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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY'S jitter news comes from London, where the United Nations organization (UNO) is taking its first faltering steps toward WORLD government.

THE Iranian delegation takes what the dispatches describe as the "first concrete steps to bring the EXPLOSIVE Iranian-Russian issue before the world security council."
John M. Hightower, of the AP (a competent reporter), cables from London this morning that "numerous UNO officials, including those of the United States and Great Britain, privately expressed concern over the Iranian question and said that the untried and only partially completed machinery of the peace organization might be badly strained in trying to cope with such a dispute at the very outset of its existence."
(The meat of the Iranian issue, so far as we are able to judge from the little that has been told to us, lies in the fact that big Russia is apparently seeking to take a bite out of little Iran's territory.)

THIS is the point:
If the council's decision goes against Russia, Russia might be so angered as to upset the unity of the Big Three nations—with-out which UNO can't be successful.
If the decision goes against Iran, the faith of the small nations in UNO's ability to protect their interests against conflicting policies of the great powers might be shaken.

THE dilemma has a THIRD horn:
If the council STALLS OFF a decision too long it will be likely to lose prestige at a time when it is to work its prestige should be GROWING throughout the world.
So, you see, it can be damned if it does and damned if it doesn't—which is always an unpleasant spot to be on.

ALL this will serve to give you an idea of the extreme delicacy of the job UNO is tackling. Here at the beginning of its Great Experiment, it is literally walking on eggs.
If its decisions throughout are dominated by MEN OF GOOD WILL, it can succeed.
If not—
Well, that contingency is almost too terrible to be considered.

CHURCHILL, one of the world's clearest and most realistic thinkers, put it this way the other day:
"As to UNO's chances of success, you are as good a judge as I am. As to the NEED for such an organization, WHAT ELSE IS THERE IN THE WORLD TO HOPE FOR?"

FOR the past few days, a tiny scarlet thread has been running through the fabric of the news. It is an IMMENSELY significant thread. You have caught or you may have missed its significance.
Mayors of some of our most important cities have been receiving from the Los Alamos scientists samples of FUSED SAND from the site of the atom bomb test in New Mexico. (The sand was fused into glass by the heat generated when the sample bomb was exploded.)
These bits of fused sand, the scientists explain, are being sent to large city mayors in order to bring to the public a realization of the dangers of atomic energy. They are STILL RADIO-ACTIVE, and a letter accompanying them warns that for safety's sake no one should remain close to them for more than 24 hours.
(The atomic explosion that created these bits of fused sand occurred LAST SUMMER.)

UNO's big job, beside which its other tasks pale into insignificance, is to prevent some nation GOING ON THE LOOSE and using atomic warfare to conquer the world.
That is why these sessions that are getting under way in London are so important and so delicate.

Bus-streetcar
Crash Hurts 20
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP) Five persons remained in a hospital today after a jammed Portland Traction company bus crashed into a streetcar here injuring 20.
The Mississippi bus veered from its lane into the Broadway streetcar late yesterday, onlookers said. The bus driver, H. R. Stanton, 43, was cited for violating the basic traffic rule.

Marine Post Set To Close On March 1

Specialized Medical Activities Now Completed

The marine corps has set March 1 as a tentative date for closing the Marine Barracks as an active marine post, it was learned from an authoritative source today.

Specialized medical activities for which the Klamath post was created have been completed, and continuation beyond March 1 will not be required, according to instructions which have gone out from marine corps headquarters to the department of the Pacific.

Disbandment of the post, disposition of property, and distribution of personnel will require a considerable period beyond the formal closing date, and it will probably be late in May or in June before marine personnel have moved entirely off the installation.

Today's disclosures are the first to indicate that the marine corps has finally decided it cannot make further use of the big Klamath establishment, which was set up originally as a reconditioning and training center for marines who contracted tropical diseases in the Pacific war theater. Col. Charles T. Brooks, representing the navy bureau of medicine and surgery, are the head men at the barracks. Capt. Coggeshall helped determine the mission of the post before its establishment, and has been its ranking medical officer throughout its history. The post has won national fame in the field of tropical diseases.

