

Crime Rampant In Salem As in Other Cities

Chief Minto Blames Lack of Sufficient Police and Funds

Salem is in the midst of a wave of burglary and theft. Most of the cases of recent weeks remain unexplained by arrest. Several major cases have been cleared. Business houses, homes, churches and vehicles parked on streets are being raided almost nightly by thieves.

Chief of Police Frank A. Minto concedes there's more crime here than should ordinarily be expected in a city of this size. "But," he adds, "it's no worse here than elsewhere. There's a crime wave all over the country, and the Salem police department, considering its limited personnel, is taking care of the situation as well as any police force could. Anyway, it's doing a lot of hard work."

No Charge of Negligence

No one, officially at least, has made any charge of negligence against the police. City Manager J. L. Franzen agrees with the chief that the department needs more men.

"But what can be done about it?" he asks. "More policemen mean more money, and right now the city hasn't the money. Next year I think it will be different."

Chief Minto says he has the responsibility of running a police department with a personnel based on the census of 1940 when Salem's population was just over 31,000. It's now around 47,000.

"I've been asking for five additional men for the last three years," said the chief. "That wouldn't be much of an increase when you consider the fact that the city has added to its area by annexation and to its population by 15,000 or more."

Insufficient Force

Police personnel is usually considered normal with one officer for each 1000 population. Salem has 32 working policemen, including the plainclothesmen.

"Under those conditions," the chief said, "it's impossible to keep a thorough coverage of the city at all hours. Experienced criminals know that. They study police patrols and they case a town before they pull a job."

"I haven't done much complaining. I know public money comes hard.

"And there are other reasons for the crime condition here besides shortage of officers. Salem is a state prison town. Ex-convicts are released here. Often they hang around. And we are under the eaves of Portland. If a crook finds it necessary to leave Portland, it isn't unlikely he'll come to Salem. This is a good place for contacts with others of his kind."

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Boeing Appeals NLRB Decision

Seattle, July 26 (AP)—New court action was indicated today as the Boeing Airplane company announced it would appeal the recommendation of a national labor relations board trial examiner that the company be required to bargain with the striking Aeronautical Mechanics union (Ind.).

The examiner's recommendations, which either party may appeal within 20 days, also proposed:

That Boeing cease any interference with the right of its employees to organize;

That workers now on strike be reinstated upon application to their former or equivalent positions without prejudice;

That such reinstatements be made even if it is necessary to dismiss persons hired after April 25;

That the company be required to make up any wages lost by returning strikers as a result of the company's failure to reinstate them after they apply.

Simultaneously with the company's announcement that it will appeal the report, heads of the union said they will ask immediately for resumption of negotiations.

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Seek to Discard City Manager Plan in Salem

Two Labor Union Officials Would Restore Old Council Regime

Whether the people of Salem are satisfied with the managerial form of city government, or would prefer to go back to the old councilmanic system is to be discussed at a meeting called at Salem Labor temple Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

A letter inviting representatives of service clubs, civic organizations and other groups to attend the meeting was sent out over the signatures of Herbert E. Barker, executive secretary of the Salem Central Trades and Labor council, and C. F. Burt, business agent for the Building Trades council.

Acting on Own Initiative

Burt explained Monday, however, that he and Barker are acting entirely on their own initiative and do not, as far as the letter asking for the meeting is concerned, represent the labor unions or any other organization.

Burt also spiked a rumor that organized labor is out to "get" Chief of Police Frank A. Minto. "That rumor is absolutely false," Burt said. "The chief of police, fire chief, nor anyone else has been discussed. We aren't out to get anybody."

To Ascertain Sentiment

"We have heard a good many objections to the managerial form of government. We hope at the Wednesday night meeting to find out if a majority of the people of Salem are happy under this system or would prefer to return to the old plan. If most of the people like the present form of government that is fine with us. If they are not then we think a bill should be initiated to vote on the matter. "We want to know whether the city is being run by a majority, and whether there may have been a time when a majority wanted the managerial system and now think it hasn't panned out."

