

STRIKE-BOUND CITIES GIVEN RELIEF

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Generalissimo Stalin made a campaign speech Saturday. Joe is running for reelection as member of the supreme soviet. Not that he needed to get out and campaign because he was certain of being elected: In Russia only one ticket is offered the voters and they don't dare "leave it."

While Stalin's speech was made in his own district region it was aimed not only at all Russia but at the whole world. His theme was another five-year plan for Russia. The first was back in 1928; the second followed in 1933; then came the war, and much of Russian achievement under the two plans was destroyed. Now Stalin proposes that the Russian people start where they are and in five years outreach in production what they had attained when Hitler's hordes fell upon them.

Heavy industry—coal, pig iron, petroleum—gets the emphasis in the new soviet work schedule, just as it did in the earlier programs. The only reference to consumer goods for which Russians are longing is Stalin's promise that rationing soon will end and that the worker's standard of living be raised. The objectives of the new five-year plan as stated by Stalin is "to guarantee our country against any eventuality."

This has a rather familiar military ring. Hitler used it in his justification of fearment. Russia, with bitter memories of (Continued on editorial page)

New Warning Revealed in Harbor Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Congressional Pearl Harbor investigators heard today that four days before the Japanese strike, authorities in Hawaii got word from a British secret agent that war was imminent.

The testimony came from Lt. Col. Henry C. Clausen, aide to former Sec. of War Stimson. Clausen said a message sent by the British from Manila to Hawaii was received during the night of Dec. 3, 1941. It discussed the Japanese movements in the Pacific and said:

"It is our considered opinion that Japan envisages early hostilities with Great Britain and the United States."

That message, Clausen said, went to Col. George W. Bicknell of the intelligence staff of Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, army commander in Hawaii.

Road Conditions in State Unchanged

There was no material change in Oregon road conditions Tuesday, except for light snow in some of the higher elevations. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported. Temperatures remained about the same in eastern and central Oregon as on Monday with slightly lower temperatures in western Oregon.

Traffic was going through on both the North and South Santiam highways but one-way traffic continued on several other highways because of slides and washouts.

Baldock said the cost of clearing the slide on the Columbia river highway near Multnomah Falls would aggregate many thousands of dollars.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"It takes a great politician to shake hands with a worm!"

Union, Legion Hit At Salem Rentals

Trades Council Asks Federal Control

By Bob Gangware, Asst. City Editor. The Statesman. Two organizations of wide local influence went on record Tuesday night favoring rent control in Salem, adding impetus to the citywide movement for immediate correction of growing rental abuses.

The Salem Trades and Labor Council, representing 4000 American Federation of Labor members in the city, called for rent restriction by federal authority, and the newly formed American Legion post of World War II veterans sought federal or local control measures, preferably local.

H. E. Barker, secretary of the trades and labor council, was instructed to communicate by letter to OPA Administrator Chester Bowles and to the Salem city council the desire for immediate rent control by federal authority in the Salem area.

U. S. Warns of 'Camouflaged' Nazism Hidden in Argentina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The United States warned tonight that nazism lives on in Argentina—camouflaged now, but strong and awaiting "future opportunity."

Economically, politically and culturally, said a sensational state department "blue book," the Germans "possess today in Argentina" a base to rebuild their "aggressive power during the period when the homeland is still occupied."

The warning was set forth in a 40,000 word "blue book" on Argentina distributed to the American governments as part of the current inter-American consultations on the Buenos Aires regime.

Not included in these inter-government talks. Argentina is not included in these inter-government talks. Based largely on Nazi documents captured in a German salt mine, the department denounced the successive Argentine governments for having given "positive aid" to the Axis during the war.

Noting that over half of last year's budget in Argentina was spent for building up Argentina's armed forces, the department declared that "in Argentina the Germans have constructed a complete duplicate of the economic structure for war they had in Germany."

