

# Active Water Accounts Pass 10,000 Mark

## Department Records Justify City Move for Big Cliff Source

Active customer accounts in the city water department have in recent weeks, reached and passed the 10,000 mark, and Wednesday showed a total of 10,065 metered users of city water.

That is an increase of 95 since January, when the total, the highest on record at that time was 9970.

The consistent yearly increase in water consumption and number of users seems to justify the application City Manager J. L. Franzen is preparing to make for an appropriation of water from Big Cliff dam on the Detroit project.

The increase has been steady, month by month, over a period of years, and is more than 3000 higher than the figure was running in 1935 when the city acquired the water system. Active accounts had passed the 8000 mark in January, 1941, and the 9000 mark in January of 1942.

Correspondingly the net production of water, metered water sales, and monthly revenue of the department have grown.

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# No Change in Ford Deadlock

Detroit, May 11 (AP)—Negotiations for settlement of a six-day-old strike of 65,000 Ford Motor company employees continued today with no outward indication a truce is near.

Ford and United Mine Workers (U. M. W.) officials recessed their peace talks for lunch and said they would meet again two hours later.

Asked by reporters if there was any change in the deadlocked situation following the two-hour morning conference, Ford vice President John S. Bugas replied: "I wouldn't say so."

U. M. W. President Walter Reuther, who is heading the union's negotiating team, declined to comment.

As the talks continued, Ford announced that a total of 90,000 employees will be idle after today. By tonight, the company said, only four of its 19 assembly plants will be open. Those are Ford plants at Richmond and Long Beach, Calif., and Lincoln-Mercury plants at Metuchen, N. J., and Los Angeles.

Thus only about 16,000 of Ford's 106,000 production workers still are on the job.

# 'Truculent Turtle' Completes Flight

London, May 11 (AP)—The U. S. navy bomber "Truculent Turtle" landed at Northolt airport today, completing its flight from America commemorating the first air crossing of the Atlantic.

Aboard the plane were Rear Adm. A. C. Read and Aviation Machinist's Mate Eugene S. Rhoads, who were on the navy flying boat NC-4 when it made the crossing 30 years ago.

The Turtle had come via Lisbon on the same route followed by the NC-4. The difference was that the NC-4 ended its flight when it landed in Plymouth harbor. The Turtle circled London and went on to Plymouth to land.

# Governor Dewey Arrives in London

London, May 11 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York arrived in London without fanfare today and, almost unnoticed, checked into the exclusive Claridge's hotel.

He drove here from Southampton, where he arrived last night from New York on the Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary for a "several-day" stay in Britain and a tour of the continent.

He was accompanied by his wife and his secretary, Paul Lockwood.

# Counties to Get More Vets' Funds

The 20 Oregon counties which hire veterans' service officers will get a 10 percent increase to finance these operations July 1, William F. Gaarenstroom, state veterans affairs director, announced today.

The state now pays 30 percent of the cost, up to a maximum of \$1200 per county. On July 1, the amount will be raised to 40 percent and a \$1600 maximum.

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# 3 Prong Drive On Hankow by Chinese Reds

Shanghai, May 11 (AP)—Chinese communists, apparently living off the land, bore down swiftly today on coastal Fukien province.

At the same time the Red noose around Shanghai was tightened.

The nationalist garrison here officially admitted these Red gains.

Unofficial reports indicated Hankow, big Yangtze port in central China, may be doomed. A three pronged communist attack on Hankow seemed to be gathering momentum.

## Moves Around Shanghai.

The Shanghai garrison communique today gave this picture:

1. A Red force of 2,000 men has attacked Kinki in Kiangsi province less than 50 miles from the Fukien boundary. Fukien is opposite the island of Formosa.

2. The communists were attacking Kashi, 50 miles southwest of Shanghai. Communications with that city were severed at dawn. This usually means capture.

