



FEELS NO PAIN—Beverly Smith, year-old Akron, O., baby, feels no pain as Children's Hospital Nurse Helen Zimmerman pricks her arm with a hot pin. The child has startled physicians by NOT being able to feel any pain from burns, bumps or pin pricks. She is one of the "four or five" babies in medical records born with that congenital condition, doctors said. Her chief hazard is that sometime she may suffer serious injury without knowing it. Beverly is healthy in every respect and has a normal 3-year-old sister. (AP Wirephoto)

Police Chief Slain By Insane Negro

ADAIRVILLE, Ky., April 29.—(AP)—An insane Negro shot to death Chief of Police Rufus Barrow, 60, with the officer's own pistol today, then for more than an hour stood off officers before he finally was overpowered.

The Negro, listed as Ed Burkes, 29, had been adjudged insane and was in custody of the officer, awaiting a bus to take him to an institution. The prisoner seized the officer's gun, killed him and fired shot after shot into his body.

Then the man, waving the gun menacingly, took up a position over the officer's body and defied police and sheriff's deputies.

The officers refrained immediately from attempting to seize him lest he start shooting into the crowd of several hundred which quickly gathered.

After nearly an hour and a half, the officers kept the man's attention while another Negro, Capers Crumbaugh, 45, slipped up behind Burkes, flattened him and disarmed him.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PALESTINE is the ticklish spot in the news as this is written. A Jerusalem dispatch reports that armies of the four encircling Arab nations are ready to invade the Holy Land before the week ends. (The four Arab nations are Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.)

You never can tell, of course, but at the moment the fire is pretty close to the powder.

A STRONG, competent United Nations, overwhelmingly backed by world opinion, could handle the situation promptly and efficiently. United Nations, unfortunately, is neither strong nor competent. It is torn by rivalry between Communism, headed by Russia, and anti-Communism, headed by the United States.

Since these are the only nations with power enough to make it work, United Nations is for the present helpless.

WITH Italy temporarily out of the way, with Western Europe getting together to hold the line at the Elbe, the Near and Middle East are the world's hottest spot.

Russia's present objective is obviously to get an army into that strategically critical area. Once she could get an army there, she could proceed as she has proceeded in Eastern Germany, the

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Mock Air Warfare Will Test Pacific Northwest Defenses

(By the Associated Press)

An "air war" was on tap today for the Pacific Northwest. The "war," announced in Washington, D. C., last night by the air force, will be a full-scale test of Northwest defenses.

Three commands of the USAF are to participate with B-29's staging mock bombing attacks and fighter squadrons intercepting the attackers.

The maneuvers will last more than a week.

The air force announcement in Washington said the attacking force is made up of B-29's of the strategic air command. Fighter planes of the tactical air command and the air defense command will be defenders. The total number of planes was not disclosed.

Control center for the defense operations will be at Arlington, Wash., about 60 miles north of Seattle. It will direct fighter planes through radar tracking units.

Egyptians, Arabs Move on Palestine

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Oleomargarine Battle Shifted to Senate

Repeal of Tax 62 Years Old Voted by House

Senators of Dairy States
Plan Attempt to Bottle
Up Bill in Committee

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—With oleomargarine better than a two to one victor over butter in the House, the battle of the bread spreads moved into the Senate today.

Opinions differed sharply on what will happen there.

The House yesterday voted 260 to 106 to repeal the 62-year-old federal tax on oleo. It rejected all dairy bloc efforts to compromise. These would have dropped the taxes but required the packaging of oleo in triangular or circular tins.

The expected Senate battle shaped up about like this:

1. Senator Taft, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and presidential aspirant, is on the oleo side. He is expected to drive hard for passage of the tax repealer bill.

2. The Senate Agriculture and Finance Committees may wage a tug of war for jurisdiction over the legislation. Dairy state members figure they will have a better chance to bottle up the bill in the Agriculture Committee.

Repeal Rider Rejected

Oleo backers already have suffered a preliminary rebuff in the Senate. A move to attach a margin tax repealer to the income tax reduction bill was beaten 55 to 38. However, this was not accepted as a fair test as Chairman Millikin of the Finance Committee argued then that the two subjects should not be mixed.

Millikin said today if the oleo bill is sent to his committee he will seek prompt action.

But Senator Thye, member of the Agriculture Committee, told reporters: "We will do our utmost to defeat the bill." He represents Minnesota—one of the great dairy states.

