

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

There has been so much gun-play in Washington between Harold Ickes, President Truman and Ed Pauley that the public remains quite ignorant of what started all the shooting. Pauley is a California oilman, and the opposition to him arises over his interest in offshore oil fields. There is a dispute over ownership of these fields, which lie under the ocean just off the shore of California. The state of California claims them and the private operators with leasehold oil rights are backing up the state of California. The federal government claims the title and has instituted suit directly in the supreme court to establish its ownership. Mr. Ickes as secretary of the interior urged this litigation for years. Meantime a bill is pending in congress to "quitclaim" the federal interest in favor of state rights.

These reserves are estimated to run to two or three billion barrels of oil. Wells are drilled in the shallow waters off the coast to tap this oil, and by "slant-hole" drilling from the shore, oil is sucked into wells driven along the shore. Ickes, as petroleum administrator, was much concerned over the dwindling of our oil reserves and wanted to get these lands in federal control to hold for emergency use. The late war made a heavy inroad on California oil reserves, and this makes apparent the interest of the navy in preserving ample petroleum resources, such as these off-shore fields.

The objection to Pauley was primarily over the propriety of (Continued on editorial page)

Mrs. Ogle Dies Friday From Wreck Injuries

Mrs. William J. Ogle, 818 N. Liberty st., died at a local hospital Friday. She was injured in a collision between a chartered bus and an oil truck trailer, at Steiner hill 12 miles south of Salem Tuesday night.

Two other victims of the accident were still in Salem General hospital. Paul Hart, 645 Ferry st., driver of the bus, was still reported in a serious condition but improving. Mrs. Rae Davidson, 498 N. 24th st., was reported in a "good" condition.

Other victims from the group of Eagles auxiliary members who had chartered the bus for a trip to an Albany convention have been discharged from local hospitals. (Additional details on page 2.)

Egyptian Riots Kill 14, Hurt 123

CAIRO, Feb. 22—(AP)—An Egyptian government official said tonight that 14 persons were killed and 123 injured in yesterday's rioting and a committee from student and labor groups demanded that British troops be withdrawn from Principal Egyptian cities to "prevent further bloodshed."

Methodist Bishops Add Inflation Warning

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 22 (AP)—The government was asked by the Council of Methodist Bishops tonight "to plan such measures of economic control as are calculated to prevent the disaster of inflation."

Animal Crackers



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Diabetic



MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 22—Three-year-old Linda Brown (above) who is tortured by an "unquenchable thirst" unless she is given daily a shot of petressin. Memphis citizens are raising a fund to see to it that she can be treated at either Johns Hopkins or Mayo clinic. Doctors say she is the youngest victim of diabetes insipidus they know of. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Snell Stresses Civil Service Aids in Speech

Benefits to be derived by state workers under the state civil service law of the 1945 legislature were stressed by Gov. Earl S. Snell in an address at the opening session of the Oregon State Employees association annual convention here Friday.

Approximately 50 delegates, representing 29 chapters of the association, had registered Friday noon. The board of directors held a brief meeting Friday forenoon.

Coast Highway Blocked by Slide

Coast highway traffic was stopped Friday night by a slide between Waldport and Florence, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported. He said that a shovel was working on the 150 foot rockpile but that he could not tell before morning how long the road would be blocked.

HOARDING REVEALED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—A "gradual increase" in the hoarding of scarce materials—including textiles for clothing—was reported by the civilian production administration today.

Salem Teamsters' Union Wins Pay Increase in New Contracts

Signed union wage agreements by all building material companies in Salem and by all sand and gravel companies in Salem and Albany were announced Friday by Ward Graham, secretary-treasurer and business representative of the Teamsters union, local 324.

Agreements signed Friday by 16 local building material companies granted a wage increase of 15 cents per hour in all classifications. The sand and gravel contracts provided for wage increases of from 10 cents per hour in some classifications to 25 cents in others.

An agreement signed by the Salem Steel and Supply companies Monday granted wage raises of from 15 cents per hour to 20 cents. Unions and employers collaborated closely in a 10-day period of negotiations and collective bargaining prior to the signing and relations between the groups

Mutiny Ends in Bombay

Rioting Continues In India

BOMBAY, Saturday, Feb. 23—(AP)—Rioting broke out in Bombay for the third successive day today, even as mutinous crews of the royal Indian navy ran up black surrender flags on 10 ships which they had seized in Bombay's harbor.

Heavy reinforcements of British troops, including both armored cars and infantry units, were

BOMBAY, Feb. 23—(AP)—Mutinous crews of the royal Indian navy surrendered a score of small fighting ships in Bombay harbor today, and police in the city reported signs of a lessening of bloody rioting, now in its third day.