Base for Reconstruction. "They possess," he continued, "today in Argentina the economic organization—industrial, commercial and agricultural—which they need to provide a base for the reconstruction of German aggressive power during the period when the homeland is still occupied."

The "blue book" also charged that Argentina has protected German businesses and interests along with Nazi individuals.

Schools Controlled. Two hundred schools in Argentina are either Nazi controlled or strongly influenced by the Germans, it said.

UNO Puts AFL, CIO On Board

Connolly Wins Equality for Federation

LONDON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—U. S. delegate Tom Connolly today won a fight to give the American Federation of Labor equal status with the Congress of Industrial Organizations as United Nations consultants.

The political and security committee voted to permit the AFL, the world federation of trade unions, with which the CIO is affiliated, and similar national and international bodies to collaborate with the United Nations' economic and social council.

Coming after months of bitter discussion, the decision raised hopes among delegates that the first session of the assembly would be able to adjourn Thursday. The only remaining major issue still in committee was selection of a temporary headquarters for the United Nations, to be considered again tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

In the security council, Great Britain gained majority support against a Ukrainian demand for a commission to investigate.

Neuner Plans Demurrer to Sackett Charge

Attorney General George Neuner Tuesday was preparing a demurrer to the complaint of Sheldon Sackett, Coos Bay newspaper publisher, challenging the authority of Merle Chessman of Astoria and Earl Hill of Cushman, Lane county, to hold two public offices simultaneously.

Chessman is serving both as state senator from Clatsop county and a member of the state highway commission while Hill is serving as state representative in the legislature and a member of the state fish commission. Chessman is editor and publisher of an Astoria newspaper. Neuner said the demurrer would be filed later this week.

Complaint in Sackett's suit charges that both Chessman and Hill are violating provisions of the state constitution.

Truman Tries 'Dark' Bread

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Truman made a taste test today and said he couldn't tell any particular difference between white and "dark" bread—at least none to bother about.

The dark bread is the kind that is to be on everybody's dinner table as a result of a presidential order to use more of the wheat kernel for flour, so more grain can be shipped to hungry people abroad.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson supplied the samples. With three loaves tucked under his arm Anderson walked into Mr. Truman's office to give the president an idea of "how little different the new loaf is."

U. S. Cardinals-Designate Arrive in Rome



ROME, Feb. 12.—Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch (left) of Chicago and Archbishop Edward A. Mooney (right) of Detroit, who are to be designated by Pope Pius XII in the consistory starting Feb. 12, are greeted by Franklin C. Gowen, assistant to Myr C. Taylor, President Truman's special representative at the Vatican, upon their arrival by plane today at the Rome airport. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Mayor's Order Slows Times Square Hustle



NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—This is Times Square, virtually deserted at mid-morning today, previous to the rescinding of Mayor William O'Dwyer's proclamation shutting down all places of public assembly. (Story in column 8). (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

OPA May Give Milk Increase Verdict Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—District OPA Price Executive A. H. Trice said today he may have a formal answer tomorrow to the request of Portland area milk producers for an increase from 95 cents to \$1.15 per pound butterfat for grade A milk.

Four dairy association's supplying more than 80 per cent of the city's fluid milk yesterday filed a formal 11-page brief asking the increase.

Members of the Oregon Dairy Products commission met here today to discuss the action. Charles A. Smith, Medford, commission chairman, said the producers were not "jumping on OPA" with their problems but added the group had "sensed an unwillingness" of the government to recognize the seriousness of the dairymen's situation.

In the formal brief, the dairymen declared "our patience has run out" and asked the wholesale-retail price schedule be adjusted to its traditional differential by Feb. 28.

Red Cross Session Set February 28

Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, will meet in annual session, February 28, it was announced Tuesday, following the monthly meeting of the board. Earlier, the board had set February 22 as a tentative date. The meeting will be held in the music room at Willamette university at 8 p. m.

