

# Stassen Places Name on Oregon Primaries List

## First Presidential Candidate to Personally File in Oregon

Harold E. Stassen, ex-governor of Minnesota, Saturday personally filed a statement of his candidacy with Dave O'Hara, in charge of elections in the secretary of state's office, thus placing his name on the Oregon preferential presidential ballot.

The appearance of Stassen in person marked the first time in at least 33 years that a candidate for president of the United States had personally filed his own petitions, O'Hara said.

In 1940 the late Wendell Wilkie filed a declaration of candidacy, according to O'Hara, but the declaration was sent to O'Hara's office by mail.

Flies Here From Eugene Stassen, after conferring in Eugene with Robert A. Elliott, Oregon manager for his campaign, and other Stassen leaders, decided to fly into Salem in his chartered plane.

He and members of his entourage arrived at the Salem airport at 9:30 a. m. and the filing was made at 9:45 a. m. After filing the petitions, Stassen issued a formal statement in which he declared that an active and constructive campaign will be carried on in Oregon during which time the views of Stassen on the major issues before the country will be given to the Oregon voters.

State-wide Organization He announced that under the direction of Elliott, a state-wide volunteer organization of men and women would be formed to aid him in his campaign.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York will be on the Oregon ballots and present indications point to a two-man race between Dewey and Stassen in this state for the republican presidential preference.

Highlights of Stassen's stand as given in his statement are:

**Development of the Resources of the Pacific Northwest**—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.

**Two members of the next republican cabinet** should come from the 11 western states and one of these should be the new secretary of the interior.

**Our American economy** should be kept free, and alert action should be taken by government to avoid high prices, booms and depression busts, and a humanitarian concern for the welfare of the people should be fundamental in governmental policy.

**As long as rulers of Russia** follow their present obstructionist tactics, shipments of machine tools and electrical machinery and apparatus to Russia should be stopped.

**The United Nations** should be strengthened through a charter amending convention.

**Military Aid Enroute China** Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—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 scour the Pacific for additional planes which might be made available to the nationalist government.

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 percent of that.

**2 Killed at Grand Ronde** Grand Ronde, Feb. 21 (AP)—Two Grand Ronde lumber workers were killed yesterday by a dynamite charge they had set off to clear stumps. The victims were Lloyd Weaver, 19 and Fred Moore, 49. Investigators said they were intent on a charge that appeared not to be going off. As they approached, it did.

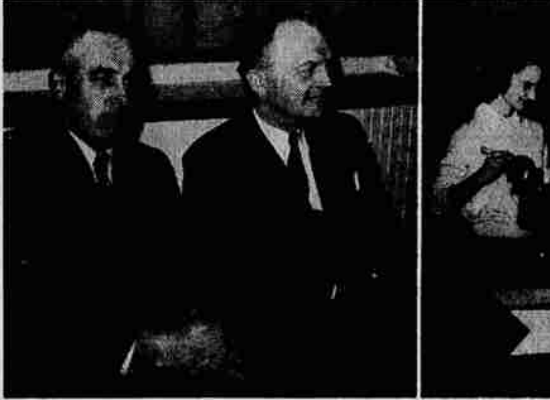
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## Wheat Prices Climb Slightly

New York, Feb. 21 (AP)—Grain prices pulled out of a slow decline near the close today and went ahead of the previous day by one to two cents a bushel. Cotton and other commodities were narrow and mixed.

Stocks at New York closed a little higher but volume was extremely slim, reflecting in part the approaching long week-end. Markets will be closed Monday in observance of Washington's birthday.

Hogs, cattle and lambs held nominally steady in Chicago's big market. No retail price changes of importance came to light as retailers tried to appraise the effect of the Feb. 4 crack in primary markets.

The big break in the commodity markets has reduced retail food prices an average of 3 1/2 percent from January highs. Other cost-of-living items either clung to post-war peaks or headed upward.

This was the picture presented by the government's bureau of labor statistics in its first official report on the effect of the market slump on retail prices.

The government study covered 20 foods in 12 cities. It represented a cross section picture of grocery and meat prices between the highs of mid-January and February 17.

The big break in commodity prices began February 4. The BLS report stated 13 of the 20 foods showed declines. Five showed increases. Two—bread and navy beans—showed no change.