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Stevenson Leads Texas Primary

Dallas, Tex., July 26 (AP)—Former Governor Coke Stevenson held a lead of more than 6,000 votes today over Lyndon Johnson for a seat in the U. S. senate.

The Texas election bureau's latest returns, which include 782,256 ballots, gave Gov. Beauford Jester 53 percent of the vote in his re-election campaign apparently precluding a runoff in that race.

Stevenson and Johnson headed a field of 11 contesting the seat being vacated by Sen. W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel. The two will vie for the democratic nomination, the equivalent of election, in the second primary August 28.

House Minority Leader Sam Rayburn held a long lead over two contenders in the fourth congressional district, while O. C. Fisher gained a majority lead in his fight to retain his seat from the 21st district. Charles L. South, a former congressman, is his chief opponent.

Man, 31, Drowns In Seaside Surf

Seaside, Ore., July 26 (AP)—Frank Bromley, 31, Astoria, drowned in the surf here Sunday as thousands of week-end visitors watched from the beach.

Lifeguards said Bromley, drag tender on the army engineers' dredge Davidson, apparently was seized with cramps. Efforts of firemen, lifeguards and a physician to revive him failed.

Lumber Mill in West Salem Destroyed by Fire Sunday

Fire Sunday morning destroyed the sawmill plant of the West Salem Lumber company on Wallace road, with an estimated loss of \$45,000.

The fire knocked out a payroll of about \$14,000 a month and the employment of 45 men.

How the fire started is not known. A short circuit of electrical wiring is considered possible. But a series of week-end fires in the Willamette valley, including three mill fires in the Eugene-Springfield area, gives some ground for suspicion of arson.

Eugene Nordone, West Salem police officer, was pursuing a suspected stolen car and passing the mill about 8:30 a.m. when he noticed a small blaze in the lower part of the building housing the mill. He started to give a radio alarm when the fire flared with the suddenness of an explosion and in a moment practically enveloped the building.

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\$210,000 Loss In Oregon Fires

(By the United Press)

Week-end fires burned an estimated \$210,000 worth of property in Oregon's Willamette valley, it was reported here today.

The Summerville roofing plant at Eugene burned to the ground Saturday night causing a total loss of \$90,000. Firemen said the fire was one of three of unknown origin which kept them on the run most of the night.

A sawdust pile flared up at the Mogan Lumber company and another blaze broke out in a lumber yard.

About \$25,000 in pine lumber was destroyed in the Western Timber Products yard where several million dollars in lumber was stacked.

The Colonial House at Milwaukie caught fire Sunday from an overheated water pipe, firemen said, and the battle to drown the flames lasted four hours with a loss of \$50,000. An estimated 24,000 gallons of water was pumped on the Colonial House in an effort to save the \$15,000 structure and expensive fixtures, which state police said included slot machines and roulette wheels.

Another Sunday blaze destroyed the West Salem Lumber company on the West Salem road for a toll of \$45,000. Firemen saved the planing mill and a huge stock of lumber. The cause was not determined.

Progressives Reject Flood Relief Plank

Philadelphia, July 26 (AP)—An Oregon attempt failed to get a flood relief pledge into the progressive party platform here this week-end.

Vaughan S. Albertson, vice chairman of the Oregon delegation, asked the convention to include in its platform a pledge to extend special federal aid to Pacific northwest flood victims.

Lee Pressman, platform committee secretary objected it was not the job of the convention to write a detailed legislative program, but a statement of party principles.

He said the party could not accept the amendment without writing in promises to relieve victims of other disasters.

The convention went along with Pressman.

Magnuson's Clerks Wearing Turnips

Washington, July 26 (AP)—Four young women who work in the office of Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.) wore turnips the size of golf balls on their dresses today.

The reason: President Truman, in telling the democratic national convention he was calling a special session of congress to meet today, said July 26 is turnip day in Missouri—the date when turnips are planted.

