

# Turkish Situation Fraught with Danger

By DeWitt MacKenzie

As a demonstration that the pen may be mightier than the sword, it's fair to say that the Hitlerian big-stick diplomacy now being brought to bear on Turkey is considerably more dangerous to the allied cause than is the Nazi advance into Greece.

## Governor to See Roosevelt On Motors Strike

(By the Associated Press)  
What to do about a strike threat at plants of the General Motors corporation and the contract deadlock which has halted soft coal production were the two big defense labor problems which beset official Washington today.

Governor Murray D. Van Wagner of Michigan arranged to talk over the General Motors situation with President Roosevelt during the day. The CIO United Automobile Workers served a five day strike notice last week against the giant corporation which has millions of dollars of defense contracts. The union wants a union shop and higher wages.

Union leaders have announced that if a strike is called against General Motors no defense work will be struck.

Steel circles already were beginning to feel the pinch of a coal shortage which resulted when CIO's United Mine Workers of America failed to reach a contract agreement with southern mine operators. Northern operators agreed to a \$1 a day raise, but the southerners balked at a demand that they also pay \$7 a day. Eliminating a 40 cents a day differential in their favor.

An appeal by Secretary Perkins Saturday for resumption of work tomorrow met no favor with any of the interested parties.

The United Mine Workers replied that they were willing to resume negotiations with the southern operators in New York. The southerners insisted that they had definitely withdrawn from the Appalachian wage conference which included northern operators, but reiterated willingness to negotiate separately. They renewed last night an offer to reopen the mines with an 11 per cent wage increase.

There was speculation that in view of the contretemps Secretary Perkins might certify the dispute to the national defense mediation board. However, UMW President John L. Lewis already had stated that the union wanted no part of any negotiation supervised by the board.

This situation raised the hopes of house supporters of a bill by Representative Vinson (D., Ga.) providing for a compulsory "cooling off" period before workers could call strikes in defense industries.

## Prosperous Cooks Hold Last Meeting

Looney Butte — "The Prosperous Cooks," 4-H cooking clubs 1 and 2 of Looney Butte school, held their last meeting of the year at the school house. Both leaders, Mrs. Mabel Keller and Mrs. Florence Barnes were present. Plans for the annual achievement day were made as well as plans for entries in the Marion county fair. At the fair the following members will enter exhibits from the Prosperous Cooks' clubs: Virginia Barnes, Lavonne Henion, Gloria Barnes, Frederick Anderson, Patty Barnes and Jean Farmer. Guests were Mrs. Esther Kleper, the Looney Butte teacher, and Karen Keller.

The fuhrer, looking forward to a quick killing in Greece, is said to be trying to maneuver the Turks into a position where they will grant him passage of troops into the near east, should he decide to make that the scene of his next conquest. He has no desire to fight his way through the ferocious Bashi-Bazouks of Asiatic Turkey.

As has been said in this column before, conquering the Balkan peninsula won't win the war for the Hitlerites, but breaking through into the near east would be more productive. The Iraq oil, plus a chance to assault the Suez canal and Egypt from the east would be big pumpkins.

You know the old Serbian saying—if you allow the devil to sow pumpkins, he will hit you on the head with them later. Thus the Nazi progress with Turkey is a matter of vast importance to Britain and her allies.

There is no reason to believe that the Turks are panicky over the German success in Yugoslavia and Greece, because they expected it, although not with quite so much speed. However, Turkey is vitally concerned over anything which challenges Britain's control of the eastern Mediterranean.

This being so, without doubt the Turks are watching the axis drive along the Libyan coast into western Egypt with anxiety. This thrust hasn't created any desperate situation as yet, and the British profess to be confident of dealing with it at the opportune moment. Still, it is a grave menace potentially, and so long as it exists the Turks are bound to regard it as a warning to them to tread cautiously in challenging the Germans.

