

# Fighting Reported In Manchu City

PEIPING, April 3 (AP)—Semi-official dispatches today reported fighting in Changchun, the capital of Manchuria, between unidentified troops and government peace preservation corps (PPC) forces and between Russian army soldiers and the PPC.

The Soviet-PPC clash, in the center of Changchun, was attributed to a misunderstanding.

A Central News agency correspondent in Changchun said 300 unidentified troops set afire two barracks at Changchun airfield, formerly occupied by Soviet troops, and Hsingan bridge. Peace preservation sentries moved to intercept the marauders and fighting ensued until nearly daybreak.

As the firing continued, the Soviet garrison commander's headquarters sent six tanks ranging through Changchun's broad street and ordered out patrols.

Misunderstanding between the Russian troops and Chinese patrols occurred in the vicinity of the Central Bank of China, fronting Tatung circle. Bank Manager Wei Hsi-Chiu reported the firing.

Chinese government troops manned barricades and trenches protecting headquarters of the Chinese military mission.

Changchun residents remained indoors. Many stores were boarded up.

The Russians are scheduled to complete their withdrawal from Changchun about April 10. Observers fear Chinese government and communist troops will battle for the city unless a truce is effected before that date.

# Flashes Of Life

**FAIR WARNING**  
SPOKANE, Wash., April 3 (AP)—Traffic officers assigned to arrest speeders on a usually productive highway were puzzled when no offender appeared.

Then they found out why. A crude sign, described by Capt. Lloyd Ferguson as "the most effective traffic sign ever erected," told approaching motorists: "Beware! Speed cop hiding in rocks."

**DRY LAND HAZARD**  
CHICAGO, April 3 (AP)—Patrick J. O'Donnell, 24, on furlough from the merchant marine after six years service, explained to Traffic Judge George B. Weiss his car crashed into a parked car when he attempted to avoid an oncoming streetcar.

"That streetcar had no starboard or port lights, so I couldn't tell whether it was coming at me or going away. Out in the ocean you have more room to operate."

O'Donnell said he soon will return to sea duty and the case was dismissed as Judge Weiss told him "out there you'll have what you need—a lot of room."

# Death Takes 1 Quadruplet

LONGVIEW, Wash., April 3 (AP)—The excitement over the quadruplets born in nearby Kelso yesterday was dampened this morning by the death of one of the tiny babies shortly before midnight last night.

The infant boy, listed only as "C" on the hospital birth chart, was the third-born of the three boys and one girl, and earlier in the evening he had been reported "very weak" and plans were being made to place him in a separate incubator.

Attendants at St. John's hospital here say the remaining three children have a "pretty good" chance to survive.

The quadruplets were born here yesterday to Mrs. Leo Pierce, whose husband was killed just a month ago in a mill accident.

Hospital attendants said Mrs. Pierce was recovering, but also was weak and that a second blood transfusion was planned for her today.

# U. S. Industrial Lead To Stop War, Belief

PORTLAND, April 3 (AP)—Dr. A. Allan Bates, manager of chemical research for Westinghouse Electric and one of the scientists on the atom bomb project, predicted here that U. S. industrial supremacy would prevent any war with Russia for at least 20 years.

"No nation could hope to wage war against another unless it had the industrial lead, and Russia is two decades behind this nation," he declared. He said World War II weapons were made "archaic as the bow and arrow" by the atom bomb.

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# Mill Workers Stage Walkout

NORTH BEND, Ore., April 3 (AP)—A wage dispute involving reclassification of workers has halted operation of the L.L. Logging company mill here affecting 75 employees, Marvin Berge, secretary of the CIO-IWA local 7-116 said today.

Berge reported the men walked out yesterday morning because the company offered to increase wages only 7 1/2 cents after the union agreed to 10 cents in a compromise offer from its original 20 cent an hour demand.

The union official said the dispute developed when the men who were classified as second class riggers last fall when the mill halted were reclassified as choker-setters at a lower pay scale when work resumed in February.