3. Thirty miles northwest of Shanghai the village of Chenmo in the Kunshan area was under communist attack.

The communique gave no indication of the size of the two moves around Shanghai. Most actions in that area have been small scale.

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# Thomas Favors Atlantic Pact

Washington, May 11 (AP)—Spokesmen for the communist and socialist parties took opposite sides today on the North Atlantic security alliance.

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the communist party, called the pact "aggressive" and told the senate foreign relations committee that this country "cannot even pretend to good faith" in negotiations with Russia if it is ratified.

He argued also that it "commits the United States to forcible suppression of all popular movements" in signatory nations.

Norman Thomas, veteran leader of American socialists, argued before the same senate group that failure to ratify the pact "might be a tremendous jolt to governments and parties in Europe on which the hope of democracy depends."

Though he approved the pact, Thomas cautioned that grave dangers are inherent in it.

Thomas said he has received no answer to his question whether military men believe "we can make Western Europe invulnerable if the Russian high command should decide that the hour had come to attack."

He said American actions may convince the world of our sincere intent to act against aggressors and "thus strengthen the morale of our friends and weaken our potential enemies."

## School Bonds Voted

Oregon City, May 11 (AP)—School district voters here yesterday approved a \$450,000 bond issue, 452 to 42, to erect a 13-room grade school building. The structure will replace the 56-year-old Eastham school which was built originally for less than \$9000.

# Golden Gate Bridge Jumper Repeats Leap Off Bay Span

San Francisco, May 11 (AP)—Angry highway patrolmen today sought to arrest Bob Niles, 22-year-old ex-paratrooper who leaped 500 feet from the San Francisco-Oakland bridge into the water of the bay.

It was the red-bearded thrill hunter's second spectacular parachute leap. On March 26, he jumped 220 feet from the Golden Gate bridge into the channel connecting the ocean with the bay.

In yesterday's jump, Niles was driven out onto the bridge. With a parachute strapped to his chest and a cigar jammed in his mouth, Niles climbed one of the two huge cables.

As he clambered upwards, some painters shouted at him to come back. Motorists stopped, jamming traffic on the roadway below.

As a highway patrol car raced to the scene, Niles took seven minutes to climb to his take-off point 250 feet above the roadway, which is another 250 feet above the water.

# Hirohito Pays High Tribute To MacArthur

By FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW Tokyo, May 11 (AP)—I talked today with the two men who rule Japan's 80,000,000 people and who are charged with reconstructing the war-wrecked nation—Hirohito, the emperor, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the military ruler.

Their views of each other were expressed frankly and freely. Although I was pledged directly to quote neither, I can say that the emperor paid the highest and apparently unreserved tribute to the conquering general as a man possessed of the quality of grandeur, a great administrator and a true friend of the Japanese people in peacetime.

## Hirohito a Patriot

MacArthur regards Hirohito as essentially a patriot, a man devoted selflessly to the betterment of his people.

Physically there could hardly be a greater contrast than between these two rulers, who lead their respective lives in buildings separated only by a lake and a park.

Hirohito is a small, well-built man with a slight forward stoop, sitting rigidly in a chair with the burdens and troubles of empire plainly showing in occasional small, nervous mannerisms.

He would remind you of an expert surgeon or lawyer who is too tired but with the full knowledge of so many hopes dependent upon him he cannot rest.

## Awaits Peace Treaty

I saw Hirohito in the morning and the tall MacArthur, relaxing his six feet two inches in an easy leather chair as he neared the end of his regular 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. workday.

The general intends to stay and work with and through Hirohito until Japan has a peace treaty. MacArthur feels that the Japanese people generally have done their part well and have been ready for a peace treaty for some time past.

However, they now are a pawn of global forces, and the treaty when it comes will in effect be dictated by the basic peace in Europe upon which it is dependent.