No recent issue has brought so much turmoil in House debate. In their last ditch stand, House members from the dairy districts fought desperately to give oleo a distinct marking. But triangular oleo was beaten 114 to 83. Round oleo went down for the count, 119 to 87.

Similarly, the House beat 129 to 72, an effort by Rep. August

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Districts to Vote On School Merger

Proposed consolidation of the Wilbur and Winchester school districts will be decided in an election dated for May 15, it was announced today by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

The proposal is the result of a continual increase in enrollments in the Winchester district in the past two years. Mrs. Gorrell said. Early this year the district completed its new two-room school, while an overflow of pupils is using the old one-room Winchester School.

While the new building was being erected last autumn, some pupils were transported to the Wilbur School, where the Winchester district had rented a room. The district is considering a similar arrangement for its pupils next year, but the cost of either rent or tuition is believed to be too high to justify the plan.

School census population of Winchester School District No. 9 is given as 63. That of Wilbur School District No. 2 is 81. The Wilbur building formerly accommodated high school classes and has the available space for pupils from Winchester.

Effort to Avert Rail Strike Begun

By The Associated Press

Federal mediators made a last ditch effort today to head off a nationwide railroad strike set for May 11.

Conciliation efforts got under way at Chicago. Attending the conference were two members of the National Railway Mediation Board and representatives of the railroad and three operating unions.

The official strike notice was announced yesterday by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the Switchmen's Union of America.

The third union seeking a 30 per cent wage hike with a minimum increase of \$3 a day—the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the union has "not made up its mind when and if a strike date will be set."

However, a strike by the other two unions alone could cripple the nation's rail transportation system.

Bill to Crack Down on Reds In U. S. Awaits House Approval; Commies Get Foreign Snubs

Ban on Dictatorship
By Outlawing Party Aim
Of Action in Congress

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—A bill putting it up to Reds to change their color or face fines and jail terms hit a temporary blockade in the House today.

Backers wanted to get the anti-Communist measure passed next week. Rep. Mundt (R-SD) claimed support of "an overwhelming majority for this telling blow against the forces of subversion in America."

But Speaker Martin told a reporter bills appropriating money for several government agencies must come first. So the House may not vote until the second week in May. After that it will be up to the senate to act.

The anti-Red bill was okayed yesterday by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Into it went parts of a bill introduced by Mundt, plus a lot of ideas worked out by Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.) and a subcommittee Nixon heads.

"We aren't attempting to outlaw Communist thinking or Communist theory," Nixon told reporters. "Under this bill the Communist party could operate as a legitimate, American political party, above ground and without

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Rock Interrupts Commie's Speech

PORTLAND, April 29.—(AP)—A rock thrown through a window interrupted momentarily a speech by Claudia Jones, secretary of the Women's Commission of the Communist party, last night.

No one was injured and the incident was not repeated.

Miss Jones, a native of Trinidad who is facing a deportation hearing on the charge she advocates overthrow of the government, said the stone-throwing was provoked by Harold E. Stassen's statement here Monday night that the Communist party should be outlawed.

She said the Truman administration is threatening the liberties of all citizens, accused the United States of trying to start war against the Russians "who fought so bravely against Fascist Germany," denied that American Communists take orders from Russia, and commended Henry Wallace for "speaking the fight in America against imperialism and for civil liberties."

About 125 persons attended the meeting in Norse hall.

Straw Votes of Officials Favor Stassen and McKay

Stassen over Dewey and Douglas McKay of Salem over Governor Hall revealed the sentiment of Southern Oregon county officials, in a straw vote taken at conference in Grants Pass Tuesday.

This was reported by County Commissioner Lynn V. Beckley, who, with County Judge D. N. Busenbark, attended a meeting of the Southern Oregon Association of County Courts this week.

Beckley said that a straw vote taken among the officials showed overwhelming support for Harold E. Stassen in the Republican presidential race, and for McKay over Governor John H. Hall in the gubernatorial campaign.

The meeting included county judges, commissioners, and engineers of Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties. Problems to be laid before the next legislature were discussed.



PARKING PLAN PROTESTED—A proposal to pave the center strip of N. Jackson St., below the railway tracks, for automobile parking was protested at a meeting of the City Planning Commission this week. This view shows the area in relation to the Interstate Tractor and Equipment Co., at left, which advanced the proposal as a means of increasing customer parking space. Spencer W. Yates, who protested before the commission, said "two of the finest trees on N. Jackson St. would be chosen for obliteration" if the plan is adopted.