Facilities Studied
There has been widespread local discussion of the possibility of making the Marine Barracks a veterans' administration facility, especially since the veterans bureau announced some time ago it would establish a hospital at Klamath Falls. It is known that recently a representative of the administration spent two days on the post, studying the facilities.

Iran Dispute Eyed By UNO
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The Iranian delegation to the United Nations general assembly today took the first concrete steps to bring the explosive Iranian-Russian dispute before the world security council, as Soviet delegates maintained complete silence on the issue.

Andrei Gromyko, acting chief of the Soviet delegation, making the first major Russian speech before the assembly, ignored the Iranian question, which was causing serious concern among United Nations leaders.
Shortly before Gromyko took the floor Seyyed Hassan Taqizadeh, chief of the Iranian delegation, conferred with the executive secretary of the assembly on what Taqizadeh called "technical arrangements" for placing Iran's complaints before the security council.

Some of the Iranian leader's associates had indicated earlier that the case might be filed today or tomorrow, but they were uncertain over where and how to file it. Presumably this was the question taken up with Secretary Gladwyn Jebb by Taqizadeh.

Dying Dog Waits For Phone Call
DETROIT, Jan. 18 (AP)—Honey Girl, the dying 21-year-old Boston Terrier, whose will to live is accelerated by the sound of her master's voice via transcontinental telephone, was reported sinking today.

Only another phone call from Signalman 2/c Harry E. Bennett will keep her going in the opinion of the boy's mother, Mrs. Joseph Rockwood, Bennett is in Bremerton, Wash., awaiting overseas duty.
"Harry was supposed to call last night," Mrs. Rockwood said today. "But he must have been on duty. We're hoping he'll call tonight."

Receipt Of Box From Atom Scientists Brings Chills
DALLAS, Jan. 18 (AP)—When the mayor of Dallas received a small wooden box from the scientists who perfected the atomic bomb, his office took no chances. They called the chief of police. The box arrived at the office of Mayor Woodall Rodgers yesterday afternoon. A notation on the box read "deliver at 2:30 p. m., 1-19-46."
"It's probably just an atomic bomb souvenir, but I don't like those instructions," said Mrs. Glenn McCallon, the city secretary. "I think the police ought to open it."
She called Mayor Rodgers for permission to call Chief of Police Carl Hansson, who promptly took over from there. Listening intently, he decided it wasn't a time bomb. He started for the basement and City Manager V. R. Smitham

SOUTHERN SENATORS FORM FILIBUSTER ON FEPC BILL

Packer Tie-up Blocks Chicago Traffic



Striking meat workers block traffic at entrance to Chicago stock yards as 35,000 workers there and 300,000 throughout the nation stop work, despite urging of government officials to postpone strike. The walkout, which threatens to shut off most of the nation's meat supply, is largest single work stoppage since prewar days.

Charges Hurlled In Wake Of Bitter Picket Clash

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18 (AP)—Charges and counter-charges were hurled today—with almost the same violence as tear gas bombs yesterday—in the wake of a bitter battle at the U. S. Motors plant, where police forced a path through a picket line for non-striking office workers.

The CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers union is on strike at the plant—one of five closed in southern California, with 3000 workers out—for a 30 per cent pay increase, eight paid holidays and other benefits.
Boos greeted a reading of a superior court restraining order, enjoining the more than 500 pickets from interfering with access to the plant.
As leaders urged the massed lines to hold fast, a platoon of police moved toward the main gate. Fighting broke out quickly. Steel helmets of pickets and clubs of police battered skulls and faces. Then the mask-protected police resorted to gas bombs. The picket lines broke and some 75 clerical workers entered the plant.
Of 23 persons arrested, three were women. All were released on \$50 bond. Among them were Phillip M. Connelly, former state CIO president, now executive secretary of the Los Angeles CIO council; Carl Brant, international organizer for the union; and Mrs. LaRue McCormick, former communist party candidate for the state senate, who said she was present as a sympathizer. They were booked on suspicion of rioting.
Two policemen were treated at hospitals for injuries, one for teeth bites on his arm. The union said three pickets were treated privately.

