

Senators Morse and Magnuson Request Sanction of House

Washington, May 26 (AP)—Two Pacific northwest senators today urged a house committee to approve the proposed coordinated \$3,000,000,000 plan to develop the Columbia basin in the Pacific northwest.

Senators Morse (R., Ore.) and Magnuson (D., Wash.) spoke for the plan agreed by the army engineers and the reclamation bureau.

Magnuson, however, called attention to the administration's bill to set up a Columbia valley administration to handle all development in the area. He said his approval of the coordinated plan is not to be construed as implying that it is a satisfactory substitute for the Columbia valley administration.

Morse silent on CVA
Morse did not mention the administration bill as he called for immediate approval of the coordinated plan by congress.

Magnuson told the house public works committee that a hearing on the CVA bill will open before the senate public works committee tomorrow.

Expressing belief the people of the northwest area should have an opportunity to voice their view of the proposed CVA, Magnuson said he intends to "exert every influence I have to insure that hearings are held at appropriate places in the Columbia valley."

"In my judgment," he said in a prepared statement, "consideration of the Columbia valley administration bills should not delay action by your committee and the congress on the coordinated report."

Morse told the house committee in his statement.

"I consider that the proposed plan is urgently needed at this time to relieve the flood situation in the Columbia river basin, and that it affords a sound framework for long-range development of the basin.

"The early accomplishment of the work provided plan will permit the realization of great benefits in this river basin.

"I am in full accord with the improvement plan of the improvement and I believe that it should be approved by congress so that it may be initiated without delay."

Morse asked the committee to authorize more money for continuing improvement of the Willamette basin in Oregon to date, he said, congress has authorized \$77,000,000 but more money is needed so that work now started can be completed and needed new work undertaken.

Indict Bridges For Perjury

San Francisco, May 26 (AP)—Harry Bridges, leftwing West Coast labor leader, and two of his top aides were indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday on perjury and conspiracy charges stemming from Bridges' citizenship hearing in 1945.

The immigration service immediately filed a civil complaint seeking to revoke Bridges' citizenship. This action declared Bridges was not only a communist at the time he became a citizen, but still is.

Many West Coast observers interpreted the double barreled action as signalling the start of a third government attempt in 10 years to deport the 47-year-old, Australian-born Bridges. He is president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union.

Indicted with him were J. R. Robertson, first vice president of the ILWU, and Henry Schmidt, members of the longshore coast labor relations committee and a former president of Bridges' local here. Bail for each was set at \$5,000.

The union promptly assailed the indictments as "a political frame-up" by the Truman administration and an attempt to put the union out of business.

THE WEATHER

(Released by U. S. Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, becoming cloudy with showers tonight and Friday. Slightly cooler Friday. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 52 degrees; highest Friday, 72. Agricultural activities will be hindered by showery weather Friday. Maximum yesterday 81. Minimum today 48. Mean temperature yesterday 63, which is 5 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 2.07 inches, which is 3.1 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Thursday morning 1.7 feet.

\$29,175,223.04 Income Taxes Paid This Year

By JAMES D. OLSON
Collections of income and corporate taxes by the state during the first four months of 1949, amounting to \$29,175,223.04 were only slightly under the collections made during the same months in 1948, when the total was \$29,425,585.05.

Earl J. Fisher, retiring head of the income tax division of the tax commission, said Thursday that returns thus far made indicated that the net collections of 1948 taxes during the present year would be at least as great as those collected during the last year.

Since 1940 income and corporate taxes in this state have grown by leaps and bounds, Fisher said. For instance, the total collections in 1940 were only \$3,530,165.78.

Year by year the collections increased and in 1943 individual taxpayers and corporations paid the state a total of \$12,150,175.37.

Through passage of the so-called Walker plan, a rebate to income taxpayers was granted during the next two years with the result that the net taxes credited to the department in 1944 fell to \$6,372,599.90 and in 1945 to \$11,679,671.89.

