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Partly cloudy and warmer with scattered showers today. Partly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight and Sunday.

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Twins, Twins, Twins and Again!



Wondering the food problem, Mrs. Joseph A. Lopez, 26, of Onset, Mass., holds the fourth set of twins born to her within five years. Other twins are (left to right) Joanne and Dianne, 3 1/2; Joseph (bottom) and Mariene (top), 2, and (at right), Juanita, 5, whose twin, Anita, has died. The new twins are Donald and Donna. Two other children in the family are Jannette, 10, and Phyllis, 9. The mother is a cranberry worker.

Stassen, En Route To Bend For Address, Files In Salem To Enter Oregon Primary

Ex-governor of Minnesota Personally Hands Statement to State Elections Chief; Active Campaign Planned; Visitor Speaks in Eugene

By Eldon Barrett
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salem, Feb. 21 (UP)—Harold E. Stassen entered the Oregon preferential primary election today, becoming an opponent of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York for the republican presidential choice in this first test of how western sentiment will run in 1948.

Stassen filed by statement which he personally handed to state elections chief David O'Hara.

He said: "In response to the petitions signed by the republican voters of Oregon, I have decided to file in the Oregon preferential primary.

"We will carry on an active and constructive campaign on the major issues before the country."

He filed at 10 a. m. Oregon's May 21 primary is the earliest among the western states.

Dewey's Name on File
Gov. Dewey's name was filed Jan. 15 by his Oregon supporters and the following day the New York governor announced himself as an avowed candidate.

Oregon's republican delegation consists of 12 members. They are pledged to the state's choice for president until it is certain he has lost the nomination.

Stassen arrived here by airplane from Eugene where he addressed the Oregon press conference last night. He left immediately after filing for the Salem airport where he embarked for Redmond. He was scheduled to speak in Bend this noon.

Makes Statement
In a prepared statement, he big 40-year-old presidential aspirant declared that two members of the next republican cabinet should come from the 11 western states and one should be the new secretary of the interior.

He said that Robert Elliott of Portland will be in charge of his primary campaign in Oregon. Elliott, a world war II veteran, is a member of the executive board of the Multnomah county republican central committee, national committee and northwest regional director of the Young Republican organization.

Statement Quoted
Stassen, in his statement, also declared:

1. "The development of the resources of the Pacific Northwest through reclamation, hydro-electric power, flood control and reforestation should be carried forward rapidly and efficiently."
2. "Our American economy should be kept free, and alert action should be taken by government to avoid high price booms and depression busts, and a humanitarian concern for the welfare of the people should be fundamental in governmental policy."
3. "So long as the rulers of Russia follow their present obstructive tactics, shipments of machine tools and electrical machinery and apparatus to Russia should be stopped."

Dailies Announce Prices Increases

Portland, Feb. 21 (UP)—Subscribers to Portland's two daily newspapers will pay 25 cents a month more for their home-delivered copies, beginning March 1.

The Oregon Journal and The Oregonian today announced subscription increases to \$1.75 monthly for the daily and Sunday editions, \$1.25 for daily only, and 60 cents for Sunday only. Price of street and newsstand editions will remain the same.

The managements of the papers gave increased newsprint, production and labor costs as reasons for the rate hike.

The Journal said price of newsprint alone had advanced 57 per cent since the former subscription rates were established.

Housewives Continue 'Strike' Despite Drop In Food Prices

Chicago, Feb. 21 (UP)—A special labor department survey showed today that food prices reduced 3 1/2 per cent in the last month, but grocers said housewives had clamped onto their pocketbooks tighter than ever.

Food dealers said housewives apparently were cutting their purchases until the prices drop even lower than since the big break in the commodity markets on Feb. 4.

Ewan Clague, commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics, announced the results of a telegraphic survey of prices on 20 foods in 12 large cities.

He said that between Jan. 13 and Feb. 17, food prices dropped 3 1/2 per cent but "there has not yet been time for a clear trend of retail prices as a whole to emerge."

The largest price slashes, he said, were on pork chops, lard, bacon, eggs and lettuce. Prices of onions, potatoes, canned tomatoes, coffee and milk were higher last Tuesday than on Jan. 13.

He said the retail food drop would reduce the overall cost of living index 1 1/2 per cent but rises in other living costs, such as rent and clothing, might offset the reduction.

