief Rising in State

Relief payments in Oregon for January, 1946, aggregated \$1,113,190.59, as against \$949,904.25 for January, 1945. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott reported here Saturday.

Old age assistance payments in January this year totaled \$797,987 compared to \$648,640 in January, 1945. General assistance for January, 1946, aggregated \$226,452.07 against \$185,169.82 in January, 1945. Relief (administration and payroll expense) for January, 1946 was \$88,751.52, compared to \$80,095.43 in January, 1945.

Unemployment compensation benefit payments for January, 1946, totaled \$1,393,345.97 as against \$15,538.34 in January, 1945.

New York City was suggested as interim headquarters until the international capital was constructed, in a report by a UNO site committee to the United Nations general assembly in London.

Dr. Stoyan Gavrilovic, committee chairman, said at a news conference at the Waldorf Astoria that the report also recommended Hyde Park, N. Y., and the Blue Hills and North Shore areas near Boston as possible sites for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations.

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The dam is the principal item in the \$27,000,000 project. Its building, it has been estimated, will occupy 4000 men for at least three years. Because waters of the dammed lake eventually will lie beside the town of Idanha, further relocation of the highway is expected to accompany its construction.

Within another month the federal bureau of public roads probably will take first steps toward extension of this rerouted highway from Niagara to a point beyond Detroit, building in all some 14 miles of hard surface roadway. Both the Gates-Niagara state-built highway and the Niagara-Detroit forest road will be wider (nothing narrower than 22 feet and in places 28 feet wide) and less curving than that which now serves the area.

The old highway, which opened to vacationists and motorists some of the loveliest of the north-

Recover 4 Bodies In Snow

Gruelling Climb Exhausts Party Seeking Victims

ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., Feb. 2.—(AP)—The bodies of four of the 21 victims of a United Air Lines plane crash on 11,162-foot Elk mountain were brought down by dog sled tonight.

The men who made the gruelling climb fell exhausted on the ground at the completion of the trip. Airlines officials planned to return after the other bodies tomorrow.

Members of the party said all of the bodies had not been found but expressed the belief that they could be located tomorrow.

The bodies of the passengers aboard the Seattle-to-New York plane were found frozen in grotesque positions over an area of a quarter-mile radius by 25 men who braved 30-below-zero weather and driving winds to recover them.

"I have never seen such a pathetic sight in my life," said one member of the party. "They're lying around, partly covered with snow, among trees coated with ice."

Picks and shovels were used to remove the bodies from the snow and ice. The bodies then were lowered about 1000 feet down a steep incline to the waiting dog sled.

The backs of the army-trained Alaskan Huskies could be heard before the sled with the four bodies came in sight at the base camp.

Peter R. Gallagher, postal inspector from Cheyenne, said 80 per cent of the mail aboard the plane was recovered.

HURT IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Serious injuries were suffered here today in an auto-bus collision by Lester Sheeley, 53, democratic congressional nominee in 1944, and his wife, Eileen, 31. Hospital attendants said their condition was "good."

Weather

Table with columns: Location, Max., Min., Rain. Locations include Salem, Eugene, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, and Willamette river.

Scenic Road Site of Project

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Faces Murder Weapon



CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Edward Lee Dunn (right), 24, former marine who is charged with murder at Cincinnati, O., in the strangulation death of his wife he twice married, clasps a bible and cries when suburban Police Chief Charles Fritz shows him the stocking with which the wife, Hazel, 27, was strangled. (AP Wirephoto.)

Silverton School Believed Ready To Open Monday

SILVERTON, Feb. 2.—(Special)—Indications are that we will be able to open Monday for classes again in the Eugene Field building. A. B. Anderson, superintendent of schools, said Saturday night.

The school was closed Wednesday following fire in the heating plant which made it impossible to heat the grade school building. Final announcement will be made over station KSLM Sunday night at 8:15, Anderson added.

Anderson said that the boiler man and the electrician gave every indication that their repairs would be sufficiently completed by Sunday night to permit opening Monday. Close to 600 pupils are enjoying the enforced vacation this week.

Rural Traffic Toll Reported Rising

Rural traffic deaths increased 48 per cent in December over November, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported here Saturday.

Of the 43 persons killed in traffic accidents in Oregon during December, 29 or 67 per cent were killed in rural districts. Nine fatalities resulted from accidents in the city of Portland, one in Salem, two in Albany and one in Hubbard.