In action, and the police commissioner's office said the "rioting is spreading all over the same areas as yesterday. This is a very discouraging start. This looks just like yesterday's start."

Whether the sight of the black flags of surrender flying from the mutiny ships had infuriated the mobs of civilians, thus causing the new outbreaks, was not clear.

However, new blazing barricades appeared at downtown street intersections and rioters again showered police and troops with stones.

Other bands of civilians began to smash windows in business places.

Vice Admiral J. H. Godfrey, commanding the royal Indian navy, told the mutineers yesterday that "should you now have decided in accordance with my warnings to surrender unconditionally, you are to hoist a large black flag or blue flag and muster all hands on deck on the side facing Bombay city and await further orders."

Burke Retires From Politics

NEWBERG, Ore., Feb. 22—(AP)—State Sen. W. E. Burke, member of the Yamhill county delegation in the legislature since 1931, said today he was retiring from political life.

The announcement immediately raised speculation that Eugene Marsh, speaker of the house of representatives, would become a candidate for the senate. Marsh had indicated that he would not run against Burke. Both are republicans.

Burke, 79, first served in the legislature as a representative in 1915. He did not return until he began his 16-year term as senator.

SURVEY POSTPONED

LONDON, Feb. 22—(AP)—Deputy foreign ministers of the big four powers have been unable to agree on what localities the Italy-Yugoslav boundary commission should visit and have postponed until at least the end of next week the departure of the investigators, it was learned tonight.

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Wealthy



LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22—Happy over a good business deal, nine-year-old Bobby Driscoll leaves a superior court judge's chambers after getting approval of his \$300 a week movie contract. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman.)

Keith Brown to Refile Building Zone Petition

Agreeing that the original petition for a change from residential to industrial zone in portions of Rosedale and Condit's additions lacked sufficient signatures to go legally before the city zoning commission and council, Keith Brown announced Friday that he and his associates would substitute two new petitions.

Whether or not Cascades Plywood corporation builds in Salem, Brown said that a pair of petitions on which the council might act in any of three ways would be presented.

The council may agree to the zone change as it is now proposed, and if so the territory would be developed industrially. It may agree only to a zone change for an oblong strip lying south of Woodrow street and between the Keith Brown Building Supply Co. plant and the state fairgrounds, and if so, the strip of territory between 15th and 16th streets will not be developed industrially but will be otherwise used. Or it may deny any zone change, Brown said.

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Walker Files For Re-election

Dean Walker, Independence, Friday filed for reelection as state senator from the 9th senatorial district, Polk and Benton counties, at the republican primary election May 17.

Walker has served several terms in the senate and during most of that time as chairman of the ways and means committee.

Vernon D. Bull, LaGrande, has filed for state representative from the 24th district, Union county, at the democratic primary election.

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Stalin Urges Stronger Army, More Defenses

LONDON, Feb. 22—(AP)—Generalissimo Stalin tonight told the Red army on its 28th birthday that as the Soviet Union entered a "peaceful period" of development, it was the army's duty to guard Russia's border against enemies while the people created a "powerful upsurge of national economy."

"Having ended the war by a victory over the enemy," the generalissimo said in an order of the day commemorating the anniversary, which was heard here on the Moscow radio, "the Soviet Union has entered into a new, peaceful period of its economic development."

"At the present time, the Soviet people is faced with the task of consolidating the positions won, of advancing further to a new economic upsurge. We cannot limit ourselves to the consolidation of these positions, for that would lead to stagnation.

"We must, in the shortest possible period, heal the wounds inflicted by the enemy on our country and restore the pre-war level of development of national economy so that we may in the near future considerably surpass the level, raise the material well-being of the people, still more strengthen the military and economic might of the Soviet state.

"In the new conditions, the Red army must vigilantly guard the peaceful, creative labor of the Soviet people, reliably safeguarding the state interests of the Soviet Union, and make the borders of our motherland impregnable against enemies."

He emphasized the need for effective training of troops "now as never before."

"The Red Army," he said, "is obliged not only to keep up with the progress of the art of war, but to advance it."

Overtaken Car Sans Occupant Found by Police

An overturned Oldsmobile club coupe, Oregon 1946 license 139-526, in a wild blackberry tangle below the 12th street cutoff road approximately one-half mile south of the Salem city limits had state police guessing this morning.

The car, which it is believed skidded at the foot of a hill as it traveled north, carried no registration certificate when police reached the scene. Driver and any other person it may have carried had vanished. A letter with a Portland address lent the only clue readily available since the statehouse license bureau check-out office had closed at midnight. That was being traced, officers said.

The 13th naval district in Seattle said it was advised 23 people, including five women, were removed from the stern portion of the fractured craft, and that 24 crewmen were left aboard as plans went forward to have the section towed to Adak.

