

Highway Expenditures For Two Years to Be Determined

By JAMES D. OLSON Extension of the four-lane highway from New Era to Salem will be among the road projects to be considered by the state highway commission...

Costs of Program Oregon's deficient highways were recently cited by Deputy Commissioner J. S. Bright of the Public Road Administration...

Oregon Requirements Oregon's requirements, including state, and county roads as well as city streets total \$261,327,000 to improve 7,210 miles...

4 Lane Objection The additional gas tax and registration fee together with an increase in the rate schedule for trucks and buses is expected to yield in excess of \$8,000,000 for the 1949-50 biennium...

Eisler Escapes As Stowaway

Washington, May 12 (AP)—Immigration commissioner Watson Miller said today a stowaway aboard a Polish ship at sea has been "positively" identified as Gearhart Eisler, missing alien comunist.

The 33-year-old Eisler, who is facing two possible jail sentences in this country, disappeared last week from his home in New York. He was free on \$23,000 bail.

The liner Batory, which sailed from New York six days ago, later radioed that a German stowaway aboard identified himself as Eisler. The ship, owned by Gydina-American Shipping Lines, Ltd., is due at Southampton, England, on Saturday.

Rioting Arabs Tear Down U.S. Flag

Tripoli, Libya, May 12 (AP)—Rioting Arabs tore the United States flag from the American consulate here yesterday and threw stones and iron balls at the windows.

Landlords Told Only 2 Days to Register Units

By STEPHEN A. STONE E. G. Clay, area rent representative, reminded Salem area landlords Thursday that time is running out for the registration of housing accommodations...

Landlords have only two more days to register newly-controlled units with the local rent office at Room 315 in the old high school building at 460 North High. The deadline has been set for May 16.

Trailers and Trailer Space Trailers and trailer spaces which were not used exclusively for transient occupancy on April 1, 1949, are again subject to rent control. These must be registered for the first time if they were not subject to a maximum rent prior to January 5, 1948.

Previously registered units need not be re-registered, but the area rent director advises the owners to show the original registration statements to the present tenants. Duplicate copies may be obtained at the rent office if the landlord has lost his copy.

Permit "local option decontrols" with the approval of the governor. Make it mandatory that landlords who wish to evict either obtain a certificate from the area office or file a copy of the notice, depending on the ground.

Most Willamette Valley Towns Adopting DST

Albany and probably Corvallis and neighboring middle Willamette valley communities were caught up today in the whirl of daylight saving time that started in Portland.

Members of Albany city council voted last night to shift clocks ahead at 2:01 a.m. next Monday. Jefferson City, Lebanon and Sweet Home and the rural Linn county areas were expected to follow.

Truman Firm for \$4,000,000,000 Tax Increase

Washington, May 12 (AP)—President Truman said today he is standing by his demand for a \$4,000,000,000 tax increase. It is needed, the president told a news conference, if the government is to avoid going into the red.

Mr. Truman asked the big tax increase in his January State-of-the-Union message to congress. The subject was brought up at his news conference because Rep. Doughton (D-N.C.), who heads the tax-writing house ways and means committee, said after a White House call yesterday that he thinks the government must make economies to keep income and spending in line with each other rather than looking to a tax increase.

Debt Now \$251 Billions The president said he had retired about \$26,000,000,000 in national debt since he took office. That, he added, is more than any other president in history had retired.

Mr. Truman went on to say that this government ought to retire from two to five billion dollars in debt every year.

As a result of the huge wartime expenditures, the government's debt now stands at about \$251,000,000,000.

The president said he has exercised rigid economy and that his budget message to congress in January called for rigid economies.

He said he discussed social security, rather than taxes, with Doughton. Deficit Held Certain Doughton's house committee handles social security legislation as well as tax measures.

Full Repeal of TH Law Sought

Washington, May 12 (AP)—President Truman said today he still stands for full repeal of the Taft-Hartley act. He said that he had not discussed concessions with labor leaders and that his own position is well known.

Throughout the presidential campaign last fall, and since, the president has called for repeal of the whole Taft-Hartley act and restoration of the old Wagner labor law with minor revisions.

He was asked at a news conference about reports that labor leaders have agreed to some concessions on a new labor bill in order to get repeal of the present law. He said specifically that he did not talk about concessions yesterday during a conference with President William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

Word Comes on Wheat Ruling

The production and marketing administration announces that wheat allotments up to 3 percent of total county allotments can be given to farms which have not raised wheat in 1947, '48, or '49 and which did not have a 1942 wheat allotment, provided the operator makes a request to the county ACA committee.

Even though wheat was raised in 1945 or 1946, a special request must be made to the county committee in order to get an allotment in 1950 for farms where no wheat was raised in 1947, '48, or '49 and there was no 1942 wheat allotment.

W. M. Tate, Marion county ACA committee chairman, says that all persons in this county who desire a 1950 wheat allotment and have not raised wheat the past two years or this year should go to the wheat survey office in Salem or write Marion county ACA, 203 Post Office building in Salem to have the request put on record. The wheat survey office is located at the back of the 4th club office which is near the Church street entrance of the old high school building.