The rebates were suspended during the years to follow and again the total taxes paid to the income tax division began to climb. In 1946 the collections totaled \$16,074,353.38; in 1947, \$20,339,911.75; and in 1948, \$29,425,585.05.

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Dog Graduates At Lebanon Hi

Lebanon, Ore., May 26 (AP)—Graduation exercises were held at Lebanon high school today for Freddie, a little brindle dog of uncertain ancestry.

Principal Burlough Cash, who presented a diploma to Freddie before a student assembly, said probably no regular student had attended as many classes in the past five years as Freddie.

When his master, Jody Blount—who will be graduated next month—was unable to attend school for a day or two, Freddie went anyway. There was a seat for him in each classroom and he sat, or sometimes dozed, in it.

No athlete himself at some 15 pounds, Freddie managed to get on the field at every football game and the floor at every basketball contest. Everyone learned to take it as part of the game.

For his graduation nothing was missing, professional, address by the principal, and recessional.

AFL Plans Fight on Sen. Robert A. Taft

Atlantic City, N. J., May 26 (AP)—AFL President William Green promises to muster "every ounce of strength" of labor to defeat "that outstanding reactionary, Sen. Taft" in 1950.

In his address yesterday at the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers convention, Green also singled out for defeat southern democrats who "unite against labor."

Illegal Used Car Racket Flourishing in Salem

By CHRIS KOWITZ
A menacing used car racket is flourishing in Salem. That innocuous-looking newspaper ad from a "private party" that car with a "For Sale" sign in its window parked at your neighborhood service station—they may be part of the automobile curbside racket, a racket which is growing bigger day by day in this city.

A curbsider is one who buys and sells used cars regularly without a lot, license or bond. He seldom handles a car with proper title transfer, and he never guarantees his wares.

According to an Oregon state law, no individual may sell more than three cars within a period of 12 months unless he is licensed as a used car dealer. Any unlicensed person selling more than his personal quota—and there are quite a few doing so in Salem right now—is conducting a practice in direct violation of a state law.

How They Got the Name
The name "curbsiders" was given the racketeers because many of them operate from the curbsides on the city streets. A pet practice is to place a "For Sale" sign in the window of a vehicle, then park the car next to the curb in front of a legitimate used car lot.

Truman Defends Lilienthal and Atomic Board

Washington, May 26 (AP)—President Truman came to the defense today of Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the atomic energy commission who is under fire in congress.

Mr. Truman told a news conference the atomic program is in good hands and in good shape.

He said he knows of personal knowledge how the program has developed. And he deplores, he added, the blowing up of relatively trivial items in an attempt to reflect on the atomic chairman.

A senate-house committee began an investigation today of the commission's work. The inquiry was touched off in part by demands from Senator Hickenlooper (R., Iowa) and others that Lilienthal resign.

Lilienthal, first witness to be heard, told the congress members that the atomic energy commission (AEC) had cleared two men for secret work despite adverse recommendations from its security officer.

The AEC chairman named the men as Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the bureau of standards, and Dr. Frank Graham. At the time of the commission action Graham was president of the University of North Carolina. He is now a democratic senator from North Carolina.

Lilienthal was the first witness as the senate-house atomic energy committee opened hearings into charges of "incredible mismanagement" in the AEC.

Seeks to Abolish Board
The charges, a demand for Lilienthal's removal, came from Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), a member of the committee and its former chairman.

Away from the hearing, Senator Cain (R-Wash.), another critic of the AEC, announced he has prepared legislation to abolish the commission and entrust atomic development to a board to be composed of the secretaries of the armed forces, the three chiefs of staff and a scientist.

Cain said the confidence of the people in the AEC would be increased if Lilienthal would resign.

Fire Destroys Dallas Residence

Dallas, Ore., May 26—Fire shortly before midnight Wednesday wrote the final chapter in the battle between the city and the legal owners of the old Charles Tate residence on Uglove street when it was practically destroyed.

