

'Rebuttal' by Byrnes Says Truman 'Played Into Russia's Hands'

WASHINGTON (AP)—James F. Byrnes made a blistering attack on President Truman Thursday accusing him of writing history to suit himself and of playing into Russian hands with a "wrong statement" about the Polish-German boundary.

Byrnes, former secretary of state under Truman and now governor of South Carolina, spoke out in a Colliers Magazine article.

Army Battles Cold in Yukon Ghost Town

SILVER CITY, Y. T. (AP)—It got so cold even the beer froze.

But the men were so healthy few even had common colds. The dentist had so little to do he spent his time filling a set of hollow chessmen which were too light and kept falling over.

The phantoms, too, have been chased from this ghost town where 60 years ago miners milled for gold. But they'll be back in July. All this happened during Operation "Eager Beaver," which reached the halfway mark Wednesday. It means the worst is over for 450 Canadian and United States Army soldiers.

They came to Silver City, 150 miles north of Whitehorse, in January to build an airstrip and test equipment against the Arctic winter.

In July, when the exercise is completed and reports have been sifted for their useful bits of information, the Army will pull up stakes and allow the ghosts to drift back to Silver City.

Blasting Rock
The troops, under command of Maj. E. D. Taylor of Vancouver and Lt.-Col. H. D. Brown of the U. S. Army, are tearing and blasting hundreds of tons of muskeg, rock and permafrost to build the airstrip which may never be used and test themselves and their equipment under the worst possible winter conditions.

Maj. Taylor says he and his men have had "several minor problems" to contend with, such as 45- below-zero temperatures when oil on tractors and bulldozers became as thick as glue, heaters broke down, and the men had to work 24-hour shifts for two weeks to determine how they and their machinery could stand up under pressure.

Tests Equipment
The exercise involves for the most part testing of new and "classified" equipment. If it will work here, it will work anywhere, the Army reasons. Some modifications are made on the spot. Sometimes something designated for one job is found more useful in another.

Snowshoes hang beside each bunk in the huts. Near the spot where miners grubbed in the ground for gold, Canadians and Americans have pounded out a volleyball court in the frozen ground.

Action Starts, Handball Meet

First-round action was run off Tuesday in the Class A City Handball Tourney at the YMCA, with defending champion Lee Shinn, Chet O'Brien, Norm Winslow and Don Duncan emerging with wins.

Shinn topped Bob Anderson, O'Brien beat Bob Smith, Winslow beat Roth Holtz, and Duncan got a default win over Gus Moore.

The semi-finals put Shinn against O'Brien and Winslow against Duncan. The semis must be played by Thursday night with finals set for Friday.

In the consolation bracket, Anderson meets Smith and Holtz battles Moore.

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Flood Evacuees Waiting in Line



COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa—A group of Council Bluff, Ia., residents, evacuated from their homes, in the face of the impending flood from the Missouri River, waiting in line, look forlorn as they hang onto suitcases and personal effects. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Truman Asks Flood Control Funds Allotted

(Story also on page one.)
OMAHA (AP)—President Truman appealed to the governors of flood-washed middle Western states to unite in a fight for flood control projects which he said are threatened by an "economy wave" in Congress.

He accused an economy bloc of "wiping out some of the most important projects" he had recommended in his annual budget. And he said he will renew demands for a huge national flood control program including insurance against flood damage.

"It is not necessary for these things to be open," Truman said grimly after he had flown over mile upon mile of farmlands submerged by the rampaging Missouri River.

After hearing the President, Nebraska's Republican Governor Val Peterson told reporters: "The President gave his address to the wrong people. The governors of the Middle West need no pep talk about flood control — Congress needs the pep talk."

But Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) commented that he believed the President had pointed up a serious situation which is certain to receive the attention of Congress.

The President flew here from Washington for a conference with the governors of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri and Illinois. En route here and on his return trip, he saw the tremendous devastation caused by the worst Missouri River flood in all recorded history.

68 Barricaded Convicts Hold 4 Hostages

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—Officials at Trenton State Prison Wednesday wearily waited for 68 barricaded convicts to answer a message sent in to them from State Institutions and Agencies Commissioner Sanford Bates.

The rioters are holding four prison employes hostage in the institution's printing shop. Bates told them he would consider their grievances if the men were released unharmed.

Latest word is that the hostages, two of whom have heart trouble, have had no food since the riot began at 10 a.m., Tuesday.

KENNEDY FACES CALL
CHICAGO (AP)—Outfielder Bob Kennedy of the Cleveland Indians passed a Marine Air Force physical examination Wednesday and will be recalled to military service May 29.

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Northern Link To Wilsonville Cut-off Eyed

PORTLAND (AP)—A new highway approach for Portland-Salem traffic entering Portland is under consideration, Engineer R. H. Baldock of the State Highway Commission said Wednesday.

Baldock said the proposed approach is in Southwest Portland. It would be intended to relieve Barbur Boulevard of congestion. At present Highway 99-W enters the city via Barbur.

The new road would start at the point where the Wilsonville road now connects with 99-W southwest of Portland. It would be a freeway, connecting with Harbor Drive near the downtown section of Portland.

Baldock said the new route would be necessary once the Wilsonville road and bridges are completed between Portland and Salem.

In 1771 when newspapers first began comprehensive reporting of the debates in the English Parliament, the Parliament attempted to halt the practice and even had the lord mayor of London arrested for refusal to honor warrants against printers.

16 Firemen Eligible for Captaincies

Sixteen Salem firemen are eligible for promotion to captain when vacancies occur, as a result of civil service examination recently and certification by the Salem Civil Service Commission Wednesday.

The commission also considered medical reports indicating that two Salem police officers who were injured in traffic accidents while on duty are not physically fit for full duty as a result of their injuries.

Commissioners decided to defer any action until conferences are held with the city administration to see if other city jobs might be open to Officers Arch Wilson and Ronald Wiebe. Both are now on patrol car duty after separate accidents last year which caused severe injury and necessitated long periods of recovery.

All 16 firemen who took the recent promotional tests passed, the commission reported. Gerald T. Hall is on the eligible list for first aid captain and the other 15 are listed for fire captain, in the following order of eligibility:

Ray McCauley, E. Clinton Hart, A. J. Addie, P. W. Johnson, Robert Erickson, Robert Putnam, Kenneth Burnett, Earl Sherwood, Charles M. Bower, Clyde Buckholz, Clarence Nelson, Dene D. Ray, Jack Johnson, Carol Godsey and Milo Aeschlimann.

Donald L. Hill was approved

for reappointment to eligibility for a first aid post when the commission accepted his withdrawal of resignation. Under the city civil service code a man may be taken back to civil service status in this manner within a year of his resignation, provided he had resigned in good standing. Hill left the force last September to take a first aid job at Detroit Dam.

Many amphibians will die if they cannot keep their bodies moist.

Weidel to Serve as Milk Administrator

PORTLAND (AP)—William S. Weidel has been named acting administrator of the State Milk Marketing Administration, the Executive Committee of the State Board of Agriculture said Wednesday.

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