

# Railroad Chiefs Reject Plans to End Bottleneck

Southern Pacific Officials Agree Engineers To Study Situation

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Two high officials of the Southern Pacific company had little encouragement to offer toward Salem's railroad troubles when they met with the city's future planners at the Senator hotel Tuesday night.

Railroad tracks that for years have girded the city center on four sides, and have become intolerable because of growing population and traffic were the subject of the conference, called by the long-range planning commission.

## Negative Position Taken

Aside from agreeing to send the Southern Pacific's best engineering talent to Salem for further conferences, James W. Corbett of San Francisco, and L. P. Hopkins of Portland, district superintendent of the S.P., took a negative attitude to most suggestions made by the planners and by city officials. C. A. McClure, engineer for the planning commission, will be contacted man to arrange future meetings.

All streets on which the S.P. holds franchises were discussed, but the argument centered on the main line on 12th street. Later conferences will study two suggestions for improvement on that street—some elevation of the tracks with street underpasses at Center, Chemekeeta, Court, State and Mission; and dividing the street to separate train and automobile traffic so traffic signal systems can be installed.

## Tunnel Plans Rejected

The railroad men were not receptive to the suggested tunneling of the railroad along 12th street. "It would cost \$10,000,000 with no particular benefit to the railroad company—probably a continuing expense," Corbett said. "When you talk of depressing the tracks on 12th street you are talking big money. There never was a time in the history of the industry when it was so important to spend funds available for capital outlay to increase efficiency, which means to reduce costs. If we don't follow that policy we can't survive. Someone will take us over, and that would have to be the government. And I know you don't want that to happen."

One reason given by the Salem group for removal or rebuilding of the 12th street line was to eliminate the noise and vibration that disturbs the state office workers.

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# 3 Jailed for Horseburgers

Portland, June 22 (AP)—Three men were arrested today after a months-long investigation into reports that horse meat was being sold to restaurants here as hamburger.

Detectives and city officials, after an early morning vigil at the Portland meat company plant, a Salem concern operating in the southwest district, took these men into custody: Ernest M. Crystal, 42, a partner in the firm; Stanley M. Rickard, 35, Hillsboro butcher; and Matt M. Slaughter, 57, a butcher for the firm.

Detective Prescott Hutchins said Crystal and Rickard were charged with violating the city health ordinance by illegal possession of horse meat. Ball was set at \$1,000 each. Slaughter was released on his own recognizance as a material witness.

Hutchins said some 2,000 pounds of horse meat was unloaded this morning by Crystal and Rickard from crates labeled "turkeys." As he, Detective Noel Eck and a number of city aids watched, the horse meat was taken into the plant where Slaughter was operating a grinding machine.

Hutchins said the meat was traced from a slaughter house outside the city. The state health department is investigating there, he said.

The detective said city officials told him horse meat was priced at 7 cents a pound. With steat fat added, it had the appearance of steat hamburger and sold at 45 cents a pound wholesale, he said.

## WEATHER

(Released by United States Weather Bureau)  
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Mostly clear tonight and Thursday except for morning cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Low temperature tonight, 53 degrees; highest Thursday, 82. Conditions will be favorable for most farm work. Maximum yesterday 80. Minimum today 48. Mean temperature yesterday 66 which was 3 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .8. Total precipitation for the month 77.68 inch which is .18 of an inch below normal. Willamette river height at Salem Wednesday morning, -1.2 feet.

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# Governors of Nation Talk On Highways

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 22 (AP)—Governors of the nation turned their attention to highways today as they neared the end of their four-day annual conference.

A round-table discussion on highway construction, regulation and safety was the morning's principal business.

Then, this afternoon, the chief executives will hold their only closed-door session of the conference.

At that time they will take up a series of resolutions.

## For Arming Europe

They appeared ready, in one of these, to give indirect approval to the administration's \$1,130,000,000 program to arm western Europe against the threat of communism.

At the same time, the 41st annual conference of state executives seemed likely to reject a proposal to cut federal grants-in-aid 20 percent in exchange for the government's getting out of certain tax fields.

The conference, ending here today, will pick a new chairman to succeed Gov. William Preston Lane, Jr., of Maryland, democrat, who will yield the gavel to a western republican.

Indications were that Kansas Gov. Frank Carlson might be the choice of the new executive committee which picks its own chairman.

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# Judith Coplon Repeats Story

Washington, June 22 (AP)—Judith Coplon held firm to her love-for-a-Russian defense after her espionage trial today despite admissions that she kept all-night trysts with another man.

Step by step, Prosecutor John M. Kelley, Jr., had Miss Coplon repeat under cross-examination her earlier testimony of meeting and falling in love with Valentine A. Gubitchev, the Russian engineer assigned to the United Nations in New York.