M. C. Boone, who served some time in the Pacific war theaters as Red Cross field director, will be here from Portland to be guest speaker. Reports on the year's work will be given and new board members elected.

ICKES CALLS CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes today called a "special press conference" for 11:30 a. m., tomorrow. This development followed a published report that Ickes' departure from the cabinet is imminent as a result of the differing views held by Ickes and President Truman in the Pauley case.

CLERGY STOP IN IRELAND

LIMERICK, Eire, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Three cardinals-designate, Archbishops Francis J. Spellman of New York and John Joseph Glennon of St. Louis, and Bishop Thomas Tien of Tsingtao, China, completed the long overwater leg of their aerial voyage to Rome today and were guests of the Irish tonight.

ASK RAISE FOR POWS

SALISBURY, England, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Representatives of 31 Salisbury area trade unions adopted a resolution tonight demanding that the government pay its 800,000 prisoners of war union wage scales or return them to Germany because they constitute a threat to British labor. The POW's receive one-third of a penny (less than one cent) per hour.

PERON FLAILS BRADEN

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Col. Juan Peron, making his main presidential campaign speech praised the late President Roosevelt but assailed U. S. Undersecretary of State Spruille Braden for what Peron called his "insolent intervention" in the affairs of Argentina.

Lt. Gen. Homma Prefers Firing Squad to Noose

MANILA, Wednesday, Feb. 13 Doomed to die before a firing squad, Japanese Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma prefers it to hanging, he told his escort en route to Luzon prison camp No. 1.

Homma asked Maj. Larry Hodgins, former Twin Falls, Idaho, sports writer who was escorting Homma on the 35-mile trip to the prison camp, "What did they find me guilty of?"

Hodgins handed him the envelope containing a copy of the court findings.

When he read down to the penalty, shooting, he remarked: "Oh, that's good. They're not going to hang me. That (shooting) is an honorable death."

Then Homma casually returned his glasses to his case, laid his head back on the seat, and slept most of the remaining distance of what may have been his last ride.

Crater's Burps Interpreted By Californian

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 12.—(AP)—The scenic attraction of Crater Lake might be impaired by a volcanic eruption, but nobody would be killed, a University of California geology professor believes.

Dr. Howell Williams, noted volcanologist and authority on the Crater Lake area, said there would not be a violent explosion if Mount Mazama acts up again.

"An eruption today would kill a lot of fish, and would ruin the beautiful blue color of the lake," he explained. But he said violent activity is very unlikely once a volcano collapses.

"Furthermore, I doubt if there is even enough activity in the volcano to produce a cone high enough to rise above the level of the lake, which is 2000 feet deep," Williams said. He studied the crater over a five-year period.

ADDED SALEM AIR SERVICE

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Increased air service between here and such cities as Salem, Eugene, Medford, Red Bluff, Sacramento, Pendleton, Walla Walla, Boise and Salt Lake is planned by United Air Lines, an official said today.

Baker Urges GOP Take Peace Stand at Lincoln Day Banquet

The problem of keeping the peace, "that these dead may not have died in vain," is one of the problems upon which the republican party must take a stand if it is ever again to win an election, Frederick E. Baker, Seattle business leader, maintained as he addressed Marion county republicans at their annual Lincoln day banquet Tuesday night at the Marion hotel.

New Fund Puts Agents on Tax Evaders' Trail

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Funds to put thousands of new agents on the trail of tax evaders and black market operators in meat and building materials were approved today by the house appropriations committee.

In two separate bills sent to the house floor, the committee recommended money for 1585 more OPA enforcement employees and for recruiting a small army of men, including hundreds of war veterans, to combat alleged tax chiselers.

Secretary of the Treasury Vinson had requested the funds for the treasury investigators, telling the committee there was "growing evidence of widespread tax evasion," especially by black market operators.

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles warned of an "acute" black market situation in meat and a growing black market in the building materials and construction field.