Those wearing the turnips—green tops and all—were Lucie Lonergan, daughter of the late Senator Lonergan of Connecticut, Bernice Lee, Ann Sanders and Jesse Robertson, all of Washington state.

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Dayton's Centennial Draws Thousands

Dayton, Ore., July 26—The 100th anniversary of the founding of this city by Joel Palmer in 1848 drew thousands of persons to the community over the week-end with the celebration culminating in the annual Old Timers' picnic at the city park and completion of a two-day rodeo Sunday afternoon.

Feature of the celebration was the colorful street parade Saturday afternoon with 40 entries in the line of march. Top award for floats went to the Dayton Civic club, depicting an early scene in pioneer life, with second to the McMinnville creamery, a float with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pedersen, in old-time costume, ensconced in a primitive environment. Third place went to American Legion post No. 69 of Dayton with a float depicting a Flanders field.

Mrs. Charles L. Fowler, Dayton, Rt. 1, (Unionvale), won first prize for women in costume. She appeared in a sun-bonnet and long dress familiar to pioneers. Second and third prizes were awarded Mrs. James Richardson and Mrs. Clair Heider.

In the children's division Kayleen Hicks, Dayton, was awarded first prize with second place to Waldo Farnham, McMinnville and third to Dick Sitton, Jr., Dayton. Don Nuttbrock was first for the best decorated bicycle.

Top award for parade features in costume went to the fire department from Lafayette in old-time regalia. Second went to J. G. Penland and third to Marion Warner. Both are of Dayton.

Rodeos, sponsored by the Dayton Buckaroo association, attracted record crowds both afternoons with a street dance the feature Saturday night. Seventeen events were staged on the rodeo grounds south of the city.

Spectators thrilled and performers spilled. Among those who went down and were counted out were Dale Reynolds, Perrydale, who received a broken shoulder and Rowland Hantz, of Carlton, of the Yamhill sheriff's posse, who received a broken nose in the Dayton derby. Both were taken to the hospital at McMinnville. Walter C. Leth, Dallas, Polk county agent, announced the events.

Sawmill Union Asks Raise Hike

Eugene, July 26 (AP)—The Willamette valley district council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AF of L, will ask for wage increases in future negotiations, as the result of action taken at a week-end meeting of the council here Sunday. The decision was based on continued increases in the cost of living.

Eldon Kraal, secretary of the council here, said that Lane county lumber operators will be notified of the action and the request today. The last boost for the lumber and sawmill workers was effective April 1, when an increase of five cents per hour was granted. New negotiations are expected to open before Aug. 10, and Kraal predicted an early settlement of the wage question.

Health and welfare plans and retirement plan pay were also discussed, but details of the proposals have not been drafted completely.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a brief appearance of Senator Wayne L. Morse of Eugene, who reaffirmed his continued critical attitude toward the Taft-Hartley law.

Flying Saucer Over Washington

Yakima, Wash., July 26 (AP)—Hundreds of persons claimed today that they saw a silvery moon-shaped object streak through the skies over Washington state yesterday.

Two employees of the civil aeronautics administration were among those who claimed to have sighted the object here.

About the time the object was being reported over Yakima, William B. Apple of Portland, Ore., said he saw something "big, round and bright" moving west over Portland. He said it "suddenly veered southwest in an awful hurry."

Airport Traffic Controller Don Hunt and Aircraft Communicator George Robinson said they saw a silvery disc-like object flying west of here about 2 p.m. and again at 4:20 p.m.

Royal Nod for 2 Colors

London, July 26 (AP)—Princess Elizabeth gave the royal nod today to the two new colors—tide blue and golden beige. The British color council said the blue is a "light smoky turquoise" and the beige is "a deep corn color." Both are on display at the council's fall and winter exhibition.

Jews Balk on Jerusalem Plan

Tel Aviv, Israel, July 26 (AP)—Sources close to the Israel government said today Count Folke Bernadotte's suggestions for immediate demilitarization of Jerusalem appear unacceptable to Israel.

