

Spotlight of Politics May Shine on State

Oregon Could Again Hold Important Role In National Race

By JAMES D. OLSON

Oregon may be in the national political spotlight next May just as it was four years ago when Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, fought it out for the republican preferential nod for president. Dewey won.

It is now certain that there will be an interesting race between General Dwight D. Eisenhower and President Harry S. Truman on the democratic ticket and a strong possibility that Gen. Ike will be pitted against Senator Robert A. Taft on the republican ballot. Taft's national organization men do not wish to enter the Oregon primaries, but some Oregon pro-Taft men might go ahead on their own.

Just to make it more interesting there is a strong possibility that Gen. MacArthur's name will be placed on the republican ballot, also, reports being that petitions to this end having already been circulated by E. P. Epton in Multnomah county. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

McCarthy Gets Oil Concession

Paris, Nov. 24 (AP)—Texas oilman Glenn McCarthy said today he had signed a multi-million dollar deal to take control of a company which would exploit more than 7,000 square miles of Egyptian territory for oil.

Exact terms of the deal were not disclosed, except that under the agreement McCarthy would have a 51 per cent interest in the Egyptian National Petroleum company. The remaining 49 per cent is owned by varied interests, mostly Egyptians.

Some sources said previously the deal would involve "between six and ten million dollars," but one of McCarthy's aides said today "the exact amount of the investment can't be known until we see just how much and what type of exploitation will be necessary."

The oil lands of Egypt range over most of the northern sections of the country, from the Sinai desert westward to an area on the Mediterranean some 300 miles west of Cairo.

Cold Wave and Rain in East

A severe cold wave, with temperatures more than 35 degrees below normal, chilled the northern midwest today while a soaking rain drenched a wide area extending from Texas to New England.

The cold wave was centered in Minnesota with below-zero temperatures reported in all sections of the state. Alexandria, Minn., had 12 below and Minneapolis five. It was 16 below at Jamestown, N. D., six below at Grantsburg, Wis., and two below at Mason City, Ia.

To the south and east, a band of rain 200 miles wide stretched from north-central Texas all the way to the Atlantic coast.

It rained almost all day yesterday in the lower Ohio valley. Forecasters said that Paducah, Ky., registered a total rainfall of 3.66 inches, and West Plains, Mo., recorded 2.76 inches.

Temperatures in the west also were below normal. Phoenix, Ariz., caught both the cold and the rain with a temperature reading of 49—very low for that area—and a .78-inch rainfall.

The Mississippi river at Minneapolis was frozen over and half a dozen families fled their household homes yesterday when an ice pack swept away gangplanks and ground the boats into splinters.

The giant ice jam also snapped the mooring lines holding two 400-ton barges which broke loose and started on an uncontrolled journey downstream.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 30; minimum to-day, 26. Total 24-hour precipitation: trace. For month: 2.85; normal, 4.21. Season precipitation: 14.36; normal, 9.36. River height, 6 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

West Told to Revamp Plan to Please Russia

Vishinsky Demands Revision of Disarmament Program

Paris, Nov. 24 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky demanded today that western powers rewrite their disarmament plan almost completely to make it acceptable to Russia.

Spokesmen for Britain and the United States immediately expressed disappointment and discouragement with Vishinsky's long awaited reply to the arms reduction plan submitted by the western big three. Some said, however, that they thought Vishinsky had left the door open for negotiation.

The Soviet demands for revision of the western plan were incorporated in a series of 12 amendments submitted to the 60-member United Nations assembly political committee. The amendments, to all practical purposes, would transform the western plan into the one the Russians submitted two weeks ago.

Disappointment Voiced
Ambassador Philip C. Jessup, United States delegate who is handling the disarmament debate in the political committee now, made this comment:

"We are very much disappointed. Mr. Vishinsky still seems to prefer denunciation to negotiation. Secretary Acheson's speech made it clear that we desire to forsake invective and go to work. We will proceed in the hope that progress toward a genuine system of disarmament is still possible."

A leading Scandinavian delegate said he found Vishinsky's address "less belligerent than previous ones," he said he thought "the soft tones at the end of the speech might be an opening for negotiations."

Other Developments
"The Americans can now come with detailed questions to the Russians on what they mean."

