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Salem By-pass Road Allotted \$1,019,000

Highway Commission Approves Grading And Paving

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An allocation of \$1,019,000 for the grading of the Salem by-pass, south of State street and the paving of the entire length of the bypass road, was approved by the state highway commission at a special meeting Wednesday.

Construction of bridges and overhead viaducts over Boone, Pringle and Battle Creek roads at an estimated cost of \$260,000 was previously approved by the commission.

However, the structures south of State street cannot be built until after the grading contract has been let, highway department officials said.

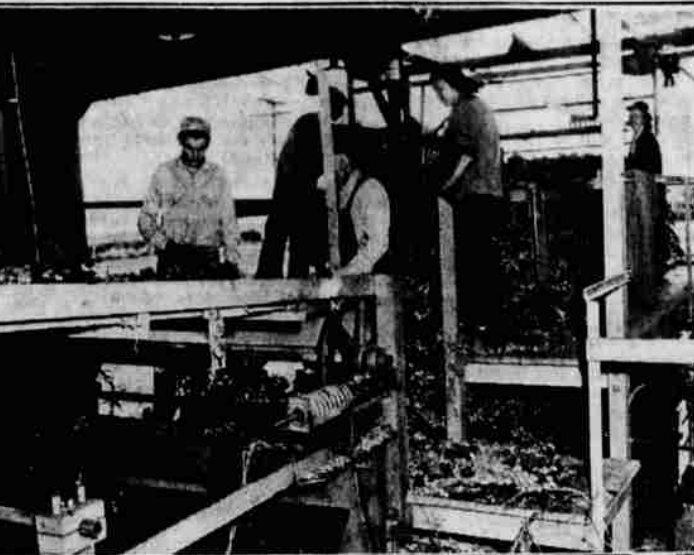
Bids for the huge grading and paving job will not be let until shortly after the first of the year, when monies from the new road bill will be available, as the Salem by-pass road is a federal-aid project.

Completion Next July

Construction and grading work north of State street on the bypass is progressing on schedule and this work is expected to be completed by July 1, 1953.

The new by-pass road, however, cannot be opened to traffic until the entire project has been completed. The completion date is set for the summer of 1954.

Contract for the steel for the Wilsonville bridge will be called by the commission next month, if plans are completed by that time. Highway department officials are anxious to get the steel work on the new bridge let in order to apply for a priority for the steel, which it is hoped will (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)



Tornado Hits Fair Grounds

Sedalia, Mo. (AP)—A tornado, centering its fury on the Missouri State Fair grounds, struck the Sedalia area early Thursday killing one man and injuring 17 other persons.

The Sedalia Democrat said indications were that the damage might reach \$5 million.

Of 160 tents housing exhibits at the fair grounds, only eight or nine remained standing after the storm.

Permanent buildings on the fair grounds lost roofs or suffered other damage.

A tremendous rain, 3.76 inches, accompanied the storm, burying most of the roads leading to the grounds under water varying in depth from 18 inches to three feet.

Ambulances, fire equipment and doctors dispatched on rescue work were forced to detour to get to the scene.

Heavy damage was inflicted in the city of Sedalia, as well.

30 GIs Drown In Flash Flood

Seoul, Korea (AP)—Thirty U.S. soldiers on a training exercise Thursday were feared drowned by a wall of water which engulfed them suddenly as they crossed a South Korean river.

Bodies of only 12 of the 45th infantry division men lost in last Monday's tragedy have been recovered, a division spokesman said.

Dredges and grappling hooks swept the unidentified river for the other 18 missing men. One body was found 68 miles downstream.

The 30 included one officer and 29 enlisted men.

Names were withheld until next of kin are notified.

Civil Service Board Hears Kelly's Appeal

The state civil service commission took under advisement an appeal made by Ernest H. Kelly, who was discharged from his position as appraiser for the state department of veterans affairs by William F. Gaarenstroom, director.

Gaarenstroom charged Kelly with undiplomatic relations with veterans dealing with the department; being uncooperative with fellow employees, and refusing to follow department appraisal policies.