# Gilson to Take Sales Census

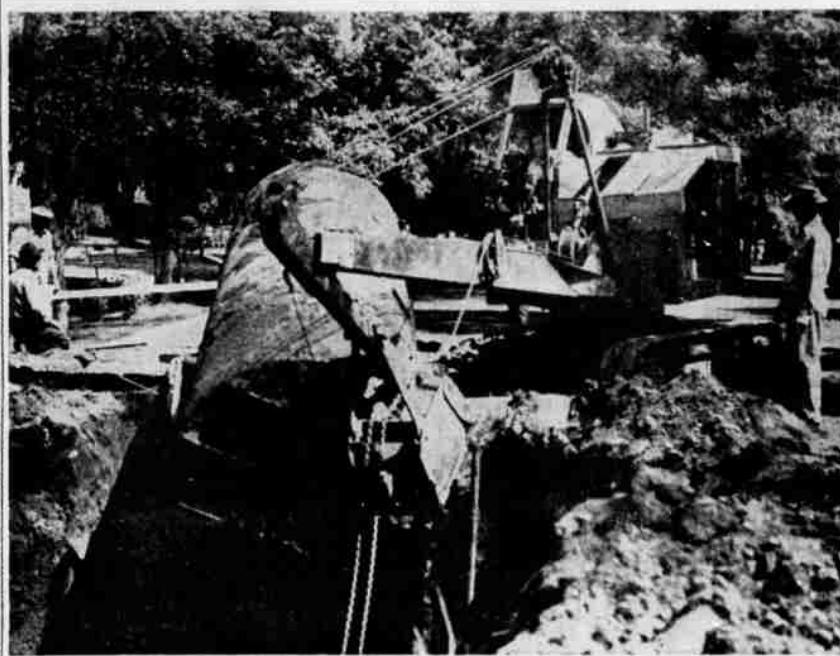
Carl J. Gilson, 418 Dekum building, Portland, will be in charge of the census of business for 1948 in the Salem area.

This was announced today, through the Salem Chamber of Commerce, by James Maxwell, business economist with the Portland district of the federal department of commerce, which conducts the census. The census is now getting started, Maxwell said.

No census of business has been made by the department in this area since 1940, which covered the year 1939.

The census of that year showed that sales in Marion county in 1939 totaled \$26,884,000, and in Salem \$20,279,000. These figures are official.

Since no census has been taken since 1940 no official figures are available for later years. Sales Management Magazine, however, estimates Marion county sales in 1946 at \$69,500,000 and Salem sales at \$52,300,000, and for the year 1947 estimates sales in Marion county at \$85,200,000 and in Salem \$64,100,000.



Tunnel Excavators Remove Old Fuel Tank—When the heating plant for the old capitol was converted from wood to oil 35 years ago this 15,000 gallon tank weighing near five tons was used for fuel storage. E. J. Slick, Salem excavator, now digging for an access tunnel between the new state office building and the capitol, removed the bulky tank with his small Bucyrus-Eric shovel though not at the first attempt.

# County Offices to Operate On Standard Time

County offices will continue to operate on standard time until Governor Douglas McKay takes action for the state one way or another as provided under a new legislative act which does not become effective until mid-July. This fact became evident from county court discussion and statements by county officials Wednesday to the effect that they can pursue no other course legally than to continue to keep their offices open on the basis of standard time and their clocks set accordingly.

In fact, it is possible that the town clock on the courthouse tower may continue to record standard time next week when other clocks in the city are shown an hour ahead. As it stands now the court Wednesday determined to leave this matter in status quo but left open "for further discussion." The sentiment among the three members of the court as it stood today seemed to be in favor of leaving the tower clock on standard time regardless of the action of the city council.

But there is no question about other clocks inside the courthouse remaining on standard time, especially those in the offices of the County Clerk Harlan Judd and County Recorder Homer Lanke. Those officials said that the law plainly provides their offices shall remain open from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., and that this means standard time and the law cannot be changed by an act of the city council.

