

Weekly Balance Sheet Compares Good, Bad News

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The week's balance sheet between the good and bad news in the hot and cold wars:

THE GOOD

1. The news from Korea turned from black to a tell-tale gray but any change was for the good. UN and Communist truce negotiations reached virtual agreement on points of entry for troops, reducing points of difference to the question of Russia as a neutral, prisoner exchange and construction of military airports. There was a possibility the talks will go behind closed doors to give the negotiators greater freedom of discussion.
2. The Allies were taking their time in replying to Russia's proposal for an early Big Four meeting on a German peace treaty. The Russian proposal seemed an obvious attempt to prevent West German participation in a European army, but the encouraging thing was that neither the Western Allies nor the Germans were falling for the bait.
3. France and Germany reached preliminary agreement on one of the greatest single issues preventing whole-hearted West German cooperation with the rest of Europe. It seemed possible the two would agree on "internationalization" of the coal-rich Saar area, traditional sore spot in relations between the two countries.

THE BAD

1. After some hope for early reopening of the Iranian oil fields, settlement this week was farther away than ever. Iran's premier, Mohammed Mossadegh, accused President Truman of trying to blackmail him into a settlement with the British and challenged his own parliament to vote "no confidence" in his handling of the international issue. With the situation still at stalemate, the Iranian parliament adjourned until after the Iranian new year.
2. Despite heated official and unofficial denials, Communist nations continued their charges that the United States was using germ warfare against the Reds in North Korea. Russia made the charge official by bringing it up in the United Nations, but the Allied reply was a suggestion that the Reds allow an International Red Cross team to investigate. It was not likely the Reds would permit such an investigation.
3. It appeared the Russians anticipated failure of their latest German "peace" proposal, and that their answer would be to organize an East German army of 350,000 men, the first units of which would be activated by August, 1953. It was believed the Russians had decided in advance to refuse any Allied stipulation for free elections in East Germany, under the eyes of UN inspection teams.

Brothers Cop Honors



John F. Prichard grinned happily from his hospital bed, when his brother Haley brought news that both of them were winners of 4-H livestock awards given by Safeway, Inc. Haley, a high school junior, received the \$100 college scholarship for the best breeding project in the state. He has four Guernsey females and a purebred Spotted Poland China sow. John, a seventh grader at Allen school, won the county award, a summer school scholarship, for his livestock project. He was at St. Charles Memorial Hospital recuperating from an emergency appendectomy, when the picture was taken. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Prichard, of the Richardson district.

New U.S. Liner Will Have Very Little Wood Aboard

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—The finest ship this country ever built has very few hunks of wood aboard her. Specifically, the builder's chopping block and a couple of planes.

That's the word from the Maritime Administration and the U. S. Lines, which collaborated in putting the S. S. United States together.

The S. S. United States will be mostly steel and will cost around \$70,000,000. Launched last year, he will be on the high seas in the early summer.

The idea about no wood is very sensible indeed. Steel doesn't burn. Even the toilet seats are of non-inflammable plastic. The United States Lines purchasing department is shopping around for checker boards that won't attract a flame. There will be about 30 of these aboard.

Some of the samples which have been submitted are a departure from the usual kinds, which, as you know, are made of red and black squares. The samples without any paper or wood are of contrasting shades of gray.

The new vessel is being fitted for her maiden voyage right now at Newport News, Va.

Originally she was designed as a troop ship. Then along came the war in Korea and there was a wait to see if she would be needed immediately. It became apparent she wouldn't.

So the outfitting for passenger service began. But, the designers tell me that it would be but a matter of days before the United States could be dragged off the ways and reconverted for troop-carrying if the need arises.

There have been stories about the money we had to pay to rent the "Queens"—the Elizabeth and the Mary—from Britain during the war. They did us a lot of good, but the government estimates that

Search Renewed For Lost Plane

SEATTLE, March 21 (AP)—Air Force and civilian planes renewed their search Friday for a light plane piloted by a Walla Walla architect who vanished on a flight from Seattle to his home Wednesday.

Stanley C. Page, about 42, disappeared in his six-place maroon and yellow Bellanca plane while on the last leg of a return trip from Vancouver, B. C.

Three air rescue planes from McChord AFB were stymied by low clouds in attempts to scan the rugged, snow-covered Cascade range Thursday.

Reports that parachute flares had been seen near Butte, Mont., and that a plane had been heard near Yakima Wednesday night were investigated without success.

Drill cores from mining projects are stored in an unusual "library" of the Bureau of Mines.

