



PAINTED ON WALLS of catacombs, this mural depicting story of Good Samaritan is among numerous fourth-century frescoes discovered by workmen digging foundation for apartment house in Rome. (International Soundphoto)

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Lew Wallace Quits Primary Race for Oregon Governor

Candidate Lists Health Reasons

Portland—(U.P.)—Lew Wallace said today he was withdrawing as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Oregon.

This leaves Robert Holmes of Astoria as the lone Democratic candidate for nomination to the state's highest office.

Wallace said reasons of health prompted his decision. He asked his supporters to back Holmes.

"I sincerely regret I have to withdraw from the race," Wallace said in statement. "This was a decision which was hard to make, but I realize that one's duty to himself and to his public is of paramount importance."

Wallace, who had sought the governor's office before, said: "It was shocking news to me that I had a heart condition which would be aggravated by the strain of any excessive political activity."

"I wish to thank all my friends for their loyal support and I wish they would extend that support to my opponent, Robert Holmes, and the Democratic party," he said.

Wallace's name will appear on the May 18 primary ballot which already had been prepared by the secretary of state, and in the voter's pamphlet which is almost ready for mailing.

Morse to Discuss Basin Problems

Sen. Wayne Morse will discuss problems connected with the Rogue River basin at the Rogue River Grange hall at 9 a. m. Tuesday, April 24, according to Attorney Robert Duncan, Medford, who is assisting with arrangements.

Senator Morse previously met with soil conservation groups at the home of Mrs. Stanley Heffernan, Ross lane.

He is seeking first hand information on problems confronting people of the basin and ideas as to possible solutions, Duncan said.

The board of directors of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association endorsed the meeting and urged residents to attend.

Salem Police Seek Antique Shotgun

Salem—(U.P.)—Salem police today were looking for two boys, believed to be about 10 or 12 years old, who bought an antique 410 gauge shotgun from three-year-old Johnny Jirges last night for 25 cents.

Police were fearful some harm might come to the two boys from the young businessman's deal. They said the shotgun had not been fired in some time. Besides, Mr. Jirges told officers he wanted the weapon back as a keepsake.

Businessmen to Ask Budget Committee For 'Token' Off-Street Parking Funds

A committee of downtown businessmen and property owners will attend the next meeting of the city budget committee meeting May 2 in an attempt to see if "token" funds can be allocated this year to start an off-street parking project.

The committee was appointed last night, following a 2 1/2-hour meeting at the city hall, attended by about 25 businessmen and councilmen. C. O. Lovejoy, chairman of the retail merchants committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, called it to obtain up-to-date information on progress in obtaining off-street parking facilities.

The group generally was in accord that parking meter revenues should be allocated, all or in part, to a solution of the problem of inadequate parking space downtown. The funds, estimated at about \$64,000 annually, now go for street, parking and traffic purposes.

The proposal that the city go into the parking business is not a new one, it was pointed out, but has been under study and consideration for more than four years, and other cities have done so. A council committee, headed by Councilman Don Hansen, has worked with a chamber of commerce committee in outlining a proposal, and Hansen said last night his report for the council

is nearing completion. Presumably it will embody the chamber committee, with some \$600,000 as an over-all, 10-year goal, and funds coming from meter revenues, from an increased business license fee, and from taxes imposed in a specially-created assessment district in the downtown area.

Discussions are being held. But the plan is not ready for council action, and the group last night, in arguments which became heated, asked why action has not been taken.

City officials, including Mayor Earl Miller, City Manager Robert Duff, and Councilmen Hansen and Stan Jones, however, indicated that the 1956-57 budget, as now proposed, has no funds which could be devoted to parking work.

On the other hand, Councilman Fred Robinson and other merchants insisted that the budgeting procedure is a matter of assigning priorities, and that the urgency of the parking problem demands immediate provision of funds.

Much of the discussion was about the possibility of raising funds to offset amounts which could be budgeted for a sinking fund for parking purposes, but no general agreement was reached. Some doubt that providing parking facilities is a proper

ISRAEL, JORDAN TROOPS CLASH

Streets Flooded By Heavy Rainfall In Los Angeles

Five Traffic Deaths Blamed on Storm

By UNITED PRESS
An April storm whipped Southern California today, flooding Los Angeles streets and setting off mud slides in the city's foothills.