The government bureau found the biggest drops in pork chops, lard, bacon, eggs and lettuce. Prices from fresh fruits and vegetables rose, the report said.

**Extension of Maritime Commission Law Sought** Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Rep. Jackson (R-Wash) urged a house committee today to extend for 18 months the law under which the maritime commission can operate, charter and dispose of war-built vessels.

The law expires February 29. Jackson asked an extension to June 30, 1949.

**MacArthur Too Busy to Make Trip to Capital** Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The house foreign affairs committee had a tough political decision lifted right out of its hands today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The general's name got tangled up in the committee's aid-to-China discussions yesterday when some members suggested inviting him to Washington to testify on far eastern problems.

That started an argument. Congressmen opposing the move said it could be used as an attempt to boom MacArthur for the GOP presidential nomination.

## Stassen Finds Willamette Valley Hospitable

At upper left table at Marion hotel luncheon, left to right, Robert A. Elliott, Oregon manager for Stassen, Gov. Stassen and B. E. (Kelly) Owens, Marion county republican chairman; next upper, Mayor Clifford Likes of Stayton welcomes Stassen. Right upper, Stassen on platform at Stayton high school, left to right, Mayor Likes, Harry Humphrey, reception chairman, Gov. Stassen and State Senator Allan Carson. Lower left, Scio's Mayor Carl Warren with Stassen on platform at Bohemian Hall. Lower center, shows Lebanon high school girls serving strawberry short cake to the presidential aspirant. Left to right, Jeannette Baird, Colleen Rappe, Earnestine Field and Stassen. Lower right, Stassen greets crowd at Sweet Home high school.

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Senator Byrd of Virginia gave the democratic party's Dixie rebels this advice today: Hold your fire—but keep your powder dry.

Byrd told a reporter he wants the south to be sure where it is going before it cuts long-standing political ties in the argument over President Truman's civil rights proposals.

"We must make a calm, deliberate decision, on the basis of events as they happen and then be prepared to go through with it to the end," he said.

Byrd told a party gathering at Richmond, Va., Friday night that the south won't stand for laws setting up a fair employment commission, making lynching a federal offense and banning poll taxes and race separation.

But he added that it would be time enough to decide what to do if southerners should lose their fight against enactment of such legislation by congress.

Several house members from 11 southern states have adopted a resolution condemning the president's program. They will confer with five southern governors here Monday.

**Storm Warnings Flying on Coast** Seattle, Feb. 21 (AP)—Small craft warnings were changed to southeast storm warnings from Tatoosh to the mouth of the Columbia river at 6 o'clock last night.

Southeast storm warnings were hoisted from the Columbia to Cape Blanco, Ore., for strong to occasionally gale force southerly winds.

Small craft warnings were continued for 24 hours on the inland waters of Washington.

## 'Grass Roots' Drive Made by Stassen

Harold E. Stassen did some "grass roots" campaigning in Marion and Linn counties Friday in his quest for support for the republican nomination as president.

In his unprecedented campaign, Scio, Lebanon and Sweet Home, he made short talks at Stayton, He did more than just talk, he took sufficient time to shake the hand of virtually every man, woman, and child child who were in the four auditoriums.

This, his associates say, is an old habit. During his three successful campaigns for the governorship of Minnesota, Stassen always went to every city, town and hamlet, talking and shaking hands with everyone in sight.

In all of his talks Stassen declared that the United States should stop sending heavy machinery and electrical goods to Russia.

"Until the leaders in the Kremlin begin to co-operate with the rest of the world," he said, "we should not send one piece of machinery or electrical equipment that could be made a part of a Soviet war machine."

In Stayton, Stassen was introduced to the student body of the high school and townspeople by Mayor Clifford Likes.

"I like your country out here," he said. "Much of your farming country is similar to that in northern Minnesota, although we do not have the nut orchards there."

The ex-governor's talk in Scio was in the Bohemian hall where he was introduced by Mayor Carl Warren, who told Stassen that there were so few republicans in the town, they were forced to put two democrats on the reception committee.

"I may need those democratic votes next November," Stassen said with a broad grin on his face. (Concluded on Page 3, Column 6)

**Rain in Valleys, Snow in Mountains** Heavy rains in the valleys and snow in mountain passes were reported by the state highway department today.

Nineteen inches of snow fell at the Santiam highway junction last night, and motorists were warned to use chains. Snow was still falling in the area this morning.

