

# Courthouse Lot Can't Be Leased For Auto Park

## District Attorney Says Deed to Property Precludes Use

**By DON UPJOHN**  
District Attorney Ed Stadler Friday advised the county court in an informal opinion that he doubts it has the authority to lease any part of the courthouse block in Salem to private parties for underground parking or any other purposes.  
This in answer to an inquiry from the court which has been approached by local parties on a proposal to use all or part of the block for underground parking in connection with the new courthouse construction, the private parties to take a long term lease, build and operate the facilities and eventually turn them over to the county.  
**Quotes from Original Deed**  
The district attorney said he had examined an abstract covering the property down to 1937 and he found that in about 1850 William H. Willson in plating off his lands now part of downtown Salem he had reserved block 6, the courthouse block, as a "public square." Said the district attorney a public square, according to numerous decisions, is set aside for the free use of the public and generally construed to be limited only to the use of a courthouse and, he stated, "it is my opinion no part of the block can be sold or leased out for private purposes."  
County Judge Murphy said that this seems to set at rest some of the proposals which had been made to the court to sell the property to private individuals, as well as the leasing proposal.

**Talks Friendly Suit**  
"Of course," said the judge, "the court wouldn't even contemplate such a sale unless directed to do so by a vote of the people." The district attorney said, in response to a query of the judge if the reservation made by the donor would be effective in event the people abandoned the square by a vote, that he believed it would still be a public square and he hadn't delved into just what procedure would be necessary to overturn the reservation made by the donor, or what would become of the land if it was set aside.  
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## Hiss to Testify In Own Defense

New York, June 17 (AP)—A defense motion to dismiss the perjury charges against Alger Hiss was denied today by Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman.  
His ruling came after arguments were heard in his chambers for two hours. Earlier the government had rested its case against the former state department official.  
The decision was announced to the press by Judge Kaufman's secretary.  
Defense Counsel Lloyd Paul Stryker told newsmen that Judge Kaufman denied two of his motions: one for dismissal of the indictment and the other for a judgment of acquittal. Hiss is accused of perjury to conceal evidence of espionage.  
Stryker said "I made two motions, one to dismiss the indictment on the ground that, in part at least, it was defective; and the other for a judgment of acquittal on the ground that, as a matter of law, the government has not submitted enough evidence to go to the jury."  
Stryker said Hiss would testify in his own defense but probably would not be called to the stand Monday when the defense begins its case.

## Lewis Orders Miners Back to Pits Monday

Pittsburgh, June 17 (AP)—John L. Lewis has ordered his 480,000 United Mine Workers back to the pits on Monday.  
John Busarello, president of District No. 5 of the UMW, announced yesterday he had received a telegram from Lewis requesting the miners to end their week-long walkout on schedule Monday.  
Said Busarello:  
"The telegram was short—just a few words and simply requested the end of the walkout on schedule. That's what I expected, of course."  
Lewis, who now is in the midst of new contract negotiations with the industry, called the walkout to "stabilize" the industry. The contract expires June 30.  
Actually the miners will work only five days and then get another week off. On June 25 they start their annual paid vacation. They receive \$100 apiece.

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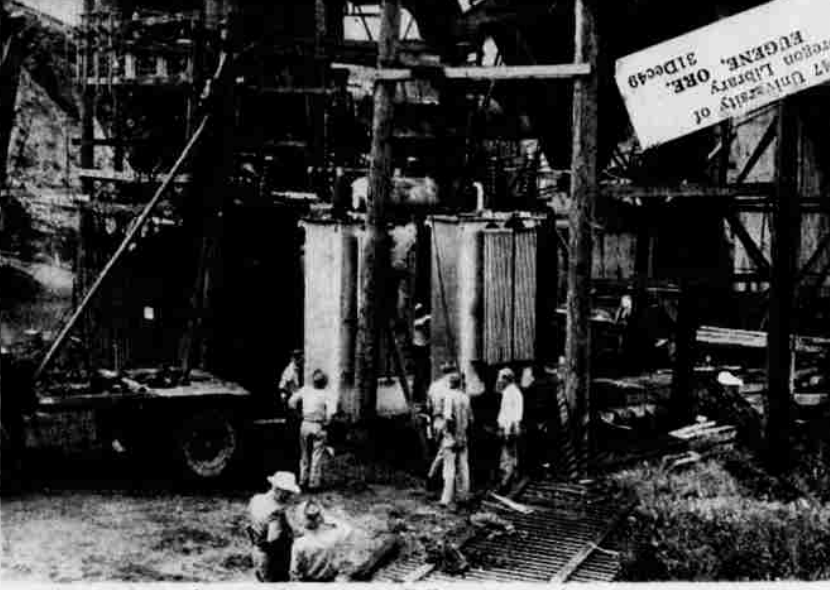
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## Newbury Defends Auto Liability Contract Award