At least five traffic deaths were blamed on the storm. But farmers said the pounding rains had broken a drought in many areas.

Southern California, usually on the sunny side, was the only major storm spot on the nation's weather map.

On the eastern seaboard, however, emergency crews turned out in the wake of a three-state storm to restore communications.

The storm drove out into the Atlantic after battering the coast of the Carolinas and Virginia. But it left at least two seamen dead and rain-swollen river threatened to spill out of their banks.

All power was disrupted on the North Carolina outer banks. Highways were still under water in several areas, ferries in the banks area were out of action, and fires started by downed power lines destroyed two piers and parts of two warehouses at Norfolk, Va.

Temperatures Go Up
Skies were fair from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean and temperatures went up every where in the vast region except for the Upper Mississippi Valley, the Upper Great Lakes, and Southern Florida.

In California, however, Los Angeles was doused with 1.40 inches of rain. More than two inches of rain were measured in other areas and steady snows up to 18 inches fell in the mountains.

Forecasters saw no immediate end to the storm. They predicted more rain today.

Work Resumed at New Central Point School

Central Point—Laborers resumed work Thursday at the site of the new Central Point elementary school after the contractors association and local laborers' union settled a dispute that had halted work for three days.

Pickets lined the site Monday through Wednesday. The dispute was reported to concern fringe benefits for laborers.

H. P. Jewett, superintendent of District 6C schools, said the brief interruption in the work would have no effect on the completion date for the school. It is scheduled to be finished by next fall.

The Central Point school was the only one affected by pickets. Construction of an elementary school in Gold Hill continued without interruption.

Fish in Bear Creek Fascinate Residents

Many residents crossing the Main st. bridge over Bear creek this week have been fascinated at the sight of fish attempting to go upstream across a concrete apron on the creek bottom.

A few of the fish were steelhead, according to Kenneth Denman, a member of the state game commission. He said most of them were carp, which, from a short distance, look similar to steelhead. Some fish, both carp and steelhead, managed to get across, he added.

Denman said it is not unusual to have fish in Bear creek, and noted that at one time it was among the better fishing streams of southern Oregon. They have been less noticeable in recent years, however.

The fish, he said, will spawn downstream if they cannot cross the apron.

Weather

FORECASTS: Fair this afternoon and evening. Variable low cloudiness Saturday morning, clearing by noon. Fair remainder of day. Low tonight 32-35; high tomorrow 70-75.

Ike Calls Benson

Conferences on Farm Bill Slated During Week End

Unusual Meeting At Vacation Site

Augusta, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today summoned Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson to his vacation retreat for conferences on the controversial farm bill.

Benson was scheduled to arrive at 9 o'clock (EST) tonight with a group of other presidential advisers and confer with Mr. Eisenhower at his vacation headquarters at 8 a. m. Saturday.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty declined to say whether the President's highly unusual conference with his cabinet member might relate directly to a decision to sign or veto the bill.

It was pointed out that the President has scheduled a major political address in Washington for next Tuesday night before a gathering of Republican state chairmen and finance committee leaders.

Benson will be accompanied on his trip to Augusta by True D. Morse, assistant secretary of agriculture, Don Paalberg, one of Benson's specialists on public relations; Gabriel Hauge, economic adviser to the President, and Kevin McKann, chief White House speech writer.

The President has seldom called a cabinet member to a vacation headquarters since he has been in office. The only previous ones have been with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson.

Benson's forthcoming trip to the little White House on the edge of the Augusta National Golf Course couples in one event one of the most controversial figures in government and a top 1956 campaign issue.

Since congress passed the farm bill providing for the unwanted fixed price supports the Democratic campaigners have filled the air with challenges for the President to sign it, or face what they tried to paint as ominous political consequences.

But although Mr. Eisenhower has spoken out against the measure as failing to meet the requirements of "a good bill," Hagerty would give no indication of whether it will be signed or vetoed. Hagerty said no action is likely before the President returns to Washington.