Peacetime Manpower Of 2 Million Set

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The command, working with foreign policy framers, thinks two million men are enough for defense—that more might be viewed abroad as a move toward aggressive war.

The joint chiefs of staff, it was learned today, used such a diplomatic yardstick to help it measure the size of the recommended peacetime military establishment.

The joint chiefs' organization is composed of the military heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force, plus Adm. William D. Leahy, the chief of staff to the president.

They constitute an advisory group to Secretary of Defense Forrestal.

The overall military-diplomatic policy is shaped by the National Security Council which includes President Truman, Secretary of State Marshall, Forrestal and the civilian secretaries of the armed forces. The military planning thus is designed to be geared to the diplomatic thinking by the council.

Requests Listed

Here is what they want for a peacetime defensive force (present manpower figures in parentheses):

An Army of 837,000 men (540,000) in the regular establishment.

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Federal Road Aid For Oregon Listed

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—Oregon's Federal Aid Highway program on last March 31 called for construction of 504.1 miles of highway costing \$24,514,000 with the federal government paying \$13,217,000.

The public roads administration in announcing the figures said the state has an unprogrammed balance of Federal money amounting to \$1,200,000.

It said that Oregon's program only roads call for construction of 152.1 miles costing \$8,957,000 with the government paying \$4,819,000. It said plans have been approved for, but construction not started on, 37.1 miles of highway to cost \$3,319,000 with Federal payment amounting to \$1,699,000.

It said that construction is under way on 254.9 miles of highway, costing \$12,286,000 with Federal funds amounting to \$6,699,000.

Striking Boommen to File Charges Against Firms

PORTLAND, April 29.—(AP)—Plans to file a charge of unfair labor practice against employers of striking CIO boommen were reported today by Carl Winn, secretary of the International Woodworkers of America.

Winn said the union would contend that the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations committee—employer representative in wage negotiations—has refused to continue discussions.

Some 600 raft and boom pond workers are idle in the dispute. They seek a minimum \$16 a day, which is above the rate established recently for the fir industry loggers and mill workers.

Previously, employers had filed a similar unfair labor practice charge against the union.

Judge Busenbark, Ex-City Treasurer are Patients

County Judge D. N. Busenbark was admitted to Mercy Hospital Tuesday morning for medical observation. He was resting comfortably today, attendants at the hospital reported.

Former City Treasurer Thomas J. Brown was taken to the hospital Tuesday evening, after he was stricken with a heart attack. He is able to receive visitors, hospital attendants reported.



Picture by Paul Jenkins

New Retail Trade Assn. Elects First Officers

Fred Lund, above, was elected the first president of the Retail Trade Association of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce in an election Wednesday noon in the Umpqua Hotel.

Other officers named were Roland West, vice-president; Ed Nolte, treasurer; George E. West and Mabel Lewis, directors for three years; Charles Brundage and James Judd, directors for two years; Jack Fariss, Jr., and B. C. Elliott, directors for one year.

The association was organized at a meeting early in April, when a constitution and by-laws were adopted.

A meeting of the board of directors has been called for next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., when a tentative program will be outlined. Committees are to be named for various association activities.

A monthly meeting time will be worked out at Tuesday's meeting. A poll of eligible members will be taken to determine whether an evening or noon meeting would be most agreeable.

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Miners' Pension Payments Blocked

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(AP)—Extra Van Horn, operators' trustee for the coal miners' welfare fund, threw another block today against payment of \$100-a-month pensions for the fund.

He wrote the banks holding the \$34,000,000 welfare fund that he has refused to approve the pension payments. He said he has legal advice that his signature is required on all checks withdrawing money from the fund.

The letter went to the National Savings and Trust Company, Washington, where \$33,000,000 is deposited, and to the Central National Bank of Cleveland, which has \$1,000,000.

Van Horn also has filed suit to void the pension plan approved by John L. Lewis and Senator Styles Bridges, other trustees of the fund. He objects because the Lewis-Bridges plan would give pensions to miners who worked in mines not contributing to the welfare fund.

The plan provides pensions for miners aged 62 with 20 years service in the coal mines.

Lewis and Bridges last night voted to transfer \$5,000,000 from the general account to a pension account.

Van Horn's letter was aimed to stop the transfer.

Lewis and Bridges said paper work would consume "several weeks" before actual payment of pensions could begin.