The navy said 16 men, including the master, were aboard the forward section. Estimates from Long Beach, from whence the vessel sailed Feb. 7, placed the number aboard as 64 crew members and the captain.

The coast guard district office here said two tankers, the Puente Hills of Los Angeles and an unidentified Russian ship, were at the scene.

The coast guard said the disaster occurred Feb. 17, but its cause was not known. The Puente Hills reported none of the people aboard the stern section could speak English.

NOT UP ON HIS HISTORY

SLATON, Tex., Feb. 22—(AP)—The Citizens State bank of Slaton, closed for George Washington's birthday anniversary, explained its closing with a sign: "Legal Holiday — Somebody's Birthday."

Hungary Announces \$10,000,000 U.S. Loan

LONDON, Feb. 22—(AP)—The Budapest radio said tonight that Prime Minister Imre Nagy told the Hungarian parliament today Hungary would receive a \$10,000,000 loan from the United States to buy equipment left by the U.S. army. The broadcast quoted Nagy as saying the loan, to be repaid in 30 years, had been confirmed in a telegram from Washington to Imre Olyvanyi, president of the Hungarian National bank.

IKE TO SEE ATOM TESTS

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 22—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. army chief of staff, will witness the atomic bomb tests in the Pacific in May, he told reporters today upon his arrival here by army transport plane on an inspection tour.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS BURN

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—(AP)—Flames swept the upper floors of a Broadway building today, destroying 5000 fire extinguishers.

Weather

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

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today. Intermittent light rains. Light winds, rising in afternoon. Highest temperature 50 degrees.



MANILA, Feb. 23—Pictured above at his trial before a U.S. military court is Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who was hanged in disgrace near Manila today after exhausting all possible sources of appeal.

Dewey Claims G.M. Mediation 'Over Hump'

By the Associated Press
Efforts to settle the crippling 94-day General Motors strike are "over the hump," Special Federal Mediator James F. Dewey reported yesterday but he stressed the wage issue still was in dispute.

As negotiations between representatives of the corporation and of 175,000 striking CIO United Auto Workers were adjourned until 10 a.m. (EST) today, Dewey said, "We are over the most difficult parts of the contract."

At the same time, the executive board of the National Federation of Telephone Workers went ahead with plans at Memphis, Tenn., for a nationwide telephone strike on March 7, unless wage-hour demands are met.

Dewey said tentative agreement had been reached between GM and the UAW on union security and added that the company and union had made proposals on the question of vacation pay which were under discussion. The question of wages was not otherwise discussed yesterday, he added.

Meanwhile at Houston, Tex., a threat to force a complete shutdown of the city's water and gas plants and other vital services in support of a strike of city employees was called off "unconditionally."

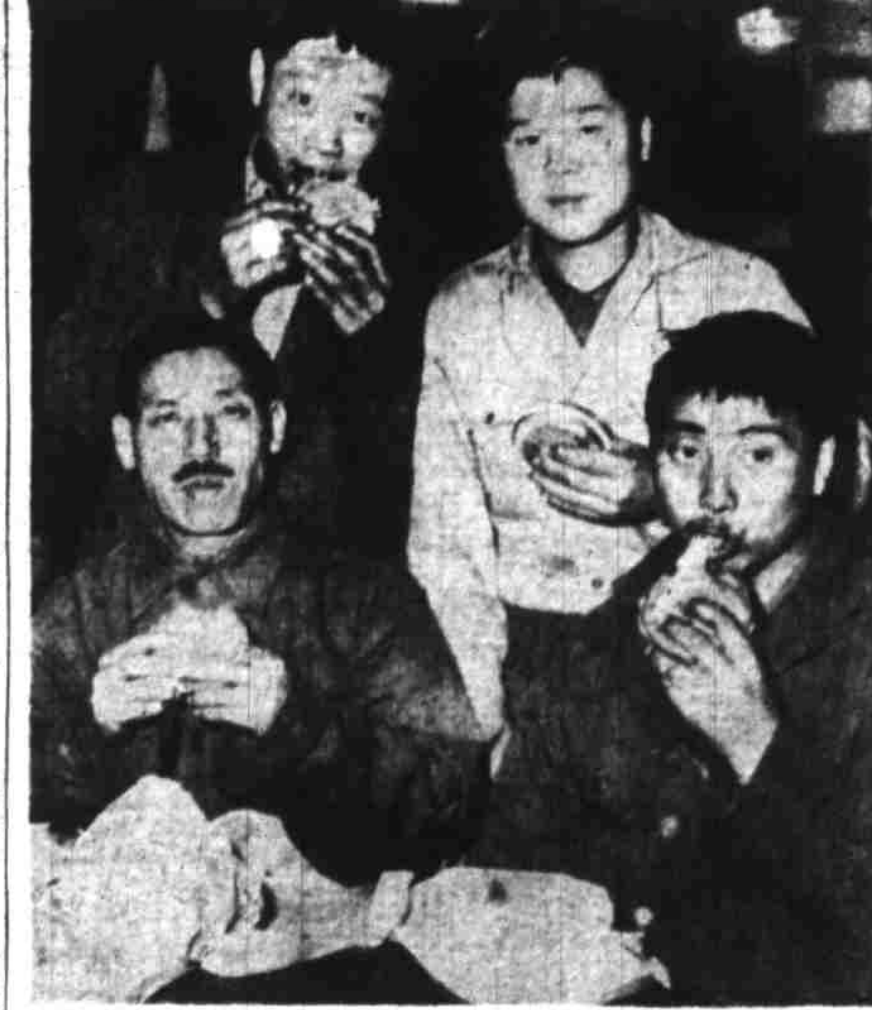
Con Believed In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22—(AP)—The first possible clue in the escape of two men from the state penitentiary last week was seen today when witnesses identified a photograph of Allen D. Brumfield as the man who robbed a lunch counter last night.

