

# Alumina Plant Directed by RFC To Close July 1

Production of Sulphate  
Probably Included —  
Strikers Picket Plant

What amounts virtually to a directive that the Salem alumina plant be closed July 1 as far as the production of alumina is concerned has been made by the reconstruction finance corporation in Washington. It is believed the directive extends as well to the production of sulfate of ammonium for fertilizer, though this is not definitely known.

If the plant is closed the Salem Chamber of Commerce will make an effort to get it into private hands for major manufacturing purposes, General Manager Clay Cochran said today. He believes there are several lines of manufacture for which the plant could be utilized.

**\$500,000 to July 1**  
W. R. Seyfried, project manager of the plant for the Chemical Construction company, commenting on the closure report, said:

"The RFC has allocated for the plant \$500,000, enough to run us until July 1. That's the limit as far as alumina is concerned. It may be that other uses can be made of the plant, sulfate of ammonium for example. That is indefinite."

The plant is at present tied up by strike, making impossible the proposed running out of a considerable tonnage of alumina from clay as an initial output that was scheduled for April 15.

**Picket Line Established**

A picket line was established at the plant Friday afternoon as workers affiliated with the Chemical Workers' union went on strike as a result of a long-standing wage controversy. About 75 workers are involved in the strike at present, but F. D. Van Swearingen, secretary of the Salem Building Trades Council, said several maintenance men remaining on the job to keep tanks heated and guard equipment would also go out if no action is taken by 3 p.m. next Friday.

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# To Abandon Gates Railroad

The Oregon public service commission was informed today by the Interstate Commerce commission, in reply to a telegraphic inquiry Friday, that a definite date has not been set for hearing on the Southern Pacific company's application for abandonment of 20.6 miles of railroad from Gates to Idanha, necessitated by coming construction of the Detroit dam.

The ICC expects to announce the date about May 6, and it is expected the hearing will be in Portland some time in June.

The dam will be located six miles downstream from Detroit and will submerge about eight miles of the area where the railroad is located.

Protests are being made against the abandonment by industrial interests and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Industries protesting include the Idanha Veneer company, the M. & M. Wood Working company of Portland, Oregon Pulp & Paper company, the Seitzinger Lumber company and several operations represented by Walter H. Bell, Stayton attorney.

# Meanest Thief Robs Helpless Paralytic

Chicago, April 13 (AP)—Police searched for a new type of "meanest" thief today.

Mrs. Katherine Mackowski sat helplessly and mutely in her chair in her North Side home yesterday and watched a young thief enter her home, rifle a tin box of between \$200 and \$300 and walk calmly out of the house.

Mrs. Mackowski was unable to move because she is paralyzed and she couldn't call out for help because the paralysis extends to her vocal chords.

# Game Board Refuses To Close Willamette

Portland, April 13 (AP)—The Oregon State Game commission ruled today that it lacks authority to declare an emergency and close the Willamette river to sports angling.

The State Fish commission several weeks ago told the game body the spring salmon run was threatened. It recommended closure for several days weekly to assure adequate escapement.

The game commission said today its decision was based on a 1945 attorney general's opinion on closure of the Willamette river.

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## Only Jap Prince Held Freed for Evidence Lack

Tokyo, April 13 (AP)—Prince Morimasa Nashimoto, only member of the imperial family jailed as a suspected war criminal, was freed today from Sugamo prison for lack of evidence.

Nashimoto, 72, was angry because the Japanese liaison office failed to send an automobile to take him to the charred ruins of his mansion. He readily accepted a ride in the Associated Press jeep.

Still in a bad humor when he reached home, the round little man with bristling handlebar mustache and sleepy eyes threw rocks at persistent Japanese photographers. The cameramen quickly bowed. He had brushed them off once already en route home.

**Police Salute**  
Pedestrians and street car riders gaped as they recognized Nashimoto on his jeep ride. Policemen saluted.

The prince drew in his breath sharply at the sight of cherry trees in brilliant bloom and exclaimed: "How beautiful. I never thought I would see them this spring."

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## Conservatives Win in Japan

Tokyo, April 13 (AP)—Virtually final, unofficial returns from Japan's general election emphasized tonight a heavy conservative bloc would dominate the house of representatives which meets May 10 to consider a new constitution.

Meantime, Japanese were promised a lively fight between Premier Shidehara, who is determined to retain his cabinet until the constitution has been adopted, and Liberal Party Leader Iohiro Hatoyama, who wants to form a coalition government.