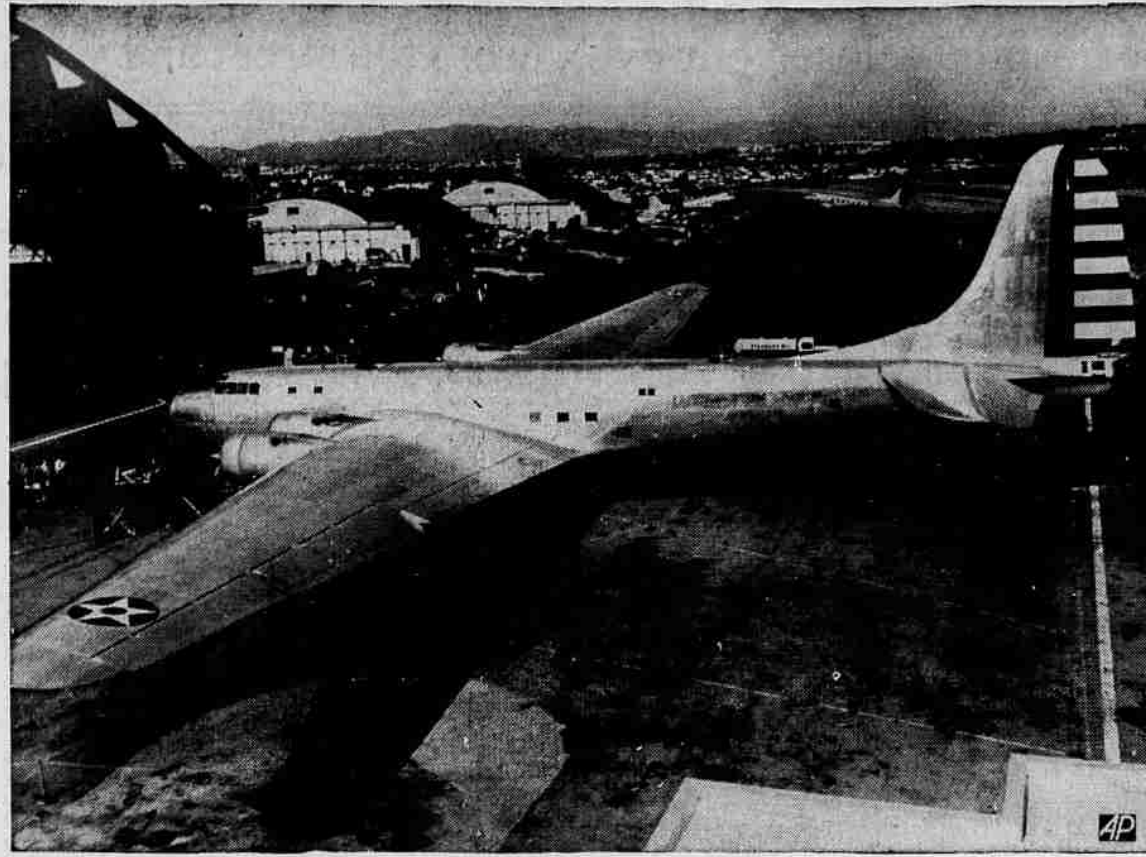
## Leslie Laymen Meet Tuesday

Members of the Leslie Laymen's association will meet at Leslie Methodist church Tuesday night at 6:30 o'clock for a no-host supper and program. Of special interest to church men and especially those interested in boys' work will be the appearance on the program of Chester A. Lyon, Portland, founder and director of the Big Brother Farm for Boys at Lebanon, who will speak on "Dividends on Investments or Are You Getting Good Return on Your Life?"

Mr. Lyon, who founded the Big Brother Farm for under-privileged boys 28 years ago and the Big Sister Farm for under-privileged girls ten years later, was assistant to Judge Kanzler, court of domestic relations in Portland from 1919 to 1921; principal of schools, Oregon and Illinois, for eight years; superintendent and founder of Portland School for Parents established in 1925; chairman of committee of representative citizens interested in the program of the publication, The Oregon Home Counselor.

Mr. Lyon is assisted in operating the farm projects at Lebanon by Mrs. Lyon and their two children, Howard, student at Reed college, and Catherine, attending Willamette university.

Property taxes, once the main source of revenue for state governments, now represent only six per cent of state collections, according to the census.



## Bennett Family Keeps Preachers And Courts Busy

Hollywood, April 21 (AP)—Constance Bennett's fourth marriage, to bachelor Gilbert Roland, 35, upped the marital box score of the famous acting family to 10 marriages and seven divorces, with an eighth probable next month.

Connie, who once made herself the highest paid screen star by negotiating, single-handed, a 10 weeks contract for \$30,000 a week, leads her sisters and father. At 33 her record is four marriages and three divorces.

Roland completed a picture, "Angels with Broken Wings" late Saturday night. Yesterday morning he and Constance drove to Yuma, Ariz., and were married by the Rev. J. C. Bobb, retired Methodist minister.