Affidavits of Timber Removal May Be Filed

Owners of land from which merchantable timber was severed or removed during 1955 for commercial use can still file affidavits of timber removal with the county assessor, it was announced today.

The law reads that if merchantable timber is removed during any calendar year for commercial use from real property subject to assessment by the state, the owner shall file a report with the county assessor on or before March 3.

However, Assessor Elva Jennings said owners may still obtain the affidavit and timber cutting report instructions from her office for filing before the final deadline of April 30.

The deadline is prior to the board of equalization and would make possible a change in assessed valuation.

William Rogers Assumes Forecaster Duties

Roy Simpson, frost forecaster for the U.S. weather bureau, left here Thursday for Pomona, Calif., and frost warning broadcasts are now being made by William Rogers.

Rogers arrived here Monday and worked with Simpson for three days. Rogers will continue broadcasting nightly frost warnings for fruit growers in this area for the remainder of the season.

Salem—(U.P.)—A forum on intergroup relations will be held at Portland State College May 5.



GEN. WALTER GRUENTHER Applies for Retirement

Norstad Chosen To Succeed Gruenther In NATO Command

Augusta, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today chose a 49-year-old four-star air general, Lauris Norstad, to succeed Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther in command of the North Atlantic defense forces.

The White House announced that Gruenther has applied to the President for retirement and that Mr. Eisenhower has nominated Norstad as his replacement. The change in command will take place late this year.

Norstad, now U.S. deputy commander for air, is a handsome, slender, blue-eyed Minnesota native generally regarded as one of the nation's most brilliant military leaders.

His Air Force career has been meteoric. He became a brigadier general at 36, one of the youngest men to achieve a star, and a full general at 45. During World War II he was a key man on the Army Air Forces Command, and later directed operation of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces. He was chief of staff of the 20th Air Force which flew the B29s against Japan.

Norstad went to Germany five years ago as U.S. air commander. In July, 1953, he was named deputy to Gruenther.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson announced that Norstad also will take over Gruenther's post as chief of the U.S. forces in Europe.

Technically, Gruenther is resigning from the U.S. Army. He has been ill for some months and recently underwent a checkup at Walter Reed hospital in Washington.

Gruenther is 57 years old. Norstad is 49.

McKay Will Start Campaign Monday

Portland—(U.P.)—Douglas McKay will start his state-wide campaign for the Republican senatorial nomination Monday night with a talk at Bend, his state chairman said today.

William L. Phillips of Salem, head of McKay's campaign, said the resigning interior secretary would speak at Ontario Tuesday noon and at Baker Tuesday night. Next Wednesday he will speak at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande, a luncheon in the same city, and that night in Pendleton. Thursday McKay will speak at The Dalles during the day and Hood River at night. He will be in Portland Friday and speak in Salem that night.

McKay is scheduled to arrive here from Washington late Sunday, the day his resignation from the cabinet becomes effective.

Korea War Turncoat Takes Job on Farm

Alden, Minn.—(U.P.)—Richard Tennessee, former turncoat Korean veteran who decided to come back from Red China, has left his parents' farm home here to take a general farm job in Northern Iowa, his family said today.

His stepfather, Eben Howe, said Tennessee will work on the Iowa farm "for the season."

National Guard to Demonstrate Power In Two-Hour Show

Short Mock Attack On Saturday Program

A two-hour night firing demonstration will be held by Company A, Medford National guard unit, starting at 6:30 p. m. Saturday. The show is designed to demonstrate the firepower of a rifle company.

The show will include a pyrotechnic display, including parachute flares, signal flares, smoke grenades and booby trap simulators. The live fire phase will include firing tracer ammunition from M-1 rifles, automatic rifles, and light machine guns.

The weapons platoon will fire the 60MM mortar and 57 MM recoilless rifle, using sub caliber devices.

A short mock attack on an enemy position by a rifle squad in which blank ammunition and flares will be used also is scheduled during the show.

Officials of Company A said children will be allowed to view the demonstration, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Members of Company A will be on the rifle range Saturday and Sunday so enlisted men of the unit may qualify with the M-1. The unit will fire the sniper scope following the demonstration.

The range is located about two miles east of White City to the right off Antelope rd.