Other developments at the U. N. today:

Vishinsky Raps William Oatis

Paris, Nov. 24 (AP)—Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky made a backhanded reference to William Oatis, Associated Press correspondent now imprisoned in Czechoslovakia, during his speech in the United Nations today.

Vishinsky was turning down western proposals for international inspection of atomic establishments when he said:

"As for the inspection, this would be entirely in the hands of the United States with all the consequences this implies. The 'honest profession' of the Oatis, to which Mr. Acheson (U. S. secretary of state) referred here, would no doubt enjoy great protection also in the work of this inspection."

Oatis was accused of spying and espionage in Czechoslovakia and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. Oatis' superiors in the Associated Press and U. S. government officials have called the trial a travesty of justice and said that Oatis could not possibly have been engaged in spying.

Mayor and Council Stage Secret Session

At high noon today the city council met in one of those sub rosa, under cover, star chamber sessions according to a plan that Mayor Al Loucks has been toying with ever since he took office.

The meeting was in the office of City Manager J. L. Franzen, and a repast, prepared by a nearby caterer, was served.

The mayor, when asked by a newspaperman if the meeting were open to the press, answered:

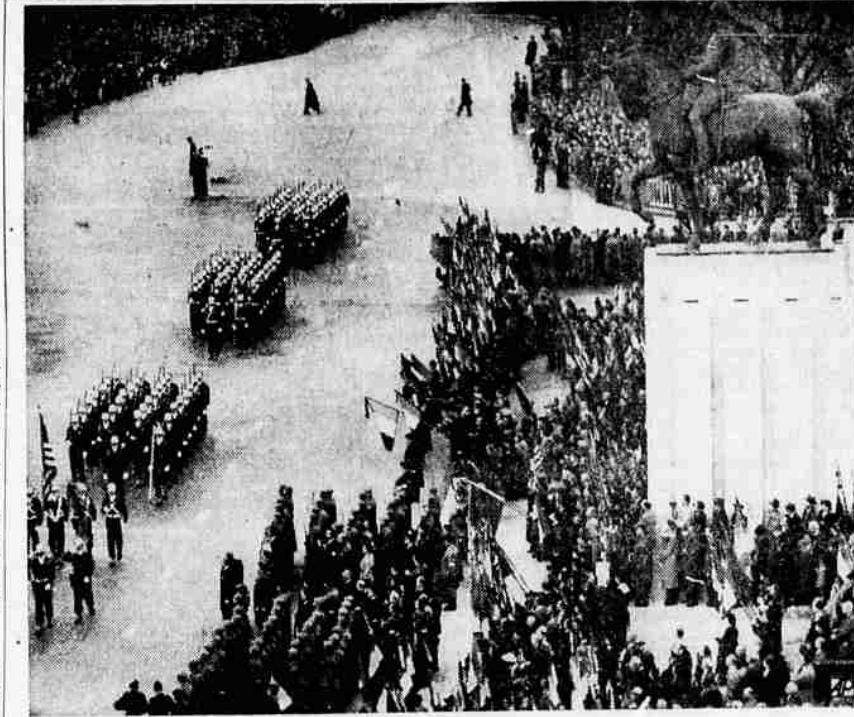
"Well, yes and no."

"He then streamlined the answer so that it definitely meant no."

"If anything really important comes up," said the burgomaster, "I'll give you a buzz."

At press time he hadn't buzzed.

Asked if his secret meetings were going to be Saturday noons



Foch Statue Unveiled—American soldiers (left) march past statue of Marshal Ferdinand Foch, World War I Supreme Commander, at unveiling ceremony in Paris.

Danish Navy's Arsenal Blasted

Copenhagen, Denmark, Nov. 24 (AP)—Exploding half-ton mines last night blasted the Danish navy's arsenal here into a charred tangle of death and wreckage.

At least 18 firemen and navy enlisted men were killed. Others possibly were blown into the harbor or still may be lying under the tangle of concrete and metal debris. Seventy-nine others were injured.

Unofficial estimates put the damage somewhere between 75,000,000 and 100,000,000 kroner (about \$1,100,000 to \$1,400,000).

The violent chain reaction of fire and explosion, which destroyed five buildings and heavily damaged other navy installations, shattered windows throughout Copenhagen, set off hundreds of burglar alarms and knocked people out of their beds as far away as Sweden, 30 miles across the Straits.