The department reported mixed snow and rain at Government Camp and 12 inches of new snow on the Willamette highway. Snow plows were clearing the latter route.

**The Weather** (Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Mostly cloudy with few showers tonight and Sunday. Lowest expected temperature tonight, 42 degrees; highest Sunday, 55. Maximum yesterday 47. Minimum today 43. Mean temperature yesterday 43, which was 1 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today .58. Total precipitation for the month 4.40, which is .77 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Saturday morning, 7.5 feet, rising.

## Belgians Get Sheets Back

Hemroulle, Belgium, Feb. 21 (AP)—The good people of Hemroulle got their bed sheets back today from the Americans.

Col. John Hanlon of Winchester, Mass., presented each of the 24 Henroulle villagers with a pair of crisp new bed sheets in the name of his fellow townspeople.

It was a day of joy for this tiny snow-covered hamlet three miles north of Bastogne. The church bells pealed, bugles sounded and the children waved Belgian and American flags.

They called it "Winchester Day." This is the story behind the celebration: On Christmas eve in 1944 Col. Hanlon, then a major commanding the first battalion of the 502nd parachute infantry, dropped out of the skies with his men onto the snow-covered fields surrounding Hemroulle.

It was during the critical Battle of the Bulge. Hanlon went to the church and summoned the villagers by tolling the bell. He explained the Americans needed camouflage to hide them from the Germans.

The villagers went to their homes and returned with previous snow-white bed sheets. Hanlon promised the sheets would be returned.

Today Hanlon fulfilled his promise. He returned to the village and again summoned the villagers to the church by tolling the bell.

He presented each of the villagers with a pair of crisp new bed sheets—the gift of the people of Winchester in appreciation for the generosity of the villagers of Hemroulle.

In addition more than 600 sheets were presented to the old people's home in Bastogne. All of the sheets were marked with the names of the Winchester donors.

**Assassination Threat For Mayor Riley** Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—An assassination threat against Mayor Earl Riley was reported today by police who said they believed it was the work of a crank.

The threat was made in a 4 a. m. telephone call to a newspaper. Police were sent to the mayor's home.

Riley said he wasn't disturbed as "this isn't the first time I've received a threat."

The mayor has been in the center of a controversy raging all week since a City club committee reported that vice and gambling interests operate in Portland under police protection. The club membership yesterday approved the report but directed its committee to amend it by naming names. The mayor told the City club the charges were unfounded.

## 3rd Week-end Storm Raging

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—The Pacific northwest's third consecutive week-end storm today piled snow high in Oregon's Cascade range and dumped heavy rains in the western part of the state.

Santiam junction between Salem and Bend reported 19 inches of new snow, Hood River on the Columbia river highway reported 18 inches and The Dalles, 12 inches.

Winds reached 35 miles an hour on the coast and 25 miles an hour inland. They moderated later, but the weather bureau warned the storm would intensify late tonight or early tomorrow.

Climbing temperatures turned snow to rain at lower elevations. Falls City reported 2.47 inches in the last 24 hours, Brookings 2.42 inches, Salem 1.02, Eugene .85 and the Portland airport weather station, .79 inches.

The Santiam river at Jefferson was expected to go over flood stage of 13 feet and the Willamette at Harrisburg to approach flood level of 12 feet tomorrow with negligible damage. The weather bureau said flood stages are not expected elsewhere.

**Vernon Bull Files For State Senator** Vernon D. Bull, La Grande, former state representative, filed today for the office of state senator from the 21st district, Union and Wallawa counties. He is a democrat.

**Linoleum Strike Settled** Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—The linoleum layers' strike was settled today with an agreement for a 20-cent-an-hour wage increase. That brings the journeymen scale to \$1.95. About 115 AFL layers have been off the job since Jan. 1.

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**Rebuilding of Vanport School Provided in Bill** Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—An appropriation of not more than \$130,000 to rebuild the high school building in Vanport, Ore., which was damaged by fire last month, is provided in a bill introduced by Rep. Angell (R-Ore.).

# Agree to Extend Rent Controls For Thirty Days

## House, Senate GOP Leaders Seek Time for Permanent Bill

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—A 30-day extension of rent controls was agreed on today by senate and house republican leaders. The present controls are due to expire Feb. 29.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) told reporters the senate will be asked to act late next week on a 30-day extension bill the house is expected to pass Tuesday.

