

**Baldock Plan  
To Develop as  
Funds Available**

**Other Units of Project  
to Follow Bridge Over  
Period of Years**

By JAMES D. OLSON  
Even though the traffic relief plan for the Salem area evolved by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, was not formally adopted by the highway commission at its Tuesday meeting, it will be carried out to its ultimate completion over a period of years.  
This was the assurance given several members of the delegation attending the meeting in an off-record conversation with one of the members of the commission during the noon recess at the Imperial hotel in Portland.  
This commissioner explained that as soon as one unit of the plan is completed other features of the plan will be launched.  
The Salem traffic plan was drawn up by our own engineer following exhaustive studies, the commissioner asserted. "Hence this commission and the commission to follow have a blue-print to follow. As rapidly as money becomes available various phases of the plan will be authorized."  
Co-operating with City  
It was pointed out that the development of the water front plan in Portland has been carried on step by step and is now nearing completion.  
"We wouldn't build a bridge to the middle of a stream and just leave it there," the commissioner said. "Funds will be allocated by the commission and details will be worked out by our engineers in co-operation with the city officials of Salem."  
During the course of the presentation of Salem's acceptance of the Baldock plan, T. H. Banfield indicated that the first step in adoption of the plan would be the construction of a new bridge at the Marion street site and reconstruction of the Center street bridge as recommended in Baldock's report. It is expected that in addition to the funds for this work the commission will provide sufficient money to construct approach highways in West Salem.  
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Homesteads for Vets  
Oregon war veterans were advised today they can apply for the 50 homesteads in central Wyoming which will be given by the U. S. bureau of reclamation. The 5912 acres of raw land are located in the Riverton reclamation project. Applications should be filed with the bureau at Riverton.

**Capital Journal**

**New Coast Buses  
Begin Operation  
On Wednesday**

By STEPHEN A. STONE  
Pacific Coast Lines, recently granted authority by the state public utilities commission to operate bus lines between Salem and Newport, will begin operations Wednesday, May 25.  
This was announced by John Ratzlaff, operator of the lines, who until recently operated the Santiam lines from Albany to Bend, now taken over by the Trailways system.  
Pacific Coast Lines will have as its Salem terminal the Pacific Trailways depot at 520 North High street. The schedule will be as originally proposed, now approved by the utilities commission.  
Can't Sell Dallas Tickets  
Under the order of the utilities commission the new line cannot sell tickets to passengers from Salem to Dallas or places between Salem and Dallas, but can sell tickets from Salem, or points between Salem and Dallas, to any point beyond Dallas. The restriction is because Salem-Dallas service is furnished by Oregon Motor Stages.  
The same restriction holds for passengers arriving in Salem by Trailways buses with Dallas or intervening points as their destinations.  
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**Student Held for  
Blasting Home**

Seattle, May 18 (AP)—A 20-year-old University of Washington sophomore was arraigned before the U. S. district commissioner last night on charges of blowing up his parents' Vancouver, Wash., housing development.  
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**Columbia Flood  
Hazard Eases  
Threat to Dikes**

(By the Associated Press)  
Flood hazard eased on the Columbia today but dike patrols and sandbagging continued against the river's powerful thrust.  
A fall in the Snake—8 of a foot at Lewiston—prompted forecasters at the Portland weather bureau to foresee at least a temporary lower river crest on Friday. A fall starting Saturday is expected to continue Sunday.  
Whether the 22.9 feet now forecast for Vancouver on Friday is the spring freshet crest or whether the river will rise again is uncertain. But forecasters said Friday's level should be the highest for at least a week. The level after that will depend on the weather—heat to melt more mountain snow, or heavy rains in tributary valleys could bring it up again.  
Past Danger Point  
Bonners Ferry, Ida., residents on the surging Kootenai, believed today they had passed the danger point unless dikes should crumble. The Kootenai was down to 29.9 feet today from a peak of 30.8 yesterday. A continued slow fall was in prospect with a forecast for clear and cooler weather.  
Lake Pend Oreille began to flood a few basements at Faragut, Idaho. It was up 7 of a foot since yesterday.  
At another tributary river danger points, Okanogan, Wash., basements were flooded by the rising Okanogan river.  
Cello Canal Closed  
Along the middle Columbia, the corps of engineers closed the Dalles-Cello canal today because of high water.  
Waterfront residents on both the Oregon and Washington sides near Portland and Vancouver eyed water that in some cases was lapping near their doorsteps. A number of families near Vancouver already have left their homes. Cattle has been moved from lowland areas. Riding academy horses were evacuated from Hayden island near Jantzen beach.  
The corps of engineers—not officially in the picture unless a threat of dike breakage seems likely—reported they would not move in unless the river reached 25 feet at Vancouver. It is not expected to do so. However, the engineers have sent out inspection parties to assure themselves that the dikes are not weakening.