Children Join in Berlin Celebration—School children join in one of the biggest peace time celebrations in Berlin's history (May 11) as the city prepared for the lifting of the Russian blockade. The sign the youngsters are displaying says "Blockade Free." (AP Wirephoto via radio from Berlin)

Columbia Rising But No Flood Damage Expected

(By the Associated Press) The Columbia river swelled over flood stage at Vancouver today and a continued rise for the next four days was forecast. High temperatures over the river's watershed—readings were in the 90s at some points—had the snow-melt would maintain the river at a high level. It will rise for at least four days—but Fisher said he could not say when it would crest.

It likely will go above the 18 feet earlier forecast for Vancouver on Sunday, he said, and reach 20.9 on Monday.

Fisher repeated, however, his earlier statement that no damaging level is in prospect on the main river.

But at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, residents worried about patches in the dikes breached last year. The Kootenai river there—where flood stage is 31 feet—was expected to reach about 25 feet today. An earthen dike was completed around the town yesterday, and its height was being increased as protection for the town flooded last year.

North Central Washington streams continued their rise under the blizzing sun. "There is still plenty of snow there," Fisher said. The Okanogan river is 6 to 8 feet below the 1948 crest. The Methow is 5 to 6 feet below the Twisp is 3 feet below and the Wenatchee is 4 to 4 1/2 feet below last year's peak.

The Willamette is up only slightly and there is no prospect for high water above the falls at Oregon City. The Clearwater river was near flood stage at Orofino, Idaho. Water poured over burner grates and forced planing mills to shut down at both Orofino and Abshka. An army engineers' project to dike the river at the lowly city park is under way.

The Clearwater is still five feet below the flood level of 1948 when the park was covered and several buildings were swept away. Lake Coeur D'Alene in northern Idaho rose so high it submerged a section of U. S. highway No. 95. Water was six inches deep on the road. Traffic was detoured 10 miles over a Spokane river bridge which a highway engineer said was unsafe. The state highway department began constructing an emergency fill to eliminate the detour.

Seawall to Cost \$36 Million

Portland, May 12 (AP)—If Portland wants a seawall and other improvements to protect both banks from Willamette river flooding, the bill will come to \$36,000,000. That is the estimate of Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland district army engineer.

THE WEATHER

(Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with widely scattered afternoon thunder showers. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 46 degrees; highest Friday, 80. Conditions will continue mostly favorable for farm work. Maximum yesterday 67. Minimum today 58. Mean temperature yesterday 66 which was 13 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0.153 inches which is .26 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Thursday morning, 5.3 feet.

Reds 21 Miles From Shanghai

Shanghai, May 12 (AP)—Red forces pushed to within 21 miles of Shanghai today. Two separate attacks were underway. The nearest was at Taichang, 21 miles to the northwest. Bitter fighting there was reported by the Shanghai garrison communique.

A force southwest of this great Asian city had reached Shihutang, a hamlet 25 miles southwest of Shanghai. Government troops there were reported holding firm.

On the central China Hankow front central news agency described fighting of "unprecedented fury raging." But from the size of forces involved this action seemed to be on a small scale.

The Shanghai garrison ordered all government departments out of Shanghai within two weeks. The communique indicated the communists had made a substantial advance from Kashan, about 50 miles southwest of the city.

Labor Shortage in Farm Area

The recent over-supply of labor in agricultural lines has developed into a shortage of workers, reported W. H. Bailie, manager of the Salem office of the state employment service. The shortage is expected to become more acute as seasonal crops develop.

Farmers who drive in each morning around 6 o'clock to secure their quota of workers in the hop yards, strawberry patches and general farm projects have not always been able to secure their requirements. Thursday morning the shortage was around 20.

Men who expect to hire out should be at the employment office at Cottage and Ferry streets shortly after 6 o'clock. They should bring their own lunches, and gloves.

Cherry growers are beginning to worry concerning a possible shortage of pickers for the crop which is expected to be considerably above average. Picking will start around June 12.

New Courthouse Drawings Add Sixth Floor to Building

County Clerk Harlan Judd Thursday received two sets of tentative drawings from Pietro Belluschi, Portland architect who is designing the new Marion county courthouse, suggestion arrangements for the top floor, or floors, as the case may be.

President of Salem Bank Testifies in Trans-America Case

San Francisco, May 12 (AP)—G. Carroll Meeks, president of the Willamette Valley Bank at Salem, Ore., told a Federal Reserve Board hearing today of opposition he said he encountered in organizing his bank in 1947.

Meeks was put on the stand by J. Leonard Townsend, board counsel. The hearing is on the board's allegations that Trans-America corporation may have created a monopolistic tendency in commercial banking in five western states.

Meeks related conversations he said he had with individuals connected with the First National Bank of Portland and the Benton County State Bank of Corvallis. Both institutions are owned by Trans-America.

