RED-U.S. SHOWDOWN DEVELOPS

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE New York stock market went into a tailspin this morning. When the short Saturday session closed at noon, the overall price average was at the lowest point since January, 1945.

Total losses for the week were the largest for any similar period since September of last year, when the present "bear" market really began to show its teeth.

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WHY?

No one ever knows exactly why the stock market does what it does, but the professionals say this morning that "investor pessimism in the face of business uncertainties and foreign developments" is the main reason for the sinking spell.

That is to say, the general economic situation, both at home and abroad, is such as to lead people to SELL rather than to buy. The selling was pretty heavy this morning, reaching nearly a million shares. It included all kinds of securities—not just a selected few.)

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WHAT is this general situation that so upsets people?

Well, basically, it is a HUNGRY world. History tells us plainly that a hungry world is a DANGEROUS world. When people are starving, they are hard to handle.

Civilization rests upon certain social disciplines. When these disciplines break down, civilization crumbles. When the veneer of civilization cracks, the primeval savage in us comes to the surface.

Business never flourishes among savages.

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WHY is the world hungry?

That is a searching question, and this is the answer: The world is hungry because PRODUCTION HAS BROKEN DOWN.

When production breaks down, hunger follows.

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HERE is a challenging thought:

In 1942 and in 1943, and through the first half of 1944, the world was dark indeed for the peoples that were fighting the nazi menace. By every rule of war, the nazis had it over us like a tent. The logic of the situation was that we were licked.

BUT WE WERE SAVED BY THE MIRACLE OF AMERICAN PRODUCTION.

Here in the United States we took off our coats, rolled up our sleeves, spit on our hands and did a job such as had never been done in the world before. Out of our vast production machine poured a flood of food and engines of war that swamped and overwhelmed first the nazi threat and then the Jap threat.

By mid-1945 it was all over. The nazi dragon and the Jap dragon lay dead at our feet. We were saved.

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WE could be saved again.

BY THIS SAME MIRACLE OF AMERICAN PRODUCTION.

If we could get our mighty machine to running again as efficiently as it ran in those critical years, we could slay the dragon of hunger. We could clothe people. We could house them. We could give them something worth while to live for.

When people have something to live for, when they have HOPE FOR THE FUTURE, they resume cheerfully the social disciplines of civilization, realizing that in these disciplines lies the secret of happiness and security.

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OUR machine functioned miraculously in those critical years of the war because we all worked together for a common cause. We were an efficient team, everybody doing his job.

Working that way, we worked wonders.

We could work wonders again if we would work in the same way. Unfortunately, we aren't working in the same way. Instead of working together in a great common cause, we are all biting each other in the leg at every opportunity.

As we sink our teeth into the other fellow's flesh, we growl: "I don't give a hoot what happens to anybody else. I WANT MINE AND I WANT IT NOW."

So, you see, we have stock market crashes, instead of prosperity and happiness and security.

Grand Jury Called For 3rd Session

The Klamath county grand jury has been called for its third active session since being impaneled last December and Foreman Howard Barnhisel and the six other members of the jury are due in the circuit court room at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said that when the jury recessed late in April it requested another call in about a month, and the summons for Tuesday was in accordance with that request.

The grand jury reported in April that some of the smaller jails in the county had not obeyed a "clean-up" suggestion made in December, and that the lockups should be investigated again.

A criminal matter which is expected to be handed to the grand jury is the charge against William Henry Nagel, 40, Portland preacher charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl. Nagel is free on $2500 cash bail and is now in Portland where he said he would obtain the services of an attorney.

To Plead Guilty

Jesus Santillano, 46-year-old Mexican held in the county jail for assault with intent to commit rape, has waived indictment by the grand jury and told officers that he wanted to plead guilty. He will be brought into circuit court Monday.

This morning Robert William Nickelson, an ex-marine, was sentenced to serve two years in the Oregon state penitentiary as a self-confessed polygamist.

