

ASNE To Consider Plan For 'Spot News' Report

By ALEX H. SINGLETON
WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—The American Society of Newspaper Editors may consider today or tomorrow a recommendation that this country's private press edit and finance a daily "spot news" report for distribution abroad as part of the government's information program. The proposal was being discussed widely among the newspaper executives as they entered

the second day of the society's annual convention here. Its chance of approval remained uncertain. One prominent publisher, unwilling to permit use of his name at this time on the ground that he is not the author of the plan, said it would provide a test on how far the newspapers are willing to go in keeping the government out of the business of distributing news abroad. (The term "spot news" in journalistic language covers day-by-day developments, as contrasted to "background" news, which furnishes the history leading up to a current development.)

Question Remains
Should such a recommendation gain approval, there would remain the question of obtaining approval from the publishers who would bear the cost of setting up a method for financing it, and of establishing a staff and a system for collecting and editing the news. Disclosure of the proposal came less than a day after William Benton, assistant secretary of state, called upon the editors to undertake a "continuing study of the whole field of handling news abroad" by both private agencies and government services.

Benton said that he would prefer to have shortwave news broadcasting handled by a private agency "if it were done adequately," but he expressed doubt that this could be done in view of the financial losses involved. **Little Background**
He said at one point that "even the spot news can only be understood by people in other countries in the context of background material adapted to their comprehension. The wire services today provide but little background material."

Benton advanced his study proposal after outlining his arguments for maintaining a state department information service abroad, and the "inconvenience" of the Associated Press and the United Press services from that point of view. (The Associated Press withdrew its news report from the state department last January on the ground that "the government cannot engage in newscasting without creating the fear of propaganda, which necessarily would reflect upon the objectivity of the news services from which such newscasts are prepared.") The United Press later cancelled its service to the department.)

Meat Dealers Criticize OPA
PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—The Oregon Independent Retail Meat Dealers' association last night approved the amended measure prolonging the life of OPA—especially the part which would adjust price ceilings to assure producers reasonable profit. The group, in a special meeting, declared present OPA tactics are curtailing meat production and distribution. Dealers suggested that price ceilings on meat be removed unless OPA loosens movement of supplies through normal distribution channels. The resolution will be sent to Oregon's congressmen.

Man Paddling Own Canoe To New York
WILLIAMS LAKE, B. C., April 19 (AP)—O. P. Smith, 66-year-old fisherman and prospector who left Vancouver 10 days ago to paddle his canoe to New York, has passed through this Cariboo district town. The elderly fisherman is carrying a letter of greeting from Acting Mayor Charles Thompson of Vancouver to Mayor O'Dwyer of New York.

Cherry Growers Warned Of Racket
SALEM, April 19 (AP)—The state department of agriculture warned cherry growers today that a spraying organization is telling cherry growers they must spray now for the cherry fruit fly, and the charge is 76 cents a tree. The department of agriculture said spraying would be worthless until the fly emerges from the ground late in May or early in June.

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HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By JOAN O'NEILL
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Girls league elections were held in homerooms today. Results will be available later.

Members of the track team left for Eugene at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon to take part in the Hayward relays there. This meet constitutes a get-together of track teams from over the state to see how they are shaping up.

The kids still in the running for student body officers for next year have dropped to a smaller number. Some declined and some were eliminated by the student-faculty eligibility committee. The nominees as they stood yesterday were: President, Clarence Bussman and Ben Larson; secretary-treasurer, Joanne Bennett, Helen Eckert, Katharine Newman and Mary O'Brien; first vice president, Ron Le Brown, Tommy Edwards, LeRoy Overon, Bill Southwell; second vice president, Boyd Carstenson, Bruce Irving, Joanne Robinette and Jerry Schubert; yell leader, Shirley Dalton.

Other candidates for these offices can still be nominated by filing a petition signed by 100 student body members requesting that their names be placed on the ballot. Such petitions must, according to the constitution, be presented to the student body president, Jim Howard, at least two days before elections. The deadline for filing petitions is Tuesday, April 23.

And Incidentally
The KUHS concert band played for the Kiwanis club yesterday noon.

The El Rodeo has gone to press. The last bit of work was completed the other day. The finished books should be back about the middle of May. Jim Howard, KUHS president, was in Albany today and yesterday attending a conference of student body officers from various high schools. The purpose was to transfer ideas among the several schools.