Gov. Hall Will Attend Two Receptions Here

Governor John H. Hall, who will come to Roseburg Monday to attend the reception in honor of Mrs. S. L. Kidder, Oregon Mother of 1948, has also accepted an invitation to address the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Monday noon.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting will be in the Civic Room of the Umpqua Hotel. The governor's address, it was announced, will deal with "Oregon's Resources." The public is invited.

Monday evening, the governor will be at the Business and Professional Women's Club reception honoring Mrs. Kidder, in the Elks Temple ballroom between 7:30 and 9:30. The public is invited.

County Officials Mull Highway, Tax Problems

SALEM, Ore., April 29.—(AP)—County judges and commissioners of 32 counties met here Wednesday to talk about road, welfare and tax problems.

They voted to ask the legislature to require all local tax levying bodies, such as cities and school districts, share the burden of the 3 per cent discount which is given to persons who pay their property taxes on time. This burden now is assumed only by the counties.

The legislative interim committee on highways asked the counties to file their road requests with the committee as soon as possible.

Holy Land's 'Rescue' Aim Of Army Units

Jews Claim Fresh Gains
In Warfare; Arabs Spurn
Foreign Police Proposal

(By the Associated Press)

Forces of the Egyptian and Iraqi armies were reported by officials today to be moving toward the Palestine border.

Egypt's communication's minister, Dessouki Abaza Pasha, said his Egyptian army forces had been sent to Palestine's southern frontier. Reporters saw at least one military train moving that way yesterday.

Regent Ilah of Iraq said his country's army had left Baghdad and would move through Trans-Jordan toward Palestine. King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan has said he personally will command the armies of his country, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria in a drive against Zionists attempting to establish a new state.

Skinning was under way in the Jordan valley fronting Trans-Jordan. The Arab legion in Palestine told Abdullah it had occupied the Jewish town of Geshur, south of the Sea of Galilee, and killed hundreds of Jews.

The Jews said their militia had captured the Arab stronghold of Belcan in a five-hour battle.

The shuttle stop for Arab warriors filtering into the Holy Land from Trans-Jordan is 15 miles south of the Sea of Galilee.

Jews Claim Successes

The Zionists claimed other successes in the Jordan valley, whence the main Arab drive about which King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan has been talking said he is to command armies of four Arab states.

Fighting continued in the west coast Arab port of Jaffa, where the Jews were opposed to both Arabs and British army units, South of Palestine, unconfirmed.

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License Fees For Contractors Asked

Recommendation for the licensing of contractors and journeymen in local building trades as a means of financing a city inspection service will be made to the City Council Monday.

The recommendation will come from a joint committee of electricians, plumbers, and building contractors, who have studied the matter for the past two months.

It was reported that a \$25 license fee will be proposed for all contractors in related building trades, as well as city licenses and examinations for persons who wish to work as journeymen in the electrical, plumbing, carpentry, plastering, sheet metal, and other trades.

Adoption of the Uniform Building Code and the state electrical and plumbing codes, and the employment of a city inspector will also be recommended. Cost of the inspection service would be met by the collection of license fees.

Electrical Inspector Assigned to S. Oregon

Walter W. Bell, state electrical inspector, has been assigned to the Southern Oregon territory by the State Bureau of Labor. He relieves L. M. Stonebreaker, who will work exclusively in the northern part of the state.

Bell said he will be able to inspect housing as well as industrial electrical installations. Stonebreaker formerly had such a large area to cover, that he limited his inspections to commercial and industrial installations.

Bell has been in Roseburg for the past few days. He said that any person who desires an inspection of electrical wiring in his home may apply to the Bureau of Labor at Salem. Such inspection service is provided without cost.

State Highway Funds Received by Douglas

Douglas County received distribution of \$36,858 as its share of state highway revenues during the first three months of 1948. The money comes from motor vehicle licenses, gas taxes, motor carrier fees, and fines for violations of motor vehicle laws.

A total of \$1,157,181 was distributed to all Oregon counties by the State Department at Salem. The amount represents 19 per cent of the state highway revenues and is apportioned on the basis of the number of motor vehicles in each county.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Tom Dewey's tentative Oregon Itinerary as published, excludes Roseburg. According to a recent picture, he was drawn to a Nebraska town by a hog auction. Local supporters yearning for an eyeful of their mustached favorite might do well to adopt the same magnet here.