So clocks used for accepting filings will be kept also on standard time, the officials stating that in the filing of documents time often is of the essence and time on clocks used to stamp filing dates, hours and minutes, as well as seconds on documents will be left unchanged.

This in turn will mean the offices will open and close on standard time as they do now. In effect they will go to work at 9:30 daylight savings time and the offices close at 6 o'clock daylight savings time. The county court left it up to the department heads to stagger the hours of their employees as they see fit in regard to luncheon periods. Judge Murphy said he'd do his eating on daylight savings time as he didn't like to take his noon hour lunch by himself.

And whatever happens the county oiling crew will be kept on standard time. Commissioner Rice said that the oil doesn't loosen up until about 9 o'clock and if a switch over was made the crew would have to wait an hour getting started and work an hour overtime in the afternoon at a time and a half in pay.

"If the governor orders us to do this after mid-July then we'll go ahead and do it," he said, "but until he does the crew will stay on standard time as usual."

There is danger of severe erosion damage, Fisher said.

# U. S. Attitude Toward Spain

Washington, May 11 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today Franco Spain said go a long way toward restoring basic civil rights before it can hope to be admitted into the family of free European nations.

Acheson told a news conference the United States considers the issue of relations with Spain an international family matter on which European agreement is needed. For this reason he said the United States will continue to abstain from voting in the United Nations general assembly on a resolution to return ambassadors to Madrid.

Acheson referred to the Franco regime as patterned after fascist Italy and Nazi Germany. He said it is still fascist.

The secretary's review of policy toward Spain followed up criticism of the state department's stand by Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) and ranking members of the senate foreign relations committee.

Franco Spain, Acheson said, has denied such fundamental human rights as habeas corpus, trial by jury, religious liberty and free association. He said these are the same rights which make the difference between free Europe and the iron curtain countries.

# Demos to Oust Mike DeCicco

Portland, Ore., May 11 (AP)—W. L. Josslin, chairman of the democratic state central committee, today said the state executive committee would meet here May 21 "to oust Mike DeCicco as state treasurer of the party."

Josslin said the move was prompted by "resentment all over the state in democratic circles" over the Gearhart incident.

DeCicco reportedly was beaten at his beach home in Gearhart by a group of sailors. DeCicco said the men were friends of a woman employ whom he had discharged.

Josslin said party leaders have tried to arrange a meeting with DeCicco but that he had "given us the runaround."

The state chairman declared the committee would recommend that DeCicco be removed and an upstate war veteran put in his place. Josslin said the executive committee had full legal power to take this step, but if necessary he would call a session of the full state committee.

Supporting the move to oust DeCicco, according to Josslin, were:

Mrs. Joads Leonard of Klamath Falls, vice chairman of the state committee; Volney Martin, secretary; Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman; and Nancy Honeyman Robinson, national committeewoman.

# British Advisor Shot by Burglars

Berlin, May 11 (AP)—Sir John Sheehy, British military government financial advisor, was shot to death last night when he surprised two burglars in his home, officials announced today.

No arrests have been made. British officials here said Sheehy's wife telephoned police shortly after the shooting.

She told them that Sir John heard a noise in his home, looked at Votho, near Bad Salzuflen, in western Germany and went to investigate. Moments later he fell, fatally wounded.

## Unwedded Parents Marry

Veracruz, Mex., May 11 (AP)—One hundred unwedded parents were married here yesterday in a mass ceremony celebrating Mother's day. Their 300 children attended the weddings at City hall. One couple said they had lived together for 43 years.

# Tanana Ice Nears Break-up With \$185,000 Pay-off Near

Nenana, Alaska, May 11 (AP)—The ice broke in the Chena slough at 8:29 p. m. (PST) last night sending a foe-choked stream surging towards the shore waiting for the record \$185,000 payoff in the famous annual Nenana ice lottery.

The slough is located in the heart of Fairbanks and usually breaks a day or two ahead of the Tanana river. Old-timers predicted that the ice-locked Tanana would start moving within 24 hours.