With only one seat of the 466-member house to be filled, newspaper figures gave the Liberals—who actually are conservative—141 seats, a lead of 48 over their nearest rivals, the progressives, who also are conservative. The Progressive membership was reduced by tonight's figures to 93.

With their total of 234 votes, the two parties hold a bare majority, but may get support from many of the 80 Independent and some of the 92 Social democrats elected. The latter has both right and left factions. Other seats went to: Minor parties 39, Cooperatives 14 and Communists five.

The House will meet with 465 members. A last minute change in the election law eliminated two seats previously scheduled to be added to the 466 House membership.

Assessing the results of the election, in which women voted for the first time and chose at least 35 of their sex on the diet, the influential newspaper Asahi said:

"The fact many votes were cast for old influences such as the progressive and liberal parties demonstrates that realities do not change at a jump . . ."

## Newport Airport Leased to Coulter

Newport, April 13 (AP)—The \$1,500,000 naval airport here, now turned back to the city, has been leased to Newport air service, managed by E. F. Coulter.

He said the field would have flight instruction, charter service and plane rentals for fishing and hunting trips. Its title is to be "The Airport By the Sea."

## 3 Year Old Killed and 2 Other Children Burned by Blast

Burns suffered in a black powder explosion Friday afternoon resulted fatally Friday night for Leonard Leon Veith, 3 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Veith, small aunt, Beverly Darlene Montgomery, 9 years old, is in critical condition at Salem General hospital. She has third degree burns over much of her body.

The accident occurred near the homes of the children when they evidently touched a match to a jar of powder that had been left in an outbuilding. Members of the family said they did not know the powder was there and thought it had been left there prior to their occupancy of the place.

The explosion tore the clothing almost entirely from the children. Carol Klein, 7, who lives in the same neighborhood and who was slightly burned by

## House Votes to Raise Draft Age From 18 to 20

Washington, April 13 (AP)—The house tentatively voted a five-month draft "holiday" today after having voted earlier to ban induction of teen-agers.

Nearing final action on legislation extending the draft law nine months beyond May 15, the house adopted the amendment to prohibit any inductions between May 15 and October 15 of this year by a standing vote of 149 to 127.

**Holiday Voted**

Under terms of the amendment, inductions could be resumed after Oct. 15 only by presidential decree and a finding that voluntary enlistments were insufficient to meet the manpower needs of the army and navy.

The proposed ban on teenage inductions was approved also on a teller vote of 195 to 96 which was subject to a roll call later.

Earlier, the chamber had refused to raise the minimum draft age to 21.

**Offered by May**

The teen age amendment was introduced by Chairman May (D., Ky.) of the military committee, who told the house "it's wrong to put children in the army."

In a speech supporting the proposal, he told the House he believed it also would be "a wise move" to stop all inductions while a voluntary enlistment program is in operation.

An amendment to extend the draft law from May 15 of this year to Feb. 15, 1947, but to prohibit actual inductions between May 15 and October 15 of this year is pending.

May's committee has urged a straight nine-month extension with no change in existing age limits and no draft "holiday."

Opposing May's amendment, Rep. Walter G. Andrews of New York, top republican on the military committee, told the House there were not enough acceptable men in the pool over 19 to furnish the manpower needs of the armed services between now and July 1, 1947.

## Round-up Nazis Hiding in China

Shanghai, April 13 (AP)—A round-up of prominent Nazis hiding out in China was announced today by American military authorities as plans were laid for mass deportation — in American ships — of all Germans known to have been connected with the Hitler regime.

"We are going to get them all—even those who have been able to evade the Chinese so far," said Col. Richard C. Wittmann of Lincoln, Neb., repatriation chief in the China theater.

Wittmann said the Nazis probably would be tried in war crimes courts in Germany, and added that negotiations were under way with Soviet, British and French authorities for the return of these repatriates to their respective sections of the Fatherland.

Chinese authorities already have rounded up many Germans in China. Most of these now are in the Shanghai area.

Wittmann said the first deportation ship probably would sail next June with about 1500 Germans, including the wives and children of alleged Nazis.

"This by no means will complete the repatriation of Germans from China," he emphasized.



**Nylon Sale Blocks Traffic**—San Francisco's Market street was turned into a tumult by a scheduled after-hours sale of 10,000 pairs of nylon stockings intended to give working girls a chance at the precious hosiery. Police, fearful that the situation might get out of hand, cancelled the sale before its starting time. Long lines of expectant shoppers surged into the street, blocking traffic for nearly an hour.

