

\$1,250,000 Salem Bridge Authorized

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Stern Policy to Be Followed At Big 4 Meet

Russ Modify Restrictions on Berlin Traffic

Commission to Follow With \$1,080,000 For More Work

As the first step in placing the Baldock traffic relief plan for the Salem area into effect the state highway commission allocated \$1,250,000 for a second bridge over the Willamette river to connect Salem and West Salem.

Columbia Flood Crest Reaches Portland Area

The Columbia river's first spring-flood crest reached the Portland-Vancouver area today (Thursday) nearly a foot below the level forecast last week-end.

CIO Ultimatum Orders Purge of Left Wingers

Washington, May 19 (AP)—CIO left wingers have been given five months to break all ties with the Russian-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions and quit defying the CIO leadership.



Spectacular Fire Destroys Fairview Hospital—No lives were lost among 25 mental patients safely evacuated from this burning hospital at Fairview home but the state suffered a loss estimated at near \$300,000 when the building was destroyed late Wednesday afternoon.

Acheson Tells of Plans For East-West Talks On Germany

Washington, May 19 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson goes before the senate foreign relations committee today (2:30 p.m. EST) to review the stern policy he expects to follow at Paris in negotiating with Russia on the future of Germany.

Halted Trucks Permitted to Pass but Permits Needed in Future

Berlin, May 19 (AP)—Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, deputy U.S. military governor, announced today the Russians are modifying their new restrictions on truck traffic from west Germany to Berlin.

Jet Bomber Duel Opposed

Washington, May 19 (AP)—Two congressmen objected today to a high altitude cop-and-robbers duel between the navy's Banshee fighter and the air force's B-26 bomber.

Corvallis School Budget Approved

Corvallis, May 19 (AP)—Corvallis school district voters yesterday approved a 1949-50 school budget of \$582,000 which carried a tax levy of \$125.995 outside the six per cent limitation.

\$700,000 School Election Friday

Voters who cast their ballots during Friday afternoon school election will be required to visit the polling place which will be located in their respective districts.

Hospital Here Gutted, Patients Barely Saved

Fairview hospital attendants, department heads, and the more capable of the state wards worked in haste, but orderly late yesterday to save lives when fire destroyed the interior of the building.

Gas Tax Hits All Fuel Sold

Attorney General George Neuner said today that the increased tax on gasoline imposed by the 1949 legislature will apply to all of the fuel "sold, used, distributed or withdrawn on and after July 2."

Chinese Planes Half Crossing

Shanghai, May 19 (AP)—Nationalist warplanes have smashed a communist attempt to cross the Whangpoo river and attack Lungghwa airport on the southern city limits of Shanghai proper.

Salem Fire Department To Be 3 Battalion Group

The Salem fire department will become a three-battalion organization after July 1, and the three battalion chiefs will be Robert Mills, Ellsworth Smith, and Walter Eberhard.

Only 10 Percent of Czechs Commies

New York, May 19 (AP)—Miss Vlasta Adele Vraz, American relief worker, who was jailed in Prague last month on espionage charges, said "not more than ten percent of the people in Czechoslovakia are communists."

Nash Kelvinator Slashes Prices \$10

Detroit, May 19 (AP)—Nash Kelvinator followed the lead of other refrigerator makers today by cutting prices \$10 on all but two of its eight 1949 models.

4 GI Students Disappear From OCE at Monmouth

Police authorities of the Willamette valley are attempting to solve the disappearance of four young married men, all students at the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, who have not been seen or heard from since they left home about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening with the announced intention of attending a baseball game here.

Eisler Hearing Shelved by UN

New York, May 19 (AP)—United Nations delegates ended the general assembly's spring session last night by rejecting a surprise Polish move to debate the case of Gerhart Eisler, communist fugitive.

McKay Backs Army Engineers

Washington, May 19 (AP)—Governor Douglas McKay of Oregon said today his state heavily favors the army engineers recommendation for a \$3,000,000 development of the Columbia river and its tributaries.

Boy Drowns in Pool

Newberg, May 19 (AP)—Twelve-year-old Peter John Groat drowned in a private swimming pool yesterday at nearby Dundee.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Rain tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 45 degrees; highest Friday, 55. Conditions will be mostly unfavorable for farm work.