Max Willard or Anchorage won the \$6,800 junior pool when the Chena slough broke up. He guessed the ice would break at 8:32 p. m.—the closest to the actual time.

The biggest payoff in the history of the ice classic will go to the lucky person whose guess is closest to the actual time the Tanana itself begins moving towards the sea.

A tripod, situated about 285 feet out in the river is attached

# Celebration Greet Last Hours Of Berlin Blockade As Siege Lifted 2:01 P. M. Pacific Time

## All Military Trains Reinstated Along With Freight Trains, Trucks, Autos and Barges—Allied Counter Blockade Also Lifted

Berlin, May 11 (AP)—The last hours of the Berlin blockade ticked away tonight in a spirit of celebration and deliverance from events which brought the east and west almost to the brink of war.

The end of the 327-day siege of Berlin was set for one minute after midnight, which is equivalent to 2:01 p. m. in Pacific Standard Time. Trains and trucks lined up near the border between the British and Russian zones of Germany. The dropping of roadblocks will start them along the 100 miles of Russian-controlled territory that makes an island of Germany's greatest city.

The first American military train for Berlin, the famed "Berlin Express," left Frankfurt at 5:30 p. m. German time (7:30 a. m., PST). The express is due to reach Berlin at 8:15 a. m., German time tomorrow.

The U. S. army announced that all military trains which operated to and from Berlin as of March 1, 1948, will be reinstated. They will operate from Munich, Frankfurt and Bremerhaven to Berlin.

Sixteen freight trains were ready, along with scores of trucks, automobiles and barges. The trains from the west carry coal and food—the things that the 2,000,000 western Berliners have gotten only through the might of the American-British airlift in the last 10 months.

At the same time the western powers will relax their counter-blockade. Under that they kept goods from flowing into western Germany from the eastern (Russian-controlled) zone. But it is the Russians who take a diplomatic defeat out of the Berlin blockade; western leaders say the Russians, not reckoning with the airlift, thought they could squeeze the west out of Berlin.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay commented today: "The west's stand showed the determination of the free nations not to yield in the face of pressure. This undoubtedly resulted in renewed confidence of the people seeking a free way of life in Europe."

Like a County Fair

The American military governor declared the Germans, tested by the blockade, had shown a willingness to fight for their freedoms—for the first time since 1933.

It was like county fair day at Helmstedt, the British town which is the main gateway for transportation entering the Russian zone en route to Berlin. Traffic jammed the ancient, winding streets. Five passenger cars arrived on the railroad from Frankfurt, to be attached to a British military train from Bielefeld. The train will move across the zonal border at 2:13 a. m. The American cars carried all most 100 news and radio correspondents, photographers and officials.

The meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers opens at Paris May 23.

In setting the limits of American maneuvers at Paris, Acheson went further than any top American official had gone to suggest publicly that if major compromises are to be made for agreement on Germany they will have to be made by Russia.

Maguire Says Russ Licked Communism

Portland, May 11 (AP)—The Russians themselves licked communism in western Germany, Robert F. Maguire, Portland attorney, said today.

Maguire has just returned from Nuernberg where he was a member of the military tribunal trying 21 nazis on war crime charges.

"The attitude of the Russians and the magnificent work performed by the airlift have solidified every element of society against communism," he said in an interview today.

He said the best results in rebuilding Germany can be achieved by "spending a lot of time on the young people. It is too late to try much in the way of educating the older generations which have lived through two hard wars." But, he added, uppermost in the minds of the people there is the idea of building a government that combines authority and responsibility—and no dictator.

## Justice of Peace Can't Teach School

A justice of the peace can't teach in the public schools, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today.

Neuner pointed out that the constitution prevents any person from holding positions in more than one branch of the state government. A justice of the peace is in the judicial branch, and the school system is part of the administrative branch of government.

The opinion was requested by William Bennett, district attorney for Gilliam county.

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