Firemen who first were called to battle the gasoline fire, were caught by the blast and only one of them was able to tell what happened. The other 22 were either dead or in the hospital.

Engineer Ran Past Red Light

New York, Nov. 24 (AP)—The engineer of the New Haven railroad express train involved in the Thanksgiving day Park avenue tunnel wreck has been quoted as saying he ran his locomotive through a stop signal.

The express sideswiped a Stamford-bound local as the two eight-car trains carrying 1,100 holiday passengers moved north side-by-side in the narrow tunnel. Twenty-seven passengers were injured, one critically. Three coaches were derailed and parts of the two trains crashed into opposite sides of the tunnel.

After a closed hearing yesterday the engineer, James D. Taylor, 50, of East Haven, Conn., was quoted as admitting he failed to see a red light in time to avoid a collision.

Already under suspension, Taylor will be subject to railroad disciplinary action.

Barkley Fires Birthday Shell at Chinese Reds

Central Front, Korea, Nov. 24 (AP)—Vice President Alben Barkley celebrated his 74th birthday today by firing an autographed artillery shell at the Chinese Reds.

He said he was coming through his long trip to Korea "in good shape," then added, "it's not too rough."

When he landed at the forward airstrip of the U.S. 25th division, the division band broke into "Happy Birthday to You."

"I expect to live to 105, especially after this exhilarating trip to Korea," he said with a broad grin.

Arnold Paid Lindy Tribute

Washington, Nov. 24 (AP)—The late "Hap" Arnold—general of the Army H. H. Arnold, who was World War Two U. S. air leader—said that Charles Lindbergh never received credit Arnold believed was due him for ferreting out information about pre-war Germany's aircraft.

This was recalled here today by reports from Paris that a forthcoming book tells of visits by Lindbergh in 1935 to Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering "at the request of the United States government to get information about the expanding Luftwaffe."

The book, to be published in London, Dec. 6, is "Marshal Without Glory," a study of Goering by two British journalists, Ewan Butler and Gordon Young.

They praise Lindbergh for getting an "extremely full report on the Luftwaffe" and say he has never received, publicly, credit due to him.

Hap Arnold, too, in his book "Global Mission," published in 1949, said "Nobody gave us much useful information about Hitler's air force until Lindbergh came home in 1939."

Truman Seeks Experts for Jobs

Key West, Fla., Nov. 24 (AP)—President Truman wrestled today with the major problem of drawing experts into the government service to handle key defense assignments.

Emergency agencies are operating largely with executives on leave from private business or educational institutions whose services in many cases are necessarily of temporary duration.

Gordon Gray, on leave from the presidency of the University of North Carolina, was able to resign yesterday as director of the psychological strategy board because, as he put it in a letter to the president, "a very competent successor has been found."

That successor is Dr. Raymond B. Allen, who is leaving the presidency of the University of Washington on January 1 to take over the duties of Gray, a former secretary of the army.

In his assignment, Dr. Allen will formulate and co-ordinate overall psychological objectives, policies and programs of the defense program.

Barkley reviewed an honor guard and shook hands with the 25th division's commander, Maj. Gen. Ira P. Swift.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander, and Gen. James A. Van Fleet, eighth army chief, accompanied Barkley on a swing along the front in an aerial caravan of light planes.

Barkley returned to Tokyo by air Saturday night. Tired by his three-day tour of the Korean battlefield, he slept most of the way. Ridgway, U.S. Ambassador John J. Muccio and other governmental and military leaders accompanied him back to Tokyo.

From the 25th division the group flew to the 24th division where the veep presented a presidential unit citation to company "K" of the 19th infantry regiment.

Battery "C" of the 52nd field artillery battalion greeted Barkley with a 18-gun salute and gave him a polished shell case bearing the vice president's seal and this inscription: "Fired for freedom by the 24th infantry division in Korea—1951."

Snow lay in patches on the ground and the mercury had risen to only 25 degrees from a low of 14 Saturday morning. Barkley came bundled up for the cold.

Barkley pulled the lanyard on a 105 millimeter howitzer to celebrate his birthday.

The veep wrote his name on the shell with a red crayon before firing it at the Chinese in the hills to the north.

