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Crackdown on State Bureau Publications

Director of Finance Dorman Hits Propaganda Sheets

By JAMES D. OLSON A crackdown on publications issued by state departments, both as to the size, content and grade of paper used, has been launched by Harry S. Dorman, director of finance.

Dorman declared that too many of the state department publications were being printed on expensive bond paper and carry material that he does not believe is of interest to the general public.

Dorman already has directed the state department of forestry to reduce the size of its monthly publication and plans a conference with officials of the state agriculture department regarding its magazine.

Agriculture Magazine "The current issue of the Agriculture magazine is devoted almost entirely to pictures and articles regarding members of the department staff from the director down to the secretaries," Dorman said.

"This may be nice for the employees but I have serious doubts if the running of these articles is of any general interest to the agriculture people of the state."

Dorman is also conferring with officials of the board of higher education in the effort to reduce the number and size of publications issued by the various schools and departments operating under the jurisdiction of this board.

Monthly Publications He said that the board of higher education officials are very cooperative and he feels certain that some substantial savings can be effected in the publications cost of the board.

Dorman said that dozens of state boards issue publications monthly, quarterly and some just at various times.

"It is a case of taking one at a time and endeavoring to appraise the value of each publication," Dorman continued. "We must confer with the officials of (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Williams Given Two Big Jobs

Seattle (AP) — W. Walter Williams has two jobs—chairman of the Washington State Republican committee and the National Citizens for Eisenhower committee — and he intends to keep them both.

He is due in Seattle Friday to present his position to top Republicans, some of whom are determined he can't campaign for Ike and lead his party at the same time. They are the republicans who prefer Sen. Taft's candidacy for the presidency over that of the five-stargeneral.

Williams told of his Eisenhower plans in Washington, D.C., Thursday, then hopped a plane to Seattle and a meeting with state GOP bigwigs.

He said in Washington that he would divide his time between Washington State and New York City, where the Eisenhower offices are. His main job for the general will be to whip up national grass roots support for the general.

Spring Greeted By Cold Wave

As if winter were giving the hearty horse laugh to all this chatter about spring arriving, thermometers in Salem skidded down to 27 degree, five below freezing, for the Friday morning minimum.

Pretty heavy fog hung over much of the city early this morning, too.

However, sunshine and blue skies were out by noon and there was some hope spring actually may be coming along.

Slightly warmer temperatures are in the offing for Saturday, and the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with some prospect of a little more fog the early part of the day.

New snow was reported for the high mountains, and the highway department sent out its warning to motorists to have chain if traveling any of the pass routes.

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum today, 27. Total 24-hour precipitation, trace; for month, 1.63; normal, 2.51. Season precipitation, 37.25; normal, 30.00. River height, 1.4 feet. (Report by E. K. weather bureau.)

Steel Industry Asks Price Hike On Wage Raise

OPS Rules in Favor of Union but Opposes Cost Offset

New York (AP) — Steel industry leaders are determined to seek price relief which they contend is necessary if increased wages are granted, economic stabilizer Roger L. Putnam indicated Friday.

Putnam told newsmen after an hour and one-half session with 12 steel officials that the industry leaders had "asked for another meeting with the office of price stabilization."

The meeting of the industry leaders and Putnam followed Thursday night's recommendations by the wage stabilization board that the industry grant a package settlement to end a contract dispute with the CIO Steelworkers union.

Public members of the WSB have estimated the settlement at 18.8 cents an hour. Strike is Postponed The recommendation was approved by the executive board of the union and a national steel strike set for midnight next Sunday was postponed until April 8.

The meeting with Putnam apparently was heated at times. "We used words we regretted promptly and pulled them back," he said. But he added: (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3)

Warren to Run In Wisconsin

Madison, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin supreme court today allowed Gov. Earl Warren to stay on the state's April 1 presidential primary ballot.

Warren's candidacy was challenged by Max Polcyn, Milwaukee, who claimed there were "irregularities" in filing the California governor's slate of 30 delegate-candidates for the republican national convention.

Polcyn charged that Warren merely was a "stalking horse" for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Warren denied the charge. "We conclude that to take jurisdiction at this date would be futile and we declined to do so," Justice Edward T. Fairchild said.

