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Weather

FORECAST—Partly cloudy Sunday with scattered light showers, clearing at night. Fair Monday. Expected high 55, expected low 28-30. Highest Saturday 59. Lowest Saturday 32. To 9:30 p.m. Saturday Precip. .01

Russians Called Menace to World In Truman Speech

Scholastic Group Hears President

New York — (U.P.) — President Truman told 3,300 future generation newspapermen Saturday that the United States is building up its armed strength to prevent Russia "from marching against us and the free world."

The president interrupted a late winter vacation at Key West, Fla., to fly 3,000 miles to deliver his 15-minute, impromptu address to the 28th annual convention of the Columbia University Scholastic Press association.

In a slip of the tongue, the president called it the "29th" annual meeting.

"We're not imperialists," he told the student editors in the most serious mood of his speech which touched by turn on his boyhood memories, his political philosophies and his foreign aid program.

"We do not want any more territory. We do not want to conquer any people or to dominate them," he said with considerable force.

"The Russian propaganda says that we are imperialists and want to conquer the world. That just isn't true. We know the Soviet government is a menace to us and to all the free world."

"That," he said, "is why we are building up our strength, not so much against them but to discourage them from marching against us and the free world."

Mr. Truman defended the new deal and his subsequent "fair deal" and said his political philosophy was based upon the golden rule.

"Treat others as you would like to be treated," he said. "More and more people," the President said, "have been able to have better and better living conditions."

The President then went into an explanation of his foreign policy.

"We can not isolate ourselves from our neighbors in the rest of the world," he said. "When something hurts them it hurts us. When something helps them, it helps us."

"The way to keep our country strong and prosperous is to encourage and develop prosperity in the rest of the world," Mr. Truman said. "We can learn a lot from the rest of the world. There are many things that even the people of undeveloped countries in the world can teach us."

The President, now engaged in attempting to put his \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program over in a hostile Congress, reminded his young listeners that the nation failed to follow Woodrow Wilson's program of international cooperation after the first World War.

Key West, Fla. — (U.P.) — President Truman resumed his vacation tonight after a flight of nearly five hours from New York where he addressed a group of school paper editors during the afternoon.

The President landed at Boca Chica naval air station in a night landing that is unusual for the presidential plane. Normally, the White House prefers the President make daytime landings and takeoffs.

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Richland, Wash. — (U.P.) — Settlement yesterday of a teamsters strike was expected to send 4,500 Hanford atomic workers back to their jobs Saturday following a 48-hour work stoppage.

Wind-Whipped Storm Hits Southern California Area

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A wind-whipped storm came blustering into southern California from the north Saturday, forcing some families to flee their homes, marooning others in the mountains and causing at least one death.

The storm hit hard at Santa Barbara, 100 miles north of here, and then drove down the coast, bringing a cloudburst to Ventura and an estimated .91 inches of rain to Los Angeles by 1 p.m.

Three and one-half inches fell early Saturday in Santa Barbara, swelling the Santa Maria river nearly to overflowing. Families living along the river bank left their homes.

High winds accompanying the downpour ripped down power lines between Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo and between Buttonwillow and Santa Maria, blacking out some areas.

The communities of Guadalupe and Camalia in northern Santa Barbara county were left



GUNTHER BARTH
German To Work on Newspaper

German Student On Mail Tribune Staff for Week

Gunther Barth, a German journalist show studying at the school of journalism of the University of Oregon, will arrive in Medford next Sunday to spend a week on the staff of The Mail Tribune.

The arrangement for his visit here was made cooperatively between The Mail Tribune and the journalism school, and is intended to provide a mutually beneficial arrangement, and to provide him with intimate experience in the operation of a small-city newspaper.

One of Ten

He is one of 10 foreign newspapermen, now in this country for a year's study in their own field, and for firsthand knowledge of the United States, who will spend the week on newspapers of the state. He will work with regular staff members of The Mail Tribune in several departments, and also hopes to participate in the life of the community to the fullest possible extent during the week.

Barth comes from Dusseldorf, a city of half a million population on the Rhine in Northrhine-Westphalia, where he was born in 1925.