He signed it simply, "Alben Barkley."

Stassen to Hurl Hat in GOP Ring

By JACK BELL
Washington, Nov. 24 (AP)—Pressure built up today behind potential republican presidential aspirants to bring their candidacy out into the open.

Friends were reported urging Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and now president of the University of Pennsylvania, to announce his candidacy before Jan. 1.

Senator Morse (R., Ore.) said if Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is going to be a candidate for the republican nomination he should say so immediately.

Politicians generally credited the early entry of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio into the republican race with the early pressure being brought to bear on other potential candidates. Thus far only Gov. Earl Warren of California, the 1948 vice presidential nominee, officially had entered the list against Taft.

However, associates said they believed Stassen soon will throw his hat into the ring, without regard to any decision that may be made by Eisenhower. Eisenhower has not publicly said whether he would be available for any presidential nomination.

It is likely that Stassen's supporters will enter his name in the March 11 New Hampshire primary. They might withdraw it from that race, however, if Eisenhower's name is placed on the ballot and the general does not take the necessary steps to remove it.

Russia Claims Lost US Plane Fired First at Red Fliers

Pinpoint Half Of Cease Fire Line in Korea

Munsan, Korea, Nov. 24 (AP)—United Nations and communist staff officers today pinpointed half the 145-mile cease-fire line across Korea.

A U.N. spokesman said allied military experts hope to complete the job tomorrow but "couldn't" make any guarantees.

The spokesman, Lt. Col. Howard Levie, indicated that if the staff officers are unable to map the entire battle line Sunday, the joint cease-fire subcommittees will take over. This apparently means the full trace delegations cannot approve the buffer zone clause before Monday.

The staff officers meet in Panmunjom for the third time at 10 a.m. (5 p.m. PST Saturday).

Meet for Five Hours
If they fail to reach complete agreement "it's not to be considered a failure," Levie said. He explained that sub-delegates have far more latitude and would be able to make quick decisions.

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Allies Repulse 4 Red Attacks

Seoul, Korea, Nov. 24 (AP)—Reds hurled thousand-man attacks at United Nations outposts in four sectors but today had made no major change in the fighting front that may become the basis for a cease-fire line in Korea.

An allied officer said the attacks were designed to wipe out small U.N. outposts in front of the main United Nations line.

"They came at us two or three to one, to surround small units on hills, then tried to kill as many as possible," he said.

He called it a change from the Reds' "human sea" wave attacks of the past.

The Red tactics apparently were to bleed the U.N. forces at night, then pull back before daylight out of range of allied fighter planes and artillery.

"But even in the dark fire-power still chews them up," the officer said. "That's why you can hear our artillery going so hard."

The heaviest Red attack came on the western front west of Yonchon.

Two Chinese battalions knocked U.N. forces off a hill on "Jit-Gibraltar" ridge Friday night but fresh allies counterattacked in sub-freezing temperatures and by dawn Saturday had regained the peak. At the end of the daylight hours Saturday the allies held three of the four hills on the crest that looks something like the rock that guards the western entrance to the Mediterranean.

The Reds threw in a battalion of reserves Saturday at nightfall and the fighting raged on in the darkness.

Russia Hands Secret Notes To 4 Nations

Moscow, Nov. 24 (AP)—Acting Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko summoned the diplomatic representatives of Britain, France, Turkey and the United States today and handed them notes of similar content.

There was no official word immediately as to the contents of the notes, but informed sources said they charged the four countries with trying to deprive Middle and Near Eastern countries of their independence. Britain, France, Turkey and the United States have proposed a Middle East defense command setup, which Russia bitterly opposes.

Premier Calls Election in Iran

Tehran, Iran, Nov. 24 (AP)—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's government announced today it would call for immediate national elections and challenge parliament's decision to delay them until December 18.

The surprise move came a day after the aged premier's return from a 47-day flying tour to the United States and back by way of Egypt. He conferred five and a half hours yesterday with Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and presumably got royal support for his new decision.

The big issue is the Iranian financial crisis arising from the loss of royalties that formerly came in from the Anglo-Iranian Oil company, now nationalized by Mossadegh's regime and idle.

Mossadegh failed to get more than a promise of serious consideration on his request for a loan on a visit in Washington with President Truman.