Joan, 30, and youngest of the three sisters, is married to Producer Walter Wanger. Previously she had divorced John Fox and Gene Markey.

Father Richard Bennett, matinee idol before his famous daughters were born, has been married and divorced twice. He is 68.

Thirty-two year old Barbara still is married to her first husband, tenor Morton Downey, but he has filed suit for divorce at Bridgeport, Conn.

## Patients Discharged

Dallas—Two patients at the Dallas hospital, Al French, who has been receiving medical attention and Miss Beatrice Bengel, recovering from an appendectomy operation, were discharged over the weekend. Jess Johnson, victim of a stroke, is reported by Mrs. Carl Killever, hospital matron, as showing some slight improvement and Mrs. Otto Rosenau is under medical care. The latest arrival is an eight-pound baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. John Keller of Dallas Ri. 2.

Huge Douglas B-19 Ready for Final Inspection—Douglas Aircraft company officials said the B-19, built for the U. S. army air corps and shown at Santa Monica, Calif., just before its final inspection and ground check, is the largest airplane ever built. The B-19 has a useful load capacity of 28 tons and a range of 7750 non-stop miles. With a fuel capacity of 11,000 gallons, the plane can fly from Los Angeles to London and back to New York. A basic crew of ten mans the plane, which, refitted as a troop transport, could carry 125 men. Its wings measure 212 feet from tip to tip. Four Wright Duplex-Cyclone motors totaling 8000 horsepower will drive the plane at a speed in excess of 200 miles an hour. — Associated Press Photo.

## Forest Fires Sweep 8 Eastern States

(By the Associated Press)

Thousands of woodland acres in eight eastern states were charred ruins today, aftermath of a devastating series of forest fires that consumed sun-dried countryside like cordwood. Tiny sparks became raging flames under the double spur of brisk breezes and tinder-like trees, shrubs and grasses and devoured hundreds of homes as well as forests and farms.

A fortnight of unseasonably warm, dry weather was blamed for the seriousness of several hundred individual blazes that felled dozens of firefighters and resulted in at least two deaths.

Hardest hit was central and southern New Jersey, where 68 homes were gutted and property damage was estimated up to \$1,000,000. In Lakewood, a winter resort, 46 dwellings were razed by licking flames.

Vezelion Glazoff, 52, died of a heart attack while trying to save his burning Lakewood home. George Knight of Centralia, W. Va., either was burned to death or killed by a falling tree as he fought flames nearby.

Other states where blackened tree stumps marked the paths of fires were Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Virginia. In West Virginia, some 150 separate blazes were reported.

Sparks from picnic fires, cigarettes and railroad locomotives were all that was needed to set the flames, authorities said, and in one case wildfire was observed unwittingly spreading them.

This was in New Jersey, where

## Urges Funds For Bonneville Extensions

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Representative Smith (D., Wash.) urged the house appropriations committee Thursday not to cut the proposed \$20,000,000 appropriation for Bonneville, saying the \$7,170,000 for power plant expansion and \$12,830,000 for transmission lines was badly needed to push the work needed in national defense.

He said the power plant funds would be spent in Washington and the third congressional district of Washington and provide energy to serve Longview, Wash., where the Reynolds aluminum plant will be located. He told the committee the transmission facilities would provide transmission lines from Bonneville to Vancouver and Bonneville to Grand Coulee with \$1,000,000 to provide the Reynolds connection.

He said the Reynolds plant would have capacity to produce 100,000-000 pounds of aluminum a year or enough for 6000 airplanes and added that with the aluminum company plant at Vancouver, his district would produce nearly 30 percent of the nation's aluminum supply in 1941.

Smith praised the construction of the great hydro-electric plants on the Columbia river and said that since 1935 private utilities had reduced rates more than \$6,800,000 and had produced electric rate savings in Washington and Oregon totaling more than \$13,000,000.

The representative said with the nation facing re-armament new defense industries would produce aluminum, magnesium, copper, lead, zinc, chlorates, hydrates and high grade alloy steels. Such industries, he continued, were essential to the aircraft, munitions, ordnance and shipbuilding defense activities.

## Church to Present Sacred Drama

"Their Last Warning" by Manfred Evans, four act sacred drama, will be presented at the Four Square church, Tuesday night, April 22, at 7:45 o'clock.

The production is under the direction of Ray Watson, of Portland. The leading lady is Yvonne Evans Hughes, daughter of the author. Rev. Stewart G. Billings, the pastor, invites the public to come to see this drama. Admission is free.