Miss Coplon insisted repeatedly that Gubitchev told her he was "going into the formalities" of obtaining American citizenship and assured her he had broken with the Soviet regime.

At one point she snapped at Kelley: "This is not as sensational as you are trying to make it."

"I'm not trying to make it sensational," the prosecutor shot back.

It was Kelley who drew from Miss Coplon late yesterday the admission that she had spent more than one night with H. P. Shapiro, later identified as an attorney in the justice department's criminal division.

Miss Coplon too worked for the justice department, as a political analyst. She is charged with stealing secret papers with the intent of passing them along to Moscow via Gubitchev.

## Tanker Aground

San Francisco, June 22 (AP)—The navy ordered 12 tugs to proceed to the Golden Gate at dawn today in an effort to refloat the naval tanker Netches which went aground off the San Francisco Presidio last night.

A previous agreement between the city of Salem and the U. S. Naval Air Station at Seattle permitted the navy to move its station keeper group here so that the men could start putting the buildings in readiness for the training program that will begin this summer. The lease received from the navy Tuesday was back-dated.

Under the lease those facilities to be used by the navy include the hangar, which is 80 by 90 feet, the adjoining apron, which is 350 feet by 500 feet; two gasoline storage tanks, holding 25,000 gallons and pumps; a building approximately 20 by 40 feet and a second building 20 by 100 feet in size. Also included is the joint and concurrent use of runways, taxiways and facilities at the airport, including ramp space.

Navy men at the field have already repaired the hangar and painted the outside light gray with a green trim. The inside has been painted white and a plywood dais line of gray has been placed around the bottom.

# Secretary Krug Asks Approval Of Proposed CVA

Washington, June 22 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Krug today asked the reclamation bureau-army engineers coordinated Columbia valley program cannot meet the requirements for developing the basin.

Stressing unification and elimination of interagency conflicts, he urged the house public works committee to approve a bill to create a Columbia valley administration.

He said he was testifying at President Truman's request.

Krug's statement was read by Walton Seymour, head of the department's power division, after the secretary became ill and was excused from the stand.

Chairman Whittington (D-Miss) said he would not permit cross-examination until a later date.

## Under Divided Authority

Krug emphasized basin development is carried on now under divided authority of the army engineers, reclamation bureau and Bonneville power administration. The proposed CVA would take over functions of all three.

Confusion exists as to which agency is going to do the work, Krug said, resulting in "waste of money . . . at the taxpayer's expense . . . from duplications and frequently competition and conflicts among these agencies."

While the engineers and the bureau had agreed on a coordinated program, the conflicts and fragmented uncoordinated, incomplete programs have been apparent for some time, he added.

## Raps Substitutes

"To urge, however, that the plans and agreement are a satisfactory substitute or alternative for a Columbia valley administration is to misunderstand the nature of the reports and the agreement," Krug continued.

"They present an engineering and development plan for the river but do not present an adequate administrative method of carrying out the plan."

He said the coordinated program for the seven northwest states does not provide for changing requirements as the years go by.

## 500 More to Pick Cherries

With approximately 500 workers from other districts on the ground and with more interest being shown on the part of Willamette valley residents, the help situation in connection with the harvest of cherries was reported much brighter Wednesday by Wm. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem employment office.

The importations came from the Klamath and Ontario sections. One or two additional sizeable groups were expected Wednesday and will be moved into orchards already designated for their operations.

While the larger orchards are well taken care of as to pickers, in some instances smaller operators have not secured their requirements.

Harvest is expected to extend over the next 10 days or two weeks, particularly in the higher elevations.

# Navy East-Side Airport Lease Signed by City

City Manager J. L. Franzen Tuesday morning signed the formal lease for transfer of the hangar on the east side of McNary field to the U. S. navy for use as a naval air facility.

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Salem Cherries Given People of 21 Countries—Scenes at S.P. depot Wednesday when international agricultural representatives were greeted by Salem organizations. Above, general view of crowd as Cherrians distributed Royal Anne, president of International Federation of Agricultural Producers, receives good will token from a Cherrian. The gentleman at the right, just about to make proper disposition of a Royal Anne, is Pierre Martin, big wine producer of Bordeaux, president of the CGA, a French producers' organization, and one of the vice presidents of the International Federation.

# Salem Cherries Given to International Farm Group

Willamette valley Royal Anne cherries, in neat little tubs, went as gifts Wednesday to over 70 men and women of 21 countries, who were Salem's guests for 20 minutes.

Among them were men of international note in the agricultural industries of England, France, Germany, the Orient, Canada, The Netherlands, and other nations, to say nothing of the United States.

They represented the International Federation of Agricultural Producers which a few days ago closed its convention at Guelph, Ontario. They are now on their way home—the long way 'round—via San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Salt Lake, Denver, Chicago, Washington, New York, Keokuk, Sauk Center, etc.

