



DANGEROUS TASK—Rescuers, working under constant danger of avalanches, recover bodies from a U. S. Air Force C-47 which crashed on this glacier high in the Swiss Alps near Wengernalp, Switzerland, March 7. Four of the eight bodies were recovered before threatening weather halted operations. The plane carried six officers and two enlisted men.

Disarmament Talks Must Not Fail, U.S. Tells United Nations

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Russia demanded Friday that the new United Nations disarmament commission condemn the United States for the alleged use of germ warfare in Korea and China. Soviet Delegate Jacob A. Malik told the commission it "cannot ignore such facts as the recent use by American troops in Korea and China of bacteriological weapons designed to produce mass extermination of civilian populations."

It was the first time Russia has formally backed the charges made by Chinese and North Korea Communists.

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—The new United Nations disarmament commission got a warning Friday from the United States that "we must not fail" our "terrifying responsibility."

American delegate Benjamin V. Cohen made a plea obviously aimed at Russia for a minimum of propaganda and a maximum of constructive effort to halt the ominous world arms race.

Workable Plan Expected

The one time speech writer for President Roosevelt told the 12-nation group:

"The people of the world are not interested in propaganda tricks or polemics. They expect from us a workable plan for a new house of peace and security. They are interested in the livability of this structure. They believe that a new approach to world disarmament can be made in practical terms."

Little Hope Held

But little hope was held out here that the Russians, through their delegate, Jacob A. Malik, and the West would be able to make any significant progress toward disarmament in the current state of world tension.

Creation of the commission at the recent Paris session of the General Assembly was the only important East-West agreement at that meeting. The commission held one brief organizational session in Paris but really got down to work Friday in its inaugural get-together in the

UN's ultra-modern new conference building.

"Our goal is freedom from fear," Cohen told his colleagues. "The goal can be reached by reducing armaments to such a point, in such a thorough fashion and with such foolproof safeguards that no nation is in a position to wage successful war. That means the elimination of mass armies and other instruments of mass production. That means an open world with no secret armies, no secret weapons, and no secret war plans."

Later in his speech, Cohen again spoke of "mass armies and other instruments of mass destruction."

His aim, observers believed, evidently was to equate Russia's superior mass armies with the West's atomic superiority and to undercut the familiar Russia argument that prohibition of the atom should get top priority in negotiating a disarmament pact.

Truman To Address Youthful Journalists

Key west —(U.P.)—President Truman will interrupt his late winter sunbath Friday to fly north for what he plans as an inspirational speech to American youth.

The president was scheduled to take off at noon from Boca Chica Naval Air station for Washington. He will remain there Friday night, flying on to New York Saturday morning.

In New York City, the president will address a group of 3,000 school newspaper editors Saturday, then return immediately by air for nearly two more weeks of work-and-play holiday here.

Mr. Truman's New York audience are members of the Scholastic Press association sponsored by Columbia university. The White House said his talk would deal generally with the responsibilities of citizenship facing American youth.

Railroaders Asked To Resume Negotiations

Chicago—(U.P.)—Railroad operators and unions were asked Friday to resume negotiations in their two-year contract dispute which last Sunday brought on a paralyzing strike against the New York Central.

At the same time the New York Central said it was operating "as usual" after the three-day strike which crippled its operations west of Buffalo, N.Y.

Chairman Leverett Edwards of the national mediation board called on the railroad operators and brotherhoods to meet Monday at Washington to "see if there was any change in the situation."

The parties have been unable to reach agreement on working rule changes although they have found general agreement on wage increases.

France To Fulfill Commitments to NATO

Paris—(U.P.)—Premier Antoine Pinay promised Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Friday that his government would fulfill to the best of its ability France's western European defense commitments.

The supreme allied commander conferred with the new French government chief and Defense Minister Rene Pleven for 30 minutes.

Eisenhower had called on the 60-year-old independent premier to pay a "courtesy call." However, Pinay called in Pleven and the visit became a conference.

Eisenhower said:

"I was highly delighted to find out that the new French government will follow to the limit of its ability the policy of pursuing peace and strength through collective security by the nations of the West."

Strike Halts Bus Service in South

Lyle D. Rogers, manager of Continental Pacific Trailways here, said today that a strike on another section of the line in the southwest, has halted travel beyond Stockton, Oakland and San Francisco on Trailways buses.

The strike, by drivers of Continental Western Trailways, has interrupted service as far east as Albuquerque and El Paso, and south to Los Angeles, he said. Otherwise service is normal.