## Meatless Menus in Many Areas of Nation

(By the Associated Press)  
Housewives were forced to figure out meatless menus in many sections of the nation today. Butcher shop proprietors in Chicago, helplessly attempted to cope with the customers' clamor for meat by offering a few chickens, sausage or the usually least popular cuts.

## Cost of Feeding Japs and Nazis

Washington, April 13 (AP)—The United States today was reported planning monthly expenditures of almost \$60,000,000 to help feed occupied Germany and Japan until mid-1947.

A total of \$700,000,000 has been earmarked for this purpose in the war department's budget estimates for the 12 months beginning July 1, according to an official who withheld his name.

To make up current deficiencies food already is being shipped into the U.S.-occupied zone of Germany at the rate of more than 50,000 tons a month. About 25,000 tons of rice and rice substitutes have been delivered to Japan thus far.

This food is paid for from war department funds to "prevent disease and unrest," Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy military governor, explained in first announcing to the Germans the extent of American aid.

The basic ration of the 18,000,000 Germans in the U. S. zone was reduced this month from 1555 to 1275 calories. Officials declined to reveal the ration contemplated under the new budget estimates.

By the end of June, it was estimated that the United States will have supplied 350,000 tons since the German ration first was supplemented late last year. In addition some 182,000 tons of food, largely of American origin, have been delivered thus far to the British and French zones.

## Baby Panda Gets Priority

London, April 14 (AP)—The ministry of civil aviation said today Britain's new baby panda has been given a No. 1 air priority from India to London, even if 11,000 passengers are waiting in India, because it is a very special case.

A ministry spokesman warmly defended the priority despite criticism in the House of Lords that people should come before pandas.

"We are well aware that many thousands are trying to get air passages from India to England," he said. "However, the panda is a very special case. This rare animal is a gift of the Chinese government."

"In appreciation of this generosity," the Royal Zoological society has arranged for a year's scholarship here for the Chinese student who will accompany the panda to this country.

"In order that the convenience of the Chinese government might be met, and in order that the panda get here safely, the matter was submitted to the British priorities board."

"In appreciation of all aspects of the situation, the priority was forthcoming."

**The Weather**  
(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)  
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy today and tonight with increasing cloudiness Sunday. Light scattered showers today and tonight with very light rain expected Sunday. Little temperature change with lowest tonight 45. Maximum yesterday 64. Minimum today 48. Mean temperature yesterday 54, which was 3 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11.30 a. m. today trace. Total precipitation for the month 62 which is .56 inches below normal. Willamette river height 2.6 ft.

# Sino-American Peace Envoys Defied by Reds

Marshall's Return  
Awaited to End Civil  
War in Manchuria

Peiping, April 13 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., disclosed today that the Sino-American peace committee of three, with substitutes having replaced all original members, is powerless to act in the Manchurian crisis.

Gillem said he has acquainted General Marshall, whom he temporarily replaced as the American member, with the seriousness of the Manchurian situation. He is awaiting instructions from Marshall, who explained from Washington yesterday to return as President Truman's special envoy to China.

**Only Marking Time**

The committee marked time today, its fact-finding mission to Manchuria halted short of that civil strife torn territory because of its impotency.

A source close to the committee said Marshall's immediate return is vital if accomplishments thus far toward unifying China are to be preserved. Marshall personally negotiated both political and military truces between Chinese government and communist factions in January. The agreements have not been made effective and the Manchurian situation admittedly is more tense than when Marshall left for Washington a month ago.

**Railroad Broken**

A reconnaissance plane dispatched by Sino-American truce headquarters here to the area north of Shanhaiwan and south of Suichung returned with photographs showing five breaks in the Peiping-Mukden railroad, throat of the government communication line to Manchuria.

The government field protests, charging violation of the cease fire agreement, with truce headquarters.

## Red Delegates Under Arrest

By Reynolds Packard

Kaiyuan, Manchuria, April 11 (Delayed) (AP)—Communist troops attacked this rail center 100 miles south of Changchun today while a Chinese-American team sought to make peace, and the nationalist commander placed communist armistice delegates under virtual arrest.

Nationalist General Liang Shen-Wha charged the communist members of the peace delegation either were sending out information about nationalist positions to the communist troops, or were unwittingly proving helpful to them.

The American chairman of the delegation, Col. Frank Culley of Yonkers, N. Y., intervened energetically for the communist delegate, and Lieut. Gen. Wang Kuan, the nationalist delegate, in communist headquarters during the night, communist troops attacked the town.

The communists attempted to charge through the south gate of Kaiyuan and gain possession of the main street.