The extension would allow both chambers time to decide whether to continue controls, for how long and in what form. The senate now is debating a bill to continue controls 14 months with some changes from the present law.

**14 Months Extension** Chairman Wolcott (R-N.J.) said his house banking committee will not consider until later the proposed 14-month extension bill. Taft said this may be approved by the senate Tuesday.

Because of this, Taft said it will be necessary for the senate to act on the 30-day extension, proposed by the house.

Taft said, however, that the senate will go ahead with the long-range measure in order to get it out of the way.

Wolcott said the house group will hold several days of hearings on the long-range measure before it acts.

Senator Cain (R-Wash) said earlier that he may join opponents of a proposal to jail and fine rent control violators. Such a provision is included in the 14-month extension measure the senate is considering.

**Propose Jail Penalty** Senator Cain headed a banking sub-committee which helped write the new rent bill. He was appointed to steer it through the senate.

"I don't want a law without any enforcement teeth in it," he told reporters after listening to the first day of debate.

"But if we are going to drop anything, I would be for dropping the criminal provision first."

**Steel Leaders Must Explain** Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Top leaders of the steel industry will be called before a joint congressional economic committee next Thursday to explain a general \$5 a ton boost in steel prices.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said this decision was reached "unanimously" today at a closed session of the senate-house economic committee of which he is chairman.

"We voted to invite two or three typical steel leaders in here to explain the recent rise in steel prices," Taft told reporters. "It will be a preliminary discussion to decide if we want to go into this further."

Taft said there had been "some discussion" of the boost in basic steel prices before the economic group today.

He said the witnesses probably will be representatives of "U.S. Steel, little steel and the independents."

Taft said the steel price inquiry will be open to the public. Earlier Senator Ball (R-Minn) had suggested that Attorney General Clark should look into the steel price boost.

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# Benes Refuses Demand of Reds For Cabinet Jobs

## Czech Premier Demands Reshuffling of Coalition Cabinet

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Eduard Benes refused today, for the time being at least, to accept the resignations of anti-communist ministers in the national coalition government.

The president left Prague for his country home at Lany without announcing any action in the government crisis. Benes appeared to be holding fast against the communists' demands that they be permitted to replace the eight ministers who sought to resign. The aim of the resignation is generally believed here to have been to force the communists to agree to an early election.

**Coalition Continues** Before the president left, he conferred with communist Premier Klement Gottwald, who has demanded a reshuffling of both national and local governments. Speaking to thousands at a public rally, Gottwald insisted that Benes should let him name a cabinet without the ministers of the three parties represented in the resignations.

The national coalition government still exists technically, Benes' office said he had taken no action toward dissolving the constituent national assembly or toward the calling of an election of a new parliament.

Gottwald spoke in the old town square. "We are prepared," and other slogans came from his hearers. **Prepare for Coup**

Communist party officials said more than 200,000 followers massed in the square. For hours before the meeting began, men, women and children came by trolley and on foot. Big buses brought miners and factory workers from nearby towns.

The demonstrators jeered the mention of the three anti-communist parties that quit the government over the issue of communist control of police.

Gottwald called the eight ministers that resigned "agents of foreign reaction." He said they must not be allowed to return to the cabinet.

The cabinet holds power from a constituent national assembly elected in May, 1946, when the communists polled the biggest vote. The assembly was set up to serve until a new constitution could be put into effect.

**Soviet Protest Rejected by U.S.** Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The United States today rejected a Russian protest against a forthcoming American-British-French meeting to organize the economy of western Germany, and blamed Russian policies for making the step necessary.

Undersecretary of State Robert Lovett sent a note to Soviet Ambassador Alexander Panyushkin declaring that "the failure of the Soviet government to observe the principles of economic unity" in Germany "impels the other three powers" to organize the German economy in the interests of both German and European recovery.

The note was worded with unusual bluntness. Lovett told Panyushkin flatly that Russia's protest against the three power meeting which opens in London Monday "can only be construed as an effort to shift the responsibility incurred by the Soviet government itself for the present division of Germany."

Russia has protested that the three power talks on Germany would violate the Potsdam agreement. Russia interprets that as requiring all German national problems to be handled jointly by all four of the occupying powers.

Russia has said that it would regard as unacceptable any decisions reached by the London conference.

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