Excavation Starts For New Motel Here

Preliminary excavation for a new \$100,000 "highway motel" at 722 North Riverside ave. started this week.

Ken Callison and G. G. Barbee, of Southern Oregon Land company, which recently completed transactions for the sale of the property, said the motel is scheduled for completion Sept. 1. The residence still on the property will be moved by its owner, Mrs. Sadie McVay, to a North Pacific highway location.

John Schofield, Los Angeles, is in charge of the work for the new owners who are building the motel, Travelodge Corp., in Oregon. It is part of a California firm which operates a chain of such businesses there.

It was reported the motel will have 34 adjoining units on three levels on the sloping property. A swimming pool is also planned.

The motel will be the first of a chain to be built in Oregon, with another planned soon for Grants Pass.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 509.99, up 0.84; 20 railroads 171.96, up 1.48; 15 utilities 66.29, off 0.28, and 65 stocks 180.35, up 0.50. Sales today were about 2,450,000 shares compared with 2,700,000 yesterday.

Oregon Builders Go Ahead After Assurance by FHA

Portland—(U.P.)—Builders went ahead with home construction today after getting assurance from the head man of the Federal Housing administration that loan insurance would not be held up because of a difference over 1/32nd of an inch.

Changing Interpretation
Norman P. Mason, FHA commissioner, said at a Senate committee hearing in Washington, D.C. yesterday that he was changing a Portland field office interpretation of lumber standards. He said, he was issuing instructions that no job be held up or no insurance refused because of the difference in thickness regulations. The FHA insures many home loans.

Charles A. Bowser, assistant commissioner, was sent to Portland to carry out Mason's instructions. Builders earlier became alarmed because of an FHA or-

Exchange Dims Hope of Pressure Easing Tension

Brief Air Battle Costs Two Planes

Jerusalem—(U.P.)—An Israeli patrol skirmished today with troops of Jordan's Arab Legion in a border gunfight that emphasized once again the Middle East's nearness to war.

There had been hope that world pressure had eased the threat of open hostilities between Israel and Egypt. No outbreaks had been reported between those nations for hours, though tension was high.

Col. Nehemia Brosh, senior Israeli military spokesman, said the Israeli troops fired against a Jordanian infiltrator on the Israeli side of the border and that Arab Legionnaires opened up on the Israelis.

Brosh said there were no Israeli casualties. Brief Air Battles
Egypt and Israel fought two brief air battles yesterday in which each side lost a plane. During the night there was renewed shelling in the Gaza Strip, but the situation appeared easier today.

Israeli newspapers bitterly criticized Britain and the United States today for their constant pleas for "restraint, forbearance and forgiveness" and referred to their wartime promises to help France.

"Both countries in the end came to France's aid, four years after Hitler's entry into Paris," the Jerusalem Post said. It said a similar situation existed in the Middle East where the Arabs have openly announced they intend to destroy Israel.

Agreement Said Reached
Authoritative sources in Cairo said U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold had reached an agreement with Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser on the basic principles of easing Egypt-Israeli border tension.

This was believed to hinge on a suggestion each side withdraw about 1,500 feet from the demarcation line, creating a military vacuum between the two sides.

Hammarskjold's spokesman said he had no comment about reports Israel had agreed to this proposal.

To Meet Nasser Saturday
Hammarskjold is meeting Nasser Saturday to work out final details of the agreement. Egyptian sources said Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U. N. truce supervisor, was conferring again today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi on details.

Nasser was reported insistent that Egyptian compliance depended entirely on Israeli compliance. Israel has been reported unwilling to withdraw in some areas because several villages are in the area.

Railway Express Rate Hike Ordered Suspended

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Public Utilities Commission today ordered a suspension of a proposed six per cent increase in Railway Express Agency intrastate rates on milk, cream and related articles in milk shipping cars pending a public hearing on the necessity of the increases.

Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said date and place of the hearing would be set later.

Morse Favors Delay

Morse favored a 30-day delay in the order in which the FHA indicated it would stick to the 25/32 inch size set by the American Lumber Standards committee. The latter group meets in Chicago April 30 and may feel the 1/32nd inch difference can be ironed out there.