Fire Chief Walter Young said the fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, as this was the second call to the place this week and as high as six calls have been made in one week in recent days.

Firemen confined most of their efforts towards saving the Harold Rosenbaum home on the north which was slightly damaged.

The Tate residence had long been unoccupied and after the city and the owners had been unable to reach an understanding, the city took legal action and had the place condemned.



Goodby Warden in a \$102 Cab—Imogene Fisher, Indian parolee from the penitentiary, takes leave of the institution by paying a \$102 cab fare to Klamath Falls. Warden Alexander appearing at the prison entrance observes Imogene's departure and the driver of Pat's cab stowing seven large pieces of luggage.

Indian Woman Leaves Prison for K.F. in Cab

An attractive 42-year-old Indian woman finished her state prison sentence today with a \$102 taxicab ride home to Klamath Falls.

She said she took the taxi because she couldn't get her mountain of luggage on a train or bus. The dozen pieces of luggage filled the back seat and rear trunk compartment of the taxi.

The woman, Mrs. Imogene Fisher, entered prison in 1944 to serve seven years for killing another Indian during a drinking party. But good prison behavior enabled her to get out after serving 4½ years.

She couldn't understand why her picture was taken today. She said she couldn't see anything unusual about riding from Salem to Klamath Falls in a taxi.

She had the cab come up from Klamath Falls last night.

The big pile of luggage was the accumulation of her busy days in prison. She is a good musician, a painter and a silver worker. Besides pieces of her artistic work, she took home a mandolin, guitar and banjo.

She lives in Beauty, 42 miles from Klamath Falls. But today's trip took her only to Klamath Falls.

She said she didn't know what she would do when she got home. First, she said, "I am going to get myself rehabilitated."

She left her white husband, Tom Fisher, behind today. He entered the prison in 1941 to serve 20 years for assault with intent to kill an Indian.

She didn't see her husband in prison. In fact, she said she wasn't married today.

While posing for pictures in front of the prison, Mrs. Fisher said her goodbyes to the 25 women convicts who were shouting at her through the barred windows.

Forest Camp Grounds Placed on Fee Basis

Portland, May 26 (AP)—Twelve national forest campgrounds in Oregon and Washington will operate this summer on a fee basis.

The regional forest service office reported today that two fees—50 cents a car for a night's camping and 25 cents a car for picnicking—will go into effect this week-end at McKee Bridge and Dead Indian Soda Springs camps in the Rogue river forest. Elsewhere the effective dates will be late June or early July.

The other fee camps are: Camp creek and Tollgate, Mount Hood; Eel creek and Siltcoos; Sluaw; Wolf creek; Umpqua; Clear lake and Paradise; Wilamette; Government Mineral Springs, Columbia; American river and Naches, Snoqualmie.

Coast Mayors Fail To Agree on Time

Toledo, May 26 (AP)—Lincoln county's mayors failed to reach agreement last night on getting all cities on either daylight or standard time.

Toledo and the north Lincoln beach towns are on daylight time—most of their business comes from Portland, Salem and McMinnville which are on fast time. But Newport, Waldport, Yachats and Siletz, less closely tied to the fast-time cities, are on standard time.

Apparently there will be no change. The mayors talked about one time for the county, but none was willing to commit his city to a change.

Two Die in Plane Crash

Washington, May 26 (AP)—Two navy machinist's mates were killed in the crash of a surplus war training plane near here last night.

Oregon Payroll '48, \$972 Million

Oregon's total 1948 payroll of \$972,000,000 was the biggest in history, the State Unemployment Compensation commission said today.

It was 22 percent greater than the wartime peak of \$799,000,000 in 1944, and was \$100,000,000 more than in 1947.

The commission said payrolls dropped during the first three months of this year by about 10 percent.

The fourth quarter payroll last year of \$252,000,000 was \$8,000,000 below the third quarter total, which was the biggest three-months payroll on record.

Oh last year's \$972,000,000 payroll, lumber and logging workers got \$272,000,000, which was an 18 percent gain over 1947.