Allies Disagree on Soviet Trusteeship

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes disclosed today that Russia has refused to budge in seeking soviet trusteeship over Tripolitania, strategic prewar Italian colony on the Mediterranean.

Byrnes made it clear at his news conference that a cleavage exists among the U. S., Russia, Britain and France on all four of the African colonies—Tripolitania, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and Cyrenaica. Comments showed the four nations farther apart generally than they were five months ago.

War Department Stands Behind Mark Clark

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The war department today upheld General Mark Clark's role in ordering the Rapid river crossing of the 36th (Texas) division in Italy and declared that the heavy casualties were not in vain.

The department sent an official report to the house military affairs committee, which will determine later whether a congressional investigation should be ordered.

Disputes Settled, Averted

N. Y. Ban Lifted; G. M., CIO Only One Cent Apart

By The Associated Press

Fast breaking labor developments in three of the nation's major cities last night resulted in suspension of a power company strike in Pittsburgh, settlement of a Philadelphia transportation tieup and rescinding of New York's drastic close-down order resulting from a tugboat strike.

These were the major developments: 1. In Philadelphia, where 3,000-000 users of the transportation system had been stranded by the two-day strike of 9,900 CIO transport workers, strikers and the Philadelphia Transportation company ratified an agreement ending the walkout. Service will be resumed early today.

2. The Pittsburgh power strike of 3400 Duquesne Light company employees, affecting 1,500,000 persons, was suspended and George Mueller, president of the independent union, said the 19-hour dispute had been called off "in the interest of the public."

3. New York Mayor William O'Dwyer revoked his emergency order shutting down all but essential services in the world's largest city, 18 hours after issuance of the paralyzing ban, after fuel receipts yesterday built up Manhattan's dangerously low supplies, caused by a nine-day strike of 3,500 AFL tugboat workers. An estimated 8,000,000 persons had been affected.

G. M. Offers 18 1/2 Cents. 4. General Motors wage negotiations broke up as the CIO United Auto Workers received and rejected a GM offer of an 18 1/2 cent hourly wage increase to end the 85-day strike of 175,000 CIO production employees, oldest current major labor dispute in the nation. The union held out for a 19 1/2 cent boost, which had been recommended by a president-of-fact-finding board, and reinstatement of a union contract which GM terminated in December.

Army Clamp on Press Suspected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Three congressmen asked the war department today to make a "full investigation" of removal of two soldiers from their positions as managing editor and columnist of the Tokyo edition of Stars and Stripes.

Reps. Sabath (D-Ill.), Coffee (D-Wash.) and De Lacy (D-Wash.) asked Secretary Patterson to "look into charges" that Sgt. Kenneth Pettus, managing editor of the paper, and Corp. Bernard Rubin, columnist, were "ordered from their posts in an effort to suppress press freedom in the army."

U. S. Troops Hurt In Indian Riots

CALCUTTA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The British imposed martial law in Calcutta tonight, moving tanks and troops into the city to quell rioting in which 14 persons have been killed and 170 injured, including 18 U. S. soldiers and 10 policemen, in the last two days.

Announcing martial law, British governor R. G. Casey declared in a broadcast: "If the troops are impeded in their efforts to restore order and to open up roads to normal traffic, they will use their weapons."

Farrell Recovering From Operation

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., who underwent an operation in a Salem hospital last Wednesday, is recovering satisfactorily and probably will be able to return to his desk within 10 days, physicians announced here Tuesday.

During the past two days Farrell has been able to dictate letters from his hospital bed and transact other state business.

EGYPTIAN STUDENTS RIOT

CAIRO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Two students were killed and 20 injured in a battle with police at Alexandria today as thousands of students staged anti-British riots there and in Cairo.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	49	33	60
Eugene	47	29	60
Portland	46	35	62
San Francisco	54	35	60
Seattle	44	34	Trace
Willamette river 24 ft.			

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today, occasional light rain. Highest temperature 49 degrees.