Court-Martial Threat Hits Mid-Pacific Soldiers

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The Weather
Light rain tonight and Friday; warmer tonight.

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STEEL CONFEREES GET TRUMAN EDICT

Outcry Anent Demobilizing Delay Halted

Gen. Richardson Acts After GI Talk Assails Eisenhower; 3 Nabbed

HONOLULU, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Pr., today ordered court-martial for any soldier or officer in his mid-Pacific command who continues agitation on the demobilization program.

Three enlisted men were confined to quarters pending investigation.

Col. Wilson Gaddis, public relations officer, said no charges have been placed against the trio but their actions since General Eisenhower explained demobilization policy Tuesday are under investigation. Two had been active in demonstrations against a demobilization slowdown.

A directive which Richardson sent to commanders in the mid-Pacific theater stated:

"It has come to my attention that there are certain leaders of enlisted men in this command that are continuing agitation on the demobilization program despite the announcement by General Eisenhower, chief of staff of the Army.

No Further Toleration

"It is directed that you take full and complete measures to instruct these leaders, both officers and enlisted men, and all under your command that further agitation will not be tolerated.

"Enlisted men have had an opportunity to present their grievances which have been met by Eisenhower's announcement and no further mass meetings, agitations or like actions will be permitted. Commanding officers will be held responsible for enforcement of this directive and will court-martial offenders for disobedience of orders."

Talk Assails Eisenhower

A headquarters spokesman said the three confined to quarters were restricted "pending investigation of remarks and actions" at a Tuesday night meeting of demobilization protest committee members at the Honolulu labor canteen. He said Eisenhower's speech to Congress was assailed bitterly and plans tentatively were made for a mass meeting to signify dissatisfaction.

The confinement to quarters is "for activities outside the limits of promises made to members of his command by General Richardson," the spokesman said.

Eighty members of the Oahu service men's commitee for speedier demobilization met Wednesday night at the labor canteen and unanimously went

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SENATOR MORSE of Oregon says in Washington that congress should proceed without delay to vote on President Truman's program, one way or the other—kill it or get it going.

He adds: "Until the legislative pattern is set, business men do not know how to plan for the future . . . Likewise workers do not know what the government policy is going to be . . . the result is that inaction by congress is producing confusion and unrest among all segments of our economy."

AS a picture of the situation today, that is accurate enough. There IS confusion. There IS unrest. No one can deny that.

But, if you were a member of congress (hoping, of course, to be re-elected this fall) what would YOU do about it? Would you knock industry's ears down? Or would you smack labor in the bread-basket?

Are you SURE ENOUGH of

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France Urges Death for 22 Nazi Leaders

Vehement Denunciation By Prosecutor Puts Fear On Faces of Defendants

NUERNBERG, Jan. 17.—(AP)—France asked death today for the 22 ring leaders of the Nazi regime and for punishment of hundreds of thousands of members of German terror organizations.

Francois De Menthon, wounded war veteran who is the French prosecutor, denounced Hitlerism and all it stands for with a fervor that brought fear to the faces of Hermann Goering and other prisoners before the international military tribunal.

The chief French prosecutor said that perhaps the punishment of hundreds of thousands of men who belonged to such terror organizations as the SS, the SD,

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GI Losses at Dice Bring Gaming Ban

HONOLULU, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A story in the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes that a small group of soldiers was "making a small fortune" at dice from homeward-bound GI's at the Oahu Army presonnel center has brought an official Army ban on all forms of gambling there.

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., mid-Pacific Army commander, issued the ban yesterday after Stars and Stripes reported "organized gambling goes on nightly with thousands of dollars changing hands."

"Now the men can't even play pinochle," said Col. William Saffarrans, commandant of the center.

"I authorized controlled gambling in order to give the men a decent place where they could meet," he told interviewers.

He asserted they formerly gambled in latrines, in barracks and in other places, and:

"They are going to gamble regardless of what anyone says and I provided a place where they never had the slightest trouble. Everything was open and above board."

He denied that anyone was taking a "cut" from the dice tables.

Saffarrans said he would ask the paper to prove its statements that the games were organized.