**By JAMES D. OLSON**  
Award of a contract for automobile liability insurance for state cars and trucks at a cost of \$8,778.43 higher than the lowest bid, was defended Friday by members of the board of control on the ground that engineering safety service to be performed by the successful bidder will more than offset the difference in the insurance costs.  
The board awarded the contract to the General Casualty company, represented by Dooly & Co., of Portland for \$83,496.52. The low bid of \$74,717.79 was submitted by the Truck Insurance Exchange, a reciprocal company of Los Angeles, which has had the state's automobile liability insurance for the past three years.  
**Action Unanimous**  
Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury, the only member of the board who was available Friday morning, said that the action of awarding the contract was unanimous.  
"The main reason for awarding the contract to a standard stock company," Newbury said, "was that the successful bidder has agreed to put three safety engineers at work in an effort to reduce the accident toll among state vehicles. This service will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to be borne by the insurance company."  
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## Hoffman Wins Battle Against Big Cut in ECA

Washington, June 17 (AP)—Senators said today that Economic Cooperation Administrator Paul Hoffman had won his fight against a heavy cut in European recovery spending.  
"The push for a big reduction is all washed up," Senator Robertson (D-Va.) told a reporter.  
Other members of the senate appropriations committee agreed.  
Hoffman has battled with the committee in four long and rough sessions in defense of ECA's multi-billion dollar program. He was down for a return bout this afternoon.  
**Billion Dollar Slash**  
The ECA chief pulled out his ace in the hole yesterday. This was a report showing that a \$1,000,000,000 cut in recovery spending actually will mean less purchases of American cotton, tobacco, wheat, butter, lumber, and other commodities. The feeling was that with some American business declining farmers and businessmen will want foreign markets especially.  
Senator Young (R-N.D.) said any cut made will be small. He agreed that Hoffman's report would have tendency to slow down the demands for a large reduction.  
"We do have surplus food running out of our ears," Young said. "And the recovery program is one way to get rid of it."  
**Small Cut Looms**  
The committee sentiment appeared to be that ECA will have to take another cut in the second year's program—but it will not be anywhere near the \$1,000,000,000 some senators suggest.  
The house voted ECA \$3,568,470,000 to be spent in the first 10 and one-half months of the fiscal year beginning July 1 if necessary. Hoffman said he would be satisfied with this and would try to spread the money over 12 months.  
Robertson said committee members realized that any large cut would be "impractical."  
"I'm satisfied the committee won't go beyond my suggestion," he said. This is to give ECA \$168,000,000 more than the house gave it—but require the program to be spread over 12 months.  
A republican member said privately he believes the committee will give Hoffman the same figure voted by the house and require him to spend the money in 12 months.



Power Flows Again—Electric service at Dallas was restored to normal shortly before midnight Thursday as a crew of the Mountain States Power company completed installation of two replacement transformer brought from Albany. The sub-station, near the Willamette Valley Lumber company, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Paul Morgan, Dallas manager of the lumber company, and R. H. Wheeler, of the same firm, inspect progress as a power company crew makes repairs. (Photo by Abel).

## Cherryland Festival Queen to Be Selected

**By MARGARET MAGEE**  
Selected tonight at a program to be held at the Elsinore theater will be the queen of the 1949 Cherryland festival. Candidates for the honor will be five young women from Polk and Marion counties who at a Princess Selection Night program April 21 were chosen as princesses from a group of young women representing the high schools of the two counties.  
The princesses, two from Polk county and three from Marion county, are Patricia O'Connor, Sacred Heart academy; Grace Marie Kirk, St. Paul; Jeannine Bentley, Stayton high school; Katherine Specht, Jefferson; and Dorothy Neufeld, Dallas. In the group are three brunettes, a red-head and a dark blonde. The red-head is the St. Paul representative and the blonde is the Dallas candidate.

## Call Issued for Cherry Pickers

A call for 300 additional cherry pickers to go into the orchards Saturday and Sunday was issued Friday by the Salem office of the state employment service. Wm. Baillie, manager, suggested that many persons, regularly employed could help out in the emergency. The growers have one of the best crops in years and hope to harvest it before a possible change in the weather might bring cherry cracking rain.  
Growers will be at the labor office at South Cottage and Ferry streets around 6 o'clock each morning to provide transportation for those willing to work. Others who wish to provide their own transportation can secure information concerning the orchards that need help by dialing 39288.  
Willamette Cherry Growers' assn. will operate throughout the week-end in order to receive all fruit that is picked.