Construction and trade payrolls were up 12 percent, while food processing was about the same.

Peak employment was 340,000 last August, barely more than the wartime peak in June, 1943. But it dropped to 303,000 in December.

Industrial Output Drops

Washington, May 26 (AP)—The federal reserve board reported today that industrial production dropped in April for the fifth straight month and was continuing down in early May.

"The board's index of production reached the lowest level since July, 1947, with a five-point fall in April. This tied the drop in March for the biggest decline since the war.

April output, measured on the seasonally adjusted index, slumped to 179 percent of the 1935-39 average, compared with 184 in March and an all-time high of 195 last October and November.

At that level, April production was nearly five per cent below the same month in 1948 and a bare three index points above the spot passed in July, 1947, on the long postwar climb.

Veteran Actress Dies

Newark, N. J., May 26 (AP)—Marion G. Ringham, known on the stages of Great Britain, Australia and the United States as Marian Grey, died here yesterday at the age of 74.

Jake Bird Scheduled to Die Friday on Gallows

Walla Walla, Wash., May 26 (AP)—State Prison Warden Tom Smith announced today he had been notified by Justice William Denman that the ninth circuit court of appeals had granted Jake Bird an additional 30-day stay of execution.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 26 (AP)—The violent adventures of Jake Bird appeared to be nearing their final hour today.

Unless the U. S. circuit court of appeals at San Francisco grants a last-hour stay, the convicted axe-slayer will die at 12:30 a. m. tomorrow on a gallows he has cheated for a year and a half.

Behind him, if and when he goes, the amazing Negro leaves an almost incredible story of bloodshed, guile and hexes.

During his imprisonment, officers say the 47-year-old transient has confessed involvement in or knowledge of a fantastic total of 44 slayings. He was sentenced to die in connection with the bludgeon killing of Mrs. Bertha Kludt and her daughter on Oct. 31, 1947, in Tacoma.

During his battle to escape the noose, his crafty Bird has brought his case twice before the U. S. supreme court, three times before the Washington state supreme court, once before a federal district court and a half dozen or more times in state superior court on appeal. He has delayed executions set for Jan. 16, 1948, and Jan. 14, 1949.

Air Lift Again Source of Supply For Berlin Area

Railway Cargo Piled Up at Zonal Line by Railroad Strike

Berlin, May 26 (AP)—The American commandant in Berlin accused the Russians today of "welching" on their promise to lift the blockade and challenged them to untangle a fantastic snarl in rail traffic.

With the airlift once again Berlin's main source of supply, claring in at an 8,000-ton a day clip, a Russian officer threw out a veiled threat that rail traffic into this battered city once again might be halted by Soviet order.

The development coincided with advice from Paris indicating the council of foreign ministers might take action in the dispute.

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Howley, the American commandant, spoke angrily of the situation which has piled up millions of dollars worth of railway cargo at the Soviet zonal line and in Berlin's strikebound rail yards in what amounts to a semi-blockade.

Welch on Blockade
"All they have succeeded in doing is welching on their blockade lifting agreement," he said. "You can be sure they want things the way they are. If they did not, they would only have to issue one of two orders: To let the striking workers run the trains and man the installations as they have offered, or pay them in west marks, the only legal tender for west Berlin."

The veiled threat to reimpose the blockade officially came from a Russian officer at an American transport officer at the Wannsee station where four trains are held up. He told the American officer that unless the Wannsee tracks are cleared, all train traffic into Berlin might be halted again. The American officer refused to clear the tracks, saying that to open the locked switches would be strikebreeding.

Serious Situation
Allied officials accused the Russians today of imposing a new type of Berlin blockade by "stubbornly refusing" to conciliate 12,000 anti-communist railway strikers who want to be paid in western-sponsored marks. The Russians replied that the strikers are to blame if Berlin has been cut off by rail from western Germany.

