

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sraque

For days now intimations have come out of Washington that new formulas covering prices and wages would be announced which would settle the strikes and get production to rolling. But each day the statement is postponed because of "difficulties" or disagreements or hitches in the plan.

And small wonder because when you twist one piece in the jig-saw or prices and wages you disturb the whole pattern. A price increase permitted for steel affects every steel fabricator, every implement manufacturer, every maker of gadgets and bolts and tools who uses steel. There is still the great fear lest opening the dike on prices a little will result in a huge crevasse through which the flood of inflation might pour.

To get down to cases on prices locally, it is noted that price increases or subsidies to mills on lumber are regarded as assured in the northwest. It is urged on the plea that it is needed to increase production. This is the bunk. The present complaint is lack of logs, but that will not be cured by an increase in the price of finished lumber. Men are not working in the woods now because the conditions are abominable: snow and wet and mud. When the weather improves the loggers will get back on the job.

There may be some mills along the Columbia river and

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Bevin Brands Ukraine Java Charge as 'Lie'

LONDON, Feb. 7. (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain answered "lie" tonight to a Ukrainian charge in the United Nations security council that British soldiers were used to suppress the national movement of the Indonesian people.

"I give you the lie that we ever attacked the Indonesian movement—all the facts are against you," Bevin said, banging the table and speaking directly to the Ukrainian foreign commissar, Dmitri Manuilsky.

Manuilsky opened the council's session with a statement that "the essence of the Ukrainian declaration on Indonesia is that it considers it inadmissible that British troops should be used for suppression of the national movement of the Indonesian people."

He proposed that the council send a special commission to the Netherlands East Indies for an "on-the-spot" investigation, but he specifically said the Ukraine did not ask withdrawal of British troops from the islands.

Kramer Denies Navy Pressure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (AP)—Capt. A. D. Kramer contradicted points of a fellow naval officer's Pearl Harbor testimony today and heatedly denied that anyone had "pressured" him to do so.

Kramer also denied republican assertions made at the outset of the congressional investigation that he was "beleaguered" in a hospital in efforts to influence his story.

Kramer contradicted two statements of Capt. L. F. Safford:

1. That Washington had a three-day tip-off that Japan meant war through interception of a "winds" code message on Dec. 4, 1941.

2. That after the attack orders went through the navy department to destroy any personal memoranda relating to it.

Kramer said he never heard the order.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Chicago Sun Syndicate

"Fish heads! You darling! How did you ever guess what I wanted for my birthday?"

Retiring



Mayor I. M. Doughton

Candidate



Robert L. Elfstrom

Passes Open, Slide Grows On Columbia

Work crews spent a busy day on blocked highways throughout Oregon, and by Thursday night the North Santiam and Willamette highways over the Cascades had been reopened.

Several mountain roads were snow-blocked after the heaviest snowfall in years Wednesday, the state highway department reported, but by Thursday the only main highway still blocked was the South Santiam route at Upper Soda.

The huge rock and earth slide across Columbia river highway near Multnomah Falls continued falling Thursday, thwarting attempts of the highway crew there to reopen the road. One maintenance man at the scene said "it's flowing like a river."

East-west travel across the mountains continued hazardous, the highway department cautioned motorists. Because of the heavy snow, chains are required on all mountain routes.

The Weston-Elgin highway across the Blue mountains in Umatilla county was closed by snow early Thursday, and there was no late report on its possible reopening. (Additional details on page 4.)

Dali to Create Disney Cartoon

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 7. (AP)—The movies, like politics, make strange bedfellows.

Comes now the first surrealist screen cartoon, which Salvador Dali will design for Walt Disney.

The originator of Mickey Mouse announced that the Spanish painter arrived today for an eight-week job styling the drawings for "Destino," ("Destiny"), a boy-and-girl piece based upon the ballad of that title composed by Armando Dominguez, Mexican songwriter.

Disney said Dali has been given "a free hand"—which means you can expect almost anything.

WHITE HOUSE FUND KILLED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (AP)—The senate appropriations committee today backed up the house in denying funds for a \$1,650,000 addition to the White House which President Truman sought.

DRIFTING MINE SIGHTED

SEATTLE, Feb. 7. (AP)—A drifting mine has been sighted off the Washington-Oregon coast the coast guard said today.

New Major in Asiatic Studies Included in Willamette Plans

A new major in Asiatic studies with emphasis on the Chinese and Russian languages, literature and culture, and a similar major in Latin-American subjects are included in the 18-point plan revealed Thursday by Willamette university's postwar planning committee.

"An excellent blueprint for Willamette university's development in the next 15 years" is offered by the committee's recommendations when combined with plans already adopted by the board of trustees, President G. Herbert Smith declared.