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Committee Cuts Truman Budget Requests

Connally Favors Britain, France Helping Selves

U.S. Can't Go On Forever, Texan Says

Washington—(U.P.)—Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations committee said Friday at a hearing on the \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program that if Britain and France "can't do something for themselves, it's not our responsibility."

The Texas Democrat told Mutual Security Administrator W. Averell Harriman: "As a general proposition, the United States can't go on forever appropriating large sums of money."

Bulk To Britain, France

Harriman, trying to fend off major cuts in the program, disclosed that the bulk of proposed economic aid for Europe will go to Britain and France.

He said of \$1,800,000,000 slated for "defense support" aid for Europe, Britain is tabbed for \$600,000,000 and France for about \$400,000,000.

Harriman said another \$400,000,000 will be spread among European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the remaining \$400,000,000 will go to Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Austria.

Harriman Criticized

Connally criticized Harriman because the President, on Harriman's recommendation, gave Britain \$300,000,000 in economic aid last year after such help to Britain had been discontinued for some time.

Harriman retorted that the Korean War and accompanying rearmament brought acute economic problems to Britain.

Deadline Set On Pelton Dispute

Salem—(U.P.)—The Hydroelectric commission of Oregon Friday directed the Portland General Electric company and the State Fish commission to iron out their differences about the proposed Pelton dam on the Deschutes river within a month or file their separate proposals with the commission.

The commission said it would issue a preliminary permit for construction of the PGE's proposed Pelton dam. Then it directed:

"The applicant shall forthwith meet with the fish commission and work out such agreement as contemplated by the commission for the protection, preservation and propagation of fish in said streams and in the event an agreement shall not be reached within 30 days, then in that case each shall file its proposal with this commission for the conservation, protection and propagation of the fisheries."

Talent Quintet Wins In Ashland Tourney

Ashland—A Talent high hoop quint which couldn't miss this morning knocked the defending champion out of the running in the Southern Oregon college invitational tournament.

Paced by Rollie Hartley with 21 points, the Bulldogs bowled over Valselt 52 to 43 to gain the semi-finals. Oakland won the other championship bracket fracas this morning, downing Lorane 53 to 28, Talent and Oakland will vie at 9 p. m. today.

Jacksonville was to meet Mohawk and Bandon to face Elkton this afternoon. The winners will contend in a semi-final at 10:30 p. m. today.

Liquor Commission To Meet in Medford

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Liquor Control commission will hold its next meeting at Medford April 23 at 10 a. m.

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No Agency to Receive Entire Amount Sought

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee Friday knocked approximately \$729,000,000 out of President Truman's \$7,000,000,000 budget request for some two dozen federal agencies.

Rep. Albert Thomas, D-Tex., chairman of the subcommittee which drafted the bill, said other recommended economies would save up to 33 per cent of the \$7,000,000,000 the administration wanted for its "independent office."

The total of the appropriation committee's recommendations was \$6,271,138,348, a cut of \$728,861,652. Not an agency would get the full amount Mr. Truman asked.

Additionally, the committee:

Refused every request for approval of funds to hire more workers.

Ordered a one-third cut across-the-board in travel, communications and printing expenses.

Directed the agencies to stop carrying over workers' annual leave time from one year to the next. Thomas said in the relative handful of agencies covered this order alone would save \$125,000,000.

Nature, Location Of Nighttime Blast Remains a Mystery

The "big explosion" of Wednesday night remained a mystery today.

Continued efforts to find out what caused it, and where it occurred, were unavailing. Deputy Sheriff Barney Tennant, who was assigned yesterday to check reports on the blast, found no explanation.

Telephone reports to The Mail Tribune indicated that the blast, which occurred at 11 p. m. Wednesday, was heard as far south as a mile beyond Talent. To the north Sams Valley and Shady Cove seem to have been the limits where it was heard.

Not Heard Above Shady Cove

Reports coming through the radio network of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association from Prospect, Butte Falls and Elk Creek indicated no one there heard the explosion.

It could not have been a shock-wave blast from a jet aircraft passing the sonic barrier, according to Air Force officers who said no such plane was in the area at the time.

Persistent reports yesterday afternoon that the explosion originated on the property of the Southern Oregon Tallow company, on Little Butte road east of Eagle Point, were denied today by Orvel Shelton, proprietor.

Shelton said he was at his home near Dodge bridge when the blast occurred, and that he was awakened by it. Like others, he said it sounded like something striking his house, and that a rumble followed the explosion.