Three Dead, 4,000 Homeless in Fort Worth Flood—Flood waters of the Trinity river inundated this section of Fort Worth, Tex., when the swollen river, fed by a 10-inch deluge of rain, smashed four levees and surged into 1,000 or more homes. At least three persons were drowned, 10 others are missing and an estimated 4,000 were homeless as a result of the flood. In the foreground, resembling a bathtub filled with water, is Farrington football field. Large building in left background is Montgomery Ward and Co. (Acme Photo.)

**7 Die, 13,000 Homeless  
In Fort Worth Flood**

Fort Worth, Tex., May 18 (AP)—Flood waters that inundated great sections of Fort Worth receded today, leaving behind the body of a seventh victim and a crippled drinking water supply.  
The swirling flood that covered residential, business and industrial areas in the Trinity valleys areas here injured 30 persons and left an estimated 13,000 homeless. The homeless spent last night in public shelters or with relatives and friends.  
At dawn, weary searchers, working the flooded area in boats and afoot, found the body of a man identified by police as John B. Fawks near the animal cages in Forest park.  
The newest drowning increased the toll for three days of turbulent weather in Texas and Oklahoma to 14 dead and more than 138 injured.  
The count was seven drowned and 30 treated at hospitals here, mostly for shock and exposure, five dead and 83 injured from a tornado at Amarillo Sunday night; one dead and more than 38 injured from twisters in Oklahoma, and one dead and at least 12 injured in west Texas tornadoes.  
A violent electrical storm, moving north from Texas, struck central Oklahoma last night with cloudbursts and four small tornadoes. There were no deaths from the twisters but two were hospitalized and more than three dozen treated for lesser injuries when one tornado lashed a high school crowd at Meeker, 36 miles east of Oklahoma City. Other twisters did scattered damage in the Anadarko-Binger area, about 60 miles southwest of Oklahoma City in Caddo county. Five inches of rain brought a flood to Norman, Oklahoma.  
An elderly grandmother was killed by a twister that struck near Spur, Tex., last night and a farmer in Oklahoma was killed by a tornado that bounced into the sooner state from Stratford, Tex.  
As Fort Worth struggled back to normal it faced this situation:  
Three things Mr. Truman has been standing for—steadfastly or stubbornly, according to the varying political descriptions:  
1. He repeated again and again that he wanted Mon C. Wallgren, former Washington governor, to head the national security resources board.  
2. He said over and over he wants all-the-way repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law.  
3. He reiterated—but once or twice hedged slightly—that congress ought to vote \$4,000,000,000 in new taxes.  
Wallgren went overboard with the president's withdrawal yesterday of his bottled-up nomination. Taxes seemingly are going to have to wait until next year.  
But the president has made it clear he wants a substitute for the Taft-Hartley act in this session of congress.  
Democratic leaders have told him he probably will have to compromise to get it—in other words, he can get part, but not all, of Taft-Hartley repealed.  
The fact that the president could give up on Wallgren, one of his closest personal friends, convinced some lawmakers that Mr. Truman may not find it too difficult to compromise on the labor act.

**Order Test of  
Jet Fighters**

Washington, May 18 (AP)—The house armed services committee today ordered the defense department to conduct "impartial tests" of the air force's B-36 against the navy's best jet fighters.  
The showdown test was ordered after the navy claimed officially that it has a jet fighter which can intercept and shoot down a B-36. It had challenged the air force to pit the B-36 to a test, but the air force had remained silent.  
Chairman Carl Vinson (D., Ga.) told his armed services committee it was time the American people got a satisfactory answer to the controversial question whether the six-motored bomber is, as the air force claims, almost impossible to intercept.  
Vinson said the committee's action was in the form of a resolution adopted unanimously.  
"We're inclined to think it will be persuasive," he said.  
In fact, he said he already had mentioned the proposal to Defense Secretary Louis Johnson and Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington and had found them both "enthusiastic."

