

Ike In France, Hails Strength Of U.S. Allies

TOULON, France (UPI)—President Eisenhower declared on arrival in France today that the allies are stronger than ever before and prepared to negotiate peace from a position of strength.

Eisenhower landed at France's main naval base on the Mediterranean enroute to the western summit conference in Paris. Without mentioning current strained French-American relations, he said in an arrival address delivered on the red-carpeted Quai d'Honneur that "the underlying respect of the two nations (France and America) for each other has never lessened, and because of that we are stronger today."

"This nation, under the leadership of Gen. (Charles) de Gaulle—and our nation—is stronger for the pursuit of peace than was possible ever in our history."

Must Struggle Together

"We are part of a great coalition," he said, "determined, from a position of strength, to pursue peace with every bit of our strength, every bit of our wisdom and with all the emotion we can. In our opinion, if all of us can struggle together in the same way the United States and France have for many decades, we shall

one day win through to success."

Eisenhower's statement, a reaffirmation of his faith in NATO, appeared to indicate the U. S. and its allies were prepared to take a firm stand in any negotiations with Premier Nikita Khrushchev in a spring summit conference.

And it indicated he was ready to patch things up with De Gaulle in their meeting Saturday in Paris where among other things they are to discuss U. S. charges that France has weakened NATO by refusing to cooperate fully with it.

Receives Big Welcome

Eisenhower landed here today from the heavy cruiser Des Moines after a leisurely three-day cruise from Athens, marked only by a brief stopover in Tunis. He appeared well-rested and fit for the three days of negotiations starting in Paris Friday.

He received a mighty welcome in this security conscious French naval base as he sped through town. He boarded De Gaulle's private gold and silver decorated train for the nearly nine-hour trip to Paris and a greeting tonight by De Gaulle.

The French government set up a special pilot train to run interference for Eisenhower's fast express into Paris as a precaution against sabotage along the way. Eisenhower was stopping at a number of towns en route but it was not known immediately whether he would make any personal appearances.

For nearly three days the President cruised leisurely aboard the Des Moines from Athens on a sea voyage broken only by his nearly four-hour stopover in Tunis Thursday. Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerty said the program had been one of "rest, rest and more rest."

Get Gun Salute

The French cruiser Colbert and two destroyers steamed out of Toulon this morning to greet the Des Moines with a 21-gun presidential salute and escort it into Toulon harbor. Units of the French fleet were passing in review before entering the harbor, while the French air force flew past in Eisenhower's honor.

It was the second salute-at-sea for Eisenhower. Units of the British Mediterranean fleet saluted Eisenhower off Malta Wednesday afternoon.

Eisenhower begins conferences Saturday with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French President Charles de Gaulle with whom the United States is at odds over NATO policies.



DRAW FOR POSITIONS

La Grande service club members draw for "kettle" positions for Saturday's manning of Salvation Army pots in downtown locations. Lt. Oakley Summers of SA holds bucket while Raema Laurence, Soroptimists, draws for her organization. Others, left to right, Kelly Moore, Lions (post office); Hobert Nelson, Kiwanis (Graham's drugstore); Mrs. Laurence (Penney's); Bob Barnes, Jaycees (PayLess), and Summers. Rotary also will assist, with the members at either Glass drugstore or U.S. National Bank.

'Jake The Barber' Takes Lie Test In Touhy Murder Probe

CHICAGO (UPI)—John (Jake the Barber) Factor today underwent a lie test to determine if he could have anything to do with the shotgun murder of Roger Touhy, a man he sent to prison and later sued for libel.

Police said an hour before the lie test they had no interest in Factor's desire to face the polygraph because they cleared him previously of any connection with the Wednesday night gangland-style shooting.

However, a sergeant was sent

to observe the test, held in a private laboratory.

Police said they don't have much to work on in trying to solve the ambush, that also wounded Touhy's bodyguard, Walter Miller, 62, a retired police sergeant.

Federal officials said the assault was carried out by the Mafia, the notorious international underworld organization, to seal Touhy's lips forever.

Many Possible Suspects

There seems to be no shortage of men who could have ordered the pint-sized prohibition era bootleg figure murdered. The job could have been arranged by headlines from Touhy's roaring 20s past, or by representatives of the current crime syndicate.

The police labor unit was ordered into the investigation under the assumption that criminal elements trying to muscle in on union affairs might have had a hand in the shooting.

Touhy was known as a talented organizer and once sold automobiles to union business agents. Police thought someone might have believed Touhy might have been ready to use his organizing talents again.

There was hope, but not much, that Miller might be able to help in the investigation if he recovers. When police arrived on the scene Wednesday night, Miller said he didn't know who pulled the trigger.