Called in by Slentz Meeks said that about two weeks after publication of the notice to organize a bank in May 1947, he was called by a man named Slentz. He did not identify Slentz.

Meeks said Slentz related to him a conversation Slentz had with E. F. Slade, vice president of the Portland bank. Meeks quoted Slentz as reporting that Slade said an independent bank in the Salem district would not be able to serve the community adequately and efficiently.

Meeks also related a conversation he said he had on June 12, 1947, with Harold White of the Corvallis bank. White, he said, told him also that it would be a difficult task to establish a new bank and suggested that he consider withdrawing his intention and cooperate with the First National Bank of Portland.

Meeks said White suggested that he could obtain a position in the Portland bank and within two years be made manager of the Salem branch.

Meeks said he told White he had no intention of reversing his position. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

3 Airmen Killed At Moses Lake

Moses Lake, Wash., May 12 (AP)—Three airmen were killed in two separate air force plane mishaps here late yesterday.

The pilot of a 600-mile-an-hour Boeing XB-47 stratoljet bomber was killed when struck by the loosened plexiglass canopy of the plane while on a test flight.

A few hours later, an F-82 twin Mustang fighter crashed about five miles from the air force base here. Two men were aboard.

Officials of the 325th fighter wing identified the two crash victims as Lt. Jesse J. Gilliam, pilot, of Tallahassee, Fla., and Capt. James A. Montgomery, radar observer, of Gainesboro, Tenn. Montgomery arrived at the Moses Lake base only a few days ago.

Officials said the F-82 crashed and burned at 7 p.m., just after taking off on a training flight.

A party bringing out the bodies were hampered by the rugged terrain.

At Seattle, Boeing officials identified the dead pilot of the bomber as Edward Scott Oster, plane, but uninjured, were James A. Fraser of Seattle, co-pilot, and John Fornasero, also of Seattle, chief of flight tests for the Boeing engineering division.

Cause of the loosened canopy was not determined.

Clay Sounds Warning As Airlift Continues Operations

Berlin, May 12 (AP)—Two gigantic rallies, one communist and the other anti-communist, celebrated the end of the 327-day-old Berlin blockade today.

While ground traffic flowed freely into Germany's first city, old and young, men and women, dropped their work and let off steam at the ending of one phase of the long war of nerves in Germany.

But Gen. Lucius D. Clay sounded a warning that the cold war was not at an end. The retreating U.S. military governor told the West Berlin city assembly he favors a unified Germany, but "it must not come about by a sacrifice of basic principles of freedom" such as outlined in the proposed constitution for a west German republic.

Up to 125,000 anti-communists turned out in City Hall square to shout their support of the west in the battle over Germany. On Unter Den Linden in the Soviet sector, 100,000 communists supporters shouted approval of an address by the hand-picked east sector mayor who claimed the east had won over "capitalistic warmongers" on the other side of the Brandenburg gate.

The mayor of western Berlin, Ernst Reuter, and other German officials addressed their rally with slashing attacks at the communists.

While the Germans celebrated, supplies and passengers poured into the city from the west by rail and highway, while the airlift which broke the blockade roared on.

The blockade-lifting had all the fanfare of a Hollywood movie premiere, and the people, convinced that at last this phase of the cold war was ended, whooped it up in the flag-decked city.

The Russian and western allied military out-did each other in courtesy as the barricades went down ending the blockade, and the allied counter-blockade. There was a general display of good will and smiling readiness to cut red tape.

But the western allies were taking nothing for granted. Their airlift, which had made the blockade a useless Soviet weapon by flying in the food, fuel and raw materials needed by west Berlin's 2,000,000 residents, continued flying. It is to continue at least 30 days. Today's flights kept supplies coming in at about a 300-ton per hour level.

Allied military trains, followed by food and fuel trains, were the first into Berlin after the barriers went down one minute after midnight. Foreign correspondents, racing down Hitler's famous super-highway, were the first into Berlin from the west.

Allies to Talk Withdrawal

Washington, May 12 (AP)—State department officials leaving for Paris today expect to discuss with British and French leaders several plans for meeting Russia's expected proposal that occupation troops be withdrawn completely from Germany.

Officials said that one counter proposal which might prove workable would be to suggest the concentration of occupation forces in strategically located garrison cities. That would keep them in Germany but cut to a minimum their regular contracts with the German people.

One list of possible garrison points drawn up would provide for removal of Soviet forces to the port city of Shettin, British forces to the port of Hamburg, American forces to the port of Bremen and French troops to a single point in the French-controlled area.

Officials said, however, that this is only one of several possibilities being explored. This and all other proposals for action by the western allies at the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting at Paris will have to be further considered and approved or disapproved by the American, British and French governments.

One plan discussed, but understood already to have been discarded, called for full acceptance of the Soviet troop withdrawal proposition, if it is made. Levees to Be Repaired Washington, May 12 (AP)—Rep. Walt Norblad (R-Ore.) said today the army engineers have advised him they will spend \$9,700 to repair levees on the Killis river in Oregon that were damaged during January floods.