Meat Strike Confab Fails

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The government's efforts to settle the meat packing strike by the conference method broke down today and the meat fact-finding board will open hearings in Chicago Tuesday.

Chairman Edwin F. Witte of the fact-finding board told newsmen that "chances of settlement today are not too bright," adding that disputants were returning to Chicago immediately.
Witte indicated that, other than attempting to conciliate the wage dispute, the government's direct participation in the case was over until fact-finding begins.
He said the three-day-old strike of 263,000 meat packing workers was no nearer settlement than it had been last night.

Quake Causes Troop Stampede
SYDNEY, Jan. 18 (AP)—Dispatches from Lae, New Guinea, today reported a violent earthquake had shaken that area last night, causing a stampede at a movie being shown to American Negro troops.
The camp of 300 "emptied in a flash," the report said. Bottles and crockery tumbled from kitchen shelves, bats and birds were shaken from the swaying breadfruit trees, and buildings shuddered.

Arriving In United States
By Associated Press
Alvin W. Kleeman, S/Sgt., Wead, arrived on George Mead due in New York January 17.

Race Issue Draws Fire From South

Wordy Spiel Will Be Reminiscent Of Huey Long

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—A group of southern senators formally organized today to block senate action on the FEPC bill.

At a meeting in the office of Senator Byrd (D-Va.), Senators Overton (D-La.) and Russell (D-Ga.) were chosen co-leaders of the southern group, apparently preparing for an extended filibuster.

After the session, Overton told reporters:
"You can say that we propose to fight this bill with every weapon in our sheath."
Overton estimated that 15 senators from southern states attended the conference.

The wordiest filibuster since Huey Long's time threatened a "Capitol Hill as the senate plunged into a knock-down, drag-out fight on the dynamite-packed FEPC bill.
The advance billing had Capitol Hill harking back to the '20s when Long, as senator from Louisiana, went on a filibuster marathon during which he discoursed on a myriad of subjects, including the merits of southern "pot likers."
To Talk Plenty
A solid phalanx of southern senators, all pledged to talk plenty, lined up against the fair employment practice bill which would establish a permanent committee to eliminate racial and religious discrimination in industrial and governmental employment.
"I'm going to talk against it as long as God gives me breath," Senator Ellender (D-La.) told a reporter.
Senator Eastland (D-Miss.) promised that he and Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) would offer 100 amendments to the FEPC legislation between them. Eastland said he would talk "two years" if necessary.
Senator Bilbo (D-Miss.), who knows a filibuster when he is in one, informed newsmen he intended to speak twice as long as a time—against the measure which has been endorsed repeatedly by President Truman.

The unexpected motion which called up the controversial bill before the senate yesterday took its southern opponents completely by surprise. A hurried strategy session was ordered, but they made no bones they would use everything in the rule book in their effort to block a vote.

Logger Shot Through Neck

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Ernest Bowman, 45, Kelson logger whose body was found yesterday in Mary's river, was shot through the back of the neck and his spinal cord severed, Dr. Joseph Beeman, state criminologist, said today.
Dr. Beeman said an autopsy showed the man's abdomen had been slit open so the body would sink.

S. D. McClain, Portland, whom Linn County Sheriff H. A. Southard said confessed taking Bowman for a fatal ride last month, is held in the Linn county jail, along with Jack Mann, on burglary charges.

Officials were trying to determine where to file a charge in the slaying, McClain and Mann's stories differ, Southard said, as to the county in which the shooting occurred.

General Orders Agitators Freed

HONOLULU, Jan. 18 (AP)—Three American soldiers who had been confined to quarters during an army investigation of their remarks about demobilization were freed today on orders of Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson Jr.

"The investigation determined that while their enthusiasm was somewhat misdirected, it was not enough to warrant punishment," the mid-Pacific commander said.

Fills Vacancy



The position of 4-H agent has been filled with the arrival of Francis Skinner of Oklahoma, a veteran of the U. S. army who served as captain in the 91st infantry division for 17 months in Italy. H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader, introduced the new agent in Klamath Falls. Skinner's wife, a former resident of Eugene, is here with him.