## 7 Cities Revive 'Work Relief'

Washington, June 17 (AP)—Rising unemployment and swelling relief rolls have led five states to pass depression-style relief laws and at least seven cities to revive "work relief" projects.  
But an associated press survey today suggested no national emergency. It found most states certain they could handle their relief load in stride.  
It indicated joblessness had dwindled or stabilized in at least ten states in recent weeks or months. It showed that, almost everywhere, unemployment insurance has been a "cushion" to keep most laid-off workers off "poor relief" until they found new jobs.  
President Truman has proposed federal grants for "home relief" to match state aid to payless families, on the same basis as the federal funds now used for the blind, the aged, and dependent children. Officials say it would cost \$230,000,000 a year, and more in bad times.

## Timber Fire Rages In Schell Valley

Vancouver, B. C., June 17 (CP)—In a mountain surrounded valley, forest flames today licked their way through rich timber stands.  
Three million board feet of newly-felled timber have been destroyed by fire raging out of control near Sechelt, 40 miles upcoast from Vancouver.  
It raged uncontrolled through new stands in a high valley at the head of Gray creek, 12 miles northeast of Sechelt. Already it has laid waste to more than 100 acres.  
Logging crews battled the flames today, directed by forestry officials flown in from Vancouver.

## Judith Coplon Says FBI Data Taken to Write Comedy

Washington, June 17 (AP)—Judith Coplon swore under oath today that the "top secret" FBI reports found in her purse when she was arrested on espionage charges was for use in a "serious comic" book.  
Miss Coplon's lawyer previously had told the jury trying her case he would show that the former justice department employee was assembling material for a novel.  
But today's testimony on that point was the first from her own lips in the presence of the jury.  
A few minutes earlier she declared in response to a question from her attorney, Archibald Palmer: "I have always been loyal to the United States."  
Discussing the top secret report, which deals with communist spying but which has not been introduced as evidence in the trial, Miss Coplon said she believes it was a "decoy" planted with her by William E. Foley.

## No Federal Aid On County Roads Available in '49

There'll be no federal aid money expended on purely county roads during the present calendar year, County Judge Grant Murphy advised the county court at its session Friday and this dissolves any chance for such work being done on either completion of the Silver-ton road or further work on the South River road as such project before 1950 at the earliest.  
His statement was made following a conference he has just had with the state highway engineers who told him no federal aid funds have as yet been allocated to either project this year although the Silver-ton road completion has been approved.

## Senate Debates New Labor Law

Washington, June 17 (AP)—A seizure between injunctions or seizure confronted the senate today as it entered the second round of arguments over how to deal with strikes that imperil the national health or safety.  
While five proposals were vying for votes, what the senators really were trying to decide narrowed down to these alternatives:  
1. Continue specific government power to get court injunctions, as in the Taft-Hartley act. Labor unions are solidly against this.  
2. Avoid any mention of injunctions but authorize the government to seize an industry. This is another way of authorizing an injunction if it becomes necessary, but it is not nearly so bad in the eyes of most labor leaders.  
The big contest was expected to be between two proposals which draw the issues most clearly.  
One, by Senator Taft (R, Ohio) and other republicans, would authorize injunctions in so many words—and seizure too. The other, by Senators Douglas (D, Ill.) and Aiken (R, Vt.), would authorize only seizure. This is supported by the democratic leader, Senator Lucas of Illinois.  
The showdown might come early next week.

## Truman to Use Power to Slash Russians Double Border Guards

Washington, June 17 (AP)—President Truman probably will begin using his new government reorganization power Monday, officials said today.  
Just what he will offer congress as his first reorganization plan remain to be settled. But a proposal for shifting the bureau of employment security from the federal security agency to the labor department was mentioned as a very good bet.  
A revamping of the civil service commission was suggested as another.  
Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said today that Mr. Truman probably will sign the reorganization act on Monday. He said half a dozen reorganization plans will be submitted to congress soon after the signing—some of them probably on Monday.  
Hamburg, Germany, June 17 (AP)—The Russians have doubled their border guards in an effort to stop Germans fleeing from their zone to the west, it was officially reported today.  
German police officials on the British zone side, said the border is now so effectively sealed that illegal crossings both ways have stopped almost completely. Travelers with valid papers are crossing normally, however.  
British zone officials connect the Russian move with an east-zone drive for forced labor for uranium mines. For months past fit young Germans fleeing into the west zones have claimed that they were escaping forced labor in the mines.