The 26-year-old man admitted in court that he married a girl named Bernice Afton Phelps on April 12, 1945, at Medford, and filed a suit for divorce from her on October 24, 1946, here in Klamath Falls. The divorce was never granted.

Two days later, October 26, 1946, Nickelson said he married a girl named Betty Lou Shearer in Reno and brought her back to Klamath Falls as his wife. He told the court he was drunk when he went through the second marriage ceremony, which violated Oregon's polygamy law when the couple returned to the state to live.

Nickelson, secretly indicted, had refused the services of an attorney and pleaded guilty.

In addition to the call for the grand jury, the trial jury panel is called for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Teamsters Off Picket Lines

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17 (AP)—AFL teamsters prepared to remove pickets immediately following signing of a contract that would end a four-week long strike that had tied up 66 drayage and warehouse firms here.

Jack Schlaht, union business agent, said an agreement had been reached, and that the contract would be signed later today.

It calls for a 10-cent hourly wage increase, plus an additional 5 cents hourly for night work, he said. It will be retroactive to March 1. Work is scheduled to be resumed Monday.

County Burning Permits Required

With the coming of dry weather during the summer months, County Fire Warden F. O. Pool reminded residents that fire season is closed and that it is illegal to build a fire anywhere or at any time without a permit. Pool said that permits could be obtained by calling 8924, or coming to his home at 5142 Harlan drive.

The number to call in case of a house fire in the suburban area, Pool reminded, is 5616, the county fire department.

Long Skirt Controversy Rages Among Local Women

By LOIS STEWART

The wail of the banshee is as nothing compared to the howl put up by Klamath women facing a complete obsolete wardrobe "come fall." A recent Associated Press story warned maids and matrons of these parts that—along with the nation—their closets would be 80 per cent obsolete when the new autumn styles come romping in.

The argument — long vs. short skirts — is one of the liveliest controversies since the first daring creature walked the sands in a bathing suit that exposed her elbows. When the style boys first warned that skirts would be several inches longer than those that clipped themselves off at the knees, the girls should have seen the handwriting on the wall. After all the styles were static during war years and gave the ladies a chance to wear their dresses and suits for several years without apology.

Biggest Howl

Biggest howl is put up over the replacement of the entire wardrobe in the face of extremely high prices for good, well cut suits and coats. Rankling in the bosom of more than one matron is the memory of the fall of 1928 when she filled out her wardrobe with knee-length skirts only to have to pile them in a missionary barrel for unsuspecting South Sea Islanders when the ankle length skirt boomed in in early spring of 1929.

Just how long the fall length will be is yet to be decided by the fashion experts who will turn out their stock for fall delivery in late May or early June. Some say 15 inches, some 12, some even less. The cocktail length dress which was popular a season or two ago and came just above the ankle, didn't get too far but the designers who use their scissors on the material to drape on the country's fashion wise are bound and determined to cut the skirts longer and pencil straight. That's fine for the Conover girls but for the average American woman, designed by nature along the lines of a beet, it's a rough go.

Interesting Figure

An interesting figure (not in a skirt) was issued by a recent national magazine which had this to say, illustrating the statement with a chart and pictures:

"Changing skirt lengths charted above have gone up and down with the Federal Reserve Board index of industrial production ever since they first left the floor in 1910. When skirts were skimplest, 1926-29, times were booming. When skirts were at their longest, 1930-35, America was in the midst of a depression."

In other words, every time women's skirts have been long there has been a depression, according to this 30-year chart.

Promising not to mention names, the following opinions on the proposed long skirt were expressed here this week:

Herald and News stereotyper—"Phooey." (Ed. Note. Previous warning issued for a publishable statement!)

Club Woman—"They can go and jump in the lake! I'll wear what I have and not be influenced by national manufacturers."

Housewife—"Well, lady, I'll tell you, it's this way. It's fine if I can afford new clothes whenever I want them but when you buy a piece at a time you just can't afford a whole new wardrobe. I'll let down the hems, but that's all."

Another Housewife—"I do not like them. I think they're unflattering. I had mine lengthened as deep as the hem will go but that's as long as they'll be!"