Crater Lake National Park officials said that the lake is calm and peaceful, putting an end to rumors of volcanic activity such as accompanied reports of puffs of smoke arising from the lake several years ago.

Some residents attribute the shock to an earthquake, but its extent, duration and nature apparently rule out such a theory, in the absence of seismographic evidence.

Red Warning Letters On \$10 Bill Ignored

Oklahoma City—(U.P.)—A \$10 bill, stamped in red letters "counterfeit" on both sides, finally has come to the end of a 14-year career in Oklahoma City.

Secret Service Agent Tom Hanson said the bill was made from a plate seized and destroyed by federal agents in 1938. He said it evidently had been circulating for 14 years despite the red warning letters.

Russell Plans Western Campaign

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell, outstanding southern candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, is preparing to set up a full-fledged campaign organization to seek support outside of Dixie, it was disclosed Friday.

Eyes Western States

The Georgia senator hopes to pick up some convention delegates in the prairie and western states. He can already count on most of the southern delegates, according to most surveys.

Sen. Pat McCarran, D-Nev., who informally endorsed Russell last week-end, told a reporter that he expects Russell to win the support of delegates from Nevada and several other western states.

Russell believes he has his best chance to muster non-southern support in the midwestern and western farm states because of his record on farm legislation.

Issue Less Important

These are the states where the civil rights issue is less important than it is in such states as New York and Illinois. Hence, Russell would be less handicapped in the farm areas by his leadership of the fight against



HEATEDLY defending self, Alfred Lawson, founder of Des Moines, Ia. school, appears before Senate probes to explain alleged irregular \$115,000 profit on war tools. (International)

\$195,000 in Bonds Asked in School District 6C Vote

Central Point — A \$195,000 bond issue election will be held April 5 for voters of consolidated school district No. 6, it was announced today by members of the school board.

The board decided to call the election after a study of the school census and enrollments as they are at present, compared to indicated enrollments in the future.

Adequate classroom space was reported in all of the district except at the new Crater high school and the Central Point elementary school.

Enrollment Up

The annual school census in October showed an increase in pupils in the area of 112, and enrollment at both schools has increased steadily during the present school year, the board reported.

"In face of rising building costs, building as soon as possible seems advisable," the board's statement said.

The proposed bond issue will provide for completion of the classroom wing and the shop building, originally planned at the high school, and for a four-room addition to the junior high school building.

The election polls will be located in the Gold Hill school and at the junior high school in Central Point. They will be open from 2 to 8 p. m. on April 5.

Gusty Winds Reach 60 MPH Here Today

Gusts of Wind 50 to 60 miles per hour between 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. today were reported by the Medford office of the weather bureau.

Gusts generally were above 40 miles per hour throughout the morning with the regular wind velocity running between 28 and 45 miles per hour. One gust of 58 miles per hour was recorded about 8 a. m.

There was one report of a house roof being blown off but details were not learned.

By United Press

The weatherman said a blustery rainstorm that struck coastal areas of the Pacific Northwest Thursday night would simmer down to a few showers by Saturday.

More than a half-inch of rain was dumped on Newport on Oregon's central coast during a 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. Friday. Portland had 43 of an inch, North Bend 22 and Salem 13.

'New Low' Reached In Negotiations For Korea Truce

Supervision Meeting Fruitless

Panmunjom—(U.P.)—Armistice talks between United Nations and Communist negotiators hit a "dismal new low" Friday.

"We touched, I think, a dizzy new height in Communist intransigence and ill-will and a dismal new low in progress," UN Col. Andrew J. Kinney reported after a fruitless meeting of more than four hours on means of supervising a truce.

Willingness Indicated

However, both sides indicated at the meeting they might be willing to re-examine their views on disputed items if the other would make concessions.

The Communists hinted they may be willing to limit a blockade clause to apply strictly to Korea if the Americans agree to delete a paragraph calling for reports on the location of all major units and another barring concentrations of forces in a "threatening" manner.

Three Issues Noted

A North Korean officer, Chang Chun San, said he wanted to resolve three issues—ports of entry, concentration of forces and unit location reports. Kinney tried to add the naval blockade and inspection of secret inspection to the three. Chang did not agree.

"We certainly did thresh out all the points that remained," Kinney said. "We have a clear circle around the things that might be solved."

No Prisoner Progress

There was no progress in a 30-minute debate on exchanging prisoners of war.