The petition is denied. The court said because the Warren candidacy was challenged such a short time before the primary, "we think it proper to refuse to take jurisdiction and leave the matter to be determined after the event."

The justices said Polcyn could either come back to the supreme court or take his challenge to the national GOP convention, which will control the qualifications of its members.

Polcyn's attorney, Robert Rieser, told the court earlier in the week that there is a question "whether this is in fact a delegates hiding behind Warren slate or Eisenhower delegates hiding behind Warren's skirts."

Cowlitz Closed Kelso, Wash. (AP) — The Cowlitz river today was closed to smelt fishing until 8 p.m. Saturday to allow a spawning run to escape. The closure affects both commercial and amateur smelt fishing. Catch for the season to date is estimated at 200,000 pounds.

Living Costs Drop For First Time in 2 Years

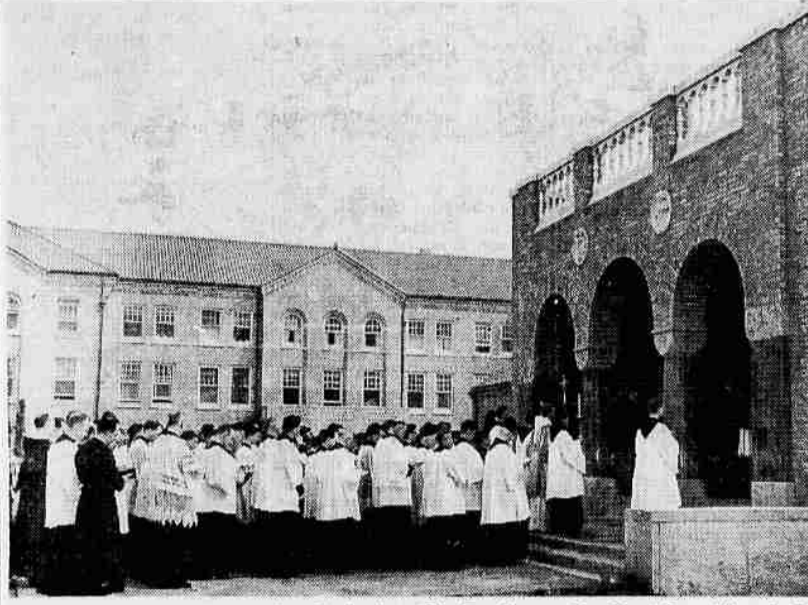
Borne downward by a 2.1 percent sag in retail food prices, the retail price index showed the largest decline for any month since December, 1949.

A one-cent hourly wage cut will be suffered on April 1 by 1,150,000 trainmen and non-operating railroad workers because of the sliding cost-of-living scale in their wage contracts.

The index, as recorded on Feb. 15, stood at 187.9, compared with the 1933-39 yardstick which is figured as 100.

The index, which seeks to gauge the retail prices paid by moderate-income city families, still was 10.4 per cent higher than it was when Korea was invaded in June, 1950. It was 2.2 per cent above a year ago.

Economists with the Office of Price Stabilization have estimated the index for March also



Dedication—His Excellency, the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland, in Oregon, leads procession of Bishops, Abbots, and priests into the new Mt. Angel Abbey for dedication ceremony Friday morning.

Access Roads Funds Refused

Washington (AP) — For the second successive year, the House appropriations committee has cut out a \$700,000 budget item for the construction of access roads in the Oregon and California grant lands.

Explaining its action, the committee reported that "legislation relating to the distribution of receipts from the sale of timber made accessible by the proposed access roads has not been modified and it is still the committee's opinion that the federal government should not share in further capital improvements without deriving a larger share of the financial proceeds of harvesting the timber than is now provided for in the controlling legislation."

By law, the Western Oregon counties in which the timber is located receive 50 per cent of the timber sale revenues. The division is soon to go 75 per cent to the counties and but 25 per cent to the government.

W.W.P. Stock to Be Distributed

New York (AP) — American Power & Light company announced today that it plans to distribute to its stockholders its entire holdings of Washington Water Power company.