Nurse—"I like the new long skirts very much. I'll let my skirts down as far as they'll go, then sew ruffles on the bottom to keep up with the trend."

Awfully Ugly

Hospital Secretary — "I think

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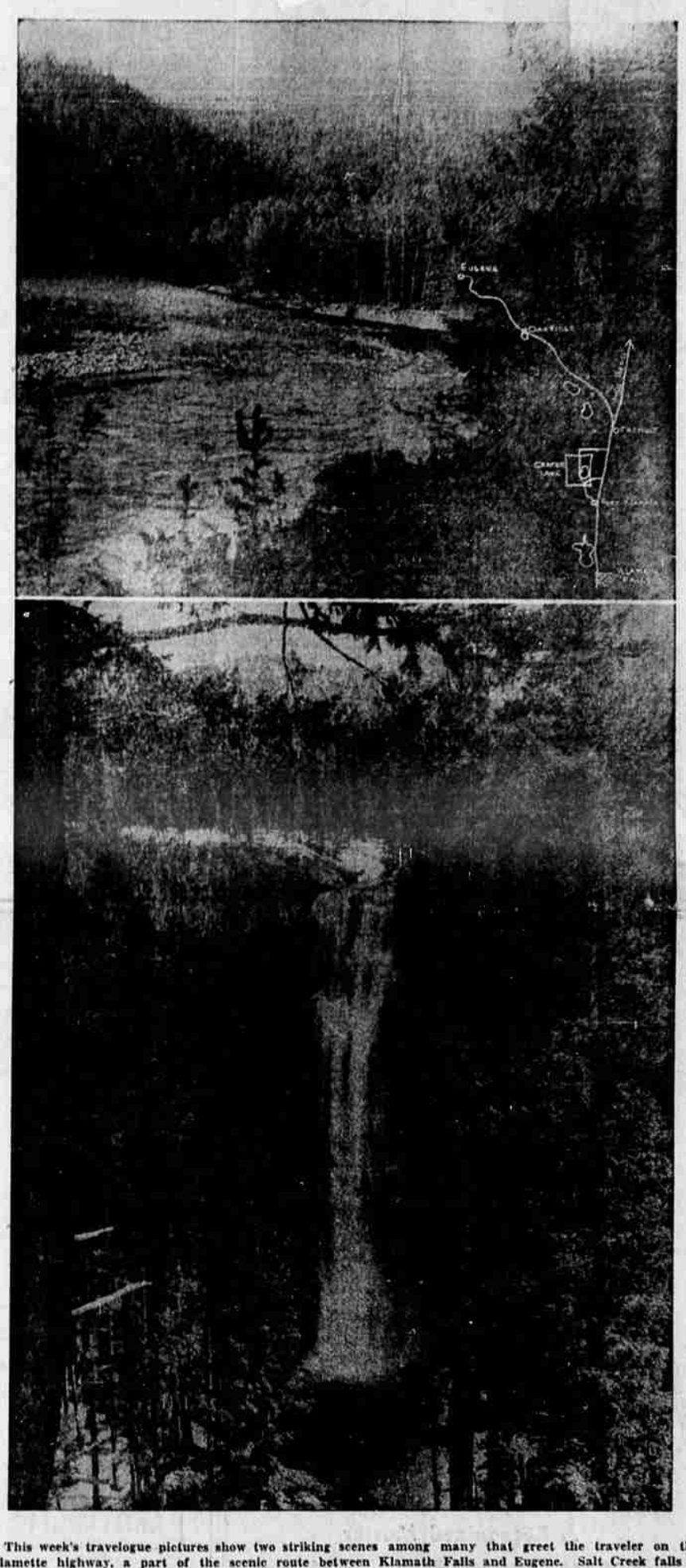
Beauty On Willamette Highway



This week's travelogue pictures show two striking scenes among many that greet the traveler on the Willamette highway, a part of the scenic route between Klamath Falls and Eugene. Salt Creek falls is a 300 foot drop of white water, visible from the highway at a point west of Odell lake and a short distance from a tunnel. It was discovered in 1887 by Frank S. Warner and Charles Tufti, respectively a white man and his Indian companion. For many miles, the Willamette highway runs along the banks of the middle fork of the Willamette river, shown in the other picture.