## Czech Catholic Prelate Prisoner in His Palace

Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 17 (AP)— Archbishop Josef Beran, head of Czechoslovakia's 9,000,000 Roman Catholics, was a virtual prisoner in his own palace today, as the communist government's war on the church appeared nearing a climax.  
A reliable informant described the Prague Archbishop's status as "house arrest."  
Two priests from Archbishop Beran's consistory have been arrested and taken away by police after a raid on the consistory section of the archbishop's palace in which police tried to seize church records.  
Neither priests nor laymen could get in to see the archbishop without undergoing a police identification.  
The customary armed guard stood outside Archbishop Beran's palace.  
More significantly, the reception desk and telephone switchboard inside the palace gate were manned by secret police.  
Two Associated Press correspondents who tried to see the archbishop were told by personnel at the reception desk that "the archbishop says 'no.'"  
At the same time a Czech cleric in clerical garb was attempting to

## \$12 Million Loan To Northwest Airlines

Washington, June 17 (AP)—The Civil Aeronautics board advised the Reconstruction Finance Corporation today that it will guarantee a proposed loan of \$12,000,000 to Northwest Airlines.  
The airline already has borrowed \$9,000,000 from private banks as part of a \$21,000,000 financing program for new flight equipment. The RFC-guaranteed loan will be used in buying 10 Boeing Stratacruisers.  
The CAB is required to pass on an airline's financial stability in applications for loans to be guaranteed by the RFC.

## Recess Taken Until Monday With Agreement Near

Paris, June 17 (AP)—The Big Four foreign ministers have stretched their unofficial deadline to make another stab at reaching accords on a stalled-up Austrian independence treaty and a German trade pact.  
Deadlocked early today after a grueling series of 11th hour sessions, the ministers recessed until Sunday and set still another meeting for Monday. The parley had been expected to end last night.  
Informed observers said agreement on the German question seems near. They said the issue has boiled down to east-west differences of principle.  
Hope for some sort of agreement was bolstered by the fact that the ministers extended their meetings.

## Trade and Transport Agreement on German Question Seems Near

The German question hinges on a trade and transport accord, over which the ministers have been wrangling for days.  
The situation has been complicated by the four-week-old Berlin rail strike, which is still on.  
The Austrian treaty promises to be a long, arduous task.  
Even if the ministers settle their Austrian differences, the pact would take some months to write. Probably it would not be ready for signature until fall, when the ministers are reported planning to reconvene in New York.  
An Austrian treaty might widen the gulf between Russia and Yugoslavia's Premier Marshal Tito. Tito's government has put forth several war claims on Austria, which Russia in the past has backed. If the treaty is signed, Russia will have withdrawn that backing.  
The west believes this would move Tito closer to them in an economic sense at least.  
Furthermore, the Austrian treaty would help stabilize the overall European situation by relaxing tensions. This would enable the countries of western Europe to concentrate more on economic recovery than on military preparedness. The west thinks economic health in their part of Europe is the best possible antidote to communism.

## Governor's Day At Fort Lewis

Fort Lewis, June 17 (AP)—A combined ground and air display of Oregon and Washington's national guard strength will be exhibited here tomorrow at the annual Governor's Day parade.  
Both states will be represented by acting governors as the 4,500 men of the 41st infantry division march in review at 2 p.m. on Gray field. Oregon will have William Walsh, Coos Bay, president of the Oregon senate. Lt. Gov. Victor A. Meyers will represent Washington. Their "bosses" are in Washington, D.C., for the governor's conference.

## Operation Resumed By Ratzlaff Line

Pacific Coast Lines, operated by John Ratzlaff, resumed operations Friday between Salem and Newport.  
The first trip west left on schedule at 7 a.m. and the return here was scheduled for 12.20 p.m. (daylight time). The second trip will leave here at 4 p.m. and return at 9.15 p.m.  
Leaving times from Newport to Salem are 9:45 a.m. and 6:40 p.m.

## Sales Policy for O & C Lands Approved

The Salem district advisory board for O & C lands approved the new sales policy for public domain timber here yesterday.  
Under the plan parcels of timber that will go up for sale in each year will be given wide publicity every December, so that lumbermen may plan their operations.  
It is designed to give more lumbermen a chance to bid on government timber.

WEATHER	
(Released by United States Weather Bureau)	
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Fair and somewhat warmer tonight and Saturday. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 44 degrees; highest Saturday, 78. Conditions will be mostly favorable for farm work Saturday. Maximum yesterday 69. Minimum today 41. Mean temperature yesterday 57 which was 5 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11.30 a. m. today 6. Total precipitation for the month 13 of an inch which is 35 of an inch below normal. Willamette river height at Salem Friday morning, .5 of a foot.	