

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Strange as it may seem, much of the best writing of recent years on the engraving problem of man and his economic organization has been done by authors who were born in old Austro-Hungary, who have matured in the period after the first World war. Usually we cancel out that part of Europe with the downfall of the old Hapsburg monarchy, Vienna still claimed some prestige in music and medicine; it had some unique experiments in municipal housing. But of other contribution to thought and life it was unproductive, a land whose glory and whose achievement had departed. Yet out of this environment have come men with real contributions in the field of social and economic theory.

I might call these writers Danubians, because of the region of their birth; but the geography of birth and education and interest in economics are about all they have in common. There is no unity in their theory or philosophy. Each makes his own contribution, separately. Who are these Danubians? Peter F. Drucker, author of "The End of Economic Man" and "The Future of Industrial Man;" Friedrich A. Hayek whose "The Road to Serfdom" was quite a sensation a year ago; Karl Polanyi, author of "The Great Transformation;" and Arthur Koestler, whose recent "The Yogi and the Commissar" is a contribution (Continued on Editorial Page)

### 7 Men Hurt in West Scio Car, Train Accident

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Seven men were injured, two seriously, when their auto collided broadside into a Southern Pacific logging train at West Scio crossing tonight and wedged beneath one of the railroad cars. The Albany General hospital reported Ola Haugen and Carl Haugen, brothers of Scio, and Leo Hodges of Portland were treated for lacerations and bruises and that two sailors from a ship berthed at Portland were removed to the naval hospital at Camp Adair. The seamen, Fireman 2/c LeRoy Rush and Signalman 3/c Stanley Engelheart, were the most seriously hurt, the Albany hospital reported. State police headquarters reported Haugen was driving the car when it struck the train about 8:30 p.m. The rammed car of the train was derailed by the impact and was righted two hours later, state police reported.

### Coast Road to Open Monday

Clearing of a slide blocking the Oregon Coast highway is in progress and the road should be open by Sunday night or Monday, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock reported Saturday. The slide, 12 miles north of Florence, covered 150 feet of the highway Friday night. A work crew and equipment were sent to the scene from Salem early Saturday. Other road conditions: Santiam Junction — Overcast. Roads normal except for light slush. Odell Lake — Two short sections of one-way traffic on Willamette highway above Oakridge. Roseburg — Clear. The Dalles — Light rain. Baker — Clear. PAYROLLS OFF \$20,000,000 Covered payrolls in Oregon dropped from \$52,264,936 in January, 1945, to \$31,782,507 this January, the state industrial accident commission reported here Saturday. The December, 1945, payroll was \$33,246,864.

### Animal Crackers



To which end am I speaking?

### Anti-Inflation



WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—Paul Porter, new chief of OPA, who outlined his policies for wiping out the threat of inflation at a meeting of the American Institute of Banking tonight.

### New OPA Boss Sets Policies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Paul Porter said tonight that as the new boss of OPA he proposes to hold the price line, build up production and wipe out the "threat of inflation." In a speech prepared for delivery to the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Banking, Porter announced his aims this way: "I propose to attempt to utilize necessary controls to expedite production without the sacrifice of stability. And I believe it can be done. I don't propose to let up until the tide of production has eliminated the threat of inflation and victory is ours." Making his first public appearance since he became price administrator, Porter said that this is "no time for crepe-hanging," that "we can control inflation."

Record Shows "The record of the last two and a half years," he said, "shows that very clearly." Since he took on the OPA job, Porter said, "a lot of perfectly responsible people seem to be suggesting that the fight against inflation is a millstone chained around our collective necks and that we are going to be pushed overboard any minute now."

Has Answers Porter had his answers ready. He said: "Both employment and production now stand at 'record peace-time peaks.'" During the war, with price control, production more than doubled. In 1945, business failures "reached an all-time low" of 810. And in 1946, Porter commented, with excess profits taxes repealed, it is expected that profits after taxes will be at record heights.

"But there's no point in kidding ourselves," he insisted, adding that pressures against the present price line "are terrific." "We are face to face with critical dangers that inflation will destroy all we have and blast us into a future of limited markets, constricted earnings and needless poverty."

### Support Grows For Vardaman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—A majority of a senate banking subcommittee, on the basis of the record so far, favors senate confirmation for Commodore James K. Vardaman for a 14-year term on the federal reserve board. Senator McFarland (D-Ariz) announced he would recommend confirmation on the "basis of our hearings thus far." Two other members of the subcommittee, who declined to permit use of their names at this time, said they too favored confirmation of Vardaman, President Truman's friend and naval aide.

