

LEAGUE MAY USE PLANES IN FIGHT ON DRUG TRAFFIC

Geneva Studies Plan for International Air Patrol — Great Quantity Comes in On Private Machines

By STEWART BROWN. United Press Staff Correspondent. GENEVA.—(AP)—The League of Nations is investigating the feasibility of establishing international airplane patrols to combat illicit narcotic traffic.

Such a plan was suggested to the league by the United States government through Stuart Fuller, chief of the opium section of the state department and United States delegate to league opium meetings.

Asked Information. Acting upon this suggestion, after its approval by the council, E. E. Ekstrand, director of the league's opium section, has addressed a request for information and observations on this subject to the various governments.

Fuller revealed that the United States attaches great importance to the possibilities of smuggling narcotics by air. As a result, the committee showed concern at the increasing use that is being made of airplanes in traffic.

The United States, Fuller said, is convinced that considerable quantities of narcotics are being smuggled by air from Canada into the United States.

Private Planes. The traffic, he said, principally is conducted by private machines. These airplanes clear from regular Canadian airports with a legitimate cargo and start on the regular route for the United States.

When out of sight they land some place where contraband cargo is ready. The planes then proceed across the border to a place agreed upon for delivery of the contraband and subsequently return to Canada, empty via the regular route.

The only way to combat this type of smuggling, he said, was by means of airplane patrols. The United States has established such patrols in Texas, San Diego, Seattle, Buffalo, and Miami. In the first year (1932) the patrols succeeded in seizing thirty-five airplanes carrying contraband.

SALEM, May 9.—(AP)—The public utilities commission today instigated an investigation into the rates and charges of the West Coast Power company at Cascade Locks. A hearing has been set for Friday, May 25, at the locks.

YAKIMA, May 9.—(AP)—Closing their 12th annual meeting today, the Pacific Northwest Circulation Managers' association chose Salem, Oregon, as their 1935 meeting place.

COMEDIAN MARRIES INVALID



Chester Conklin, veteran movie comedian, and Miss Marguerite Rouse, who has been an invalid for 22 years, were wed at Los Angeles. Did you recognize Conklin without his trick mustache? (Associated Press Photo)

WILLIAM BOEING IS AWARDED MEDAL AS PIONEER OF PLANES

William Edward Boeing, founder of the Boeing Airplane company of Seattle and of the San Francisco-Chicago division of United Air Lines, has been awarded the Daniel Guggenheim medal for successful pioneering and achievement in aircraft manufacture and air transportation.

Mr. Boeing became interested in aviation nineteen years ago. Out of his hobby for flying grew the world-famous Boeing Airplane company of Seattle, producer of the nationwide air transport system now operated by United Air Lines.

Mr. Boeing was born in Detroit, October 1, 1881; received his early schooling both in this country and Switzerland and entered Yale University in the class of 1904. After attaining his majority he spent five years at Gray Harbor, Washington, learning the logging business.

Mr. Boeing's timber and mining interests did not prevent him from indulging in a hobby—the science of aeronautics and flying. In 1915 he learned to fly at Santa Ana, California, and at Seattle.

Oddly, an accident led to the Boeing's Airplane company's establishment.

A seaplane which Mr. Boeing had been flying was damaged in landing. While making repairs, Mr. Boeing hit upon the idea that he and a group of associates could build a seaplane of their own. He consulted with other hobbyists and such aeronautical experts as were available. Before long the first Boeing plane was in the air. Before long, too, Mr. Boeing was in the aircraft manufacturing business.

DROUGHT PERILS CANADIAN WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Man., May 9.—(AP)—Unsettled weather conditions on the prairies, particularly in the southern portions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, caused some anxiety today among wheat farmers who have completed about 75 per cent of their spring wheat seeding.

Early winds and practically no rain have caused soil drifting and continued lack of moisture will necessitate reseedling in some localities, it was said.

Seeding operations in northern Manitoba have been retarded by cold, frosty nights.

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NRA REVIEW BOARD OPERATION UNFAIR CLAIMS SINCLAIR

Ex-Vice Chairman Says Report to President Written From Half-Information — Fair Play Disregarded

MINNEAPOLIS, May 9.—(AP)—John F. Sinclair, of Minneapolis, former vice-chairman of the national recovery review board, asserts the group has been unfair in its operations. In a statement last night he said that a majority report of the board to President Roosevelt was written from "sloppy, one-sided half information," and that it showed "utter disregard for fair play or the basic facts" on monopolistic practices under the NRA.

Differed With Darrow. Sinclair sent his resignation to President Roosevelt April 28. At the same time he submitted a minority report of the board, which brought out his differences with Clarence Darrow, noted Chicago criminal lawyer, who is chairman of the body.

"Never in my 25 years of experience in researches and investigations," he continued, "have I witnessed such utter disregard for fair play or the basic facts as the national recovery review board under Clarence Darrow has shown, even in its open hearings. Such an attitude at a time like this is nothing short of tragedy."

He said he opposed the "kind of sloppy, one-sided, half-information that is the foundation upon which the Darrow-Russell (Charles Edward Russell) majority report has been written." He said that "careful analytical research" had been ignored.

Denies Johnson Influence. Sinclair denied published reports that his friendship for General Hugh S. Johnson had caused him to oppose Darrow.

