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### In The Day's News

# Panel To Sift Meat Tie-up

## Board Will Meet Today With Unions

### Fact-Finders Named By Secretary Of Labor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach today appointed a fact-finding board to investigate the wage dispute in the meat packing industry.

Schwellenbach said the panel would meet later today with representatives of the CIO and AFL unions and meat packing companies who are involved in the dispute.

The new panel is headed by Edwin E. Witte, former public member of the national war labor board. Other members are Clark Kerr, chairman of the now defunct war labor board's meat packing commission, and Chief Justice Raymond W. Starr of the Michigan supreme court.

Schwellenbach will take part in this afternoon's meeting. Kerr is an impartial umpire in the meat packing field and now is on the University of California faculty. Judge Starr is from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Witte, who has served at various times as a member of federal boards dealing with industrial relations, is a professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin.

## Weird Murder Still Mystery

BAD TOLEZ, Germany, Jan. 17 (AP)—U. S. third army intelligence headquarters said tonight that no American officers were implicated in the mystery murder of three American military government officers at Passau.

Col. E. M. Fickett, intelligence chief of the third army, said also that the murder weapon still was missing.

A Hungarian girl employed in the office of one of the victims had been questioned in an attempt to shed light on a possible motive for the killings, an unofficial source said.

U. S. army intelligence agents admitted officially for the first time that the three officers, found battered and burned to death in a house on the Danube 11 days ago, had been slain.

A spokesman for the intelligence section of the third army made this statement, but the case otherwise remained classified as "top secret."

## Two Above Zero At Sun Mountain

Near zero temperatures were reported to the state highway department from patrols on Sun Mountain of the Dalles-California highway and on Quartz Mountain of the Lakeview stretch. Sun mountain advised 2 degrees above zero and Quartz, 4 above. It was 12 above on the Greensprings where the patrol said there was quite a bit of fog.

Minimum reading here, as reported by CAA, was 14 above but the state highway shops said their thermometer read 13. Forecast for the next 24 hours was "fair."

## Morse Secures Electrical Union Arbitration Offer

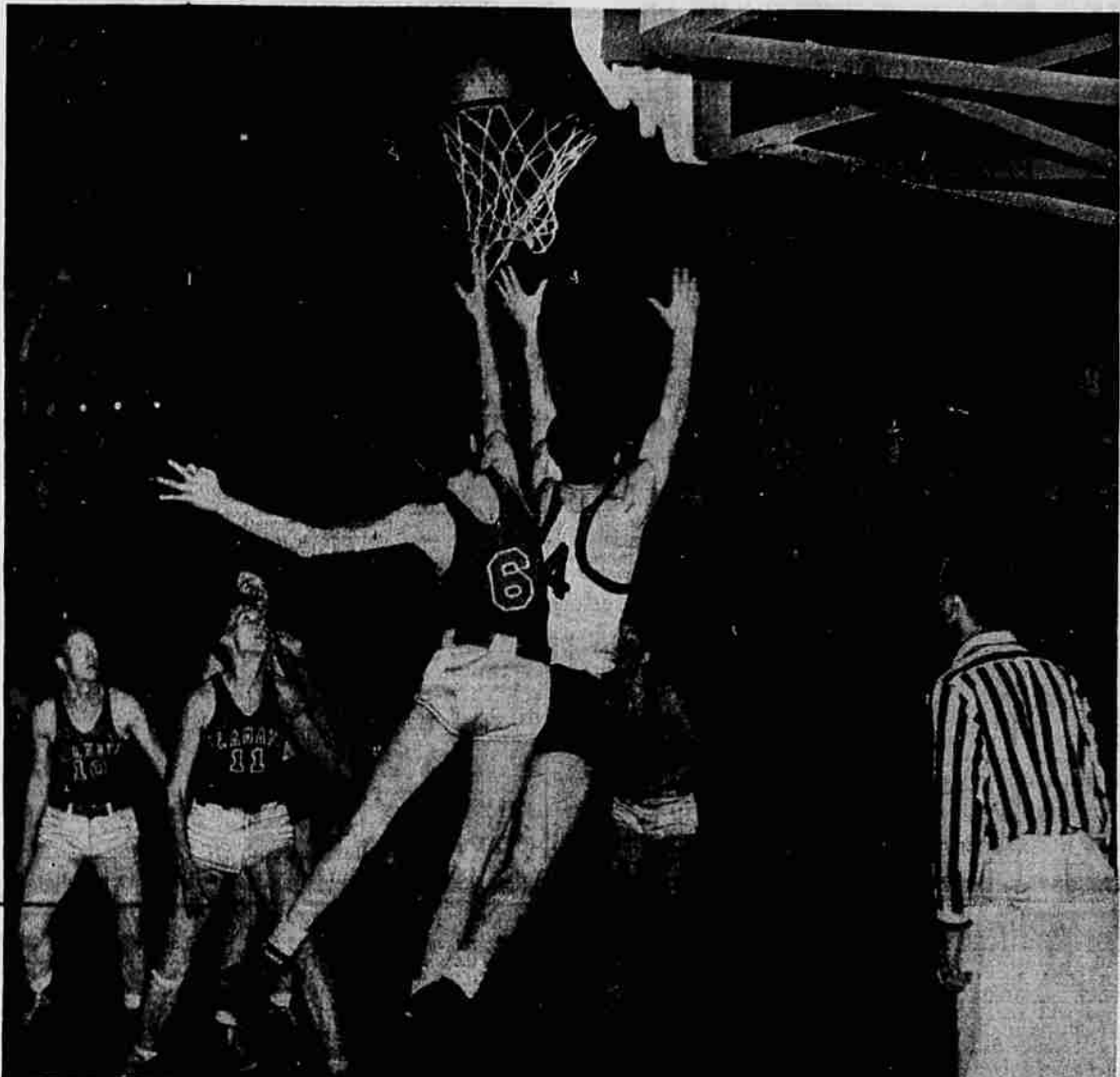
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—A senator who strayed from the subject of a committee hearing today obtained a union offer to arbitrate in the three-day-old strike of 200,000 electrical workers.