"Once we caught four airmen who were taking a cut from the games," he added. "They were arrested and reported to their units. That's the last I heard of anyone taking a percentage, and I've taken precautions to see that no one did."

Coos Bay, North Bend Vote On Utility Bond Issues

COOS BAY, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Residents of Coos Bay, North Bend and the intervening water front district were voting today on two bond issues in a special election here.

One issue would authorize $400,000 in bonds for purchase of the Peoples Water and Gas company properties. The second would issue $275,000 for rehabilitation and repairs to the utility system.

Death Sentence on GI for Killing Japs Stirs Protests

WALLINGTON, N. J., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Pfc. Joseph E. Hicswa of Wallington wrote to a girl friend from his stockade in Osaka, Japan, that he was "in a fight with a few Japs" but that he could not have murdered any because he did not have a knife.

The 20-year-old youth was condemned to death by an Army court-martial on conviction of killing two Japanese civilians Nov. 24, the night before he was to have started processing for his return home on reenlistment furlough.

The death sentence has raised a storm of protests among civic and official bodies in New Jersey and other states.

Appeals are pouring in to the War Department to spare the life of the boy, whose parents reside at Wallington.

The letter, disclosed yesterday by Miss Onia Andreyk of nearby Clifton, with whom he had been corresponding since he went into the Army in June, 1943, was written Dec. 15, evidently before the court-martial.

The 18-year-old girl said she had received it on Christmas, but did not release it until now because she did not want to upset the family.

PVT. JOSEPH E. HICSWA
Death Sentence Protested

Calif. Pacific Co. Bids for Utility in Eastern Oregon

BAKER, Jan. 17.—(AP)—An offer of approximately $2,300,000 for the property of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company, made by California Pacific Utilities Company, was approved Wednesday by the directors of the former company at a meeting held in Baker.

The offer will be submitted to stockholders of the Eastern Oregon company for approval at a meeting called for January 31. It is also subject to approval by the public utilities commissioner of Oregon and the California Railroad Commission.

Approval of the Federal Power Commission will also be requested as to some of the transmission facilities.

The California Pacific Company already owns and operates properties at John Day and Burns, the gas systems at La Grande, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and Klamath Falls. It also has electric, gas, water and telephone properties in Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada and California.

Passage of Anti-Poll Tax Bill Urged by Morse

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Senator Morse of Oregon said today he believes the anti-poll tax bill should be enacted by the present session of Congress.

"It is interesting to note,' he told a reporter, "that the most drastic anti-labor proposal now being made in Congress are coming from men who represent those sections of the country in which democratic processes are most restricted in the sense that the majority of adults do not have an opportunity to vote for their representatives in Congress.

"It is a good illustration why I think it is important that this Congress pass the anti-poll tax law."

Atty. H. R. Winston Named For Vets Affairs Duty

Lt. Harrison R. Winston, recently discharged Army pilot who has opened a law office here, has been appointed veterans attorney for the State Department of Veterans Affairs in Douglas County, Lt. Winston announced today. His appointment was made by Hugh E. Rosson, director, at Salem. Lt. Winston will handle the state's loans to veterans in this area. His office is in the Pacific Building.

Thirteen Members of Football Team Join Navy

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Thirteen members of the Astoria Trojans,, a boys' amateur football team, enlisted yesterday in the Navy in a body.

The boys, each 17 years of age, will be sent to the same training station.

Fog, Ice Hinder Traffic

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Oregons mountain roads were icy today, while fog hindered traffic on the Pacific Highway at Portland, Salem, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford, the State Highway Commission reported today.

Fog also was reported at The Dalles and Coquille.

Russia Occupies Kurile Islands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Russia was reported today to be establishing herself firmly in the strategic Kurile island chain flanking the approaches to Siberia.

It was from a rendezvous in these foggy Japanese islands that Admiral Yamamoto's fleet set out late November, 1941, for its attack on Pearl Harbor.

Whether a peace settlement will decree the permanent amputation of the Kuriles from the Japanese empire still remains to be decided.