Since 1947 he has worked on the staff of the Rheinische Post, a Dusseldorf newspaper of 250,000 circulation. Starting as a reporter, he became a "redactor" in 1949. (There is no exact synonym for this term in American journalism, the closest being "departmental editor.") His work is largely in the field of art and literature, and on a comparable newspaper in this country Barth would be called a combination artist and theatre critic and book reviewer. He has a wide background of reading and study in these fields. Since 1949 he has been attending the University of Cologne, which is nearby to Dusseldorf, in his non-working hours.

In applying for his year's study in the United States, Barth wrote:

"Contribute to Understanding" "I believe that such a visit is not only to the full advantage of one's professional and educational training, but will also certainly give one an opportunity to contribute to the understanding between the people of both countries. By meeting American people personally one will be able to learn more about their problems, their country and their democratic government, as well as their attitude toward life in general."

Senators Oppose Invitation to Ike To Testify in US

Foreign Relations Committee Polled

Washington — (U.P.) — A majority of members of the Senate Foreign Relations committee said Saturday they oppose inviting Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to testify personally in support of the president's \$7,900,000,000 mutual security program.

A United Press survey disclosed that of the 13 committee members, at least seven and possibly more are lined up against asking the general, a draft candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, to come home now to testify.

The committee is scheduled to vote Monday, on Sen. Brian McMahon's motion to invite Eisenhower to appear. McMahon has denied his move is politically motivated.

Absentees and last-minute switches could change the outcome, but today only the Connecticut Democrat and Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.) appeared to be in favor of the move.

Four other senators would not disclose their stand but some of these were understood to oppose the idea.

Most of the opponents objected that an appearance might "embarrass" Eisenhower. McMahon stressed that his motion was for an invitation, not a command.

That left a possibility of some sort of resolution saying the committee would be glad to hear Eisenhower if he cared to appear.

Eisenhower has indicated he would send his deputy, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, to present the views of North Atlantic Treaty headquarters on the security program, which is largely concerned with arms and other aid for Europe.

Some senators said the move had obvious political implications. As NATO commander, Eisenhower probably would feel obliged to press for the whole \$7,900,000,000 program despite widespread congressional sentiment to trim it by \$1 billion or more.

That would put the general on the spot in the campaign to win him the presidential nomination, and would likewise embarrass any of his congressional supporters who wanted to cut the program.

Police Widen Search In \$141,630 Robbery

Butler, Pa. — (U.P.) — Three swarthy bandits who brutally beat a coal mine operator's wife with a pistol and then looted his safe of \$131,630 in cash were the object of a widespread police hunt Saturday.

The bandits invaded the mansion home of Craig Saul, 45, Friday and when Mrs. Saul attempted to telephone police they beat her in the face with a pistol until the blood streamed down on her three crying children.

Police, who set up a three-state road block, said that in addition to the cash the bandits took an unestimated amount of securities.

Ex-Collector Defendant In \$141,000 Civil Suit

San Francisco — (U.P.) — James G. Smyth, fired internal revenue collector for the San Francisco area, Saturday was named defendant in a \$141,000 civil suit filed in federal district court.

The suit, filed by Pacific Homes, Inc., San Mateo, Calif., said that sum was paid as an excess profits tax imposed for homes built in San Mateo and Vallejo during 1945-46-47.

The company said it paid the tax under protest. However, the suit charged, the Internal Revenue Bureau, then headed by Smyth, over-ruled the protest.

Harvester Firm Strike Threatened Saturday

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — A strike touched off in the Milwaukee plant of the International Harvester Company when the firm suspended forge shop worker threatened Saturday to idle 8,800 workers by Wednesday.

Harvester officials said that negotiations were deadlocked and no further union-management talks were scheduled in the nine-day work stoppage.

Harvester already has laid off 600 workers at Melrose Park, Ill., and said 2,400 of the plant's 4,000 employees would be idle by Monday because of a lack of parts from Milwaukee.



TAX REBEL—Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Pennington of Lincoln Park, Mich., hold a newspaper in their New York hotel room which carries story of Pennington's refusal to pay \$81 Social Security tax as a self-employed businessman. He sent the money to a needy pensioner instead, who was refused Social Security because he made a "few cents" over the allowed amount.