A broadened pre-professional training program will provide basic general work in engineering,

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Elfstrom Mayoralty Candidate

Doughton Plans To Retire; City Manager Urged

Mayor I. M. Doughton announced Tuesday he would not be a candidate for reelection, and simultaneously came word that Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem business man, in response to urging of downtown business men, would stand as a candidate for mayor to succeed Doughton. The election will be held at the regular May primaries.

"I am concluding two terms as mayor and many years before that serving in city offices, and I want to retire from public office," said Mayor Doughton. "I was on the city council a year and on the water board for eight years before becoming mayor. I feel that I have rendered my service to the city and desire no further honors.

Pleased With Progress
"I am pleased with progress made during my administration and believe we will soon achieve the two things I have most wanted—a city manager form of government and the annexation of adjacent areas to the city."

Elfstrom, who has consented to become a candidate, came to Salem from Kansas in 1925. He had attended Kansas State college in Manhattan. In 1932 he engaged in the roofing business in Salem, and his business interests have expanded steadily since then. He is a heavy owner of local real estate and has been active in many civic enterprises. He was head of the industrial committee of the chamber of commerce for several years; is a member of the board of trustees of Willamette university and a director of the YMCA and the Community Chest. He is president of the Rotary club this year. He is married and the father of two children.

Many Problems Faced
"I am deeply interested in Salem and its progress and am willing to serve as mayor if it is the will of the people. I have been in sympathy with the policies of Mayor Doughton's administration and would expect to work along similar lines for the city's advancement.

"Salem will face many problems in the period after the war and I would hope in cooperation with the council to solve them in a way which will be for the long-time good of our city."

Variety Due in Freshman Glee

Willamette university's 1946 Freshman Glee Saturday night promises a wide variety of marching formations and the usual high quality of original song presentations by the four competing classes, according to campus word of the last-minute preparations for the year's big event.

Senior class formations will include a football, a pennant and the letters "W" inside of "U." The senior song has been composed by Marian Erickson and Wes McWain. Sophomores plan peppy double-time shifts accompanied by spirited yells and an axe for victory. Freshmen theme will be "Go, WU."

The competition will be broadcast over KSLM from 8 to 9 p. m. Saturday.

Santiam Road Bid Accepted

Contract for construction of the Gates-Niagara section of the north Santiam highway was awarded Thursday by the state highway commission to the Kuckenberg Construction company, Portland, on a low bid of \$387,929.

There were four other bidders. The job includes 3.53 miles of grading and surfacing, and is the first step toward rebuilding the highway. Much of the present route will be covered by water when the Detroit dam is built.

The dam is part of the Willamette valley flood control project.

Police Beat Report In Locating Car

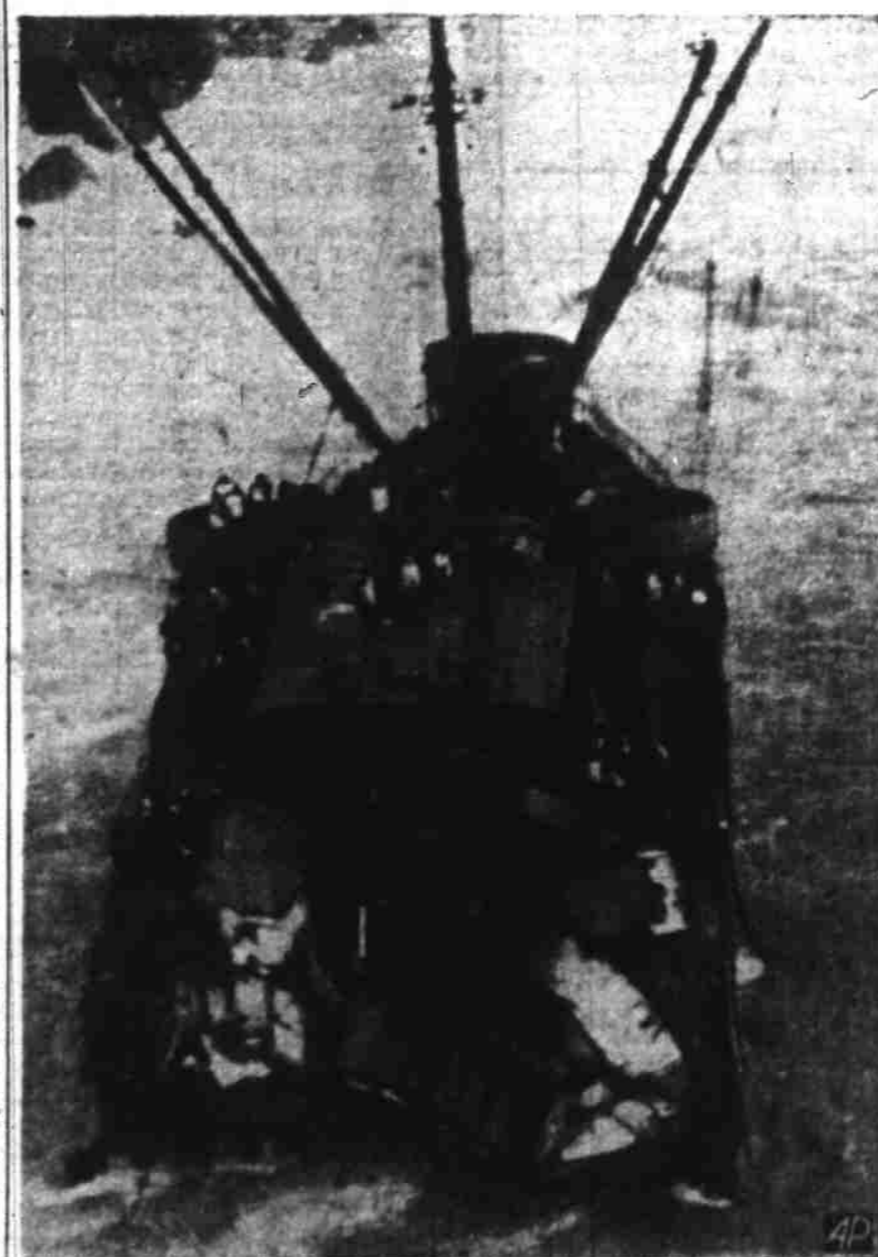
Salem police early Thursday recovered a stolen automobile before its theft was reported by the owner.

