

RECESSION THREAT FACED, TRUMAN WARNS

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; fog in morning.

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Bigger Air Force Needed, U. S. Commission Says

Possibility Of Atomic Attack Told in Report

Expenditure of Billions More Deemed Imperative For "Self-Preservation"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—President Truman's air policy commission said today the government should add billions of dollars to air power spending estimates to create a force "capable of dealing with a possible atomic attack on this country" by Jan. 1, 1953.

A report by the five-man board declared the air force presently planned would be "inadequate" even for the intervening five years.

It would be "hopelessly wanting," the report said, for the period when it should be assumed that "other nations will have atomic weapons in quantity and the equipment to deliver them in a sustained attack on the United States mainland."

Requirements Listed

The commission said plans should be expanded all along the line to call for:

1. An air force of 70 groups instead of the 55 groups now blue-printed.
2. Doubling the present total of 3,500 first line combat aircraft by the end of 1949.
3. A \$1,300,000,000 increase to bring air force spending to \$4,150,000,000 for the 1948 calendar year and to \$5,450,000,000 for next year.
4. An additional \$122,000,000 above budget estimates to modernize the Navy's air arm this year and \$310,000,000 more for the same purpose in 1949.

"We believe," the commission said, "that the nation's security is imperiled by the present plan."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SPECULATORS in the commodity markets continue to draw headlines—the current sensation being a senator's wife. The implication in the recent dispatches is that the senator may have used his spouse as a blind to cover up his own dealings.

We ought to keep our thinking straight on this subject. The whole business hinges on "inside" information, in "ordinary" times, the buying and selling of futures is a healthy element in a free marketing system such as ours. But in times like these, when the government is constantly doing things that affect supply and demand (and so AFFECT PRICES), it is obvious that advance knowledge of what the government is going to do provides opportunities to bet on a sure thing.

THE attitude of our ordinary voters is that those who hold

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Umpqua National Forest Cut Of Timber in 1947 More Than Double That Felled in 1946

Timber cut from the Umpqua National Forest for the year 1947 was more than double the cut of the previous year and exceeded a half-million dollars in value.

According to an annual report prepared by Forest Supervisor M. M. Nelson, the total cut was 76,763,000 board feet, for which purchasers paid \$501,898. There was cutting on all ranger districts, from Row River east of Cottage Grove to Cow Creek in the Southern part of Douglas County.

During the year, sales were prepared and contracts made for 129,707,000 feet of timber valued at \$967,129. Nelson points out that very little operation took place in these sales, because operators were busy constructing roads to the cutting units. This is more of an indication of what might be expected by way of cutting in 1948 and 1950.

The counties benefit materially from national forest sales, he said. They receive 25 per cent of the gross receipts of the national forest. Roads within the national forest boundaries are constructed and maintained by the forest service or by operators under sale agreements, and therefore the counties are not burdened with

Asst. Director Of Red Cross Named For Vets Facility



Recent appointment of Miss Lucille G. Hunter, above, as Red Cross assistant field director at the Roseburg Veterans hospital was announced today in San Francisco, by Ramon S. Eaton, Pacific Area manager for the American Red Cross.

Miss Hunter will assist Miss Elizabeth Nolting, field director, in coordinating the expansion activities of the Red Cross volunteers in the hospital.

After long experience as a settlement worker at Kingsley House in New Orleans, Miss Hunter joined the Red Cross in October, 1940, serving in station hospitals at Camp Livingston, La., and Fort Belvoir, Va., as head recreation worker. For the past three years she was director of program and volunteers for the United Seaman's Service in New Orleans, San Francisco and Houston, Tex.

A native of Pulaski, Tenn., Miss Hunter attended Martin College in Pulaski and the Hull House School of Recreation in Chicago. She is a member of the American Association of Group Workers.

Dismissal of Charges Against 20 Japs Advised

TOKYO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Dismissal of war crimes charges against 20 Japanese—including five ministers in the Tojo cabinet—has been recommended by Chief Prosecutor Joseph B. Keenan, it was learned authoritatively today.

Keenan declined comment on the report, but neither would he deny he made the recommendation to the war crimes section of the U. S. Department of the Army in Washington.

An informed source said Keenan's reasoning is that trial of the 20 defendants would be anticlimactic, lengthy and expensive and would necessitate a complete new tribunal.

Krug Ready To Clamp Control On Fuel Prices

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Secretary of Interior Krug said today that if Congress grants stand-by price control power he immediately will order a 60-day "freeze" of retail and wholesale prices for coal, fuel oil, gasoline and all other petroleum products.