Site of Wednesday's Blast Believed Found

Sheriff Howard Gault, notified late Saturday by Carl Bergman of East Evans Creek that a "big hole with fresh dirt thrown over a wide area" had been found north of the old Antioch cemetery and might have been the site of an explosion which startled valley residents Wednesday night, told The Mail Tribune that he and Chief Deputy DeArmond Leigh had checked the site Saturday night but would return for further inspection in daylight.

Gault said the crater was about five feet across and about four feet deep with fresh earth scattered all around.

"It was a small hole for such a big bang," Gault said. The first break in what may have been the cause of the Wednesday night blast which shook valley homes was reported Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Carl Bergman of East Evans Creek called The Mail Tribune. Mrs. Bergman receives the Tribune about three days after publication. When she saw the story yesterday concerning the blast she believed she had already seen its site.

Thursday morning while looking for the Bergmans' stock in the Beagle area on an old Camp White rifle range, the Bergmans saw a fresh crater in the ground which she describes as about 10

feet wide, and 8 feet deep with fresh dirt which has been thrown in a 50 or 60 foot radius around the crater. Location of the crater is about 1 1/2 miles north of the old Antioch cemetery on the Beagle road on the right side, traveling from Medford, according to Mrs. Bergman.

It is her belief that a "dud" shell from camp days had been detonated.

WSB Asks Delay In Strike Action By Steel Workers

Washington — (U.P.) — The Wage Stabilization board appealed to the CIO Steelworkers union Saturday to delay any strike action until April 8 and negotiate with the basic steel industry on its recommendation for settlement of their wage dispute.

WSB Chairman Nathan Feinsinger told the union and the steel companies the board "will make every effort" to have its recommendations ready by next Thursday.

Feinsinger gave no indication workers and the companies to what the recommendations would be, but urged the steelworkers and the companies to begin negotiating on them "not later than three days" after receiving them.

That would be March 23, the present deadline set by the union for a strike if the wage dispute is not settled.

U. S. Steel Corp. agreed to meet with the steelworkers "not later than three days after we receive" the board's recommendations.

Philip Murray, CIO and USW president, declined to give the board an immediate answer. He told newsmen he would reply either late Saturday or today.

Murray earlier had called his steelworkers executive board and the union's wage policy committee to meet here Thursday, as the nation's wage and price stabilization policies headed into a critical week.

Feinsinger sent identical telegrams to Murray and heads of six steel firms.

Specifically, he asked the industry and union to "maintain production and work" until April 4 and then give 96 hours—or four days—written notice in advance if a strike is coming.

Late Sports Bulletins

Ashland—Jacksonville high school won the Southern Oregon college invitational basketball tournament here Saturday night by defeating Talent, 39 to 27. Jacksonville enjoyed quarter leads of 11-3, 29-15, and 34-20. Joe Nolan paced the winners with 11 points while Zumwalt canned 8 for the losers.

Rollie Hartley, winner of the most valuable player award in 1950, won the honor again this year.

Reds Say Oatis Witness RIOTS PROTESTED

Red Negotiators Demand Guarantee Against Outbreaks

Further Propaganda Expected on Matter

Tokyo, Sunday — (U.P.) — Communist truce delegates, in a "serious protest" lodged with the United Nations, demanded today that the Allies "guarantee" against further such "barbarous massacres" as occurred Thursday at Koje island prison.

The Reds warned that outbreaks will not be "future tolerated." The Communists learned Saturday of the death at Koje-do of 12 Red prisoners, and branded the prison riot "illegal killing," indicating they would use it as a basis for their propaganda mill.

Today's Red outbreak came at an hour and 18-minute item four—prisoner exchange meeting.

The Communist message said the Reds regarded the U. N. report of the Koje incident a "self-contradictory account full of loopholes." The Reds called it "completely unacceptable" and demanded a full explanation of the incident.

Negotiators working on item three—truce supervision—met for more than an hour, recessed and then resumed their talks. Similar lengthy meetings in the past indicated a proposal had been made, needing independent consideration before further exploration.