Travelogue---The Scenic Route To Eugene

By M. E.

Two principal ingredients of lovely landscape will generally be conceded to be water and foliage—and that's what you get, in abundance, on the Willamette highway at this time of year.

So this week's travelogue covers the trip to Eugene from Klamath Falls—without a loop, because it's well worth seeing twice in the same trip. This comparatively new highway over the Cascades, superbly engineered to make it easy going for the pantingest jalopy, ribbons through some of the finest scenery in Oregon.

Aisle Through Timber

Don't let that "green and clean" propaganda for a competing route fool you about the Eugene-Klamath stretch; it is an aisle through timber for nearly its entire distance, and the principal breaks in the woods let in fine views of water or fertile farm lands.

The Klamath-to-Eugene trip encompasses travel on three highways—US 97 to Chemult, Oregon 58 to Goshen, and a short distance on US 99 on into the university city. The lack of numbering continuity on the route is unfortunate; it no doubt causes many an uninformed traveler to miss one of the finest trips, from the standpoint of both travel ease and scenery, available in the entire west.

The water on this trip includes Upper Klamath lake, the colorful headwaters of Wood river, Crescent, Odell and the Little Deschutes rivers, Odell lake, Salt creek and the Willamette river.

Scenic

The road travels for miles along the banks of the last-named streams, in mountainous country where they tumble into white water, and farther down where the Willamette broadens into a more placid but still beautiful major river. And Salt creek provides one of the scenic thrills of the jaunt—Salt Creek falls.

Lush Foliage

The foliage on the trip, as we have indicated, is found nearly all the way, but it is especially lush and attention-compelling in the Salt creek-Willamette river sections.

Now let's highlight the journey, northbound, for those who drive this 178 miles for business or pleasure:

(Our mileages this time are only approximate.)

12 miles—Algoma. Superb view of Klamath lake. Here a grain field occupies the site of the former busy Algoma Lumber company yard. Symbolic?

32 miles—Klamath Agency. White buildings and lawns among the towering pines.

39 miles—Site of old Fort Klamath. If you know anything about regional history, you can feel the significance of this location.

45 miles—Sun mountain summit. Just before you reach this place, there are several terrific views of the sweeping Wood River valley (some one has called it the biggest lawn in the world) and the snowy mountains beyond.

76 miles—Chemult. Here the Great Northern trains roll onto the Southern Pacific tracks for the joint user run into Klamath Falls. Good lunching place. A few miles north of Chemult, you leave US 97 for the new Willamette highway.

110 miles—Odell lake, a beautiful gem of a lake in the top of the mountain range. You are in the heart of the fine scenery now.

118 miles—Salt Creek falls, one of Oregon's prettiest cataracts, yours for the looking right from the roadside. Or you can hike along a trail that divides to take you to the top of the falls, or down into the misty bowl at its base.

125 miles—McCredie Springs resort.

134 miles—Oakridge. Signs of a boom here. Pope and Talbot Lumber company is planning a huge installation at this place.

156 miles—Lowell junction. Right now they're putting a cover on a bridge here, demonstrating that the covered bridge is not confined to the pioneer era.

178 miles—Eugene

Truman Absence Delays Signing Of Greek Bill

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman's absence from Washington at the bedside of his mother in Grandview, Mo., will delay his signing of the $400,000,000 Greek-Turkish assistance bill.

Eben Ayers, presidential aide, told reporters today that Mr. Truman had planned to sign the measure Monday or Tuesday. He said the ceremony will be postponed pending the outcome of Mrs. Martha Truman's illness. The president flew to Grandview today to be with her.

Congress gave final approval to the measure Thursday and Mr. Truman has 10 days to affix his signature and make it law. Meanwhile, he is seeking a director for the aid program, whose nomination must be confirmed by the senate.