Count Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator, conferred for two hours with Israel's foreign minister, Moshe Shertok, and then departed for Haifa.

Bernadotte announced yesterday that the Arab states have agreed in principle to the demilitarization of Jerusalem.

A United Nations military observer said Jewish planes and infantry had violated the Palestine truce by attacking three Arab villages along the Haifa-Tel Aviv road.

Reporting to Count Folke Bernadotte's mediation headquarters, the observer said Jewish airmen and troops moved against the villages of Jaba, Izrim and Ain Ghazil on three successive nights. The observer added that the villages were occupied by Arab irregulars and Iraqi troops.

Biggest Plane Crosses Nation

Patuxent Naval Air Station, Md., July 26 (AP)—The Constitution, biggest airplane ever to cross the country, did it in 10 hours and 19 minutes yesterday.

The 184,000-pound giant, second of two built by Lockheed Aircraft as naval transports, flew a 2600-mile course from Moffett Field, Calif., at an average speed of about 260 miles an hour.

The plane had the help of tail winds ranging from 20 to 50 miles an hour at 19,000 feet. Some time was wasted dodging thunderstorms.

The navy has not yet accepted either of the flying giant planes. They were built at a cost of \$27,000,000. The first one still is full of flight test fear.

Roy Wimmer, a Lockheed engineering test pilot, described the trip as "the nicest I've ever made across the country."

The navy had a crew of 22 aboard for yesterday's flight.

Most of Truman Proposals Already on Congress List

Washington, July 26 (AP)—Most of the law-making proposals President Truman is expected to lay before congress tomorrow already are on the work list of either the house or senate, or both.

Most of them have been there for quite a while. The big exception is anti-inflation legislation.

When Mr. Truman outlined his cost-of-living program to November's special session last November, he left it to the various government departments to suggest specific laws.

That resulted in a good bit of inter-agency tugging and hauling on top of the deep-seated reluctance of the GOP leadership to go along with the president.

This time the White House has said Mr. Truman will have an anti-inflation bill of his own ready for administration supporters to introduce.

Normal law-making procedure would call for extended committee hearings on such a bill before it could even reach the formal debating stage—if it ever does.

However, the civil rights issue could come to a boil almost immediately.

Congress Meets In Extra Session To Fight Truman

President to Read Message Tuesday And State Program

Washington, July 26 (AP)—The 80th congress began its campaign session today. Within minutes, house republicans and democrats were exchanging hot words of blame over high prices and the housing shortage.

Today's brief get-together was preliminary to hearing President Truman's recommendations tomorrow on these and other problems which he told his party's convention, required an extra session of the "worst" congress.

In the house, democratic speakers demanded action to relieve the housing shortage and curb the cost of living. The republicans retorted that the democratic administration was to blame for existing economic troubles.

House Speaker Martin (Mass.) told newsmen after a meeting of senate and house leaders that "no decisions" were made. Martin added:

"We want to hear what the president has to say tomorrow before making up our minds definitely."

"Like the boys at Bunker Hill, we are not going to fire until we see the whites of their eyes."

Martin then walked into the house chamber and rapped to order the session summoned by Mr. Truman in the midst of the 1948 presidential and congressional campaigns.

Truman Drafting Message

At the White House, Mr. Truman continued work on the message he first outlined to the democratic national convention. Democratic congressional leaders were called in to review the price control and other proposals scheduled for inclusion.

The meeting of republican chiefs, held in Martin's office, was attended by Senators Taft (Ohio), Vandenberg (Mich.), Wherry (Neb.), and Millikin (Ind.), and Reps. Halleck (Ind.), Brown (Ohio) and Arnds (Ill.).

It lasted almost an hour and a half.

Martin called it "a preliminary for general discussion."

He said there will be another get-together after Mr. Truman reads his message to a joint session tomorrow.

On the senate side, Vandenberg called the chamber to order after the GOP meeting. Sixty-five senators answered the roll call. The senate remained in session only 11 minutes and quit until tomorrow.