"Whether these (price cuts) are maintained or extended depends largely on the extent to which the drop in primary market prices is reflected in lower wholesale costs of foods in local markets," he said.

Chinese Anti-Reds Given Military Aid

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—The state department has advised congress that new U.S. military aid is on its way to the anti-communist forces in China, it was learned today.

The department in a memorandum to the house foreign affairs committee, revealed that several contracts have been approved to sell Chiang Kai-Shek's government surplus U.S. war goods at sharply reduced prices. Goods include planes and ammunition.

Disclosure of the contracts appeared to be the state department's answer to congressional critics who have denounced the new \$570,000,000 Chinese aid program as "inadequate" because it does not provide for military supplies.

Diplomatic sources said a Chinese mission also received assurances recently that the U.S. army will secure the Pacific for additional planes which might be made available to the nationalist government.

Bargain Prices Given
China will get the war materials at a small fraction of their original cost.

One contract, the house committee was informed, turns over to China goods originally valued at several million dollars. The Chinese will pay only 12 1/2 per cent of that.

Another contract signed last month provides for the transfer of ammunition now located in the Marianas in the Pacific. For this, China will pay but one cent on the dollar.

80 Planes Assigned
It was learned that 80 fighter planes have been earmarked for the far east under the surplus property program.

Red Cross Quota Placed At \$9000

The campaign committee for the 1948 Deschutes county Red Cross roll call met Tuesday morning at 7:45 at the Pine Tavern for a kick-off breakfast meeting to complete plans for the drive to start on March 1.

Deschutes county will be called upon to raise a quota of \$9,000, 60 per cent of which is for the county chapter activities and the other 40 per cent for national Red Cross activities.

Heading the campaign this year will be William J. Baer, of Bend, assisted by Gordon Randall. In charge throughout the county are E. C. Parker, for Redmond; Mrs. Eugene Ackley, rural areas; Mrs. James Chamberlin and Mrs. C. L. Allen, Tumalo; David Adrian, Lapine; Carl Russell, Sisters; Otis Lammers, Brooks-Seaton, Inc.; Ben Hamilton, The Shevlin-Hixon Company; Mrs. Meredith Bailey, Hitecock mill.

Committees Listed
Other committee members are: Mrs. Ward H. Coble, display; Sumner Dietrich, advanced gifts; Bruno Rath, business and industrial firms; Wilfred Burgess, special groups; Bill Barton, radio publicity; James E. Brinton, public utility; Mrs. Elmer Ryan, Bend residential areas, and Ernest Traxler, reporter.

Robert Wiseman, of Tongue Point, a Red Cross field director, will be in Central Oregon several days next week to assist in planning the county campaigns.

Western Pinemen Re-elect Officers

San Francisco, Feb. 21 (UP)—The Western Pine association today re-elected all officers.

Returning for the coming year to their posts were Homer B. Jamison, Fresno, president; A. J. Glassow, Bend, Ore., vice president; P. V. Burke, second vice president, Sacramento; and A. C. Lighthall, treasurer, Baker, Ore.

FORT ORD MAN HELD

Redmond, Feb. 21 (Special)—William E. Owens is in custody at the Redmond jail. He is reportedly AWOL from Fort Ord, Calif., and is held for military authorities.

Mexican Airman Drifts Nine Days On Raft, Watches Vicious Sharks Eat His Companion

Brownsville, Tex., Feb. 21 (UP)—A coast guard patrol plane flew medical supplies today to a Mexican airman who was rescued by a banana ship after he drifted nine days in a life raft and watched sharks eat his comrade.

Esteban De Leon was rescued by the Panamanian banana boat Roatan Thursday, two days after officials called off a search for him and Neil Womack, Brownsville. The Roatan was expected to dock about noon today.

Womack was the pilot of a C-47 airplane owned by the Gulf Transportation company. He and De Leon left here February 10 to pick up a cargo of shrimps at Carmen, Mexico.

They crashed 40 miles short of

Czech Seeks Iron Curtain

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 21 (UP)—Communist Premier Klement Gottwald charged today that spies from the west were undermining the Czechoslovakian government and supporting anti-communist demands that they be given full control of the government and be permitted to create an iron curtain police state to prosecute "foreign spies and saboteurs."