Krug also told the Senate Banking Committee that if the administration is given allocation and rationing authority, he believes it will be necessary to allocate and "possibly" ration fuel oil and gasoline.

Generally speaking, allocation is the dividing up of scarce commodities among suppliers. Rationing is dividing them up among consumers.

Krug testified in support of hold-in-reserve power to restore rationing and wage-price controls on a limited basis as Congress received President Truman's message on the nation's economy.

Truman Plans Spurred
The message was sent to the Capitol amid fresh signs that the Republican-dominated Congress intends to spurn the President's anti-inflation program.

From the administration's standpoint, the most important parts of the program are those calling for hold-in-reserve authority to restore rationing and price controls if necessary. The slim prospects these measures face in Congress was pointed up again yesterday as Republican members of the Senate Banking Committee tore into the testimony of Secretary of Labor Schweinfach. His support of stand-by wage-price control power prompted the attack.

Says Pay Hikes "Futile"
Schweinfach said today he

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Pauley Prepares to Quit Federal Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Edwin W. Pauley today prepared to resign from government service with a hot advance denial that he was smoked out by Harold E. Stassen's public needling of his record as a grain speculator.

The California oil man, former Democratic National Committee Treasurer and a close friend of President Truman, announced that he is quitting as assistant Secretary of the Army Royal.

In a memorandum to the press distributed by the army last night Pauley declared this is in accordance with plans he made known soon after taking the job last Sept. 3. This Stassen, he said, cannot "claim credit for bringing about my resignation."

The statement came two days after Stassen, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, called on Mr. Truman to answer this question:

"Does a man who has admitted under investigation that he made approximately a million dollars (\$32,703 to be exact) in personal profit by speculating since the war in increased prices of food and commodities, belong in the position of assistant to the Secretary of the Army for procurement and industrial mobilization?"

Pauley said he never used any inside information in his trading and had begun to get out of the market as soon as he took the appointment under Royal.

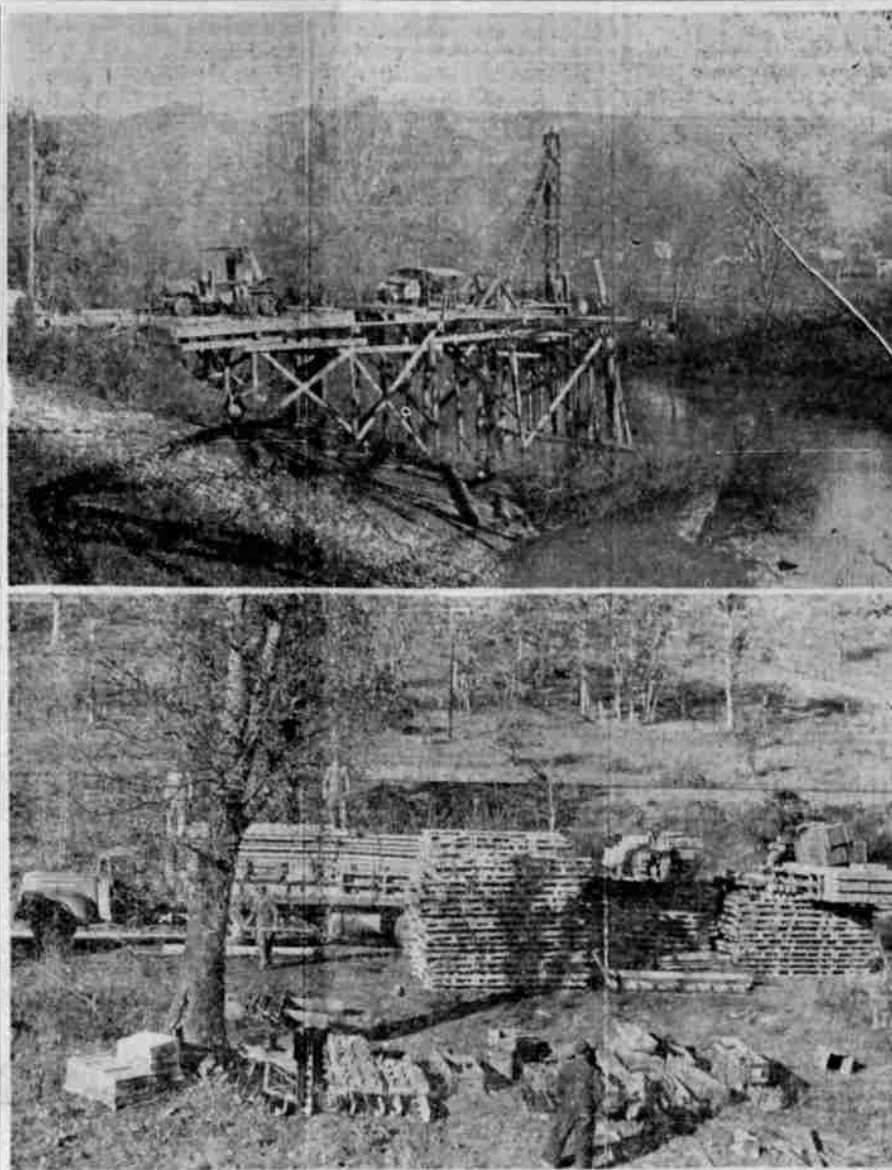
Riddle Motorist Cited As Collision Aftermath