Directors earlier favored sale of the Washington Power concern to three public utility districts in the State of Washington.

The company explained, however, the "board concluded that it has become obvious that sale to the public utility districts could not be consummated within the time contemplated by the board in August when it declared that any such sale must be one that could be consummated with reasonable expedition."

Washington Water Power has outstanding 2,541,800 shares of common, all owned by American Power & Light, which has 2,342,311 shares of common outstanding.

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Political Guessing Game Puzzles Both Parties

(By the Associated Press) The political guessing game about President Truman's and Gen. Eisenhower's plans continued apace Friday as the active candidates for the presidency centered their campaigns in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

These were the top developments in the political arena: 1. A majority of 45 Wisconsin newspaper editors concluded from surveys in their own counties that popular sentiment

for the GOP was strong. 2. The New Jersey battle between Gov. Driscoll and Taft was heightened by a consolidation of Eisenhower forces in the state and a suggestion that Driscoll run for vice president on the general's ticket. Official word was awaited from the Ohio senator before any action is taken to actually keep his name off the ballot.

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Governor Dies Vatican City (AP) — The governor of the Vatican City, Marchese Camillo Serafini, died here Friday after an attack of angina pectoris.

Some of the top republicans in town are convinced MacArthur will be nominated. The general, himself, disclaims presidential ambitions. He has asked that his name be kept out of presidential primaries, and in New Hampshire he counseled his friends to support Sen. Robert A. Taft, R. O.

So, MacArthur is not acting like a candidate. But he talks like a candidate. In a series of speeches since President Truman fired him from far eastern command, MacArthur has blistered the administration. He is against the president's methods, foreign and domestic. MacArthur will continue his anti-Truman campaign Saturday in a speech before a joint session of the Mississippi legislature.

A Taft-Eisenhower convention deadlock is far from impossible. Before the presidential primaries began Taft generally was judged to be far out in front in the race for republican presidential nomination. New Hampshire and Minnesota primary returns have established Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as a strong contender.

There is no sure winner yet in sight. The issue may easily be in doubt until the last roll is called at the Chicago convention next July. Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota is in the race hoping for a deadlock and to become the compromise nominee. So is Gov. Earl Warren of California.

But they wouldn't say what changes they requested. They announced the changes would make the milk law "more workable and more beneficial to the producing dairymen."

Chinese Cross Into Indochina, Fight French

Lovett Reports Same Type of Red Build-up As in Korea

Washington (AP) — Secretary of Defense Lovett said Friday the U.S. has been told some Red Chinese forces have crossed the border of Indochina to join Communist-led natives fighting the French.

It is "always possible," Lovett told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that the development could lead to the same type of Chinese buildup that preceded their entry into the Korean war.

Rep. Mansfield, D-Mont., had asked Lovett about testimony Thursday by Secretary of State Acheson "to the effect that some Chinese Communists had crossed the Indochina border" to join the fighting.

"We have been so informed," Lovett said. Foreign Aid Program The two cabinet members were called before the committee to answer questions about President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign-aid program.

Their statements marked the first official American report of involvement by the Chinese Reds in the bitter fight for Indochina, gateway to Southeast Asia. Chinese Communist forces have been reported building strength for weeks near the Indochina border.

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Fruit, Produce Firm Will Build New Plant

Pacific Fruit & Produce company, with a Salem branch located at 531 Trade street, will invest approximately \$200,000 in a new building to be erected on Hines street just west of the main line of the Southern Pacific company.

Announcement to this effect was made Friday by Sid McNeil, Salem manager for the concern. Construction on the new plant will start as soon as blueprints can be finished and the contracts let.

The building will provide almost double the space available at the present location and it will be one of the most modern of the company's plants on the Pacific coast. It will include a number of innovations that have proved worthwhile elsewhere.

The tract of land, 176 by 233 feet, was secured in a trade for a vacant lot now owned by the company at the northwest corner of Church and Trade streets. Grabenhorst Brothers, realtors,

Russian Church Raps Alleged Germ Warfare

Moscow (AP) — The campaign against alleged U.S. germ warfare in Korea is being whipped to a high pitch here.

Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper, Friday published a declaration by Patriarch Alexei of the Russian Orthodox church and three leading metropolitans condemning alleged bacteriological warfare in Korea.

Soviet press reports repeated previous charges in Peiping that the United States is now using poison gas on the Korean front. Moscow papers reported a continuing wave of protest meetings throughout the Soviet Union.

"Wrath and Indignation" was the headline over a story of a meeting at Alma Alta. "Monstrous Atrocities American Imperialists," said the headline over the story from Khabarovsk.

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Gas Company Gets Permit for Loan

The Portland Gas and Coke Co. was granted permission Friday to borrow \$2,500,000 to finance improvements.

The permission was given by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel. The money will be borrowed from the Mellon National Bank and Trust company of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Plans call for direct unloading from railroad cars directly into cold storage rooms of the new plant through five doors. Trackage will be available for a maximum of four cars. In addition there will be space for the loading and unloading of trucks and for ample parking room for the concern's fleet of motor vehicles and for customers.

The outside dimensions of the new building will be 130 by 130 feet. Construction will be of reinforced concrete of one story. It will face Hines street from the south and will contain 3800 square feet of space devoted to refrigeration. The balance will be used for general storage and for office facilities.

The Salem plant which has been at its present location for more than a quarter of a century, currently has a staff of 29 persons. The property is owned by the Derby estate.

Reds Propose Release of All POW in Korea

Suggest That Both Sides Agree and End Deadlock

Panmunjom, Korea (AP) — Red truce negotiators proposed today that both sides agree to release all listed war prisoners without further squabbling over missing captives.

The communist "compromise" proposal provided for the freeing of only the 11,559 allied and 132,474 Red prisoners whose names already have been exchanged. Of the allied prisoners, 3,198 are Americans.

It in effect would write off at least for the present 53,000 additional allied troops, including 1,398 Americans, who disappeared in Red captivity and 44,000 communist prisoners allegedly held but not reported by the U.N.

Rejected by Allies Allied representatives shrugged off the proposal. They said it contained "absolutely nothing new." Moreover, it reiterated the Red demand for forcible repatriation, if necessary, of all listed prisoners. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

More Red Jets Bagged by UN

Seoul, Korea (AP) — American Sabre pilots destroyed or damaged 13 to 18 Red jets in a series of fights Thursday climaxed by history's longest jet battle.

Darkening skies prevented exact assessment of results of a 40-minute dogfight over North Korea. But pilots of F-86 Sabre jets said they damaged at least three Mig-15s and possibly eight.

In two earlier engagements Thursday the Sabres reported they shot down five Mig's and damaged five.

In the 40-minute battle 28 Sabres tangled with 40 Mig's in a fight running over 70 miles from Sinanju to the Yalu river border with Manchuria. The longest previous jet battle lasted 35 minutes.

The fight brought the Sabres' three-day record to at least 31 and possibly 36 Red jets hit, including 11 shot down.

The air force said the bag of Red warplanes now stands at 232 destroyed, 39 probably destroyed and 426 damaged — a total of 697.

Russian Forces Japan's Menace

Tokyo, Saturday (AP) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway declared Friday Japan's "greatest problem" was the threat of strong Russian military forces already assembled north of this island nation.

The supreme allied commander told a group of Japanese newspaper executives the Russians had completed the stationing of strong forces "including many fighter planes" at two points facing Japan.

One massing point was given as near Vladivostok, the big port and base in the Siberian maritime province. The other was on Southern Sakhalin, formerly held by the Japanese. Sakhalin lies north of Japan.

The editors said Ridgeway assured them he was "not upset" by unfavorable comment of some Japanese on the Japan-U. S. security pact.

Seoul, Korea (AP) — President Syngman Rhee of South Korea said today he had given up his announced plans for moving his capital from Pusan to Seoul.

Rhee told the United Press he now plans to move back and forth between the two cities. Pusan has been seat of government since the North Koreans first smashed southward.

Rhee was in Seoul to present citations to Maj. Gen. Thomas Cross of the U. S. Third infantry division; Maj. William Donahue, pilot for Gen. James A. Van Fleet, and to the 73rd tank battalion which was among the first units back in Seoul in September, 1950.

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