At the Southern Pacific depot the train stopped long enough for the Salem Cherrians, in uniform, Chamber of Commerce, and Cherryland Festival association to extend welcome, distribute travel folders about this community, and pass duty to them individually the cherries as tokens of international good will.

The fruit, selected with care and gathered from Salem packers, had been pre-cooled overnight. In crates the individual cartons were carried aboard the train, or distributed on the depot platform.

Among those who left the train to circulate in the crowd while they ate cherries was H. H. Hannan of Ottawa, president of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers and also head of the Canadian organization.

And there also was H. D. Louwes of The Netherlands, international senior vice president. Another person of note was Pierre Martin (pronounce it Martanh, if you want to be French), big wine producer of Bordeaux, who is a vice president of the International Federation and president of the CGA of France.

Stopping here a longer time were Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Knowles of London, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Jones. Mr. Knowles is executive secretary of the Farmers' Union of England and Mr. Jones president of the Oregon Farmers union.

On a trip to Europe last year the Jones were guests of the Knowles in London. On the present occasion Mr. and Mrs. Knowles were met in Portland Tuesday by their Salem friends and were being shown about western Oregon today. They will leave by airplane Wednesday night.

Asked for comment about present conditions in agricultural policy is good, because it has been worked out between the government and the Farmers Union. Rationing of food and the coming end of the Marshall aid plan, offer serious problems, he said.

## 107 New Cases of Polio in Texas

San Angelo, Texas, June 22 (AP)—Eight more polio patients were in San Angelo hospitals today, Texas were warned the disease is increasing over the state.

"We have reports of 107 cases for the week ending June 18," said State Health Officer Dr. George W. Cox. "That's too many. There were only 97 the week before."

At San Angelo five persons were dismissed leaving 68 cases under treatment. Cox said the total number of cases of polio this year is 570 from 89 counties.

# Fist Fight in Congress Over Housing Bill

Cox Slaps Sabath in Mouth, Gets Blows To Face

Washington, June 22 (AP)—A punch swinging encounter between 83-year-old Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) and Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) took place on the house floor today, touched off by dispute over the administration's housing bill.

An eye witness, Rep. Walter (D-Pa.), said Sabath, who is in his 60s, slapped Sabath in the mouth and knocked off his glasses.

He said Sabath countered with a one two right and left to Cox's face before they were parted.

The unbilled one-rounder came during a quorum call to get more members to the floor for the start of debate on the housing bill.

## Argument Over Time

Walter said it began in an argument over whether Sabath would give Cox time to talk.

There had been a bitter previous debate, with Sabath jumping on the "real estate lobby" and pleading with the house to help "deserving American citizens" who are crying for housing.

Then came the quorum call. That stops business and reporters in the gallery over the chamber went outside to write. The scrap between Sabath and Cox sent them rushing downstairs to the floor, where Walter told them this happened:

Sabath was sitting down at a table when Cox came up, leaned over and asked for 10 minutes to make a speech.

## Portions Out Debate

Sabath, as chairman of the rules committee, is portioning out time for debate over what rule the housing legislation shall be considered under.

Sabath told Cox he didn't have that much time. Cox called him a "liar."

Neither Sabath nor Cox would leave the floor to talk with reporters at first.

Cox has been one of the leading foes of the housing measure. He was the only one to make a speech against it at a democratic caucus yesterday.

This was a party meeting that voted 147 to 8 to support a low rent public housing program but only after trimming it from the 1,050,000 units in seven years asked by President Truman to \$10,000 to be built in six years.

# Judges Testify In Hiss Behalf

New York, June 22 (AP)—Two U. S. supreme court justices and the chief judge of the U. S. circuit court of appeals in Boston testified today in behalf of Alger Hiss at his perjury trial.

Justice Felix Frankfurter said Hiss' reputation was "excellent."

Justice Stanley M. Reed testified that "so far as I know" Hiss' reputation was "good."

Chief Judge Calvert Magruder of the U. S. circuit court of appeals, Boston, said that the former state department official's reputation was "excellent."

The prosecutor, U. S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, unawed by the fact he was cross-examining supreme court justices, wrangled briefly with Frankfurter. The latter stalked out of the courtroom looking somewhat nettled after he had testified.

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# Acheson Urges Speedy Action On Atlantic Pact

Vandenberg Seconds Appeal—Big 4 Results Told

Washington, June 22 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson appealed today for action at the congress session on the Atlantic treaty and the arms assistance program. He got backing from Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.)

Vandenberg, republican leader on foreign policy matters, said "Congress can't adjourn without acting on both."

Acheson met with the senate foreign relations committee behind closed doors to discuss, among other things, the outcome of the Big Four foreign ministers conference in Paris.