They apprehended Gustaf W. Ingermarsson of Varberg, Sweden, sailor off the motorship Sandhammer, at 4:20 a. m. for driving erratically in downtown Salem, and later booked him for car theft when it developed the car belonged to Edgar J. Kollin.

Still later Kollin reported the car had been taken from a parking place near the local paper mill. The seaman was turned over to justice court.

Late 'Yukon' Check Reveals 11 Missing

Doomed Yukon on Alaska Coast



SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 7.—This air view shows forepart of passenger liner Yukon hard on rocks of Alaska coast some 40 miles from Seward. Barely discernible on top deck are some of the 496 survivors. Army and navy boats took the survivors off. (Associated Press Wirephoto, from army air forces, to The Oregon Statesman)

Third Veterans' Cooperative Housing Project Proposed

Two veterans' cooperative housing projects undertaken in Salem this month are progressing so satisfactorily that a third "co-op" probably will be organized in March, it was predicted by Vance MacDowell, a leader in the projects, Thursday night after a meeting of 40 veterans interested in the housing program.

It was decided to name the apartment-court project on North Church street between Hickory and Pine the "Highland Court Apartments," MacDowell said. Ground is expected to be broken there by March 1 and already 25 of the 30 proposed three-room apartments have been signed for, he added.

Option on the 23-acre Orchard Heights property, where 32 one-family houses are to be built, will be signed within a few days, it was disclosed at the meeting. Twelve of the 32 sites already have been taken, according to MacDowell.

GI's Donate Money to Send Koreans to School
SEOUL, Korea, Friday, Feb. 8. (AP)—U.S. sixth infantry division men have donated funds to send six outstanding Korean students through Chonju north high school. Each student, chosen on the basis of high grades, is to receive \$50 with the statement:

"In gratitude for your friendship and a sincere desire for your personal and national advancement."

ROGERS AIMS AT SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Feb. 7. (AP)—Will Rogers, Jr., son of the late humorist, announced today he will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator from California. The incumbent is William F. Knowland, republican.

Salem Reorganization Committee Expected to Recommend New Seven-Member City Council

A seven-member council, elected not from the wards but from the city as a whole, would replace Salem's current 14-man governing body, mayor, water commissioner, recorder and treasurer, under a new charter provision which a special reorganization committee is expected to present to the council at its next meeting, February 18. If approved there, the proposal goes to the voters of the city in May.

The smaller council would include six numbered positions, with two to be elected every two years. The seventh position, that of mayor, with duties of presiding officer but with vote and no

veto, would be up for election every two years.

An administrator appointed by the council, not necessarily from among the city's residents but required to reside here after appointment, would, in turn appoint other city functionaries, with the exception of a municipal judge and city treasurer, who would be named by the council.

Parks and playgrounds boards would be eliminated, their functions taken over by the administrator, but the water department would continue under a manager, appointive by the administrator. Chiefs of police and fire departments would be appointed by the administrator and the two posts

Total Of Rescued Hits 486

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Feb. 7. (AP)—The list of persons unaccounted for in the wreck of the liner Yukon stood tonight at 11 and the number of rescued was increased from 484 to 486 as the painstaking check of names was continued at Seward and in Seattle.