Meanwhile, government officials here in a position to know said that Russia already has sent in troops with "bag and baggage" and their families — apparently for a long stay. Agreement upon Russian occupation of these islands, stretching like a giant scimitar across the entrance to the sea of Okhotsk, was reached at the Potsdam conference.

It appeared likely that President Truman had the Kuriles in mind Tuesday when he said it was not necessarily true that the United States would be alone in seeking independent control of former enemy-held islands.

UNO Control of World Armaments Advocated

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—United Nations control of the entire world armament industry, including atomic bomb factories, was proposed to the UNO General Assembly today by Foreign Minister Masaryk of Czechoslovakia.

Delegates applauded Masaryk several times, especially when he said he hoped that "not one particle of uranium produced in Czechoslovakia will ever be used for wholesale destruction and annihilation." Uranium is a source of material for atomic energy and the atomic bomb.

At another point, Masaryk deplored anti-Semitism.

"After what has happened to the Jews," he said, "solution of their problem is undeniably the duty of all decent people."

Cherry Fruit Fly Control Slated for Six Counties

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The state department of agriculture announced today it is drafting orders to establish a cherry fruit fly control area in Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, and a similar area on Hood River and Wasco counties.

Under the control order, all cherry trees throughout the areas must be sprayed or dusted at specified times.

Quiz Opens on Plan to Boost Price of Milk

Dairymen Want Offset To Impending Suspension Of Government Subsidy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The government is scheduling a series of meetings which may result eventually in higher milk prices.

These increases — possibly months away would be two cents a quart during the spring and summer and three cents a quart during winter months.

Hearings are planned in most large cities where dairymen's prices are regulated by the Agriculture Department under federal milk marketing orders.

The first gathering in New York today, comes a week after it becomes known that Secretary of Agriculture Anderson is urging an immediate hike of six cents a pound in OPA butter price ceilings in an effort to encourage greater production.

Subsidy Loss Offset Sought

The milk price hearings will be

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Vet Minus Hands Slips Ring on Bride's Finger

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 17.—(AP)—"Look at the slick way he put that ring on my finger. Not a fumble!"

Happily, a WAC medical technician, Corp. Ruth Spaulding Langstaff, held tight to the hooks which Pfc. Robert Langstaff uses for hands, after their marriage last night.

Langstaff lost his hands when a machine gun blew up in France. He and his bride, 32, whose home is in Anderson, Ind., met in a hospital here.

The 33-year-old Iowan was happy, too, although a bit disturbed about all the publicity.

"I'm not looking for special favors," he commented. He hopes to get a job as an automobile salesman when he is released from a hospital.

Fire, Explosions Wreck Refinery; Three Men Die

FINDLAY, O., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A large section of the Midwest refineries lay in ruins today, the aftermath of a spectacular fire which set off a series of storage tank explosions and lent an air raid atmosphere to the disaster in which three employes lost their lives.

C. A. Peterson, superintendent of the refinery plant, said 11 of some 50 storage tanks containing gasoline, kerosene,, oil and asphalt blew up in the blaze and estimated damage at $200,000.

New Oregon Record Looms In Exports of Produce

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—About 8,270 carloads of produce will be shipped out of Oregon in the first half of 1946, State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson predicted today.

He said the 1945-46 fiscal year will see the 1944-45 year record beaten by about 4,000 cars.

HAS NEW TAX BILL—Blasting present income tax laws as "patchwork upon patchwork" and declaring that individuals and corporations need more tax-free income, Rep. Herman P. Eberharter, above, of Pennsylvania, will introduce a new "incentive" income - tax bill. Among other features, it would increase personal exemption for single persons from $500 to $1250, and those for married couples from $1000 to $2500.

Effort to Send Altered Fact Bill To House Blocked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The House Labor Committee today rejected on a tie vote a surprise move by a Republican member to send a modified version of proposed fact-finding legislation to the House floor.

The modified version would have denied the proposed boards the power of subpoena and also would have eliminated a suggested 30-day cooling off period during which strikes would be banned.

It was offered by Rep. Landis (R., Ind.) during hearings on legislation dealing with return to the states of the U. S. Employment Service.

Landis, five other Renublicans and one Democrat voted for the Landis substitute. Seven Democrats voted against it.