### Fire Destroys Railroad Trestle

MT. ANGEL, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Fire destroyed a wooden railroad trestle near the McKee station on the Southern Pacific's Woodburn to Springfield branch late this afternoon, Mt. Angel volunteer firemen reported. Damage of \$4200 was estimated by railroad officials, the firemen reported. Farmers in the vicinity joined the firemen in fighting the blaze.

### Governor To Seek 2nd Term

#### 2 Candidates for Congress Seats; Deadline Nears

Politics gathered momentum for the 1946 election year in Oregon today with the announcement of Gov. Earl Snell that he had turned down "offers far more attractive financially" in order to become a candidate to succeed himself and "carry forward the important work now well under way." The governor's statement (published in full on page 4) was issued simultaneously with a reminder of the secretary of state's office that the deadline for filing for the May primaries is March 8, a week from next Friday. To date, there have been but four filings for major state offices.

These include two announced candidacies for congress—Charles T. McPherson (d) of Portland, who seeks to succeed Homer D. Angell (r) in the third district, and Rufus E. Wood (d) of Oregon City, who would oppose Walter Norblad (r) for first district representative.

Four File for Court Posts The others are Henry Black (r) of Portland, a painter, who seeks the governorship, and Rex Putnam (r) who has filed to succeed himself as state superintendent of public instruction, a non-partisan office.

Four candidates for circuit judge have sent in their declarations—Herbert K. Hanna, Jacksonville, 1st district, Jackson and Josephine counties; John R. Mears, Portland, 4th district, department No. 5, Multnomah county; R. Frank Peters, Hillsboro, 19th district, Tillamook and Washington counties, and Howard Zimmerman, Astoria, 20th district, Clatsop and Columbia counties. Circuit judges also run as non-partisans.

All candidates for circuit judge who have filed up to this time are incumbents with the exception of Mears who is now district judge of Multnomah county.

Two of Marion county's representatives also filed for re-election Saturday—H. R. Jones and W. W. Chadwick, both republicans.

Truman A. Chase, Eugene, now a member of the house of representatives, filed for state senator, 3rd district, Lane county. Other filings Saturday included: Carl C. Hill (r) Days Creek, for state representative, 15th district, Douglas county.

Robert V. Chrisman (r) Enterprise, for district attorney of Walla Walla county. Officials announced Saturday that candidates desiring space in the voters' pamphlet, to be issued in advance of the primary election, must file their statements with the state department by March 8.

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### Crowds Greet Mayor Curley



BOSTON, Feb. 23—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, Mass., (center with raised hat), free on bond after a sentence by a Washington, D.C., court of six to 18 months on mail fraud charges, is greeted by a crowd estimated at 5000, and a brass band, that 22 policemen couldn't keep from tumbling against him with yells of "Boston loves you, Curley." (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman)

### Walkout May Cut Utilities in Houston, Texas

HOUSTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—D. W. Maxwell, secretary of the Houston building and trades union, announced today that Houston's water supply and most of its major utilities will be cut off at 5 p.m. tomorrow by striking unions, all AFL affiliates. City officials however said that despite withdrawal of workers and picketing of the plants, vital water and sewage plants would be kept in operation. Early today the city was granted a restraining order to keep strikers of the city-county employees union and the hoisting engineers union from picketing the city's water plants, sewage and gas plants and garbage truck lots. The unions recognized the injunction and withdrew pickets where notified.

A third union, however, the electrical workers union, was not named in the injunction, and A. J. Bannon, business manager of the union, said its members would "take over the picket lines Sunday morning."

### 30 Vancouver Housing Units Added to Quota

A new possible site for veterans' housing in Salem is under consideration by the city housing board, it was disclosed Saturday. It was also announced that Willamette university has been allotted 30 additional housing units from Vancouver barracks by the war department, bringing to 120 units the total so far made available to Salem. Sixty are for the city and 60 for the university. The new site under consideration is a 20-acre plot on S. 16th st. inside city limits, owned by Ott Klett. It is known as the Oak Park addition. Water and sewer facilities already exist there and the site is considerably closer to the university than the previously-suggested fairgrounds site, it was pointed out.

### Silverton Sector Sight Submarine?

Has anyone sighted a submarine in Silverton? Probably not, but nonetheless a small submarine detector device was found on a farm three miles southeast of Silverton, dangling 50 feet above ground in a tree by a gaudy red paper parachute. Sheriff Denver Young now has the U.S. military gadget in his office at Marion county court-house, with no claimer to date. The device is a small "radio-sonde" transmitter and modulator used in detecting hostile submarines by radio.

(Editor's note—Despite lifting of censorship, The Statesman is on the safe side presented the above story to naval intelligence for clearance before its publication. The navy said it was unable to give formal release, but it did not request withholding. Therefore, with slight deletion which may or may not be of military importance, the story herewith is presented.)