Leslie W. Baker of the Alaska Steamship company, which operated the Yukon, said in Seattle the list of the missing now included three civilian passengers, six military personnel and two members of the crew.

The coast guard said it was making no further announcement until all those missing were accounted for.

Baker refused to release names of any of the persons still not located, saying he did not want to distress relatives while there remained a possibility that the missing people would be located.

His report reestablished the number of persons aboard the Yukon at 497 after indications today it had actually been 499. Where the two persons newly added to the list of rescued were located Baker did not say.

Among the passengers dramatically rescued from the storm-grounded liner Yukon in Johnstone bay this week was Patricia Radcliffe, a niece of Margaret Wood who joined the Salem public library staff as assistant librarian last weekend.

Miss Wood said the steamship company had telegraphed Thursday to report the niece's safe arrival in Seward on a rescue ship. The rescued girl's mother, Mrs. Mildred Radcliffe, came to Salem with her sister, Miss Wood, en route to Seattle where she was to meet her daughter. She is staying with Miss Wood at her residence, 2219 Court st.

FEPC Backers Toss in Sponge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (AP)—Backers of the fair employment practices bill virtually threw in the sponge late today and arrangements were underway to end a four-week filibuster southerners have conducted against the measure.

The senate agreed to vote at 4 p. m., Saturday, on a motion to limit debate. On all sides, legislators predicted privately that the two-thirds majority needed to carry this motion would not be forthcoming, and that the bill would be shelved.

The measure would have set up a three man commission to guard against discrimination in employment because of race, creed, color or religion.

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Packers Pay Rise Proposed

Fact Finders Urge 16 Cent Per Hour Boost

By the Associated Press
The federal fact-finding board in the nation's meat packing wage dispute last night recommended a general wage increase of 16 cents an hour for 90,000 production employees of five major packing companies.

A strike of 193,000 CIO and 55,000 AFL meat workers on Jan. 16 curtailed dinner table supplies of meat, but 10 days later on President Truman's order the federal agriculture department seized 134 strikebound plants and strikers of both unions returned to work for Uncle Sam.

The fact-finding board proposed that five cents of the 16 cents be absorbed by the companies without price or subsidy relief, and that the government approve price or subsidy relief covering the other 11 cents.

The proposal requires approval of the wage stabilization board before it can become effective.

The proposed increase would be retroactive to Jan. 26.

The packing companies involved in the recommendation are Armour, Cudahy, John H. Morrill, Swift, and Wilson companies. None of the companies made immediate comment.

AFL union officials indicated acceptance of the fact-finders' recommendation in the meat dispute, but the American Meat Institute, a research organization, declared the 16-cent figure "is unfair to industry."

A CIO union official said the proposal will be submitted to the union's wage and policy conference in Chicago next week.

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Hanging Delayed By Plea

Statements by Opposition Also At White House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (AP)—A plea for clemency by Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, Japanese general condemned to hang as a war criminal, has been delivered to the White House, the war department announced tonight.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who had affirmed the Manila court martial sentence after the United States supreme court had declined Yamashita's appeal, was cabled not to execute the death sentence until further advised.

The war department announcement by Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall said that Yamashita's counsel had filed with the department a plea for clemency for transmission to the president.

"This plea," said Royall's statement, "together with an opposing statement, by the prosecuting counsel, has been delivered to the White House."

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Truman Backs Pauley, Says Ickes Mistaken

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (AP)—President Truman today solidly backed Edwin W. Pauley over the criticism of Secretary Ickes, and said he would not withdraw Pauley's nomination to be undersecretary of the navy.

The president told his news conference that Pauley is an honest man and the secretary of the interior can very well be mistaken in his testimony that Pauley made the "rawest proposition" on oil and campaign funds that Ickes ever heard.

The senate banking committee was also looking into far-flung private business interests of another presidential nominee, George E. Allen, proposed as a director and probably as chairman of the reconstruction finance corporation.

He told of receiving a \$28,000 yearly salary for handling public relations of the Home Insurance company of New York and listed 25 other companies in which he is an officer or director. He said he had never used his influence with government departments in behalf of the companies.

U. S. Court Gets Homma Plea

MANILA, Feb. 7. (AP)—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma rested his defense today upon the final tearful testimony of his wife that he fought as hard for peace in Tokyo's councils as he fought for victory in the field.

(At Washington it was announced late in January, in a petition mailed to the supreme court to halt his trial and take the case out of the hands of the military.)

(The court last Monday rejected a similar petition by Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.)

The conqueror of Bataan bent over the defense table and wept, his shoulders shaking, when his wife characterized him as a man so gentle that he refused to hunt or fish.

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