Landis told the committee that he was moving to send the modified bill to the House for action because "the heat was on" from voters throughout the country for legislation to prevent strikes.

Reps. Hook (D., Mich.) Geelan (D., Conn.) and Barden D., N.C.) fought the motion, terming it "hasty and ill-advised."

Rep. Hoffman R.(, Mich.) commented: "It's time the people know what each member wants to do about this strike situation."

This Busy Age

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Police reported that a holdup suspect led police to where he said he dropped $850 in currency when arrested.

The money, wrapped in a torn piece of newspaper, had lain unnoticed by hundreds of passers-by on a busy street for 15 hours.

PRESIDENT WILL OFFER OWN PLAN "IN PUBLIC INTEREST" IF DISPUTANTS DON'T AGREE

Strike of 800,000 Employes Slated To Start Monday; Government Effort To End Packinghouse Tieup Continues

(By the Associated Press.)

Hope of settlement of wage disputes affecting more than a million workers in the steel and meat industries, including some 263,000 packing house employes already on strike, centered on meetings in Washington today.

President Truman acted in the threatened strike of 800,000 CIO steelworkers and promised to submit his own proposal if principles in the controversy fail to reach an agreement on the wage issue.

Meanwhile, officials of the Department of Labor planned to confer with packers and AFL and CIO union leaders involved in the two day old strike in the meat industry in an attempt to end the walkout which threatens to sharply curtail meat supplies.

President Truman's promised "proposal in the public interest" in the steel industry wage dispute was not disclosed. But officials said government seizure "has not entered into the discussions" in meetings of CIO President Philip Murray and Benjamin Fairless, U. S. Steel Corporation president.

The steel strike is scheduled to begin at 12:01 A. M., Monday in support of demands by the CIO United Steelworkers for a wage increase Murray has reduced to 19½ cents an hour from his original demand of 25 cents. Fairless has offered to hike the steelworkers' wages 15 cents an hour.

In event of a steel walkout, which was postponed one week upon Mr. Truman's request pending further wage negotiations, the idle throughout the country would jump to nearly 1,700,000. Yesterday's strike of some 263,000 packing house workers was the largest single work stoppage since before the war. The total number of idle soared to 886,000, the largest number in recent years.

Meat Scarcity Felt

Meanwhile, Labor Department officials hoped to effect a settlement of the wage dispute in the meat industry and end the nation-wide strike. The scarcity of meat became more acute in many sections as arrival of livestock at principal markets dwindled.

One of the two unions involved in the work stoppage, the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, was ready to

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Peace in Steel Should End All Strikes--Morse

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—When the steel strike threat ends, Senator Morse of Oregon said today, industrial strife in the country should end too.

"I think it is perfectly clear that as steel goes so goes the nation, so far as settlement of the pending major labor disputes are concerned,' Morse said in an interview.

"Industrial history of the nation shows that heavy industry, particularly, as well as other large industries follow in a general way wage trends set by steel. In the present economic strife it is obvious that many industries are waiting to see what happens in steel because their costs of production bear a very close relation to prices they have to pay for steel.

"I am confident that the deadlock in steel will be broken in the next few days if not today. I think when the steel case is broken, existing and potential strikes will be of short duration, and with the wheels of production rolling again the hysterical demand for legislation which seeks to place a very drastic control over American labor will greatly diminish."

He said if the nation can get large scale production going within the next six months the supply of consumer goods on a competitive market would be the best protection of real wages that "labor can obtain for itself and also the best check against inflation.

He said he was satisfied that any wage increase paid entirely out of price increases, may prove to be, if inflation comes, no wage increase at all.

Oregon Loses Suit to Retain Seized Liquor

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Oregon State Liquor Control Commission will not get 333 cases of stolen liquor seized by state police in a truck near Milwaukie.

Circuit Judge Latourette ruled the $11,000 worth of liquor was the legal property of J. V. Nanny, San Francisco, from whose warehouse it was reported stolen. The truck driver's and several California men were arrested in the affair.

Cottage Grove Lumber Mill Bought by Workers

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Four employes of the W. H. Daugherty Wholesale Lumber Company and mill here have purchased the operation, W. H. Daugherty announced today.