Yesterday Col. Andrew J. Kinney opened the way for solving five junior-grade deadlocks on policing the armistice by presenting the Reds a "package deal offer." The Communists apparently replied today to the offer with a counter-proposal of their own or had asked for clarification of some points which would account for the recess and resumption of discussions.

Exchange Discussed

Another group of Allied and Red staff officers discussed the problem of exchange of prisoners under the armistice for an hour and 18 minutes before they recessed for the day and agreed to meet again at 11 a.m. Tokyo time tomorrow.

UN officers had gone to the prisoner exchange meeting expecting the Communists to cut loose with a new barrage of charges for propaganda purposes based on the killing of 12 Communist war prisoners in rioting at Koje Island prison camp. There was no immediate indication of what the two sides discussed at that meeting.

Exiled Cuban Leader Escapes Murder Plot

Mexico City — (U.P.) — Mexican secret service agents disclosed Saturday that they had prevented an "apparent attempt" to assassinate exiled Cuban President Carlos Prío Socarras.

They said a "small group" of gunmen tried to force their way into Prío's hotel room early Saturday, but was frightened away by armed guards.

Police prevented another group of gunmen from entering the Cuban embassy at dawn and said that "may have been a military effort to seize the building."

According to secret police, two embassy officials, both auxiliary naval attaches, were seized and questioned about the attempt to break into the embassy, but were released.

Overthrow of Thailand Government 'Unfounded'

Bangkok, Thailand — (U.P.) — Reports that the Thailand government has been overthrown were denied Saturday as absolutely unfounded.

It already has been announced that Premier Field Marshal Pibul Songgram is to resign automatically next Tuesday when the National Assembly meets in extraordinary session.

DISTRICT TO ELECT

The board of supervisors of the Sams Valley-Beagle Soil Conservation district will convene on Monday, March 17, at 8 p.m. at the county agent's office in the courthouse to elect new officers. George Loftin, who has been chairman, was re-elected to the board at the recent annual meeting of the district.

Presidential Hopeful Heckled by Black Cat

Sheboygan, Wis. — (U.P.) — Gov. Earl Warren of California encountered a black cat Saturday and a few minutes later he slipped on ice and fell.

It was his second such mishap during his current campaign tour in Wisconsin for the Republican presidential nomination.

He fell at Neenah, Wis., Friday night, but apparently he was not hurt in either fall. Enroute here Saturday Warren's bus broke down. Warren finished the trip in a sheriff's car, but the rest of his party had to hitchhike.

Investigators Charge McGrath Owns Race Tracks

Washington — (U.P.) — A House investigator charged Saturday there is "some evidence" Attorney General J. Howard McGrath may have an interest in two race tracks, and demanded an examination of McGrath's income tax returns for the years 1940 through 1950.

Rep. Patrick J. Hillings, a member of the House Judiciary subcommittee investigating the Justice Department, made the request for the sweeping inquiry into what he called McGrath's "substantial income."

Subcommittee Chairman Frank D. Chelf (D-Ky.) promptly backed the California Republican's request that the group ask President Truman for the tax returns.

"Too Much Money" Chelf said he thought the subcommittee is "entitled to the information" because of repeated allegations that McGrath has made "too much money" in public office.

Harold E. Stassen, Republican presidential candidate, has charged McGrath became a "millionaire" in his years of public service.

"I intend to support Hillings' request," Chelf said. "If that's not a fair approach to get information, then I don't know what is."

It is doubtful whether Mr. Truman would turn over the returns, should the full subcommittee approve the request. Already he has instructed government agencies not to give blanket information to the subcommittee on cases turned over to the Justice Department in the past six years which have not been prosecuted.

Chelf said he "naturally expects Hillings to give the subcommittee whatever information he has" when the subcommittee considers the request at its next meeting, either Monday or Tuesday.

Five Arrested By FBI Men In Reno Safe Robbery Case

Washington — (U.P.) — Federal Bureau of Investigation agents tonight arrested John Trillig, 37, and Frank Scorrenti, 36, in Milwaukee, Wis., in connection with the \$1,500,000 burglary at the residence of Laverne V. Redfield, Reno, Nev., February 28.