Kelly denied all charges, and his attorney, Bruce Williams, in cross-examination of Gaarenstroom developed the fact that although Kelly had been employed by the department for five years, the director had never informed Kelly of any of the

Modern Hop Picking—Hop picking in the 1952 manner started in the Mission Bottoms this week at the Mission Bottom Harvester plant owned by Kay Kerr, Fred Viesko, Glen Hiltbrand, and Eldon Hughes. Hop vines are cut in the field, hung on pronged racks and placed on truck which then unloads them at plant, upper left photo. Vines then are placed on endless belt, photo, upper right. Belt drags vines over spinning drums fitted with picking fingers, pointed out by Mechanical Foreman Floyd Schaeffer, lower left. After leaves are separated from hops by blower, women remove few leaf fragments left by hand, photo, lower right.

Expect Malenkov to Succeed Premier Stalin

Washington (AP)—A solid clue pointing to Russia's next ruler may emerge from the full dress meeting of the communist party congress in Moscow Oct. 5.

And American diplomats will not be surprised if tough, 50-year old Gorgi Malenkov steps up as Josef Stalin's personal choice as next Russian prime minister.

In fact, some suspect Stalin's aim in staging the whole affair may be to give a formal, open hint as to who the next boss should be.

This may be Stalin's way, they believe, of lessening the possibility of a bloody struggle for power within the communist high command after he dies.

Until they have more time to analyze Moscow's announcement of the calling of the first communist congress since 1939, American diplomats say their view is a theory rather than a considered opinion. But here is what they think:

Stalin's heir apparent will be the man who is chosen to be chairman of the new Praesidium, to be organized at the meeting to replace the Politburo.

The 12-man Politburo, now the top governing body, has no chairman or chief executive. But a Praesidium under the Russian setup generally does have one.

Anyone picked for this job would automatically be proclaimed publicly as the most important communist in Russia next to Stalin.

Cost of Living At New High

Washington (AP)—The cost of living as measured by the government reached a new record Wednesday, bringing a three-cent hourly pay hike to more than one million auto workers.

The newest consumer's price index, reflecting the cost of food, clothing, shelter and other consumer items as of July 15, moved to 190.8 per cent of the 1935-1939 average.

It was 1.2 points higher than the June index and 5 per cent higher than the level of January, 1951, when price and wage controls took effect.

The increase continued a steady, five months' climb in the cost of living for moderate income city families.

The bureau of labor statistics (BLS), an arm of the labor department, publishes the index each month. BLS said "a sharp rise" in food prices was primarily responsible for the higher over-all living costs.

The Housing and Home Finance Agency announced suspension of real estate credit controls for 25 in the Klamath Falls, Calif. region; and for 20 in the Colville, Wash., area.

Adlai Says Ike 'Me Too' Echo

Minocqua, Wis. (AP)—Gov. Adlai Stevenson said Thursday that GOP presidential nominee Dwight D. Eisenhower appeared to be a "me-too" candidate who approves most of the democratic legislation of the past 20 years.

Stevenson told reporters he saw in Eisenhower's Boise, Idaho, speech of Wednesday night general approval of most of the democratic legislative program since 1932.

The governor made these comments to reporters at the woodland retreat where he is resting and working on drafts of campaign speeches.

Stevenson said his plans for campaigning in the west next month call for stops in both Wyoming and Montana as well as the Pacific northwest. But he gave no details or the points where he would speak.

Referring to Eisenhower's statement that he was a middle-of-the-road candidate, Stevenson said:

"I have always thought that I have been something of a moderate."

Negro Teacher For Bremerton

Bremerton (AP)—The rural Central Kitsap school board changed its mind again Wednesday night and voted to go ahead with the employment of a negro school teacher.

Board members said Ester Wilfong, 22, of La Grande, Ore., will teach the sixth grade in the Central Kitsap junior high school at nearby Silverdale.

The school district is about 10 miles outside this U. S. Navy yard city, and about two-thirds of its residents are Navy yard employes.

The board voted to withdraw its action of the previous night, which was to rescind the contract tendered the male teacher Aug. 13.

District Supt. Carl F. Jehne said the vote to reaffirm Wilfong's contract was unanimous—just as the previous night's contract-rescinding action had been.