### Jason Lee Memorial Site Development Discussed at Meeting

MISSION BOTTOM, Feb. 23 (Special)—Development of the Jason Lee memorial site near here as a park similar to Champeau but with the addition of a swimming pool was discussed at a meeting of the Community club here tonight. The site covers about six acres of the location of the original Jason Lee Mission and is owned by Willamette university. Encouraging information relative to federal aid for the project was reported. Mrs. Beryl LaFollette was selected to interest Willamette university and Oregon congressional representatives.

### India Riot Casualties Mounting

#### Ghandi Appeals For Violence End, Army Reinforced

BOMBAY, Sunday, Feb. 24 (AP)—Two hundred persons were killed or injured during a night of rioting and clashes between British troops and civilians which subsided only in the pre-dawn hours today after soldiers opened fire on surging mobs in the Dadar suburb area of northern Bombay. Police said that many of the night's casualties were fatalities and that "many" bodies were still in Bombay hospitals awaiting removal to morgues. The unofficial casualty lists, not including the night's toll, for the three days of bitter street fighting included 250 dead and "well over 1300" injured. Elsewhere Quiet Gunfire and street rioting was confined almost entirely to northern sections of the city during the night and elsewhere Bombay was quiet.

The latest outbreak came after Mohandas K. Gandhi had appealed to Indians to end "this thoughtless orgy of violence," and after the surrender Saturday morning of Indian sailors whose mutiny on Thursday had touched off disorders here and in other cities. Several hundred troops had been rushed into the Dadar area Saturday, and field pieces were mounted. The suburb was described as tense after a textile mill and a train had been set on fire.

Seize 4 Square Miles Crowds had seized control of a four square mile area in northern Bombay, where the main rioting had moved from the downtown section. British troops and police fired on the rioting crowds more than a dozen times. Sympathy strikes, in which 300,000 workers took part, were called here and in Calcutta.

### Substitute for Draft Sought

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—A hunt for ways to permit a halt to the draft on May 15 began today on Capitol Hill. The draft act expires then and although President Truman has asked for its continuance many legislators would like to avoid that. The search for some substitute was touched off by a proposal of Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga) of the house naval committee. He told newsmen he will introduce next week a bill to create a special occupation army of 600,000 volunteers. They would be obtained by added inducements, including double pay, free transportation overseas for their families and yearly 30-day furloughs.

### Missing Ship Bow Believed Located

KODIAK, Alaska, Feb. 23 (AP)—Word was awaited here tonight from the navy fleet tug Sarai, dispatched from Adak to investigate a radar contact 50 miles distant which navy Alaska sea frontier officers hoped might be the bow end of the broken Russian tanker Donbass. The S. S. Puente Hills still has in tow the aft end of the vessel carrying 23 persons who have refused to be taken off. Another 23 had been taken off by the American tanker.

### Russians Report 'China-Inspired' Jap Bandit Raids

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Moscow radio said early today that remnants of Japanese troops in Manchuria had been carrying out large-scale "bandit" attacks on soviet forces since mid-November, "with the help and leadership of reactionary elements in China itself."

#### Convicted



WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—Capt. Charles B. McVay, captain of the cruiser Indianapolis, convicted of negligence in the loss of the ship. The navy abolished the penalty against McVay in view of his "outstanding previous record."

### Navy Convicts McVay, Wipes Out Penalties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The navy today announced conviction of Capt. Charles B. McVay on a negligence charge growing out of the loss of the cruiser Indianapolis, but took the penalty off and assigned a share of the blame for tardy rescue operations to four shore officers. The conviction remains as part of the permanent record of the 47-year old officer, but the penalty—that he be set back 100 positions in the order of promotion—becomes inoperative in view of McVay's "outstanding previous record." The captain has been returned to duty. A court martial found McVay guilty of negligence on the ground that he failed to steer a zigzag course when conditions of visibility and the fact that his ship was in area where submarines might be encountered required such a course. He thus "suffered a vessel of the navy to be hazarded," the announcement said.

### State Boards View Barracks

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Detailed inventories of the \$6,500,000 marine corps barracks here were asked today by the Oregon state board of higher education and the state emergency board after an inspection tour of the huge military establishment that may become a school for veterans. The request for a complete statement of terms and facilities was made by the board after Dean Walker, chairman of the state emergency board, told the educators plans for financing the barracks as an Oregon school unit cannot be considered until a request for finances had been filed.