Allies Consult
The western allies command of Berlin met in extraordinary session to map new action in the rail crisis which has caused a staggering freight tie-up. Unofficial reports were that the three western commandants might directly order the anti-communist strikers to handle incoming trains.

The strikers have not handled the cargoes because the railways technically are under Russian control. The strikers want, besides payment in west marks—worth four times the east mark—assurance that all strikers will be taken back on their jobs and recognition of their independent union.

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Spoiled Cream Sauce Hospitalizes Soldiers

Frankfurt, Germany, May 26 (AP)—It was spoiled cream sauce on bread pudding which sent 116 U. S. soldiers to a hospital here May 18, the army disclosed today.

It was the second time in seven weeks that mass food poisoning of soldiers was caused by spoiled cream sauce.

Nationalists Fly White Flag Atop Of Post Office

Dogged Defense of Shanghai on Soochow Creek Collapsing

Shanghai, May 26 (AP)—The sound of battle ceased tonight and it appeared the military changeover of Shanghai was near an end.

Nationalist holdouts in buildings along Soochow creek in the heart of Shanghai were dickered for surrender. Meanwhile they withheld their fire.

Reports swept through the city, that the fortress of Woosung to the north had fallen. These reports, which could not be confirmed, said that 15,000 nationalist troops were captured on the Woosung front. Woosung, garrison hatch for the Shanghai, escape, is 10 miles to the north. The sound of cannonading no longer could be heard to the north.

Battle Surges Across Bridge
The battle inside Shanghai bridged a cross Soochow creek bridges, where nationalist defenders had made a 24-hour stand. It swept on into the northern district.

Nationalists remained in some buildings along the creek refusing to surrender, but they withheld their fire.

The white flag was run up atop the post office building, one of the main holdout points on the north bank of Soochow creek.

The communists crossed the Soochow bridge and began rounding up nationalist prisoners. The garden bridge was evacuated by the nationalists but still was under fire from the nearby Broadway mansions, 17 floor apartment where a number of Americans are trapped. The communists had not tried to cross the creek there.

It seemed to be only a matter of hours before this tough knot of resistance, which has delayed communist occupation of north Shanghai, would be wiped out completely.

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West Demands Blockade Lift

Paris, May 26 (AP)—A British diplomatic source said today that west is demanding assurances from Russia that her promise to end the Berlin blockade restrictions will be carried out to the letter.

The foreign ministers, who went into their fourth meeting of the current session on Germany at 3:27 p. m. (6:27 a. m. PST) are reported being kept fully informed of developments in Berlin, where western authorities charge Russia has started a new type of blockade by refusing to conciliate 12,000 Berlin rail strikers.

This foreign ministers conference was called on Russia's promise to end the travel and trade restrictions in Germany on May 12, and the allied counter-blockade of eastern Germany was lifted on those terms.

The British informant said that unless the Russian administration in Berlin gives a "satisfactory" assurance that "continuing difficulties" will end, the western foreign ministers will call on Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky to intervene.

The Briton called the present situation in Berlin "continuation of a modified blockade."

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain was expected to speak first today on questions relating to German political and will demand that Russia relax economic unity and to four-power control in Germany. Diplomatic informants say the west her grip on east German industries as a condition for economic unity in Germany.

Canal from Danube To Black Sea Looms

Bucharest, Romania, May 26 (AP)—The government announced plans today to start immediate construction of a canal from the Danube to the Black Sea.

Once planned with British aid as a guarantee against Russian control of the Danube, the canal now will be built with Russian aid, reliable sources said. It will stretch about 60 miles from Cerna-Voda on the Danube to Lake Tassau, near the coastal port of Constanta.

Guns to Boom for Queen Mother Mary's Birthday

London, May 26 (AP)—A 41-gun birthday salute will be fired today for Queen Mother Mary, turned 82 in good health. A troop of 59 royal horse artillerymen will mark the event at noon in Hyde Park, after passing through the iron gates of Marble Arch, opened only on royal occasions.