Last night's holdup, by two men, netted \$40 from the till and \$22 from customers.

Four customers later said Brumfield, a life-terminer who escaped the prison, was one of the robbers.

Rescued Japs Try Hamburgers



SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22—Four of five Japs rescued by army transport Fairmont Victory after drifting 36 days in Pacific try Yank hamburgers as ship docked in Seattle. Front, Capt. Sasaki Zenko (l.), Akia Kangetsu (r). Rear, Endo Toshio (l), and Niura Fumio (r). (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman.)

Placed In Nameless Grave

First Big Name Nip War Criminal To Be Executed

By Wayne Richardson
MANILA, Saturday, Feb. 23—(AP)—Beefy Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita — symbol of Japan's power and of her maniacal desperation in defeat at Manila — was hanged in disgrace today as a war criminal.

The first big name figure to be executed in the Pacific war theater by the allies, the 60-year-old Yamashita died in civilian garb at the end of a rope instead of before a firing squad. The latter form of execution, regarded by Japanese as "honorable," awaits Yamashita's predecessor in the Philippines, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma.

Death was at dawn.

General Yamashita, whose men fought but failed to stop soldiers of General MacArthur reinvading the Philippines, commented in a final statement:

"As I said in Manila supreme court that I have done with all my capacity. So I don't shame in front of God for what I have done when I have died. But if you say to me 'you do not have any ability to command Japanese army,' I should say nothing for it, for it is my own nature."

MacArthur had branded Yamashita for his condoning of atrocities, as a blot on military history.

Two Others Follow
He was followed to the scaffold by Lt. Col. Seichi Ohta, former head of the Japanese Kempei Tai (thought police) in the Philippines, and Takuma Higashigai, Japanese civilian interpreter.

There were convicted of torturing and killing Filipino civilians. Yamashita's final statement spoke of "good treatment, kind attitude from your good-natured officers who all the time protect me."

"I never forget what they have done for me even if I have died," he said.

"I don't blame my executioners. I will pray God bless them." (Additional details on page 2.)

OPA Admits Meat Prices May Increase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—OPA put out the word today that meat prices may have to rise as a result of the wage boost for packing workers.

It came as the question whether the government is going to continue food subsidies, which hold down prices of other grocery-basket items, shaped up as a red-hot issue for congress over the next few months.

Senate banking committee consideration of a subsidy measure produced from an OPA official the news of the prospective meat price rise.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) demanded that before action was taken the committee be informed whether meat prices would be increased. He said that a 16 cents an hour wage increase recommended by a presidential fact-finding board for packing workers would necessitate either higher prices or larger government subsidy payments to packers.

He took the view that large subsidies would mean the government itself was paying the wage increase.

John L. Lewis Snubs Truman Wage Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, asserted tonight that the miners expected their "problems to be settled upon the merits" and not on the basis of President Truman's new wage-price policy.

Lewis has called the UMW policy committee to meet in Washington March 11. He said "any question of policy" as to strike action, in support of any new wage demands on bituminous coal operators "will have to wait the decision of that committee."

Washroom Attendant Finds \$5600 Packet

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 22—(AP)—Chauncey Miller, porter at the former Curtis-Wright Corp. airport plant, walked into a plant washroom today and found a bulging envelope which proved on inspection to contain \$5600 in bills. Inquiry revealed it had been lost by an employee of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. which is getting ready to begin manufacturing in the plant. Miller was rewarded with five dollars.