Jehne said the reversal followed a meeting with James H. Huey, high school principal, executive secretary of the Washington State Board Against Discrimination in Employment.

Expand Real Estate Credit for Housing

Washington (AP)—The government moved Thursday to encourage private builders to construct low-rent housing for military personnel and defense workers in critical areas.

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British Boats Rescue 37 from Liberty Ship

U. S. Freighter Hit By Norwegian Tanker Split in Two, Sank

Dover, England (AP)—Two British lifeboats hauled the 37 crewmen of the American Liberty ship Western Farmer from the gale-swept English Channel early today after their freighter, rammed by a Norwegian tanker, split in two and sank.

The lifeboats landed Capt. Bunnar Utvik of Galveston, Tex. and the rest of his crew—some bruised and battered but all safe—at this famous old port of southeast England and at nearby Ramsgate.

The 11,732-ton tanker Bjorgholm, out of Oslo, came through without serious damage. She stood by until the rescue boats picked up the crew of the ill-fated 71,239-ton Western Farmer, a 9-year-old veteran of World War II.

The collision occurred shortly after 10 p.m. last night in a wind-driven rain near the Goodwin Sands—the "channel graveyard" eight miles off the southeast coast of England.

The tanker's bow, one survivor related, smashed into the freighter amidship—"right into the radio room." The crash put the American ship's engines and radio out of action, but emergency signals from the tanker brought rescue craft rushing to the stormy scene.

As searchlights from the rescue ships played over the wallowing wreck, the forward part of the stricken ship broke away and the crew abandoned her. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

Schumacher Dies in Bonn

Bonn, Germany (AP)—The strongest foe of West German rearmament and alignment with the West, Socialist chief Dr. Kurt Schumacher, died here last night. He was 56.

The fervent leader—second only to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer as a political force in postwar Germany—succumbed to a blood circulation ailment. A cripple with only one arm and one leg, he had been failing ever since his health was ruined in Nazi concentration camps.

Quiet, soft-spoken Socialist Party Vice Chairman Erik Ollenhauer is slated to inherit Schumacher's party leadership. Ollenhauer is expected, however, to keep pushing the Socialists on the same nationalistic course opposed to communism on the one hand and European federalism and common defense on the other.

Normal Confusion Among Democrats

Kansas City, Kan. (AP)—Asked for comment on President Truman's statement at his Washington news conference Thursday that he knows nothing of any mess in Washington, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the republican presidential nominee, told reporters:

"The president says he knows of no mess in Washington. His hand-picked candidate, Gov. Adlai Stevenson, has said there was a mess in Washington.

"The situation is normal—confusion everywhere in Washington."

'Much ado over Nothing' Says Margaret Truman

Helmski, Finland (AP)—"I believe it must all have been a simple misunderstanding."

That was Margaret Truman's statement at a news conference Thursday over the ruckus kicked up by Swedish newspapers over alleged "tough guy" tactics used in Stockholm by her bodyguards.

The president's daughter had other descriptions, too, such as "much ado about nothing," and "It was really silly" about accounts in Stockholm newspapers such as the one published by Expressen, which said the bodyguards, members of the U.S. secret service, flung aside a photographer who tried to take

Stalin Confers with Red China Premier Chou

Moscow (AP)—Red China's Premier Chou En-lai conferred at the Kremlin last night with Prime Minister Stalin, making it evident the generalissimo is keeping in closest touch with the current Chinese-Soviet talks here.

Diplomats regarded the visit, at which top aides of both leaders were present, as more than a courtesy call and predicted it would be the first of a series of such talks while Chou is here as the chief of a delegation seeking stronger ties between Russia and China.

It was recalled that Stalin personally steered negotiations leading to the 1950 Soviet-Chinese Treaty, which is the basis today for co-operation between the two big communist nations.

An official communique after last night's meeting did not reveal how long it lasted or what subjects were covered.

Key Red Bases Bombed by B-29

Seoul, Korea (AP)—U.N. B-29 Superforts, B-26s and fighter bombers left communist factories, stockpiles and troop installations in flames in two massive raids over northwest Korea Thursday.