Earlier, the FBI announced the arrest of a man in Reno and a woman in Los Angeles in connection with the Redfield case.

The woman, attractive 37-year-old Leona Mae Gioradano, who is a four times wed Reno waitress and gaming house skill, provided the first break in the case.

She was arrested in a Los Angeles hotel, and Louis Gaggioli, 44-year-old underworld figure and ex-boxer, was arrested in Reno.

Three Suspects Held

Saturday's arrests bring to five the number of suspects held in the February 29 burglary of a green safe containing at least \$1,500,000 in jewelry, cash and securities from the stone mansion of La Vere Redfield.

Ex-convict Andrew R. Young, 46, was arrested March 11 in Milwaukee, Wis., by FBI agents, after Mrs. Gioradano attempted to pass a \$1,000 and \$100 bill, known to be part of the Redfield loot, in a Reno casino and told police she got it from "a guy named Andy from Milwaukee."

Claim American Gives Testimony In Czech Trial

12 Said Convicted By Communist Court

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — Associated Press Correspondent William N. Oatis has appeared as a witness at the trial of 12 of his "accomplices," one of whom was sentenced to death for murder, the official Communist radio in Prague said Saturday night.

His appearance came only 10 days after reports from Washington said the Czech Communist regime had indicated a willingness to negotiate his release. Oatis, sentenced to 10 years for "espionage," has been held incommunicado for 10 months.

Release Considered

Last week State Department officials acknowledged that Czechoslovakia had hinted it might consider Oatis' release in return for a \$17 million steel mill, ordered before the Communist coup in Prague but never delivered by the United States.

They denied that an actual offer had been made and said that "disposition on the steel mill is not and will not be connected" with the case. The United States has contended since Oatis' arrest last April 23 that the American newsmen was innocent.

Oatis has been held in Pankrac prison since his arrest, and efforts by U.S. officials to see him have met with no result. Saturday night's broadcast said he testified as a witness Friday at a three-day trial of "spies and murderers," all of whom were found guilty.

Most of the 12 were witnesses at his own trial which led to his sentencing last July 4 to 10 years imprisonment, half of which might be suspended for good behavior.

The broadcast said he "again admitted his guilt" at the new trial.

Prague radio said Oatis also "admitted that he has been fully aware of the murder of a Czechoslovak security officer by one of his accomplices" and that associates of the murderer had been "frequent visitors at the A.P. office in Prague."

The broadcast listed Josef Pavla as the murderer of an unnamed security officer and said he was sentenced to death.

Terms Given

A second defendant, Karel Hakek, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, and 10 other defendants were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 12 to 25 years, Prague said.

Some of the defendants were said to have been members of an espionage ring led from abroad by Vladimir Komarek, described by Prague radio as a "U. S. counter intelligence agent." It said Oatis "warned Komarek" when the group was discovered by Czech security police using A. P. wires.

It repeated charges that Oatis was a "CIA agent operating under the guise of a newspaperman."

The FBI in Los Angeles charged Mrs. Gioradano with transporting more than \$5,000 of the loot from Nevada to California and said she had "more of the loot" with her when she was arrested.

Gaggioli was "known to have conspired" with Young "to transport part of the loot to points outside the state of Nevada," according to Police Chief L. R. Greeson and D. K. Brown, special agent in charge of G-men working on the case, who announced the arrests.

When notified of the arrests, Redfield, who estimates the amount of loot as closer to \$2,500,000, said:

"It sounds pretty good, doesn't it—they haven't found the safe yet, have they? Or the money?"

Neither Greeson nor Brown would comment on whether the safe or the bulk of its contents has been located.

Mrs. Gioradano, the FBI said, will be arraigned before a U. S. commissioner in Los Angeles on Monday. Young is being held in jail in Milwaukee in lieu of \$50,000.

Gaggioli was booked at the Washoe county jail by the FBI and held in lieu of \$25,000 bail fixed by U. S. Commissioner J. T. McLaughlin at the request of the U. S. attorney's office.