**Foochow Drive  
By Chinese Reds**

Shanghai, May 18 (AP)—The communists drove a spearhead through Shanghai's "back door" almost to the Whangpoo river today. In south China the Reds lunged to within 31 miles of the port of Foochow.  
A Shanghai garrison communiqué acknowledged the Shanghai thrust but said it had been wiped out in fierce fighting.  
The advance on Foochow, Fukien provincial capital almost midway between Shanghai and the provisional capital of Canton, was reported by the nationalists' official central news agency.  
The garrison communiqué said "two regiments of Reds penetrated 'Tungkow' which is virtually on the east bank of the Whangpoo eight miles downriver from the center of Shanghai. They were surrounded and eliminated, it added.  
Reds encircling Shanghai from the southwest drove to Chwanhsia, 12 miles east of the city, then struck back westward against Pootung. This guerrilla-infested dock and warehouse area is just across the river from Shanghai's famed Bund.  
The communiqué said the Pootung fighting flared at 5 p.m. yesterday and still was in violent progress. At one point, it said, the Reds stormed nationalist positions eight times before falling back before an artillery-supported counter-attack.  
Central news said the nationalists have landed reinforcements on the China sea coast east of Shanghai, and these troops were trying to hit the attacking Reds from the rear.

**Industry Payrolls  
Higher Than in '48**

Oregon's industrial payrolls are running much higher than those of a year ago, the state industrial accident commission reports.  
The commission said today that industrial payrolls during April totaled \$48,254,896. This was \$3,000,000 more than during March, and \$5,600,000 more than in April, 1948.  
In Multnomah county, the industrial payrolls totaled \$17,761,420 in April. That was \$900,000 less than in March, and was \$300,000 more than in April, 1948.  
There arises, then, this obvious question: In an area swarming with Soviet troops and communist spies, how many voted for the communist slate, although actually wishing they had the courage to vote against it?

**Grand Coulee's  
New Generator**

Coulee Dam, Wash., May 18 (AP)—President Truman will press a gold key in Washington, D. C., Friday morning that will make Grand Coulee the greatest producer of electric power in the world.  
The president's act will throw into production the first generator in the east power house at the big dam across the Columbia river. Bringing the new generator "on the line" will increase the dam's rated kilowatt capacity to 1,100,500.  
Bureau of reclamation records show the Hoover dam across the Colorado river has a capacity of 1,038,000 kilowatts.  
The new generator will have a rating of 108,000 kilowatts, the same as nine others in the completed powerhouse on the west bank.

**Rotary WU Scholarships  
For 3 Hi-School Students**

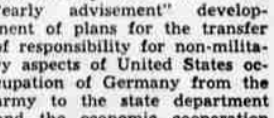
Two Salem high seniors, Joyce Edgell and Paul Jewell, and a Silverton high youth, Ernest Duvall, were announced Wednesday noon as the winners of the Salem Rotary club-Willamette university scholarships by Robert L. Elfstrom, chairman of the scholarship committee. The three young folk were presented by Chairman Elfstrom during the regular weekly luncheon of the Rotarians.  
The Rotary Willamette university scholarship fund was created for the purpose of awarding \$360 per year tuition scholarships to high school students of Marion and Polk counties. Those selected must rank academically in the highest one-tenth a scholarship record above class and must have shown prominent qualities of leadership by their participation in worthwhile extra-curricular activities. They must also have displayed the basic service standards of Rotary by their contribution to the life of the school and community.  
Scholarships are awarded for one year, renewable from year to year for a period of four years at the discretion of the committee. To be continued as a Rotary scholar beyond the

**Plan to Spit Up  
Italian Colonies  
Rejected by UN**

United States Plan Spurned by Latin-America  
New York, May 18 (AP)—The Bevin-Storza plan to spit up Italy's pre-war colonies among four nations failed early today in the UN General Assembly.  
A last-minute Latin American revolt brought a thumping rejection of the American-sponsored measure which had been denounced by Slavs and Arabs as a "deal" to strengthen Anglo-American control of the Mediterranean.  
Weary delegates adjourned at 1:32 a.m. (EST) to gather again for a final meeting at 2 p.m. to arrange routine details for continuing study of the colonial problem at the next assembly session in September.  
Goes Over Until Fall  
Diplomatic informants in London said Britain expects to re-open their talks with Italy and other nations in the hope of finding an acceptable settlement of the future of the colonies. They said if such a plan is worked out it will be submitted to the assembly when it meets in September.  
In Rome Italian Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza told newsmen the UN vote on the colonies was a "sad success and proof that Italian diplomacy did its best."  
Defeat of the bitterly debated compromise plan leaves the strategic area in the hands of British military forces who have been occupying the colonies since they chased the Germans and Italians out during the war.  
Compromise Loses Out  
A sharp split among the 59 nations on the controversial question of restoring Italy to control of part of Mussolini's one-time African empire brought defeat of the compromise plan.  
British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Italian Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza patched together the compromise 11 days ago in London after the assembly was deadlocked on the issue.  
But the assembly, in a heated voting session, refused by a single vote to approve Italy as administrator of Tripolitania. The vote on Tripolitania was 33 to 17 in favor. Nine nations abstained or were absent. Had one of them swung over to make 34 affirmative votes, the proposal would have obtained the two-thirds majority necessary for assembly approval.