In an accident which occurred three miles south of Myrtle Creek on the Pacific Highway early Monday morning, Robert Riddle of Riddle will be cited for failure to drive on the right side of the road, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported. Jenkins' automobile was involved in a head-on collision with that operated by Grace Endicott of Canyonville, the officer said.

ACTION FITS WORD

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—(AP)—"I'm doing all I can to produce more Democrats," declared James Roosevelt, California Democratic Committee chairman, earnestly pleading last night for party support.

He drew a big laugh from the audience. Roosevelt's fifth child—a daughter named Anna Eleanor—for his mother—was born last Saturday.



TEMPORARY BRIDGE TO SPAN RIVER—In the shadow of the Pacific Highway bridge four miles south of Dillard, a temporary pile bridge is being erected across the South Umpqua River. Lower picture shows the steel frames of an Army Bailey bridge stacked near the bridge site, ready to be assembled when the temporary bridge approaches are completed. When the bridge is re-opened to use, heavy traffic may again be routed through on the Pacific Highway and repairs to the main span, damaged by swift, rain-swollen river currents last week, may get under way. Driving of pilings for the temporary bridge is proceeding more slowly than anticipated, because of rock on the river bottom.

Petrillo's Acquittal of 'Feather-Bedding' for Union Musicians Seen as Death of Lea Law

Government Fails To Prove Charges, Opinion of Court

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—James C. Petrillo, chief of the AFL Musicians Union, was acquitted today of a charge that he violated the Lea act aimed at curbing his powers, and his attorney declared "the Lea act is dead."

Federal Judge Walter J. La Rue, who conducted the bench trial of Petrillo at a three-day hearing ended Jan. 2, ruled that government prosecutors had failed to prove their case.

Petrillo, looking grim while waiting for the decision in court, burst into smiles. Later he happily told reporters:

"I guess it puts a different light on the situation."

"The broadcasters have been telling me I cannot force them to hire more musicians than are needed."

Petrillo's attorney, Daniel Carmell, a Chicago AFL leader, told reporters:

"The essence of this decision is that the Lea act is dead."

The act, also known as the anti-Petrillo law, was passed by Congress to limit the 55-year-old Petrillo's broad union powers. The government contended Petrillo violated the law by attempting to force a Chicago radio station, WAAF, to employ more union musicians than it said it needed.

Court Ruling Told
Judge La Rue, in his eight-page written opinion, ruled:

1. Petrillo did not know that the radio station did not need additional employees.

2. He requested the station to hire the three additional employees—"record librarians"—because he thought they were needed "to perform actual services."

3. His "demand" that they be hired "was unaccompanied by threat of the use of force, violence, intimidation or duress."

4. The station was "not inconvenienced by reason of the dis-

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President Repeats Request For Price, Wage and Rationing Powers to Battle Inflation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—President Truman declared today that American prosperity is riding "a wave of inflation" toward the peril of a "serious" business slump.

Keying his second annual economic report to a renewed plea for legislative power to cope with soaring prices, the chief executive told the Republican-controlled Congress:

Highway 99 Assn. Will Meet Monday

Annual meeting of the Oregon Highway 99 Association will be held in Roseburg Monday. Sessions will be in the council chambers of the City Hall, with delegates to be guests of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce at the forum luncheon at noon, at the Umpqua Hotel.

The association includes membership of chambers of commerce and county courts along the Pacific Highway from Portland to the California line.

In the business to be considered by the association, it is expected that recommendations will be made to the legislative interim committee on highways, which will meet in Eugene later this month. Also, the report of a special committee appointed to study the feasibility of the employment of a full-time manager will be considered.

An election of officers for the coming year will take place and a program of objectives for 1948 will be adopted.

Hosts for the meeting will be the Douglas County Court and the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, according to Harold J. Hickerson, secretary-manager.