# Smoke Brings Out Fire Department

A lot of smoke in the attic of Miller's department store, 512 Main, Tuesday afternoon brought out the city fire department ladder truck and fire engine.

The alarm was received at 3:32 p. m. Firemen used the entrance at 518 Main to reach the attic and found more smoke than fire, which they estimated was caused by a cigaret dropped by one of the workers remodeling the building. The attic is insulated with tar paper here which caused an excess amount of smoke. Damage was reported very light.

**BIDS TO BE OPENED**  
SALEM, April 3 (AP)—The state highway commission will meet in Portland Thursday and Friday to open bids on 20 projects costing about \$3,000,000.

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# Devastation Marks The Path Of Gigantic Tidal Wave



The worst tidal wave in the history of the Hawaiian Islands struck the islands leaving more than 10,000 homeless, 300 drowned or missing and causing millions of dollars worth of damage. Here is a home at Haliewa, Oahu, T. H., damaged by the wave as it struck. (NEA-Acme radio-telephoto from signal corps).

# He Was In Navy 27 Months-- And Mad Every Minute Of It

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—A former GI believes that many ex-enlisted men were so browbeaten in the army they still have inferiority complexes.

William M. Ragan, a technician fifth grade with the 85th infantry division in Italy, told the GI gripe board yesterday that many a GI comes out of the army "afraid to speak up even when he knows he's right."

"The demoralization begun in the army," Ragan declared, "often means the ex-enlisted man has two strikes against him in civilian life."

Ragan made his statement to the board investigating officer-enlisted man relationships. The public can't sit in on the hearing.

# Snow Reported In High Areas

SALEM, April 3 (AP)—Light snow fell in the mountain passes last night but failed to interfere with traffic, the state highway commission said today.

The 9 a. m. road report:

Government Camp—Overcast, a half inch of new snow, 22 degrees, 95 inches total snow. Road bare throughout district.

Santiam Junction—Snowing lightly, 32 degrees, very light slush on roads. Total snow at summit 141 inches.

Odell Lake—Overcast, 29 degrees, 145 inches snow at summit. Roads bare.

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# Ticket Sales Moving Fast

Concert season ticket sales are progressing well, according to George McIntyre, president of the Klamath Community association, with over half the number subscribed for, before the start of this week's drive.

Those who held season tickets last year are invited to purchase their tickets immediately at the Willard, as reports of sale drive workers have not been received to date and the remaining number of seats may be extremely limited.

Bidu Sayao, Metropolitan Opera's leading soprano and top lyric soprano of today, is the first artist selected to appear on the coming concert program. It was announced today. Other artists to appear will not be selected until the completion of the drive. Names will be announced as soon as the selection is made.

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# Ducks Cheer Oregon Mist

March 1946 was the warmest March since 1943, according to U. S. bureau of reclamation report, and the wettest since 1940, with a mean temperature of 39.9 degrees and 96/100 of an inch of precipitation.

Normal temperature for the month is 39.6 degrees. In 1943 it was 41.1 degrees. Normal precipitation is 1.16 inches; in 1940 March had 3.37 inches. March 26 was the hottest day this year, when 66 degrees was recorded, and the last day was the coldest of the month with a minimum of 21 degrees.

Rainfall was heaviest on March 12; 1/30 of an inch of precipitation was recorded on that date for Klamath Falls. Over half the month was cloudy, with only eight clear days reported.

Available water storage in Klamath basin reservoirs as of April 1, in 1945 and 1946 is reported as Upper Klamath, 300,500 acre feet in 1945, 337,780 acre feet in 1946; Clear lake, 284,030 acre feet in 1945 and 282,440 acre feet in 1946; Gerber, 60,970 acre feet in 1945 and 51,920 acre feet in 1946.

This shows a recorded total by April 1, of 644,600 acre feet for 1945 and 672,140 acre feet

for 1946, which is 27,540 acre feet over last year for the same period.

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