Miller, a longtime friend of Touhy and a defense witness at his parole hearings, was in critical condition, but showing some improvement. He had been shot in the legs, buttocks and back.

Filed Libel Suit

Factor, a Chicago promoter during Touhy's days as a gang chieftain, was here Wednesday night in connection with a three million

dollar libel suit he had filed against Touhy for statements made in Touhy's autobiography, "The Stolen Years."

Police believed Factor's appearance here was only coincidental with Touhy's death, but the wealthy Beverly Hills, Calif., real estate operator took a lie test.

He also told Chicago police he had received a threat on a postcard in Los Angeles after filing suit against Touhy. The card said: "You goniff, you'll be taken care of, and I don't mean for three million dollars."

Goniff is a Yiddish word meaning thief.

Factor turned the card over to postal authorities in Los Angeles.

Union Paper In Portland?

PORTLAND (UPI)—Unions affiliated with the Multnomah County Central Labor Council voted Thursday night to study a proposal to start a labor-sponsored daily newspaper in Portland.

Portland carpenters originally proposed that unions pool their resources to try to buy the Oregon Journal, but Journal Publisher Wm. W. Knight declared emphatically that the paper was not for sale.

The Council said it would be a tough job to raise money for a newspaper.

Chicago Has More Than 900 Gangland Killings By Mafia

CHICAGO (UPI)—The execution of prohibition era beer baron Roger Touhy focused attention today on unsolved gangland slayings, many believed the work of the Mafia.

The year 1939 saw the total of gang killings in the Chicago area alone rise to more than 900 since the days of the late Al Capone. Only 17 of these murders resulted in convictions.

In recent years several top echelon members of the Black Hand (Mafia) organization were believed rubbed out by gangsters seeking advancement in the rackets.

One was Albert Anastasia who was shot to death while sitting in a hotel barber shop in New York. Anastasia at one time was reported to be the high executive of Murder, Inc., an organization that specialized in gangland killings.

Both Had Records

Another was Anthony (Little Augie) Pisano who was shot to death on a city street in New York while riding in his limousine. Killed with him was Janice Drake, wife of comedian Alan Drake.

The slayings are believed by New York police to be the work of the Mafia. None has been solved.

Both men had long police records.

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Local Phone Company Sets Huge Expansion

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Symphony In Performance Here Tuesday

Featuring the Willows County Chorus as special guests, the annual "Family Concert" of the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra will be presented Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Eastern Oregon College auditorium.

The chorus, directed by Mrs. Don Swart, Union, will sing several selections and will join with the orchestra in "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence."

No Admission

Members of the orchestra from Pendleton and Baker will be present for the special concert which is presented as a gift to the community by the Grande Ronde Symphony Association. No admission will be charged.

One new member, the Rev. Dwight Williams, Union, will appear in his first concert with the group.

Music for the performance is furnished by the Music Performance Trust Funds of the recording industry through the cooperation of Local 560 of the American Federation of Musicians union.

West Coast Telephone company will retire miles of venerable cable while expanding service facilities and modernizing its central office in carrying out six projects planned for the La Grande exchange next year.

Details of the company's 1960 construction budget were announced today by West Coast's La Grande division manager, Ed Watts, who said nearly \$145,000 had been earmarked for the six jobs in the local exchange.

Watts said the budget also includes \$136,000 for routine plant, equipment and building projects and routine station installations in the division next year. La Grande will share in these expenditures which embrace all projects involving \$2,500 or less.

Largest of the non-routine construction undertakings set for 1960 will entail an expenditure of \$54,630 and 4654 man hours to provide underground and aerial cable relief in west La Grande. The underground cable will be placed in the alley between Adams and Jefferson Streets and the aerial along Greenwood Street and various side legs.



MRS. W. H. BOHNENKAMP
Death Claims Pioneer

Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Dies Here

A prominent Grande Ronde Valley pioneer and businesswoman, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, died Thursday afternoon at the age of 93.

Mrs. Bohnenkamp had been a resident of this city since 1890 and had recently resided at the Sacajawea Annex. She had been in ill health for some time and was a patient at the Grande Ronde Hospital at the time of her death.

Here In 1896

Mrs. Bohnenkamp came to the valley with her husband from Iowa. In 1896 they opened the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., which is still operated by the Bohnenkamp family. Mr. Bohnenkamp died in 1928.

Mrs. Bohnenkamp remained active in the business until a few years ago. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the First Presbyterian Church of this city.

Civic Interest

One of her chief interests was the development of Riverside Park. She served for many years as a member of the park board of the city and is credited with making the park development venture a success.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Dempsey Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Louis Samson will officiate with burial in the Summerville cemetery.