In his minority report, Sinclair said there are dangers that big business might eliminate smaller firms. He urged a small board of three members, outside and independent of the NRA, to exist throughout the life of the recovery administration.

This board, he proposed, would handle complaints based on laws of the land.

KATHARINE HEPBURN HAS YUCATAN DIVORCE

MERIDA, Yucatan, May 9.—(AP)—Katharine Hepburn, movie actress, Tuesday was granted a divorce with-

out restriction, and with permission to marry again immediately, from her husband, Ludlow Smith.

EAGLE POINT HIGH TO PRESENT 3-ACT PLAY NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

"The Hidden Guest," a three-act mystery-comedy, is to be presented by the Eagle Point high school at Eagle Point, Friday evening, May 11, in the new hall at the Oasis. The new hall is nearing completion and will accommodate a very large audience.

The scenes for "The Hidden Guest" are laid in an elderly spinster's home where a college boy is forced to be initiated. A lovely debutante comes to the home and falls in love with him, but she is already engaged. This, with complications caused by a convict in the house, results in many difficult situations and brings many laughs and thrills. This play, having much action and few quiet moments, is different from any play ever presented at Eagle Point.

The high school orchestra will play selections between acts.

ALASKA ARMY BASE APPROPRIATION AIM

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—Congressional approval was sought today for a \$15,800,000 appropriation for establishment near Fairbanks, Alaska, of what would be this country's military base and airfield nearest the Orient.

A bill prepared for introduction in the house today by Delegate Dimond called for a squadron of 100 airplanes and a garrison of 230 commissioned men and 2,200 enlisted men. Dimond cited the lack of defense bases in the territory.

GOLD HOUR INSURANCE PERMIT IS CANCELLED

SALEM, May 9.—(AP)—The Gold Hour Insurance company of Minneapolis, which has written numerous policies in the state of Oregon, has had its operating permit cancelled by Minnesota officials, A. H. Averill, state insurance commissioner, announced today.

Averill stated the Minnesota company had been operating in Oregon without application for a permit in this state.

RETURN OF PETE PROVES POPULAR WITH MAT FANS

When Pete Belcastro tangles with Paul Murdoch in the main event of next Thursday night's mat card at the Armory, fans will be handed one of the meekest dishes of wrestling which has been served yet this season.

The belligerent Belcastro, fresh from a honeymoon-harsh-torturing tour of old Mexico, where he added several new scalps to his rapidly mounting list, is always a sure-fire attraction to Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly menu of matches, and Thursday's engagement will be no exception. It will be Belcastro's first appearance here in some time, and brings to the front both a bevy of supporters and ill-admirers, who nevertheless will turn out en masse to see him pit his rough-and-tumble tactics against the more easy-going but crumpling mat work of the beefy Murdoch.

Navajo Indian Chief Little Wolf of Nevada will battle Bunny Martin, who stayed with Murdoch last Thursday in a draw, in the semi-final, and Promoter Lillard is looking around for a man he can put in the ring with Swede Anderson, local fireboy, to wind up the evening's performance.

Murdoch, who hails from Oklahoma, won admirers galore when he battled Billy Edwards recently, and has a galaxy of fans who would like to see him smother the big Belcastro on the canvas. Opinion is about evenly divided as to whether or not he can do it. If he uses his customary clean technique, the scramble will be an exact contrast, as compared with the burly Belcastro's rough treatment.

Martin, who has plenty of speed to match the wily Little Wolf, also won a good host of fans with his work last Thursday, and the semi-final should be a big drawing card in itself. Swede Anderson has temporarily balked Promoter Lillard in regard to finding a suitable opponent, but will dish out his usual show of hard wrestling to whomever gets in the ring with him.

FOSDICK SORRY FOR EXHORTING SOLDIERS AS ZERO HOUR NEAR

NEW YORK, May 9.—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick has made his peace with the unknown soldier.

"I renounce war," the pastor of

the Riverside Baptist church (The Rockefeller Church) told a seminar on war last night.

"Rather than sanction another war, directly or indirectly, I'll be you in prison first," the minister said after 35 of the 36 persons at another seminar had voted to refuse to serve in the event of future armed conflict.

Dr. Fosdick reproached himself for having counseled and exhorted soldiers before they went "over the top" on their murderous and suicidal tasks in France.

For what he had done as a chaplain, he said, he had "an account to settle with the unknown soldier." He made his renunciation of war, he stated, in "penitent reparation" to the unknown dead of the world war.

Men who write martial music and poetry glorifying war do so, he thought, because they never have seen war or know its horrors.

"General Sherman came nearer the truth than these war glorifiers when he said 'War is hell,'" the minister added.

Dance at Rogue Elk Saturday night, May 12.

FORBIDDEN CITY'S JEWELS COUNTED

SHANGHAI, May 9.—(AP)—Prosecutors from the highest court of Nanking began today the colossal task of opening and examining 19,000 huge cases of "forbidden city" jewels and antiques, several million dollars worth of which allegedly were stolen by Yih Pei-Chi, missing ex-president of the national museum.

Examination of the cases of jewels will require more than a year, it was said today.

Smoking was strictly forbidden during the examination of the treasures which are said to be worth \$100,000,000 in gold.

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