Thirty-eight Okinawa-based B-29s hurled 350 tons of bombs on Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, after civilians were warned to get out.

The air force said the big bombers rumbled 400 acres of troop, supply and industrial areas and left huge fires burning at opposite ends of the city in the four-hour strike.

All 38 planes returned safely, despite Red anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition.

More than 100 B-26s and fighter bombers followed with a daylight bombing of a giant cement plant at Osu, about 50 miles south of Pyongyang. Returning pilots estimated they destroyed 63 buildings and damaged 29 others.

Shore Guns Hit Mine Sweeper

Washington (AP)—The Navy reported Thursday the destroyer-minesweeper Thompson was hit by communist shore guns off the east coast of Korea Wednesday. Four men were killed and ten seriously wounded.

One shell, believed to have been of 105mm. caliber, struck the vessel's flying bridge, damaging the pilothouse and navigating equipment.

The Thompson was hit earlier in the Korea war, on June 14, 1951, when three of her crew were killed and four wounded by communist guns.

The Navy said the Thompson carried on the duel with the shore batteries for an unreported time before transferring her dead and wounded to the battleship Iowa.

The action took place off the Korean port of Sonjin.

Ruling on ONG Funds

Oregon national guard funds appropriated by the legislature need not be spent during the current biennium, but may be held beyond the two-year period without reverting to the state's general fund, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Thursday.

Truman Knows Of No Mess in Washington

Only Admits New Blood Needed in Democratic Party

Washington (AP)—President Truman said Thursday there ought to be some new blood in Democratic party but he knows of no mess in Washington.

At a news conference with the accent on politics, Truman said he had no comment on the way the democratic candidates, Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. John Sparkman, have started their campaign. He said too that:

He doesn't have to read what the opposition says—he knows ahead of time what it is going to say and it's all wrong.

He thinks he knows more about the government than anyone in the United States.

Research Available

Certainly Stevenson can have the advantage of the good research which fortified his own campaign speeches in 1948. Stevenson can have all the information he wants—and so can Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the republican presidential nominee.

Truman said he will give them the truth and if they want to use it, it's up to them.

While the democratic party can stand some new blood, that doesn't mean we are going back on what the democratic party has done in the past 20 years. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

U S Stands Pat On Korean Issue

Washington (AP)—President Truman has assured diplomatic officials the United States will not weaken its Korean truce terms in order to gain a peace settlement before the November election, it was learned Thursday.

Authoritative sources said Mr. Truman privately communicated the promise to key officials some time ago, in order to lay at rest any fears that political pressures might induce the Democratic administration to "buy" an armistice.

Mr. Truman seized an opportunity Wednesday to give public notice to the world—and particularly to Communist leaders—that this country is standing firm on the prisoner of war issue that has deadlocked the Korean truce talks.

In an open letter to an Army captain in Korea, Mr. Truman declared anew the United States will not force any prisoners to return to Communist rule against their will.

Ike Talks on Korean Warfare

Kansas City, Kans. (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said Thursday this country might face much more serious trouble now if it had not "reacted" to the 1950 communist attack on South Korea.

The republican presidential nominee made the statement in reply to a question at an open meeting with GOP leaders from seven midwestern states.

Eisenhower said he believes "we could point out terrible blunders" which brought on the Korean war.

But he added, "I believe we would have been in great danger if we had not reacted" by meeting the communist aggression.

And then he said that if this country had not reacted it might be involved in much more serious trouble now.

Eisenhower's stand lined him up with President Truman on the matter of going into Korea, but the general stressed he feels "terrible blunders" were made which brought on the Korean war.

Portland Area Phones To Be Extended

Portland area phone service will be extended to include the Gresham - Troutdale exchange area by Jan. 1, 1955, Charles Heitzel, public utilities commissioner, ruled Thursday.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. and West Coast Telephone Co. were directed to put the plan into operation. Rate hearings will be held in the affected areas.

Weather Details
Maximum yesterday, 66; minimum 46.
Jan. 42. Total 24-hour precipitation, 6.
Per month: 61; normal, 55. Season precipitation, 62.60; normal, 37.71. River height, 2.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)