Senator Wherry (Neb.), the acting majority leader, and Senator Taft (Ohio) both said no definite program of legislation will be agreed upon until after Mr. Truman's message is received.

Taft said there "is some sentiment to meet and adjourn" after the president's speech but that he doubts many congressmen favor this.

"I think we'll probably meet every day," Taft told a reporter. "That's what we're here for."

Other republicans said the only part of Mr. Truman's expected program now ready for senate action are three civil rights bills—anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and one to set up a fair employment practices commission.

Southerners have promised a filibuster if any attempt is made to bring these measures up.

Superforts at Aden

Aden, July 26 (AP)—Three American Superfortresses on a round the world flight arrived at 8:30 a.m. today from Tripoli. The crewmen reported a pleasant and uneventful journey. They expected to leave for Ceylon tomorrow evening.

Weather Bureau

Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Increasing high cloudiness tonight, becoming partly cloudy Tuesday with lower daytime temperature. Moderate southerly and westerly winds. Lowest temperature expected Tuesday morning 50 degrees; highest Tuesday, 79. Agricultural outlook: Only fair due to moderate winds. Maximum yesterday 85. Minimum today 52. Mean temperature yesterday 69 which was 2 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation 0.1130 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 45 which is 79 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Monday morning, -2.7 feet.

Allies Ban All Trains To, From Russian Zone

Counter Move Taken To Breck Soviet Blockade of Berlin

Berlin, July 26 (AP)—The United States and Britain banned movements of trains today to and from the Russian zone of Germany. American officials said "technical difficulties" caused the stoppage.

The joint American-British action appeared to be the most positive counter-move yet taken by the western allies to break the Russian blockade of Berlin, now a month old.

Gens. Lucius D. Clay and Sir Brian Robertson, the American and British military governors, took the action at a conference in Frankfurt. The restrictions are effective at once. The prohibition is against the movement of all trains "originating or terminating" in the Soviet zone.

"Technical Difficulties"

When the Russians stopped traffic on the long railway between Berlin and the western zones of Germany, they asserted "technical difficulties" were the cause.

U.S. and British officials in Frankfurt orally termed the rail stoppage "economic sanctions."

Authorities said the rail commerce between the Soviet zone of Germany and western Europe "doesn't amount to much." Interested countries of western Europe have been informed of the order through international railway channels.

A Berlin informant insisted that "technical difficulties are real and do exist" as far as the rail traffic into and from the Soviet zone is concerned.

Cuts Off Foreign Trains

A certain number of freight trains have been moving into and through the American, British and French zones carrying manufactured and raw material products from the Russian zone.

The American-British action means that trains carrying goods from the Russian zone to Switzerland, or to Bremen for shipment to Scandinavia no longer can travel through western Germany. The same ban applies to traffic from western Europe if its destination is in the Russian zone.

International mail trains will be permitted to pass, however.

An American military government official said the action may have "far reaching economic and political ramifications."

3 Powers Talk German Crisis

London, July 26 (AP)—United States, British and French diplomats met early today from critical consultations on differences with Russia over Germany. They were armed with fresh information from Washington and Moscow.

The conference at the foreign office was the first of a new series arising from the crisis provoked by Russia's blockade of Berlin. It came less than 12 hours after a team of American experts on Russian affairs returned from a huddle in Berlin. The meeting brought together:

For the U.S.—Charles E. Bohlen, state department counselor and a key adviser at all Big Four conferences in recent years; Lewis W. Douglas, ambassador to Britain, and Walter Bedell Smith, ambassador to Russia.

For Britain—Sir Wm Strang, chief of the foreign office's German section, Patrick Dean, one of its experts on German affairs; and Sir Maurice Peterson, ambassador to Russia, who returned from Moscow about 10 days ago.

For France—Rene Massigli, ambassador to Britain.

The three American diplomats will see Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin later in the day. Bohlen will give Bevin first-hand Washington views on possible methods the western powers might employ in dealing with the situation.