Later he issued a statement which said he told the senators the results "reemphasize" the need for congressional action at this session on the pact and the arms program.

## Vandenberg Recommends It

Vandenberg, giving reporters his own opinion, said later: "We can not leave any twilight zone in a subject of this major importance to the world."

Vandenberg went on, and "must act on both matters before this session quits."

Acheson's statement said action is needed to keep the momentum of what already has been accomplished by American programs in Europe.

Acheson's return from the Paris meeting yesterday was followed by an appeal from President Truman for "no slackening" in vital phases of American foreign policy.

In a statement issued after a meeting with Acheson, Mr. Truman said: "It must be frankly admitted that despite the forward looking program sponsored by the western powers as a basis for unification (of Germany), little progress was made."

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# Atomic Bombs Insure Safety

Washington, June 22 (AP)—Walter J. Williams, production manager for the atomic energy commission, said today "the security of the country as far as making bombs is concerned is O.K."

His remark at the congressional investigation of the AEC was a strong hint that A-bomb output is at a rate considered satisfactory by those concerned with it. The rate is a closely guarded secret.

Williams is a former army officer who was assigned to the atomic project when the military "controlled it during the war. He continued on it when the present civilian commission took over in 1946.

He said the army did a "remarkable job" in organizing the project and accomplished its task of getting "atomic bombs to help end the war." Of the commissions' accomplishments, he had this to say:

"We have nothing to be ashamed of, if you take it on balance. I believe if we were permitted to tell the public what has been accomplished, that the people would feel the program is in good hands and that the security of the country as far as making bombs is concerned is O.K."

The senate-house atomic committee is investigating charges of "incredible mismanagement" made against the AEC and its chairman, David E. Lilienthal, by Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa).

# New Reduction in Gas Rates Announced

Gas cooking and water heating rates will roll back to within 9 percent of their pre-war level, as a result of Portland Gas & Coke company's third rate reduction so far this year, according to J. A. H. Dodd, district manager.

Approval of a request to make the third reduction effective with meter readings taken on and after June 25 has been granted by George H. Flagg, Oregon public utilities commissioner. The three cuts, reflecting as many reductions in the cost of heavy gas-making oil, will save customers approximately \$1,332,000 annually or 14.3 percent.

Savings on individual customer bills will amount to 14.4 cents per cubic foot of gas used. A typical saving to a cooking and water heating customer will be approximately \$7 annually or nearly 11 percent. The same customer also using gas to heat a typical five-room house would save around \$35 annually or nearly 15 percent.

The three reductions in heavy gas-making oil so far this year total 60 cents per barrel

# Bids Asked on Santiam Road

Portland, June 22 (AP)—The last 13 unimproved miles of the North Santiam pass highway will be up for surfacing bids July 7.

Construction on the route started more than 20 years ago and for years there has been an oil-surfaced highway extending east and west of the unimproved section between Detroit and Niagara. But only recently was the heavy grading completed to permit the entire highway to handle through traffic from Salem into central Oregon via Stayton and Mill City.

W. H. Lynch, public roads administration division engineer, said that in addition to providing a major cross-Cascades route, the highway would be a useful access road to Detroit dam and to timber resources.

The low bid on a bank protection project on the Willamette river near Independence yesterday came from the McKinnon Construction company of Sandy.

The firm bid \$11,131, which was \$1689 under the estimate of army engineers. The project is at Catlin location, five miles southeast of Independence.

# Berlin Strikers To Restore Traffic

Berlin, June 22 (AP)—The western Berlin railway strikers decided tonight to restore international freight movements to normal without calling off their walkout.

The union announced that workmen would report to the western Berlin marshalling yards tomorrow morning to make the technical preparations for ungarling the chaos brought by five weeks strike.

By Friday freight trains from west Germany to Berlin will be moving through the yards.

# East Sizzles in Heat as Drought Damages Crops

A June heat wave in the nation's northwestern states sizzled on today amid a growing fear of serious damage to farm crops.

The long dry spell—no heavy rains in three weeks—intensified the hazard of fires in the heavily wooded areas of the New England states, New York and New Jersey. No immediate relief from the unseasonable heat appeared in prospect. Temperatures climbed into the 90's over the parched areas yesterday.

In Massachusetts alone, the hot, dry weather has caused an estimated \$5,000,000 damage to crops. Hay and vegetable crops have suffered the most damage. John Chandler, Massachusetts agriculture commissioner, said the second hay crop is scorched and "just isn't growing."

Farm officials fear a milk shortage later as well as other damaging effects to the dairy industry because of damage to hay and pasture land.

In New York state, where no substantial amounts of rain have fallen since the end of May, the drought was described as "serious" by agricultural experts at Cornell university.

Some communities in New York have taken steps to con-