The decision to call for immediate elections was announced by Deputy Premier Hossein Fatemi, who accompanied Mossadegh on his foreign tour. At the same time Fatemi dispelled any notion that Mossadegh would voluntarily resign under pressure of mounting opposition.

Dynamite Blasts Open Dikes on Po

Rovigo, Italy, Nov. 24 (AP)—Engineers set off nearly two tons of dynamite this morning to blast open Po river dikes and release torrents of flood waters toward the Adriatic sea.

The action was taken to relieve flood pressures on larger towns along the raging river's banks. Church bells tolled a warning to any persons remaining in the area just before the blast was set off.

The Po has been cutting a path of devastation across North Italy for 16 days now. At least 200,000 persons have been driven from their homes, hundreds of millions of dollars in damage have been counted and unofficial figures place the number of dead at more than 150.

Lost US Plane Shot at 20 Miles from Russia

Paris, Nov. 24 (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway told the United Nations today that two Soviet fighter planes attacked a missing U.S. weather reconnaissance aircraft more than 20 miles outside Russian territory today.

Ridgway's report, submitted to the UN Security Council, blasted a formal Soviet accusation to the United States that the UN twin-engine plane with 10 men aboard deliberately flew over Russia's naval base at Vladivostok.

A report from the UN supreme commander in Korea said an intensive search for the navy P2V Neptune patrol bomber proved fruitless. It disappeared Nov. 6 while on a weather reconnaissance mission for the UN command.

"The route this plane was following did not approach closer

Counter Charge Filed by U.S. at United Nations

Washington, Nov. 24 (AP)—Russia claims that the American patrol bomber which Soviet fighters fired on in the Far East opened fire first when the Red fliers sought to force it to land. The American plane has been missing since the encounter.

The Russian charge was disclosed today with publication by the state department of the protest which Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko handed to American Diplomat Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., in Moscow, November 7.

This country countered in Paris with an accusation in the United Nations that Soviet aircraft attacked the patrol craft without warning while it was flying over international waters of Siberia.

Russian Version of Attack
The Russian version was that the twin-engine bomber flew over the Soviet border in the area of Cape Ostrovnya, on the Sea of Japan, about 80 miles east of Vladivostok at 10:10 a.m. Vladivostok time, November 2.

Two fighter planes approached the aircraft "with the intention of forcing the American plane which had violated Soviet state frontiers to land on a Soviet airport," Gromyko told Cumming. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

Ridgway Says 8000 GIs Slain

Paris, Nov. 24 (AP)—The possible total of American prisoners slain by communists in Korea has been raised to 8,000 in a newly disclosed report from Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander in the Far East, to the United Nations security council.

That is 2,000 more than previously indicated.

The disclosure, made in one of the semi-monthly reports, was submitted to the U. N. by the U. S. delegation along with two other reports on Nov. 12. It covers the period from Aug. 16 to Aug. 31.

Ridgway's statement, declaring that as of July 20, 1951, "approximately 8,000 United States military personnel have been reported killed as war crimes victims." This report was apparently made early this month before Col. James M. Hanley said the Reds had killed about 5,500 American and 290 other allied prisoners. Col. Hanley is chief of the 8th Army's war crimes investigation section.

The report, as disclosed in Washington last night, was described as saying exact evidence obtained through July 20 numbered some 400 killings. The 8,000 total was described as unconfirmed reports from various sources and in various forms.

Pentagon Mum On Atrocities

Washington, Nov. 24 (AP)—Pentagon officials had no immediate explanation today about why they kept secret for weeks Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's communication that 8000 American prisoners of war had been reported slain by the communists in Korea.

Press officers on duty early today said they "had nothing to say" about the failure of the Pentagon officials to seem aware of the Ridgway report at the time Col. James M. Hanley, Eighth army war crimes investigator, made his first report on Korean atrocities on November 14, in Pusan, Korea.

Ridgway's atrociously estimate—made in a routine report to the United Nations—had been transmitted to U.N. officials two days previously after having been cleared by the joint chiefs of staff, and the defense and state departments.

Quizzed about Hanley's disclosure that over 5,000 American prisoners had been slain by the Reds, Pentagon officials appeared at the time to be skeptical of the figures.