Merger of Two Companies Eyed

SAN DIEGO, March 21 (AP)—Possibility was seen Friday of a merger of the Atlas Corporation, the Consolidated - Vultee Corporation, and the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation.

"Legal and independent engineering and financing experts" are studying and evaluating "the advantages and disadvantages of such a combination," a joint statement by the heads of the three firms disclosed Thursday.

The statement advised that further information on the merger would probably be announced within 30 days.

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Chained Seaman Said Ringleader Of Unruly Crew

SEATTLE, March 20 (AP)—Attorneys for the Isthmian Steamship Co. said Thursday a seaman chained to his ship's bridge for 67 days was the ringleader of a "mutiny-minded crew."

William M. Olynk, 27, New Westminster, B. C., the seaman, sought \$100,000 damages from the steamship company, in a civil suit being tried in Superior Court. He claimed his confinement on the freighter Clyde L. Seavey during a voyage half-way around the world was "cruel and inhuman."

"I felt pretty rotten when we went into ports and I was plainly visible to natives and crews of other ships while chained to the deck," Olynk testified Wednesday.

Isthmian Attorney E. S. Franklin said the company acknowledged that Captain Sydney Williams placed Olynk in chains, but added he did so because "Olynk threatened the safety of the ship and was the ringleader of a mutiny-minded crew."

The seaman said he asked Capt. Williams for a change of clothes and that he be allowed to write letters but he "just laughed in my face."

"The only way I could take a bath was to dump a bucket of water over my head," he said. "When the waves rolled over the deck and it got cold, I couldn't close the windows in the wheelhouse. The only thing I had to sleep on at night was one blanket and a wooden grating of the deck."

Olynk said when the ship finally tied up at Houston, Tex., he was tried for assaulting the captain and was acquitted, but found guilty of assaulting the second mate. He said he served a 21-day jail sentence.

After his release from jail he was hospitalized for 11 days for treatment of an illness that broke out while he was at sea, he said.

The company attorney said Olynk was put in chains after he came aboard at Batavia and kicked Captain Williams in the groin.

The first recorded suggestion that the earth and other planets revolve around the sun is attributed generally to Aristarchus, an astronomer who lived on the Greek island of Samos about 265 B. C.

MacArthur Thought to Have Chance in Case of Deadlock

By LYLE C. WILSON
WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur is the man most discussed here as a compromise presidential candidate if Taft and Eisenhower forces deadlock the Republican national convention.

Some of the top Republicans in town are convinced MacArthur will be nominated. The general himself, disclaims presidential ambitions. He has asked that his name be kept out of presidential primaries, and in New Hampshire he counseled his friends to support Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O.).

So, MacArthur is not acting like a candidate. In a series of speeches since President Truman fired him from Far Eastern command, MacArthur has blistered the administration. He is against the President's methods, foreign and domestic. MacArthur will continue his anti-Truman campaign Saturday in a speech before a joint session of the Mississippi legislature.

A Taft-Eisenhower convention deadlock is far from impossible. Before the presidential primaries began Taft generally was judged to be far out in front in the race for Republican presidential nomination. New Hampshire and Minnesota primary returns have established Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as a strong contender.

There is no sure winner yet in sight. The issue may easily be in doubt until the last roll is called at the Chicago convention next July. Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota is in the race hoping for a deadlock and to become the compromise nominee. So is Gov. Earl Warren of California.

The practical politicians here who think MacArthur would beat both of them out for a compromise nomination by a deadlocked convention are very practical, indeed. They note that MacArthur got a small but significant write-in vote

Cities to Get New Armories

SALEM, March 21 (AP)—New armories for Medford and Salem have been approved by the general staff of the Oregon National Guard, and plans for their authorization will be submitted to the 1953 legislature, Major General Thomas E. Rilea, state adjutant general, said Friday.

The Medford armory, built in 1923, was heavily damaged by fire and only the office of that building is in use at present.

As for a new armory for Salem, Gen. Rilea said:

"Ever since I have been head of the military department of Oregon I have felt that Salem should have a National Guard armory that would be a credit to the capital city of the state."

The present Salem armory was built in 1912. It is referred to by employees during hot summer days as "the bake oven."

Gen. Rilea said it would be possible to get federal aid funds for both projects.

Fire Destroys Auto Thursday

A 1936 model automobile, owned by Richard Walter, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin, Thursday afternoon. Firemen answered a general alarm at 4:15 p.m. and went to 1133 Elgin, where the car was parked, but the car was already beyond saving.

This morning, firemen answered a general alarm at 11 o'clock and went to the Keith Langworthy home, 332 Federal, to extinguish a flue fire. There was no damage.

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