**McCloy Named  
Commissioner  
For Germany**

Resigns Presidency of World Bank; Eugene Black Succeeds  
Washington, May 18 (AP)—President Truman today appointed John J. McCloy to be United States high commissioner for Germany. McCloy is resigning as president of the World Bank to take on the assignment.  
Directors of the World Bank elected Eugene Black, now a director, as president to succeed McCloy.  
The White House said the resignation will become effective no later than July 1.  
It also said that McCloy will take under "early advisement" development of plans for the transfer of responsibility for non-military aspects of United States occupation of Germany from the army to the state department and the economic cooperation administration.  
"This transfer will take place on or about the time of the establishment of the German provisional government," the announcement said.  
High commissioner to Germany will be a new post.  
The White House announcement said that McCloy will be "the supreme United States authority in Germany."  
McCloy also will be the representative of the ECA in Germany, under the supervision of ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman and Roving ECA Ambassador W. Averell Harriman.  
Pending transfer of military government responsibility to the state department, McCloy will serve as military governor of the United States zone, but under the immediate supervision of the secretary of state and the president.



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**Russians Start  
Subtle Blockade**

Berlin, May 18 (AP)—American officials charged today that Russia is seeking to reimpose a "subtle blockade" of Berlin.  
C. A. Dix, American military government transport expert, hurriedly left here by car to investigate why 150 west German trucks are now held at Helmstedt on the Soviet zone frontier.  
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**Election Puts  
Sand in Gears**

Berlin, May 18 (AP)—Eastern Germany's 4,000,000 votes against communism may have thrown gravel into the gears of Soviet strategy at the Four Power talks in Paris opening Monday.  
The communists claimed a "tremendous victory" in the east German election, but the fact that one-third of the voters voted against them clearly was as staggering a blow to them as it was a surprise to everybody else.  
As a result the Soviet Union may pause, now, and reassess its plans of action in the Paris conference. For instance, she must weigh new factors in deciding what position to take on any proposal for withdrawal of all armies of occupation from Germany.  
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**Russia Claims More  
Major Inventions**

London, May 18 (AP)—Russia laid claim to still more inventions today.  
The Moscow radio said the naval torpedo was invented in the early 1860's by one Alexandrovsky; the tractor was invented in 1785, by a man named Vankomov, and the process of rolling armor plate was thought up by one Vasilii Pyatov.

**U. S. Shys at  
Pacific Treaty**

Washington, May 18 (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today that the United States "is not currently considering participation" in any Pacific defense treaty.  
The secretary's statement was seen as a blow to Chinese nationalist hopes for a Pacific alliance against communism.  
Acheson said a Pacific defense pact "could not take shape until present internal conflicts in Asia were resolved."  
The secretary acknowledged that "there are serious dangers to world peace existing in Asia."  
He said there was a sharp difference between the Atlantic and Pacific situations. The Atlantic pact, he said, was "the logical culmination of a long series of developments." He said that practical plans for western European defense were in existence long before the north Atlantic pact idea came up and that they gave a "solid foundation on which to build."  
He indicated that such a foundation does not exist in Asia due to internal conflicts.  
Constitution Ratified  
Stuttgart, Germany, May 18 (AP)—Wuerttemberg-Baden ratified west Germany's new constitution today by a vote of 80 to 10, with only the communists in opposition. It was the first state parliament to ratify.

**THE WEATHER**  
(Released by the U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 46 degrees; highest Thursday, 75. Conditions will be mostly favorable for farm work Thursday. Maximum yesterday 65. Minimum today 45. Mean temperature yesterday 54, which was 2 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .11 of an inch. Total precipitation for the month .55 inches, which is .31 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Wednesday morning 3.5 feet.

**Eager Men  
Seek Work**  
This ad was answered by at least 60 men who had the money to invest and were ready to go to work:  
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