Rear Admiral Ruthven E. Libby asked the Reds to clarify their previous proposal to continue discussions on exchanging prisoners on the basis of lists already drawn up. The Allies have claimed the Communists' list is incomplete.

Government Bans Mixing Horsemeat

Washington—(U.P.)—The government cracked its price whip over the "horseburger" racket Friday.

The office of Price Stabilization banned the sale of ground meat or sausage made with mixtures of horsemeat and other meats, such as beef and pork.

It also ordered that no products containing horsemeat can be sold unless they are clearly labelled to indicate they contain horsemeat.

The prohibitions, part of a new OPS regulation setting new dollars-and-cents ceilings on the price of horsemeat, are designed to prevent "deception" of consumers by the "adulteration of more expensive meats with horsemeat," OPS said.

Most Schools Slate Vacations Next Week

Fourteen of the 22 school districts in Jackson county will close their schools next week for spring vacation, the county school superintendent's office reported this morning.

Schools will be closed all week in Medford, Jacksonville, Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Talent, Rogue River, Prospect, Evans Valley, Oak Grove and Howard. Griffin Creek will be closed March 20 and 21, Phoenix will be closed March 20 and 21, Phoenix will be closed March 19 through 21, and West Side March 17 and 18.

No vacations will be given at Ruch, Shady Cove and Butte Falls. Lone Pine and Applegate will close on Good Friday, April 11, and Elk-Trail students will have vacation the week before Easter. No report has been received from the county's two one-room schools at Pinehurst and Brownsboro.

Kettle Falls, Wash.—(U.P.)—Six-year-old Constance Heideman, daughter of Mrs. Pat Heideman, was killed here Thursday night when her bicycle collided with an oncoming truck.

New York, Chicago Offices First To Undergo Change

Non-Political Commissioners Due

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder announced Friday that the Internal Revenue collector's offices in New York and Chicago will be replaced next month as the first step in the reorganization of the tax service.

A non-political district commissioner will take charge of all federal tax operations in each of those two cities. In New York, where three politically-appointed collectors now are in command, three deputy district commissioners will be named. The Chicago commissioner will have one deputy.

Dunlap Will Remain

Snyder made the announcement at a joint news conference with Internal Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap, who will be the only political appointee in the federal tax service after the reform becomes fully effective.

Snyder said the Civil Service commission is now setting up the standards that will have to be met by top officials of the reorganized tax service.

None of the 64 collectors now directing tax operations throughout the country will be fired outright or removed from their jobs until the new district commissioners and deputies are ready to take over. Some of the present collectors may be moved into the new posts if they qualify.

Delayed Until Next Month

Snyder and Dunlap said they are holding off the cleanup until next month to make sure there is no disruption of the big job of collecting 1951 income taxes and mailing out refunds to some 30,000,000 taxpayers who overpaid last year.

The Senate handed Snyder and Dunlap a big new broom to clean house in the scandal-ridden tax service late Thursday when it approved a Presidential plan for reorganizing the Internal Revenue Bureau and ridding it of political patronage.

The two officials were jubilant over the Senate vote. Along with President Truman, they had feared for a time that patronage-minded senators might kill the plan.

Dunlap Gratified

Dunlap said he was "deeply gratified" by the Senate action in approving the reorganization, and predicted that "will guarantee a sound and efficient administration of our tax laws."

Under the reorganization plan, only the commissioner's job will be a presidential appointment. Dunlap, who now holds the top job, is himself a career bureau official.

The offices of the 64 collectors and the 14 district supervisors will be abolished as soon as the plan becomes effective. The collectors now get \$9,600 to \$11,800 a year, with all but 10 of them in the top bracket.

Typographical Group Meets Here Saturday

Delegates from Albany, Astoria, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Portland, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Salem and the Portland Mailers are expected to be in Medford Saturday and Sunday to attend the Oregon Typographical conference, it was announced today by Clark Anderson of The Mail Tribune, president of the Medford local, and J. C. Murray, secretary.

A banquet has been scheduled Saturday evening at the Jackson hotel, conference headquarters. Walt Marwick, Seattle, International representative, will attend as will Dale W. Salminen, Astoria, president of the Oregon conference, and Lyle G. Swetland, Eugene, conference secretary-treasurer.

The conference meets every four months in different cities throughout the state.

Weather

FORECAST: Decreasing cloudiness with widely scattered showers tonight and Saturday. Continued cool. Low tonight —35. High Saturday 48-50.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 59

Lowest this Morning 41