She is survived by three sons, Chase, Lynne and Hal; one sister, Mrs. Pauline Osborne of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Local Kiddies Get Special Treat Tonight

A special treat is in store tonight for some 50 La Grande youngsters.

The occasion will be the annual Christmas shopping tour for underprivileged children. Sponsored by the Jaycees with the assistance of the Kiwanis Club, the annual shopping tour will begin at 7 p.m.

The youngsters were selected by local schools and the Salvation Army. A screening committee considered the list of names and obtained permission from parents for the annual event.

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Each child is given \$5 with which to purchase gifts for his family and friends for Christmas. Jaycee and Kiwanis couples will accompany the youngsters through the downtown stores for the gift selections. Stores have agreed to give the children a 10 per cent discount on all items.

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THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Local Man's Platoon In Rest Area When Enemy Drive Began

(Editor's note — Fifteen years ago this week German General Von Runsttedt mounted a huge winter offensive that overwhelmed the workhorse U. S. First Army for three critical weeks of the Bulge. Grady Pannell of the Observer staff was an infantryman throughout the savage winter campaign along the German-Belgium sector. In today's final anniversary article he describes the horrors of the Ardennes fighting participated in by several La Grande men.)

BY GRADY PANSELL
Observer Staff Writer

Dave Damewood, manager of Service Wholesale here, was a platoon sergeant with the famous First (Red One) Infantry Division during some of the hardest fighting of the entire Bulge.

Before being hit by machine gun fire at Elsenborn, Damewood's platoon took a heavy toll of advancing enemy ground troops along the northern border of the breakthrough.

"We were back at Aubel, Belgium, for a short rest and reorganization following some tough fighting in the Huertegen Forest near Aachen," Damewood recalled.

Orders came in alerting the division on Dec. 16th, the La Grande man remembers as he told of a midnight ride by truck convoy up near the front.

Near Elsenborn

"We moved into defensive positions along Elsenborn the next

day. We were close to a small town named Butenbach. I was in a frontline position until the 22nd (December). That was the day I was hit and evacuated to a field hospital," he said.

Damewood's wounds were so serious that he was later sent back to a hospital at Liege and then to Paris where he arrived by a stretcher on Christmas Eve. On New Year's Eve, he recalls, he was sent to the First General Hospital outside South Hampton, England.

The war was over for Damewood, but not the memories with the 28th Regiment, Company K, one of the outstanding battle units that had participated in fighting through North Africa and the invasion of Normandy many months before.

One of the war's replacements, Damewood's memories of overseas service was nothing but combat, beginning with Aachen, one of the bitterest forest campaigns of WWII, and ending with onrushing Tiger tanks and snow-suited German field troops near Eupen.

Enemy Spearhead

In command of an infantry squad serving as a point of Co. K, Damewood and his men had stopped a spearhead of armor and infantry, and he was withdrawing to a more protected area when hit.

He said that machine gun fire from a knocked out German tank caught him and other squad members at the time. Before this happened, however, there were the



DAVE DAMEWOOD



HONCE SNOGRASS

FEDERAL JURY DELIBERATING FATE OF HOODS

NEW YORK (UPI)—A federal jury deliberated nearly nine hours Thursday night whether 20 men, all of Italian ancestry, were guilty of a conspiracy to keep secret the purpose of a mass gathering two years ago at Apalachin, N.Y.

The jury was locked up for the night after failing to reach a verdict. The deliberations will continue today.

The 20 are on trial on charges they conspired to keep federal officials in the dark about the purpose of the meeting which the government claims was a gathering of underworld leaders.

Those visiting the upstate New York home of Joseph Barbara Sr. in November, 1957, have claimed they were visiting a sick friend and stayed for a barbecue.

Starke State Police

Sixty-three from as far away as Cuba, California and Florida turned up. Among them they accounted for police records totaling 153 arrests and 74 convictions.

The influx of big, shiny limousines in the tiny hamlet of Apalachin startled state police. Sgt. Edgar Crowell, one of the main witnesses at the trial, called in federal agents, set up roadblocks and moved in on the Barbara home.

REPLACES LEWIS — United Mine Workers Vice President Thomas Kennedy to Succeed John L. Lewis as President of the Union, it was Reported in Washington, D.C. The Report Coincided with Lewis' Decision to Resign Early Next Month.



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Claim By Indians Is Investigated

WALLA WALLA (UPI)—Appraisals for the government and a group of Indians are going to take a look at southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon and decide how much it was worth in 1859.

A spokesman for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation said today the amount they decide on will be used in settling a case before the Indian Claims Court in Washington, D.C.

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