Senator Morse (R-Ore.), himself a former labor department arbitrator and former public member of the war labor board, seized the opportunity as the senate labor committee was hearing Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the CIO United Electrical Workers union. Fitzgerald was testifying in opposition to the president's fact-finding bill.

In reply to questions from Morse, the union chief said he is willing for the electrical wage dispute to be arbitrated from scratch, and without regard to any settlements which may be made in steel and other industries. The union seeks a \$2 a day wage increase.

There was no immediate reply to the arbitration proposal from the three companies—General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors electrical division, which make most of the nation's electrical appliances.

### Crawford's Reach Fails To Block Medford Score



Bill Crawford (6) of the Pelicans and Bob Watson (4) of Medford hang in mid-air waiting for the rebound of this shot looped in by Darrell Riggs of the Tornado, shown standing just behind Jerry Thorne (11). The shot was good, one of the many hit by Tornado marksmen during last night's 38-22 rout of the Pelicans on the KUHS maple. Also in the picture are Ray Craig (10) and John Linman (14), for Klamath, and Referee Joe LaClair. The game, played before a packed house at the gym, broke the Pelican win streak at eight straight and put a damper on Klamath's hopes for state prep basketball laurels.

## Army Clamps Lid On Gaming

HONOLULU, Jan. 17 (AP)—A story in the army newspaper Stars and Stripes that a small group of soldiers was "making a small fortune" at dice from homebound GI's at the Oahu army personnel center has brought an official army ban on all forms of gambling there.

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson Jr., mid-Pacific army commander, issued the ban late yesterday after Stars and Stripes reported "organized gambling goes on nightly with thousands of dollars changing hands."

"Now the men can't even play pinocle," said Col. William Safarrans, commandant of the center. "I authorized controlled gambling in order to give the men a decent place where they could meet," he told interviewers.

He asserted they formerly gambled in latrines, in barracks and in other places, and "They are going to gamble regardless of what anyone says and I provided a place where they never had the slightest trouble. Everything was open and above board."

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"It is directed that you take full and complete measures to instruct these leaders, both officers and enlisted men, and all under your command that further agitation will not be tolerated.

"Enlisted men have had an opportunity to present their grievances which have been met by Eisenhower's announcement and no further mass meetings, agitations or like actions will be permitted. Commanding officers will be held responsible for enforcement of this directive and will court-martial offenders for disobedience of orders."

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## Court-Martial Ordered For Discharge Agitators; 3 Enlisted Men Confined

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Three enlisted men were confined to quarters pending investigation.

Col. Wilson Gaddis, public relations officer, said no charges have been placed against the trio but their actions since General Eisenhower explained demobilization policy Tuesday are under investigation.

Gaddis named the three as Sgt. Joseph Nahem, Brooklyn; Sgt. David Livingston, New York, and Cpl. Herbert Freeman, whose home address was not immediately available. He said Nahem and Livingston had been principal leaders in rallies protesting the demobilization slowdown.

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## Boy Drowns In Lost River

MERRILL—Edward Lee Taylor, 15, eighth grade student at the Merrill school, fell through the thin ice of Lost river back of the Dan Barry ranch late yesterday afternoon and was drowned. His body was recovered about 4:30 this morning.

The boy had been sent to the river, about a mile east of Merrill, by his mother, Mrs. Vera G. Taylor, to look for an older brother, Bill, who had not returned.

## Committee To Act On Fact-Finding

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—The house labor committee agreed today to act before next Tuesday on legislation requested by President Truman for fact finding boards to settle major industrial disputes.

The agreement was announced to the house by Acting Chairman Randolph (D-W.Va.) after the committee had refused by a 7 to 7 tie vote to approve a modified version of such legislation.