Door May Close

Senator Vandenberg indicated congress may close the door on further direct foreign relief with approval of a pending bill, but he did not disclose action on rehabilitation and other assistance funds.

The chairman of the senate foreign relations committee told reporters without elaboration that he expects no further direct relief requests. However, it seems likely President Truman must seek additional funds for economic assistance for nations hard hit by the war.

Korea Mentioned

Korea has been mentioned as one possible recipient of help and other countries are expected to line up with requests after the president signs into law the $400,000,000 Greek-Turkish assistance bill now before him.

A senate-house committee agreement yesterday on the terms of the $350,000,000 relief measure will be submitted to both chambers next week. Because of its terms, congress is expected to take no action on a special United Nations fund to provide medicine and nourishment for Europe's hungry children.

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 17 (AP)—President Truman, braving a driving rain and winds to fly to the home of his ailing 94-year-old mother today, reached her bedside to be informed that she was growing weaker.

The president was summoned to Grandview after his mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, who has been recuperating from a fractured hip, suffered a relapse early today.

He landed at Grandview in dirty weather as the weather bureau was broadcasting warnings that tornadoes might develop in the area.

Glen Terrill Appointed Assessor

Glen L. Terrill, present rent control officer, has been appointed county tax assessor by the county court. He will take office July 1, replacing Newt Nelson, resigned.

Terrill was chief deputy in the tax office from 1925 until 1937, then secretary of the Klamath Irrigation district from 1937 until 1945. Since that time he has headed the area rent control office.

Terrill's application was one of four received by the county court after Nelson announced his plans to resign from the office several weeks ago. Nelson resigned to go into private business, although he had three and a half years to serve in the tax office.

Year And A Half

The appointment of Terrill is for a year and a half, until the next general election in November 1948. The job will pay $3300 a year when he takes office, a $600-a-year pay increase recently granted by the legislature becoming effective on that date.

The outgoing assessor, Nelson, was a democrat, and Terrill is a republican. He is married and resides at 340 N. 6th.

Cancer Drive Ends Tuesday

All contributions to the 1947 cancer fund drive in Klamath county should be in by next Tuesday night, drive officials announced today.

The 20-30 club, which has conducted the campaign, will meet on Tuesday night and it is planned to close the books on the drive at that time.

"We need several hundred dollars to fill out the Klamath quota of $2850," said Tom Patty, representing the 20-30 club. "We hope it will pour in by Tuesday night."

Contributions may be sent to the 20-30 club, box 778, or to Malcolm Epley, Herald and News, who is Klamath county chairman for the American Cancer society. Checks may be made out to "Cancer Fund."

Heavy Selling Breaks Stocks

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Heavy selling knocked down stocks a few cents to more than $2 a share in today's market. It was the second day in a row that prices were under heavy pressure.

At the close prices on the average were at the lowest since January, 1945. Total losses for the week were the largest for any similar period since September last year.

Volume of 980,000 shares topped any short session for more than a year.

Investor pessimism in the face of business uncertainties and foreign developments was rated by brokers as the main reason for the fresh setback.

Selling spread to all groups. Representative losers included U. S. Steel corporation, Chrysler corporation, Douglas Aircraft, Anaconda Copper, Allied Chemical, Santa Fe, and Schenley.

Mrs. Balsiger Dies At 65

Mrs. E. H. Balsiger, 65, well known Klamath Falls matron, died at 5:10 p.m. Friday at Rochester, Minn., where she had gone recently for medical treatment.

A resident of Klamath county since 1923, Mrs. Balsiger was active in the First Methodist church, Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile.

Mrs. Balsiger was born Mae Riggs, in Illinois, and came to Oregon in 1911. The family lived at Grants Pass from 1911 to 1923, coming to Klamath Falls at that time when Mr. Balsiger entered the automobile business here.