Murderer Jake Bird Gets 60-Day Execution Stay

OLYMPIA, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Jake Bird, convicted slayer scheduled to hang early Friday, today was granted a 60-day stay of execution by Governor Wallgren.

Wallgren said he granted the stay of execution for three reasons:

1. To see that no injustice is being done to some other person who may be serving a prison sentence for a crime Bird may have committed.
2. To have time to apprehend any other accomplices who may have assisted Bird in some way, and who may be at large where he could repeat his crime.
3. At the request of Governor Dwight Green of Illinois.

Wallgren said the 60 days stay of execution "should be sufficient time to clear up any confessions Bird has made."

Newspaperman to Speak At Chamber Forum

After a winter recess of several weeks, the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheons are being resumed Monday noon at the Umpqua Hotel. It was announced by Horace C. Berg, chairman of the forum committee.

Speaker at the forum will be George Griffin, manager of the promotion department of The Oregonian, who will be here next week to gather material about this city for use in the Portland newspaper.

The public is invited to the forum. Delegates to the Oregon Highway 99 Association's annual meeting will also attend.

Rodzinski Dismissed as Orchestra Director

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Dr. Arthur Rodzinski, one of the nation's leading musical conductors who became musical director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra less than a year ago, has been dismissed by the Orchestral Association.

A statement by Cyrus H. Adams, association vice president, said that differences of opinion between Rodzinski and the association's board of trustees "make it clearly evident that his further connection with the orchestra and with the board of trustees cannot be satisfactory."

Mother of Two Leaps To Death From Bridge

BREMEN, Wash., Jan. 14.—(AP)—A 28-year-old mother of two children leaped to her death from Manette bridge here yesterday just as a police patrolman appeared at the scene.

Patrolman Charles Decker identified her as Mrs. Florence Riche, whose husband, Navy Chief Machinist's Mate Robert Riche, is on his way home from China. Their children are Jack, 8, and Sandra, 4.

Friends said Mrs. Riche had been despondent recently.

Diphtheria, Other Ills On Increase in Oregon

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Eight cases of diphtheria, an abnormally large number, were reported in Oregon last week, the State Board of Health said today.

Seven of the cases occurred in Yamhill County; the other in Clackamas County. Other diseases were more prevalent, too: scarlet fever, mumps, and measles, increased 80, 22, and 75 per cent respectively.

There were 68 cases of influenza.

Arabs Set Day For Holy Land Sweep

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Arabs attacked four Jewish settlements in the area between Jerusalem and Haifa today, Jewish sources reported, and tension mounted with reports from Syria that middle east Arabs have set Feb. 15 as D-day for a military sweep against Zionism.

Snipers' guns barked constantly in Jerusalem and in the area of all-Jewish Tel Aviv and all-Arab Jaffa. Jaffa is thronged with Syrians, Iraqi and Trans-Jordanian availing orders to move against Tel Aviv.

In Damascus, Syrian defense minister Sharabi said a trained Arab People's Army would launch a frontal attack against Zionism in Palestine next month "with men and arms," in an honorable war to preserve the rights of our Arab brothers.

"This is war," the Arab leader said. "We propose to sweep Zionism from Palestine with superior military force."

But he took alarm as well as pride in the advances.

"Unless we as a nation show and ability to impose restraints upon ourselves and to utilize the machinery of our representative government to devise well-considered regulatory measures, we stand in great danger that runaway prices, over-extended credit and unbalanced developments will lead to another recession."

"We cannot be sure that such a recession would not be severe and recovery slow and painful."

More income and more consumers will be needed, Mr. Truman said, to keep production up when exports fall off, when credit shrinks, and when savings are reduced, and "more" consumer income must be accompanied by better income distribution."

He continued:

"Within ten years, maximum employment will mean 64,000,000 jobs or more."

1947 Record Review
Thus blending optimism and caution, the president gave this view of the 1947 economic record:

Consumer income reached a new high rate of \$1,264 a person a year, compared with \$1,074 in early 1946, but the buying power of the consumer's income dollar dropped nearly 80 per cent. Savings were smaller and consumers "drew increasingly on credit."

Consumer credit—which Mr.

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Florence Hotel Floor Destroyed by Fire

FLORENCE, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the third floor of the 58-year-old Florence Hotel here today.

Eleven of the structure's 30 rooms were damaged by smoke and water.

The fire was first discovered at 1:30 p. m. and 30 minutes later the Florence volunteer fire department had the flames under control.

The building was valued at about \$35,000.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

That oft-proposed long range housing program would sound more assuring if it carried a starting date somewhere this side of eternity.