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Syria to Bring Newest Protest To UNO Council

Appeals Against British, French Troops in Levant

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Another international political issue loomed tonight before the United Nations security council, whose 11 members are hearing debate on Russia's complaint that presence of British troops in Greece is endangering world peace.

Faris Al Khoury, chief Syrian delegate to the United Nations, said he intended to appeal to the security council on Monday against the presence of French and British troops in the Levant.

"We have always been willing to discuss the situation directly," he said, "but no approach has been made to us and we have therefore decided reluctantly to appeal to the United Nations."

On Dec. 13 France and Britain signed an agreement providing for joint "evacuation by stages" of troops from Syria and Lebanon. France announced later that it would keep troops in Lebanon until the United Nations decided on the organization of "collective security" in the Levant, and protests came from both Lebanon and Syria officials.

At the same time the Arab higher committee announced in Jerusalem that it had sent a request for United Nations intervention in support of self-determination, liberty and independence in the Holy Land.

Meanwhile British and Russian delegates prepared for the second round of their debate on Greece, scheduled to be resumed Monday.

Crash Victim Dies Saturday

Fred Shadwald, 82, 1040 Hood st., died in a local hospital early Saturday after he was critically injured in an auto accident, Friday night.

He was reported to have been hit by a car driven by Robert H. Ruch, 265 N. 21st st., at Hood and Capitol streets. Ruch was cited by the investigating officer for failure to give the right of way to a pedestrian.

Shadwald is survived by two brothers; Frank of Duluth, Minn., and Adolph of Rogers, Minn., two sisters, Mrs. George Lemery, Salem, and Mrs. Mary Foster, Foley, Minn., and several nieces and nephews. Announcement of funeral services will be made later by W. T. Rigdon company.

Utilities Meet In Silverton

SILVERTON, Feb. 2.—(Special)—A mass meeting will be held at the Eugene Field auditorium Monday, February 11, at 8 p. m. in the interests of forming a public utilities district in Marion county.

Charles Stricklin, secretary of the state hydroelectric commission, will be present and will hear evidence in favor and against the formation of the district.

Purpose of the organization is to provide machinery for the acquisition of power and light facilities for the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electrical energy to consumers in this district. The proposed district includes 842 square miles, all in Marion county, but does not include Salem.

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Andrew Dennis, His Execution Thrice Stayed, Goes to Death Denying He Committed Murder

Andrew W. Dennis, whose execution three times was stayed, died in the gas chamber of the Oregon prison Friday, protesting to the last that he was innocent of the murder which led to his death.

Dennis, 45-year-old railroad worker of Portland, was convicted of slaying his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Bella McAllen, in that city on Jan. 29, 1944. Mrs. McAllen was strangled in her apartment.

Death came to Dennis less than an hour after Gov. Earl Sells declared: "I cannot find justification sufficient for executive interference with the decision of the jury and the courts." The governor had deferred the execution for a week while he studied an application for commutation to life imprisonment.

Dennis' second stay of execution came last November when the state supreme court held that Circuit Court Judge Martin Hawkins of Multnomah county, who presided

at the trial, had failed to issue the required death warrant. He was then re-sentenced to die, the date being set for January 25. First reprieve was to permit an appeal which the supreme court denied.

Dennis, who entered the gas chamber clad only in shorts and without the customary mask, told reporters that Portland police had "railroaded" him to execution and declared "this is an awful miscarriage of justice. Some day the state will find they done the wrong thing. I did not commit this crime." He was calmly smoking a cigaret as he dictated the statement.

Attendants said Dennis rested well the previous night. With him most of the time in his final hours was the Rev. S. Reynor Smith, protestant chaplain at the prison, who baptized the condemned man into the Methodist faith.

There were several appeals on

file for the convict, including those of the trial judge and the district attorney in the case. Dennis claimed he was convicted only on circumstantial evidence.

The body was claimed by a brother for burial.

The statement by Governor Sells said: "I have studied and investigated the Dennis case with care and deliberation. The jury in the circuit court unanimously held for first degree conviction. A motion for a new trial was made and denied. The case was appealed to the supreme court, which upheld the lower court."

"A second appeal to the supreme court was made. Subsequent information and communications have been reviewed and weighed, and I cannot find justification sufficient for executive interference with the decisions of the jury and courts."