Mrs. Balsiger had been periodically ill for some time, and on April 23 went to Rochester to enter the Mayo clinic. The remains will be brought here from Rochester, and Ward's will announce funeral arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer H. Balsiger; two sons, Eston and Stewart Balsiger, Klamath Falls businessmen, and three grandchildren, as well as one brother, George Riggs of Portland, and two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Bruell, Redfield, S. D., and Mrs. Lillian Hagman, Klamath Falls. Mrs. Bruell and Mrs. Hagman spent the past winter with their sister here.

Pranks Lead To Man's Drowning

DAYTON, O., May 17 (AP)—Apparently as a prank, Lenville Atkins, 31, threw a stray dog into swirling flood waters below a dam today.

As he stood watching the animal frantically trying to swim to safety, Atkins suffered remorse and jumped into the water to save the dog.

But Atkins lost his strength in the churning stream and cried for help.

James Taylor, one of three companions, dived in to rescue Atkins. Atkins sank from sight, and the two other men — Calvin Duncan and Thomas Terry — had to pull out Taylor.

The dog swam ashore, several hundred feet downstream, and returned to watch the search for Atkins. But the man had drowned.

Balkan Row Touches Off Hot Debate

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 17 (AP)—Russia and the United States appeared headed today for a showdown battle in the United Nations security council over a Slav revolt against maintaining an international watch on the troubled Balkan frontier areas.

Representatives of the two powers tangled yesterday over Yugoslavia's right to deliver a "tirade" against the Greek government in the council.

Sharp Words

U. S. Deputy Delegate Herschel V. Johnson and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko traded sharp words after the American interrupted a speech by Sava N. Kosanovic, Yugoslav representative, who had been invited to the council table to give his country's views on a Balkan inquiry group.

As the Yugoslav representative reiterated charges that the present Greek government was responsible for all border incidents along the frontiers with Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, Johnson interrupted:

"Do we have to put up with this tirade against the Greek government? I've never heard such an astonishing statement made in the security council."

Kosanovic retorted:

"Yugoslavia has a right to defend herself."

And then Gromyko declared:

"I ask the United States delegate not to interrupt and let the Yugoslav delegate speak."

Johnson retorted:

"I do not recognize the right of the Soviet delegate to tell me when and how to speak."

Gromyko shouted:

"I suggest the United States delegate is not the arbiter."

Council Chairman Alfonso Lopez of Colombia finally managed to break up the heated exchange and instructed Kosanovic to continue his statement "although some of it may not be relevant to the question."

The council had been called into session to debate a Soviet resolution demanding sharp curtailment of powers for an interim UN commission investigating warfare along northern Greek frontiers.

Flaming Oil Burns Couple

ALBANY, May 17 (AP) — Philip Moore, 24, and his wife, Betty, 22, were critically burned today in an explosion that shot burning oil over them and destroyed their living quarters.

Fire Chief Don Hayne said a five-gallon can of kerosene exploded in Moore's hands as he was pouring it onto the kitchen fire. The couple lived temporarily in a utility room at the rear of a house occupied by the woman's sister, Mrs. W. R. Sparks.

Mrs. Sparks, awakened by her sister's screams, ran outside and extinguished Mrs. Moore's burning clothing with a garden hose. Moore was found rolling on the ground a short distance away.

Hospital attendants said they did not expect the two to recover. The utility room was destroyed and the Sparks' house damaged.

Portland Bus Hits Greyhound

PORTLAND, May 17 (AP) — A city bus collided in downtown Portland today with an overland Greyhound bus arriving from Pendleton, injuring two women.

Marie R. Black, 64, Portland, a passenger on the local Portland Traction company bus, was taken to a hospital with a possible hip fracture. Norma J. Ringequist, 43, a passenger on the Greyhound, was treated for a head bruise and released.

The accident occurred on downtown Broadway and Salmon streets, just two blocks from the bus depot. Both vehicles were moving slowly.

A workman's ladder leans against the wall of the First Christian church, 9th and Pine, as a huge new electric sign is installed on the structure. It caught the eye of the 9 o'Clock Special photog on his morning round at that hour.