Chicago Boys Nabbed Here

A pair of 14-year-old Chicago boys, who left their homes to see the world of the day of the Suzanne Degnan kidnapping in Chicago, are being held by juvenile authorities here awaiting transportation back home.

The youngsters took off from Chicago for Florida but their hitch-hiking carried them west instead of south until they reached Los Angeles last week.
At Los Angeles they were picked up by police, the first time they had attracted official attention in their tour of the country, and questioned for about an hour concerning the kidnap-murder of the Degnan child.

That happened on January 9, the same day the boys left Chicago. They satisfied the California police they had nothing to do with the Chicago case and were released.
The boys headed north then and arrived in Klamath Falls yesterday only to be picked up by police here and turned over to the juvenile office.

They told juvenile authorities of their trip across the country and of the police questioning in Los Angeles, but maintained that their fathers, Chicago policemen, had given them permission to leave home.
A check with their parents showed that there had been no permission given and that a search was being made in the mid-west for the boys.

Draft Lag Blamed On Enlistments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—Over protests a special senate committee ended its public hearings on army demobilization today after hearing Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey blame heavy enlistments for a lag in draft quotas.

Chairman Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) announced the termination and promptly drew from Senator Briggs (D-Mo.) a complaint that "only one side of the case has been presented."
Senators Revercomb (R-W. Va.), third member of the group, also protested that he had received many letters from soldiers and wanted the committee to look them over.
Johnson replied that the hearings already held should provide congress and the public with all the facts necessary to answer complaints of GI's who want to get home or out of the army.

Redheaded Firebug Says He 'Liked To See Flames'

PORTLAND, Jan. 18 (AP)—A 17-year-old redhead, whom deputy sheriffs and the FBI said confessed setting \$200,000 of fires because he "liked to see flames" matching his hair, was in federal hands today.

The youth, Vincent Wesley Hunt, later repudiated the confession to newspaper reporters. "I told them I set some fires," he said, "but honest, I never did."
FBI agents, talking to him after the interview, said, however, that he reiterated his former confession.

U. S. District Attorney Henry L. Hess said he would study the confessions today and determine what action to take.
FBI Head Howard I. Bobbitt and four deputy sheriffs said the boy admitted yesterday setting the most costly of 12 incendiary blazes which have broken out during five weeks in the Vanport City housing project where he lives.

He quoted him as saying he set others, too, which he couldn't recall, "because I have a poor memory."
The U. S. district attorney said the boy, who never attended high school, would be handled as a juvenile. He came here with his parents from Sib-
ling, Ia., two years ago.

CIO Accepts Truman Pay Hike Offer

By The Associated Press
The CIO accepted today President Truman's proposal for settling the threatened steel strike but the United States Steel corporation rejected it.

A nationwide steel strike of 800,000 workers is scheduled for 12:01 a. m., Monday.
White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the president's proposal called for a wage increase of 18½ cents hourly—within 1 cent of the union's revised offer but 3½ cents above the industry's offer.

The president, Ross said, had no plans for seizing the industry and no further steps were under consideration for averting the walkout.
The president's proposal would have made the suggested wage boost retroactive to January 1.

In a letter to the president, Benjamin Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, said the "proposal is almost equivalent to granting in full the union's revised demand of a wage increase of 19½ cents an hour."
"In our opinion," he added, "there is no just basis from any point of view for a wage increase to our steel workers of the large size you have proposed."

He said the company's increased offer of 15 cents, boosted from 12½ cents, represented

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 18 (AP) Headquarters of the CIO United Steelworkers announced today instructions have been sent to all district and local directors ordering the strike call in the industry "into full force and effect at 12:01 a. m., Jan. 21."

"the limit" in the extent of which union demands could be met by his corporation.
President Truman made no immediate comment.
The president submitted his proposal last night to Fairless and CIO President Philip Murray after their direct negotiation had broken down.