The modified proposal was offered by Rep. Landis (R-Ind.), who told the committee "the heat is on" from voters throughout the country for legislative action to help prevent strikes.

Randolph told the house committee members that "it is our individual and collective responsibility to act courageously on these problems."

He added: "The committee will act either next Monday or Tuesday to vote up or down on the president's fact-finding plan or a substitute or enlargement of it."

## Arriving In United States

By Associated Press  
Francis T. Flocchini, M/Sgt., Klamath Falls, arrived on President Johnson due in San Francisco January 15.

# Truman To Step In If Meet Fails

By HAROLD W. WARD  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—President Truman gave the two principals in the threatened steel strike their last chance today to work out an agreement together before he proposes a way to end the deadlock.

The president gave CIO President Philip Murray and Benjamin Fairless, U. S. Steel head, until this afternoon to settle their wage dispute.

Should they fail, he said, he will step in with "a proposal in the public interest."

Mr. Truman urged the two men, just before they left the White House last night after a day of fruitless talks, to "sleep over it and pray over it and do their utmost to get together and come back again at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon."

Both said they would. Presidential Press Secretary Charles C. Ross described the leave-taking.

This sharp focusing of the spotlight on the crucial White House meeting tended to divert top attention from new administration efforts here to find a solution for the meat packing strike, already hitting the nation's meat markets. Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach invited management and labor representatives to an afternoon meeting in his office.

Own Secret  
The steel proposal Mr. Truman has in mind is his own secret, but there was some speculation it might involve his personal judgment on what would be a reasonable adjustment of the rival wage stands.

Ross told reporters this morning that the fact-finding board members named by the president to inquire into the steel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Steel wage negotiations between CIO President Murray and Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel corporation, collapsed today at the White House.

President Truman promptly offered a compromise proposal which Murray and Fairless took under advisement for a decision by tomorrow noon.

The president called the two into his office at 4 p. m. (EST). Press Secretary Charles C. Ross told reporters, and Murray and Fairless reported they were "still in disagreement."

No Report  
The secretary said the board was not bringing in a report but that doubtless the members had accumulated a lot of information on the situation.

Ross said government seizure "has not entered into the discussions" through last night's talks. He also reported that, of course, Fairless and Murray could accept or reject the presidential proposal.

Fairless has offered to pay 15 cents more an hour but Murray is adamant on nothing less than 19 1/2 cents for his 800,000 CIO-steel workers who are due to strike next Monday.

TO SPEAK  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—General Eisenhower has scheduled a radio address to the nation at 6 p. m. (PST) Friday, on demobilization.

## GI, Condemned To Death For Slaying 2 Jap Civilians, Writes He Had No Knife

WALLINGTON, N. J., Jan. 17 (AP)—PFC Joseph E. Hicswa of Wallington wrote to a girl friend from his stockade in Osaka, Japan, that he was "in a fight with a few Japs" but that he could not have murdered any because he did not have a knife.

The 20-year-old youth was condemned to death by an army court-martial on conviction of killing two Japanese civilians November 24, the night before he was to have started processing for his return home on re-enlistment furlough.

The death sentence has raised a storm of protests among civic and official bodies in New Jersey and other states.

The letter, disclosed today by Miss Sonia Andreyk of nearby Clifton, with whom he had been corresponding since he went into the army in June 1943, was written December 15, evidently before the court-martial.

The 18-year-old girl said she had received it on Christmas, but did not release it until now because she did not want to upset the family.

The letter follows: "I am in the stockade. They think I murdered a couple of Japs. I had a fight with a few of them the night of the murder, so they got the impression that I murdered them. They were stabbed to death. That leaves me out right there, for I didn't have any knife. When they told me

body, so I guess I'm the loser. They say that if they don't find a rope strong enough to hang the person, they'll shoot him. I believe that is just a rumor.

"Today, they had me on the rackle from 7:30 this morning until 3 this afternoon. They get me up at 4:45 in the morning and we're busy until we go to bed, usually about 7 or 8.

"Well, how are you. I hope you're fine. As for me, I'm a little sore. Boy, does it get cold here at night. We wake up in the morning and we just hate to get out of our sacks. Later, when the sun comes up, you can see the frost on the tretops on the mountainside. We had a little snow already.

"I was planning on being home for Christmas and surprising you. But I guess I'll have to wait for about 20 or 30 years. Well, so long for a while. Keep your chin up and fingers crossed. Love, (Signed) "Joe."

Sonia said she had received no mail after this letter. She said she was shocked when she read it, but now that the story has been in the newspapers and over the radio she thought it best to tell the family.

An uncle of the youth, Adam Hicswa, released the letter to the girl.

Only this morning the parents had been re-reading recent letters mailed after December 15 by their son, in which he made no mention of his plight.



PFC JOSEPH E. HICSWA