### Marion County Jobless Claims Drop as State Totals Increase

By Conrad G. Prange Staff Writer, The Statesman With nearly a week to go, February has established a new high for both veteran and civilian unemployment allowances paid throughout the state while Marion county claims have dropped off, the state unemployment compensation commission reported Saturday. State payments to workers reached \$1,983,567 or \$103,765 greater than for the entire month of January, while federal checks to veterans amount to \$677,668 or \$151,316 more than last month. Marion county will probably not go along with the rest of the state in claim totals for February as a compensation commission spokesman said. So far this month the Salem office has paid out 3387 checks amounting to \$54,700 in state claims, far below January's entire total of 5058 checks for \$82,601. Payments to veterans over the state also established a new weekly high with 15,322 checks for \$303,000, an increase of 23 per cent over last week's high mark. In Marion county for the first time veterans claims totaling 1058 topped the civilian check mark of 1001 for last week. Indications are that February readjustment allowances will reach the million-dollar mark for the first time throughout the state. Nearly 60,000 unemployed civilians now have 1946 claims on file with the commission, but fewer than 40,000 have received benefits. Only a few unemployed have drawn their maximum amount, as five check of \$10 each is the lowest "maximum" under the new schedules of benefits. About 29,000 veterans, or about 40 per cent of those returning to Oregon have applied for benefits, and most of them have received at least one check, the commission reported. 'HEAT WAVE' IN SALEM The warmest day since December 4, with a temperature of 63 degrees was recorded in Salem, Saturday. This is 19 degrees above normal 44 degrees for February in Salem, according to the weather Bureau.

Weather table with columns for location, Max, Min, Rain.

## Republicans, Democrats Jockey for Positions in Election Race

### GOP Decides on Platform Planks

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 23 (AP)—A western republican conference demanded tonight that employe organizations be held equally liable with employers for the carrying out of provisions of a labor contract. The expression was contained in a declaration of principles adopted at concluding sessions of a two-day conference attended by republican party leaders from 11 western states and Alaska. The statement said that the republican party insists "that human rights must come first" and that human rights "include under our constitution protection of the people against the ordering of their lives from Washington." The republicans called for legislation granting the right "to a

review in our court of orders, regulations or directives of any government bureau, agency or commission which contravene or deny the rights of any citizen." In expressions on problems peculiar to the west, the conference had this to say: Public Land—Land suitable for farming should be opened to homesteading, with returning veterans granted preference; ownership transferred to state governments of federal lands "not essential for proper federal purposes." Farm and Livestock—"We insist that the American farmer and producer of livestock and poultry products are entitled to the American market, and at prices which will permit them to maintain American living standards." Fisheries—"We favor full protection of our fisheries whether

by domestic regulation or treaties." Reclamation—"We oppose any programs which seek to set up in the river basins of the nation, so called valley or regional federal water authorities." Western Industries—The republicans urged immediate disposal to private industry of government-owned war plants. Monetary—"We favor a currency with a metallic base, using gold and silver." Alaska—"We urge that a wider measure of local self-government be granted to the territory of Alaska." Housing—"The same administration which exported scrap iron and ore to Japan is now exporting our American lumber all over the world. We condemn that practice."

### Truman Readies For Re-Election

By Jack Bell WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—President Truman appeared today to be consolidating democratic support behind his expected bid for renomination in 1948 despite the turbulent intra-party argument over his nomination of Edwin W. Pauley as undersecretary of the navy. When Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes quit the cabinet in a well-publicized rage, there was much wagging of heads by Capitol Hill democrats. They thought this might be the beginning of a disintegration in the loosely-bound alliance of elements that kept President Roosevelt in office so long. But a recent declaration by Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace that he will stay in the

cabinet and support Mr. Truman for renomination put a new light on the situation. Wallace and Ickes have been teammates in past enterprises. The supposition was that if there was to be a break between party old-liners and the other elements that backed Roosevelt, Wallace would go out of the cabinet in the next few months and possibly challenge Mr. Truman for the nomination. At the time the Ickes furore was at its heights the president had to deal with another problem that involved the same possible cleavage. This revolved around the kitchen cabinet move that made Chester Bowles stabilization director. At one point Bowles might have gone storming out of government service in an argument over the powers to be granted him. But Mr. Truman solved that to

the outward satisfaction of all. He gave Bowles most of the authority Bowles wanted, but kept Reconstruction Director John W. Snyder as top man in the set-up. Although Snyder is not the most popular official among Capitol Hill democrats, his retention reassured in part the wing of the party represented by southern legislators. But Mr. Truman still has the problem of what to do about filling Ickes' post. He apparently has made it plain to those who have talked to him that the man chosen will have to bear the "liberal" stamp. The suggestion has been made that the president might leave Oscar Chapman, named as acting secretary, in the post. Chapman, who supported Wallace for the vice presidential nomination in 1944, would be acceptable to the forces exemplified by the secretary of commerce.