New OPA Order Fouls Up Town

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, April 19 (AP)—While Alaska towns are having a time trying to keep up with their food shortage caused by the longshore strike which is being up territorial ports, this city is further complicated by a new OPA order. The local office of price administration has banned added freight charges being passed on to the public on foodstuffs flown here from Seattle. Maurice Surow, district OPA supervisor has said that unless a real food emergency develops he cannot authorize passing added charges to the customers' bills. Already one store owner has said he will have to discontinue flying fresh food from the Puget Sound city as he is losing money on the shipments.

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Part of the roof of the 32-room mansion of Samuel Rudel at Roslyn, Long Island, N. Y., caves in as raging flames sweep through the structure. The fire completely destroyed the building and spread to the nearby woods on the estate. Nassau County police estimated the damage at \$1,750,000. (AP Wirephoto)

Grade School Wing, Gym Will Be Built At Bonanza

Included in \$5,671,000 of non-housing construction in Oregon given the green light by the state civilian production administration yesterday was a provision for a grade school wing and gymnasium for Bonanza school. The county school board also applied for permission to erect a shop building at Altamont junior high but that application has not yet been approved.

Cost of the elementary school wing and gymnasium is estimated at \$120,000 and the architect's drawings of the proposed building have been completed. The wing will be two stories high and made out of hollow tile. The gym will be a regular-sized building. Bonanza's school and gym burned three years ago and the new gym will be built on the old foundation.

The Bonanza school's high school wing was completed last summer and is being used this year but the elementary students have been attending the old grade school building. The county school board also applied for permission to erect a shop building at Altamont junior high but that application has not yet been approved.

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Electricians Talk Strike

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, April 19 (AP)—Problems other than the shipping tie-up are besetting this city.

Early yesterday the city electricians threatened to go on strike if the mayor and the city council fail to accept their wage increase demands.

Yesterday an all-night session between the electricians and the council ended with the agreement that the men will stay on the job until a final settlement is reached.

Meanwhile, the city's restaurants are scheduled to close at midnight Saturday unless an agreement is reached between the operators and the Culinary Workers union for higher wages. Union leaders, however, indicated a few of the eating houses may negotiate separately and remain open.

Workers Vote Job Return

SALEM, April 19 (AP)—Workers of the Salem Alumina plant, strike-bound for a week, voted last night to go back to work next Monday.

The action was taken after the reconstruction finance corporation approved the funds necessary to provide pay increases. The minimum pay level was raised from 85 cents to \$1 an hour, with a top pay level of \$1.40 an hour.

The Chemical Workers union had asked a top scale of \$1.50, but the regional wage stabilization board in Seattle pruned it down 10 cents. Negotiations will continue for the 10 cents.

New Repair Shop Opened In Klamath

Phil Moteschenbacher and son Bernard M. Moteschenbacher have opened "Motsie's Repair Shop" at 1945 S. 6th. Young Moteschenbacher is a returned serviceman.

The shop will specialize in lawnmower and outdoor motor repair and overhauling.

Juneau Citizens Having Hard Time

JUNEAU, Alaska, April 19 (AP)—What with the local merchants planning to ration sugar and flour, Juneau citizens are having a rough time. At present they find the stores:

Butterless, tomatoless, cucumberless, and lettuceless. Not to mention almost eggless, meatless, shorteningless, and potatoless.

The situation is caused by the two-week-old longshore strike which has tied up Alaska ports and blocked importation of perishable foods and other goods except by air or by small craft operating within union approval.

2 More Buses Aid Salemites

SALEM, April 19 (AP)—Addition of two more buses, which will be operated by S. M. Gaylord, former driver for Oregon Motor Stages, further relieved Salemites' transportation tie-up today.

Salem has been without bus service since the Oregon Motor Stages strike began April 5. Gaylord said he has bought the two buses and will start operation late today. He said he would continue in competition against Oregon Motor Stages after the strike is settled.

Salem suburban lines began limited operations inside the city earlier this week.

Fire-Fighter Falls Under Truck Wheels

ASTORIA, April 19 (AP)—A 59-year-old volunteer fire-fighter was recuperating today from serious injuries suffered when he failed to catch the Warrenton fire truck and fell under the wheels.

Although Nels Christensen did not officially belong to the Warrenton volunteer fire department, he sometimes helped fight blazes. The truck roared on to a fire in a group of cottages, which was brought under control after two cottages went up in smoke.

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