He spoke before a communist rally of 80,000 persons in the old town square of Prague. He charged the cabinet crisis, which resulted from yesterday's resignations, was precipitated by non-communist ministers who were trying to "destroy the police and armed forces" because they were prosecuting foreign spies.

Leader of Bloc
Gottwald is leader of the nine-member communist bloc in the 26-man Czechoslovak coalition cabinet which has been ruling the country under an uneasy political truce for 30 months.

The non-communist ministers who resigned, he said, represent reactionaries trying to block the government program of socialist reforms and cancel "the accomplishments of the revolution."

Gottwald demanded creation of a new government of "progressive elements of all parties and organizations" and the holding of elections within the officially appointed period—the first Sunday before May 26.

Ashida Named Japan Premier

Tokyo, Feb. 21 (UP)—Hitoshi Ashida, veteran conservative diplomat and president of the democratic party, today was elected Japan's fifth premier since the war at a plenary session of the diet.

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Ashida Gets Aid

Social democrats threw their support to Ashida after the outgoing premier, Tetsu Katayama, announced he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Former Premier Shigeru Yoshida of the rival conservative party received 180 votes. Eight diet members voted for Katayama and three for communist Kyuichi Tokuda. Fourteen votes were spoiled.

Springfield Mill To Cost 10 Million

Portland, Feb. 21 (UP)—Laird T. Bell, chairman of the board of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, today said the company was planning large scale expansion of its operations in Oregon.

Bell, whose home is in Chicago, is here on an inspection trip. He said that construction of a new plant at Springfield, near Eugene, would eventually cost the company \$10,000,000 and will employ between 400 and 500 men when it begins operations in the spring of 1949.

The executive of one of the nation's largest timber concerns said Weyerhaeuser owns large holdings in Coos county. He said the company is now building roads and making surveys preparatory to further expansion in that area.

Bell said the new Springfield plant would be capable of producing 100,000,000 board feet of timber annually and would incorporate modern methods of complete wood utilization.

Armed Bandit In Salem Holdup

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—A masked bandit armed with a small pistol held up a Salem grocer last night and escaped with more than \$200, police reported today.

The victim, William Grabelman, owner of the Mission Street market, told police that the bandit walked into the store through the front door while he was working in a back storeroom. The bandit, described as a young man, clean-cut and the cash register as he held a gun on the grocer, police said.

FUNERAL RITES SET

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Niswonger and Winslow chapel for Oscar O. Springgate, 78, who died Friday morning at his home east of Bend. Rev. Ross Knotts, of First Methodist church, will officiate at the rites, and burial will follow in Greenwood cemetery.

Truck, Car Crash; Woman Is Killed

Ellensburg, Wash., Feb. 21 (UP)—An Ellensburg woman was killed and her husband received minor injuries yesterday when their automobile collided with a truck on the highway five miles east of here.

Mrs. Ralph Charlton, 55, Ellensburg, was killed almost instantly when the truck plowed into the side of their car.

Howard H. Harris, 31, Kirkland, Wash., driver of the truck, escaped injury in the accident.

Warren Refuses No. 2 Position

Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (UP)—California Gov. Earl Warren, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, refused today to take second-place on the ticket.

He told a radio press conference that he considered his present job just as important, if not more important, than any position in the federal government except the presidency.

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Bend Merchandise Car On Schedule

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The merchandise car will serve Bend six days a week, railroad officials said.

Report On Roads

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—The state highway commission today issued the following road report compiled at 9 a. m.:

Wapinitia pass — 34 degrees; five inches new snow; raining; slush on road.

Santiam pass — 32 degrees; snowing hard; packed with some slush; chains required; snow wet; 19 inches new snow last night.

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Dry Ice May Be Used On Thunderheads

Wenatchee, Wash., Feb. 21 (UP)—Spot fires caused by lightning may be a thing of the past in the nation's forests if plans now under consideration by the forest service prove feasible. Representative Walt Horan said here today.

Horan said that a plan is under consideration to measure the amount of electricity in storm clouds.

Quoting Earl Lovegrove of the Washington, D.C., forest service office, Horan said that if the measurements determine that the clouds are charged with enough electricity to cause a lightning storm, airplanes will drop dry ice through the clouds.

Horan said that in many cases this method has discharged the energy in the storm clouds.

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Portland Club Votes To Yield Payoff Names

Mayor Riley Calls Off Air Trip to Mexico to Answer City Criticisms

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—Mayor Earl Riley today announced he had cancelled plans to participate in an air tour to Mexico in order to be here to answer criticisms of the administration by the City club, concerning vice conditions.