## Body of Robert Case Found Saturday

Graveside services were held at City View cemetery Sunday afternoon for Robert Case, 17, who was drowned in Willamette river February 12. The body of his brother, Kenneth, 20, who lost his life at the same time in a boating accident, was found March 12.

The body of Robert was found late Saturday by Larch Douglas, a boatman, just below the Southern Pacific bridge. The body evidently had been dislodged from an obstruction by a recent rise of water.

The boys were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irving T. Case, route 6. The service yesterday was conducted by Bishop Don H. Wall. The funeral was in charge of the Terwilliger-Edwards Funeral home.

## Duke and Duchess See Bomb Damage

Belfast, Northern Ireland, April 21 (AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester paid a surprise airplane visit to northern Ireland today and saw first hand the damage done in recent Nazi bomb raids.

## West Salem Holds Quiz Hour Tonight

West Salem, April 24—The quiz contest sponsored by Stevens and Brown, with Sidney Stevens as master of ceremonies, will be featured at the Community club meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the city hall auditorium. Merchandise prizes totaling \$15 or \$20 will be given away. Ludwig Peterson, club president, urges every one in the community to attend and take part in the contest.

## Missionary Speaks

Mrs. C. R. Manley gave a lecture at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Her topic was based on the inability of India to be self governing and her experiences as a Baptist missionary in that country for 23 years. She was dressed in the native costume of a high caste woman of India.

## Ball Is Forfeited

Fines levied in police court were against Charles Ackerman \$5, and John Gardner \$5. Both were arrested for violation of the basic rule and posted bail upon arrest, which was forfeited for failure to appear.

Mrs. Hattie West has returned from Portland after visiting with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Willis West and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wallace and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams and children, Lyle and Betty, and Miss Doris Miller of Salem, spent the week-end at Nest-kowin and Three Rocks.

George Ray of Klamath Falls spent the week in this city with his family. Ray is a government inspector and is stationed at Klamath Falls at present.

Miss May Swearingen of Oswego is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Swearingen this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Voth of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burns and family of Silverton attended the Grange dinner given at the church Sunday. They also visited friends during the day.

## Sprague Appoints 2 Justices of Peace

Governor Charles A. Sprague announced today the appointment of Mrs. Lila Babbitt, Reedsport, as Justice of the peace for Reedsport, succeeding Frank Norris, who died March 31.

W. C. Hollinshead of Lapine was appointed Justice of the peace for precinct No. 3 of Deschutes county. The district was created recently. Both will serve until the next general election.

## Canby Singers Win Honors at Newberg Meet

Canby union high school vocal groups and soloists, taught by Miss Fay Sparks of Salem, won more top ratings than any other school participating in the northwest district Oregon high school music festival and contest which closed Saturday evening at Newberg. Approximately 1500 students participated in the contest. Miss Francis Virginia Melton of Salem was piano adjudicator for the piano division and acted in a similar capacity in the martrabaphone classification. Miss Sparks was vocal chairman.

Betty Jeanne Cochran of Canby was given an excellent rating in the girls' low voice division, while Vernon White was given a similar rating in the boys' low voice. Additional students from Canby to receive ratings were: Vivian Parmenter, medium voice, excellent; Leslie Smith, boys high voice, excellent; Donald Huiras, violin, good; James Hamblet, cornet, good; John Trethaway and Billy Barnett, alto saxophone, juniors, superior; Annette Kieve, trombone junior, excellent; Charles Lind, trombone senior, excellent; girls high voice, senior, Elizabeth Stubbfield, Canby, excellent. Don Renwick of Silverton was rated excellent as a cornet senior and Jim Nelson, also of Silverton, was rated excellent in French horn. Russell Christensen, Silverton, excellent, sousaphone.

Group awards included: Class B mixed chorus, Canby, superior; Class B girls ensemble, Canby, superior; Class B boys ensemble, excellent; Class B mixed ensemble, Canby, excellent; Class B girls chorus, Canby, excellent; Class B boys chorus, good.

## Firemen Plan Dance

Mt. Angel—The 26th semi-annual dance of the Mt. Angel fire department will be given at the auditorium Thursday evening, April 24. Music will be furnished by Bill Fisher's orchestra and entertainers. No advance tickets are being sold but a good time is assured those attending, besides assisting a worthwhile organization.

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