Nationalist mortars, machine guns and rifles fired back and eventually halted the attack. The bank building in which I was billeted shook from the mortar explosions and gunfire flashed up and down the streets.

**Peron's Inauguration**

Buenos Aires, April 13 (AP)—Col. Juan D. Peron probably will be inaugurated for his six-year term as Argentina's 29th president between June 4 and June 20, Gen. Felipe Urdapilleta, minister of the interior, has announced.

## To Seek Substitute Bus Service Pending Strike End

Alderman Albert H. Gillette, chairman of the public utilities committee of the city council, said today he would attempt to get action in the council meeting Monday night for a substitute bus service for Salem pending settlement of the strike by employees of Oregon Motor Stages.

Gillette, though uncertain just what could be done, believes there is a possibility that the McClean Transportation company, which operates a system of school buses, could be induced, with authority from the council, to operate on the streets at least during portions of the day, and that a similar arrangement might be made with the Salem Suburban Lines, operated by Dwight E. Wyatt, and running two vehicles in rural areas around Salem.

Gillette said he had not contacted either McClean or Wyatt, but expected to do so before Monday night.

"At any rate," he said, "I will ask the council to authorize the utilities committee to go ahead and see what can be done to relieve the situation. It has reached a serious stage after a week without bus transportation."

# Poles' Charges Against Spain Aired Monday

Franco to Be Given  
Hearing—Asks U. N.  
To Inspect Plants

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Francisco Franco, Spain's agile dictator for nearly a decade, found himself today upon his toughest diplomatic spot since the wartime years when the Axis demanded a pay-off for past favors.

He was pinned there by Poland's demand for United Nations action against his government on the grounds that it constitutes a menace to the world's peace and security.

The United Nations' security council will weigh Poland's request probably on Monday. Just what action it will take has caused brisk speculation. But a full-fledged review of Franco's rule appeared assured.

United States diplomatic officials already have let it be known, this country will make no effort to block an open airing of Poland's indictment. France already has demonstrated her antipathy toward Franco by closing her border to Spain. Russia has gone even further with a demand for prosecution of Franco as a war criminal.

**To Get Hearing**

There appeared a possibility that Franco might be accorded an opportunity to offer a formal defense of his regime. Inquiry among diplomatic officials here last night as to whether a representative of Spain might be permitted to address the council brought the reply that if the council hears one side of the case, there would seem no reason to prevent it hearing the other. The Spanish cabinet's disclaimer of Poland's charges last night indicated Spain would welcome such an opportunity.

Regardless of what disposition the security council eventually makes of the Polish charges, the coming discussion seemed certain to contribute to the pressure-campaign undertaken by the Allies to force a bloodless change of rule in Spain, wartime spy post and supply source for Germany and Italy.

**Hardly Friend Left**

The present threatened crisis finds Franco and his Spanish government with hardly a friend ready to champion their cause or ideology in the court of world opinion.

Spanish sources said Franco might send a representative to the council, if asked, on the condition that he be allowed to speak without taking the role of defending a nation "on trial."

Some authorities suggested that the council under its elastic powers could call upon a non-voting non-member to participate in its own interests, if desired, in order that both sides might be heard.

**Fall Hearing Favored**

Similarly, in its wide latitude of operation, the council could send members or delegated technicians to Spain as an investigative body if the evidence of Poland—and supporting arguments expected to be offered by Russia, France and Mexico against Spain—indicates that such action is necessary.

United States policy on the Spanish question indicated support for the idea of a full hearing of the case, including the Franco side, with decision reserved until all the evidence has been heard.

## Spain Sends Invitation

Madrid, April 13 (AP)—The Franco cabinet, describing the latest accusations against Spain as part of a world communist campaign, today invited the United Nations to send a commission to this country to "prove the absolute falsity" of charges that German scientists are working on the atomic bomb in Spain.

In a brief communique the cabinet also termed "false" and "absurd" charges brought by Poland at the United Nations security council meeting in New York that Spain was endangering world peace.

Poland also had asserted that the Franco government was harboring German scientists, and reports from Paris said that a German scientist was operating an atomic research laboratory near Toledo.

The invitation for a committee to tour Spain was limited to "those nations represented in the United Nations with which Spain maintains friendly relations." Members of the security council which do not maintain diplomatic relations with the Franco government are Poland, Russia, Mexico, France and China.

**Hoover Gets Reich Report**

Berlin, April 13 (AP)—Herbert Hoover received today a detailed report on health conditions in the United States occupation zone of Germany.

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