The City club last night directed its committee on law enforcement to identify by name the city officials it accuses of receiving "payoff" from crime and gambling interests.

The action was taken by the influential club's membership at a meeting in which the committee's report was adopted. The report charges that organized crime has flourished over a period of years under protection of police and city officials who have received payoffs as high as \$60,000 monthly.

Minister Makes Mention
The motion to name names was made by the Rev. Richard M. Steiner, Unitarian minister. He said failure to identify officials accused anonymously by the club's law enforcement committee of criminal practices was "grave and timed."

In seconding the motion, Edward F. Averill, insurance man and member of the club's board of governors, said:

"I think the time for being temperate is past. The committee has given its time and its members have risked their lives to get these names and addresses without which their report would not be factual."

Facts Wanted
"The mayor and the chief of police have pointed to the report's generalities and I believe we should answer them with the facts."

The motion for publication of names was passed by a slight margin. It also ordered exposure of all property owners whose buildings are being used for gambling or other illegal purposes.

Earlier, Mayor Riley charged that the investigation was a put up job designed to discredit his administration on the eve of election.

He said that the chief instigator of the investigation had approached him four months ago with a proposition to suppress the report then being compiled.

Truman Begins Caribbean Tour

San Juan, P.R., Feb. 21 (UP)—President Truman began his tour of the Caribbean today with a plea to the world to follow the example of the United States and Puerto Rico in "the democratic way of collaboration between friendly peoples."

He spoke briefly upon arriving at the Isle Grande airport outside San Juan where he was greeted by Gov. Jesus T. Pinero and a large group of Puerto Rican officials and commanders of American armed forces units in this area.

The president flew here from Key West, Fla., and planned to spend the day. He will visit St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands tomorrow, and sail Monday to the nearby island of St. Croix for a brief stop before turning back toward Cuba and the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo bay.

General Frowns On Mainland Trip

Tokyo, Feb. 21 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur indicated today he does not wish to return to the United States to testify before the house foreign affairs committee.

He said he appreciated the "confidence" reflected in the suggestion of Rep. Lawrence H. Smith, (R., Wis.) that he be summoned to Washington to testify on the Chinese program, but he hoped the committee "will not further the idea."

Moslem Group Target Of Blast

Cairo, Feb. 21 (UP)—At least 10 persons were injured last night when attackers who may have been Zionists blasted a Moslem Brotherhood celebration marking departure of 50 volunteer Arab fighters for Palestine.

Arab sources immediately charged the attack was a plot against the life of Sheikh Hassan Banna, chief of the Moslem Brotherhood, who was scheduled to appear at the celebration but arrived five minutes after the blast.

Speaks In Bend



Presidential candidate Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, crossed the storm-enveloped Cascades by airplane this morning from Eugene, for speaking engagements in Bend and Redmond. Stassen spoke in Eugene last night.

Big Group Hears GOP Candidate

Harold E. Stassen, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, arrived in Bend at noon today for his luncheon talk before an audience of 235 persons at the Pilot Butte Inn.

The Stassen plane, a chartered Northwest Airlines DC-3, arrived at the Redmond airport at 11:45 p. m., coming here from Eugene. The plane left Eugene this morning and took Stassen to Salem, then came over the Cascade summit after returning to Eugene.

The Stassen party included Robert G. Elliott, of Portland, who is the Minnesota's campaign manager in Oregon.

Several dozen Bend and Redmond people, including most members of the republican central committee, were on hand to meet the plane at Redmond airport. A short caravan of cars left the field immediately to get Stassen to Bend in time for his luncheon engagement.

Bills Radio Address

This afternoon Stassen planned to remain in the Pilot Butte Inn lobby until 1:45 p. m. to meet local residents. At 1:45 he was scheduled to be heard over radio station KBND and following that talk he was to return to Redmond where he will talk at 2:30 p. m.

His departure from Roberts field was scheduled for 3 p. m. This evening he will talk to University of Oregon students and Eugene townspeople in Eugene.

No advance copies of the talks Stassen planned for Bend and Redmond were available here this morning. However, local republicans believed continue themes set forth in other talks of his current northwest tour. The Bulletin's early publication time on Saturday made it impossible to report the Stassen talk today.