New owners are Cevil Caldwell, Jim Bricher, Kenneth Hickok and Vincent Bricher.

Camp White Fire Takes Large Toll of Food

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin blazed through the interior of Camp White's sale commissary yesterday, destroying a large quantity of food.

The provisions were used to supply both camp personnel and servicemen's relatives throughout the Rogue river valley.

Woman Fined, Jailed on Drunk Driving Charge

Not leniency, but justice was administered to Nettie A. Adams, who pleaded guilty yesterday in the court of Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfiel to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. She was fined $100, sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, and her operator's license was revoked for one year, after she had been arrested by state police on Highway 99 south of the city.

Justice Hartfiel is making good his threat to jail drunken drivers as a menace to the safety of others on the highway. "She had nothing but tears to offer me," Justice Hartfiel said. "She said she didn't want leniency, but justice."

Four fines for overloaded vehicles were levied: Robert S. McLean, overload, $25; Miles L. Burr, overload, $30; Robert H. Griswold, Jr., overload, $35; and Otis M. Kirkland, axle overload, $10.

Firearms Theft From Automobile Charged

Nellis Eugene Greer, of Turner, Ore., is being held in the Douglas county jail to answer charges of larceny from an automobile. The charge was filed in the court of Justice of the Peace Clarence Leonard of Drain, and bail has been set at $1,000. Greer was arrested in Salem and was delivered to Deputy Sheriff Al Smith and Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police, in Eugene. At the same time, Smith and Morgan delivered George Rumble Parsons to Marion county authorities who met them in Eugene. Smith said that Greer, whom they brought here, had allegedly stole firearms from an automobile in Drain.

Salary Increases to Meet Mounting Living Costs Asked By Roseburg School Teachers

City teachers asked the School Board this week for an increase in salaries to meet rapidly increasing costs of living, and the matter was taken under advisement by the board's budget committee. The School Board also eased requirements for granting diplomas to veterans as an aid to college entrance, and appointed a teacher to the staff, Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott said yesterday.

The salary committee of the city school teachers presented the matter of salary increases declared necessary if they are to continue their work in Roseburg, where living costs are mounting rapidly due to housing and food shortages, Elliott said.

The committee proposed a continuance of the present salary schedule with a flat "living cost sum" to be added for the coming year only. The proposed sum would be approximately 15 per cent, or $33 a month, Elliott stated. "The request seems reasonable considering the general rise in labor costs," he commented.

The board approved giving veterans general education development tests and subject tests to secure for them diplomas, and assist them in gaining entrance into college for advanced learning under the GI bill. This program is endorsed by the American Council of Education and the State Department of Education, Elliott said, and is being followed by Eugene schools.

Mrs. Lois Ford Wesley was elected by the school board to teach first, second and third grade classes in Edenbower School.

Cong. Ellsworth Establishes Reputation as Champion of Forest and Food Legislation

By CHARLES D. WATKINS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, Ore., publisher, has established a reputation in three years in Congress rfom Oregon's Fourth District as a food expert and a forest champion.

In his first term he began his campaign for expanded use of the forests. His plans for making alcohol out of wood waste led to establishment of the Springfield plant.

In advocating greater research in ways of using lumber, he urged appropriation of more funds for the forest products laboratories, telling Congress they had developed a process to make native woods hard enough to be used for ship decks. He also told Congress that shoe soles were being made from a treated plywood as flexible as rubber.

He urged that the research program not be allowed to lapse because the war had ended.

The Oregon Republican is a member of the House committees on election of the president, vice-president and representatives, mines and mining, and public lands, the latter particularly important to his district. He also is a member of the Republican Food Study Committee.

Rans OPA Food Policy

He took an active interest in the food supply investigation and demanded throughout the year that one person be named to handle the entire food question. Criticizing the OPA's food policies, he said OPA had been so intent on holding down prices that it neglected production and allowed scarcities to develop.

"No one is going to raise meat or anything else for the market for the fun of it," Ellsworth said. "A producer must believe that

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

Modern paradox: The closer nations are brought together by science and mechanical ingenuity, the farther apart they are thrust by international disputes.