Murray, who sent the union's letter of acceptance, scheduled a press conference for 3 p. m. (EST) today.
Fairless took up the proposal with top steel industry leaders in New York. Murray summoned the strategy committee of CIO's big three—the steel workers, auto workers and electrical workers—for a conference this morning. The union head met earlier with the steel workers' executive board.

No End Seen
The strike of 200,000 CIO electrical workers, the second largest walkout, showed no indications of immediate settlement. Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the CIO United Electrical Workers union, in Washington offered to submit the wage dispute to a limited arbitration. He specified that the range for any arbitration award must be between the 25 cents an hour wage hike demanded by the union and 19½ cents.

Westinghouse Electric corporation, one of the three struck firms, said it had not been notified by the union of a desire to arbitrate the wage issue. The walkout, which started Tuesday, also involves General Electric and General Motors, electrical divisions.
As they appeared no let-down in the industrial strife, the house labor committee decided to complete action by Tuesday on fact-finding or some other type of labor legislation.

Oregon Not Hit By Phone Tie-Up

PORTLAND, Jan. 18 (AP)—Oregon will not join the National Federation of Telephone Employees if it strikes in 30 days, President Edward T. Healy of the Oregon union said today.
He explained the Oregon branch is autonomous, and a contract with the company lasting until June will not allow a strike vote here. Picket lines set up by any division of Western Electric employes, however, will be observed.

Thirty-eight supply men, working in a warehouse here are under Western Electric jurisdiction.

Wild Airplane Scares Gotham

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP)—The coast guard said this afternoon that a pilotless radio-operated plane that flew wild over the New York metropolitan area at 85 miles an hour after getting out of control, was "presumed to have crashed," probably at sea.

At 3:40 o'clock (EST) the coast guard said no report had been received that the plane had crashed, adding that "the fuel should have been gone an hour ago." The plane went out of control about 12:20 p. m. and started its wild flight.

The coast guard, in alerting authorities, said the plane last was seen out of control off Cape May, at the southern end of New Jersey, and was headed toward Long Island and might crash in that area.

The coast guard said the plane had enough fuel to last until shortly after 3 o'clock (EST).

16 Persons Perish In Plane Crash

CHESHIRE, Conn., Jan. 18 (AP) A big transport plane reported to be carrying 13 passengers and a three-man crew crashed in flames here today, carrying all aboard to their death.

The army flight service at Boston identified the plane as Flight 16-B of the Eastern Airlines, en route from LaGuardia field, N. Y., to Boston.

Representatives of the Eastern Airlines at New York told the New Haven Register that radio contact had been lost with one of its New York to Boston transports at about the time the accident was reported here. The plane, the officials said, carried 13 passengers and three crewmen.

Ship Seen
The big ship, first seen with flames and smoke spouting from its engines, broke into two as it came to earth not far from the Cheshire state reformatory and about 15 miles from New Haven.

Eastern Airlines said in New York members of the crew of Flight 16-B included Capt. R. E. Kuser, pilot, R. S. Knight, and Flight Attendant Willard Bassett. The passenger list was not immediately available, the airlines said.

Eastern Airlines said the plane left Miami, Fla., at 1:43 a. m. (EST) stopped at Charleston, S. C., Washington and New York and was on its way to Boston at the time of the crash.

Probe Will Not Hear Churchill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—A republican proposal to call Winston Churchill as a witness in a House conference against any congressional Pearl Harbor investigators in a swiftly-paced session that brought these other developments:

1. An assertion by Admiral Husband E. Kimmel that contentions he had been appointed commander in chief of the fleet in 1941 because he was a "friend of President Roosevelt" and a "Kentucky democrat" were "misrepresentations and lies."
2. Testimony by Kimmel that President Roosevelt had sided with him at a June, 1941, White House conference against any further transfer of warships from the Pacific to the Atlantic fleets.

3. Kimmel's refusal to draw any conclusion when Rep. Clark (D-N. C.) asked him if "high officials here in Washington are down to the army lieutenant who disregarded a radar warning of Japanese planes approaching Pearl Harbor hadn't muffed the situation and let the Japs outsmart them."

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