

CONSPIRACY CHARGED BY HEUVEL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
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HIS views are expressed in a telegram to government bureaucrats—John W. Snyder, director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. Pointing out that Ford has settled its disputes with its workers, he WARNS that unless his company can GET STEEL PROMPTLY it will have to shut down completely some time this week.

He says it will cost \$400,000 a day just to MAINTAIN IDLE ASSEMBLY LINES and adds that "at current OPA price ceilings we are currently LOSING \$300 on every car we make."

He goes on: "Time and again we have been forced to shut down operations because suppliers could not get us parts and materials for our cars and trucks. Some of them have stopped making our parts because they lost money at their ceiling prices."

HE concludes: "Nobody wants RUNAWAY inflation, but if we continue to stifle America's ability to PRODUCE that is exactly, in my opinion, what we are headed for."

Tragic experience in Europe, where people are starving with their pockets full of money because of LACK OF PRODUCTION OF THINGS, confirms the grim truth of his statement.

THESE months since V-J Day have been discouraging and disillusioning months in America. They have been discouraging and disillusioning because AGAIN, as in 1933, we have found ourselves WANDERING BEFUDDLED IN THE FOG, not knowing what to do next.

So far as Americans are concerned, NOTHING can be more DANGEROUS than that. We can make mistakes and still survive and prosper IF we have the native horse sense to profit by our mistakes and the grit and the guts to TRY AGAIN along new and better lines.

But if we cover up our heads and sit and moan helplessly because we don't know what to do next, WE'RE GONERS.

That's about all we've been doing in recent months.

ON one side the economic picture, we've been scared into duck fits by the prophets of gloom who howl that if WAGES rise PRICES will also rise and WHO-O-O-SH—here we go again into the old vicious inflationary spiral.

Into our other ear has been drilled the doctrine of doom that unless we RAISE WAGES and at the same time HOLD DOWN PRICES starvation will be upon us tearing our vitals with its sharp claws and its horrid teeth and there will go the old ball game—America will be KAPUT!

BETWEEN these two voices of croaking disaster we Americans, whose forefathers in the short space of about a century and a half tamed a continental wilderness and built a way of life better than any that ever existed in the world before, have been more or less reduced to a hopeless mass of jelly that can do nothing but quiver and shake.

Whatever else may be said, THAT certainly ISN'T the American way.

IN these terrible months, we've been lost and wandering around in the swamp, and Ford's appeal to GET OUT AND DO SOMETHING is like a voice crying to the lost wanderer: "This way lie home and hope and happiness; LET'S GET GOING."

IF we sit around and cry and wall and bawl, inflation certainly WILL get us—FOR after all inflation is simply a LACK OF THINGS. When you see idle people starving with their pockets stuffed with money, you're never again in all your life uncertain as to that.

If we get out and DO SOMETHING, we can lick inflation by the perfectly simple, practical, sure-fire processes of PRODUCTION plus COMPETITION. Production will provide us with the things we need and healthy competition will bring prices down to where we can REACH them.

BUT WITHOUT PRODUCTION, we'll be SUNK! That way lies ruin.

Delicate Operation Performed On Child
A delicate operation on a one-hour-old infant, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Schneider, 2215 Orchard, was performed Tuesday night at Hillsdale hospital.

The child, born January 29, is responding nicely, hospital attendants said today. He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and is the Schneider's only child. The father is an employee of Consolidated Freightways.

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Lawmakers Ask Firms To Give In

40 Congressmen Call On GM, U. S. Steel To Grant Hikes

By The Associated Press
Forty congressmen called on the U. S. Steel and General Motors corporations today to accept federal recommendations for settling strikes in the steel and automobile industries.

At the same time General Motors executives arranged to resume negotiations with the CIO United Auto Workers in Detroit, a spokesman for the CIO Packhouse Workers contended the government had assumed a "moral obligation" to boost their wages, and CIO President Philip Murray met with Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson.

The congressmen's recommendations were contained in a round-robin letter made public in Washington by Rep. Hook (D-Mich.) It urged GM to accept a fact-finding board's recommendation for a wage increase of 19 cents an hour and asked U. S. Steel to agree to President Truman's proposal for an 18-cent hourly wage hike. The congressmen included three Washington Democrats, Coffe, Delacy and Savage.

Hopes Dim
The proposal came early hopes for a swift settlement of these two major strikes appeared to dim.

Ralph Helstein, counsel for the CIO Meat Workers, told a federal fact-finding board in Washington that the government interfered with the union's right to strike when it seized the strike-bound meat industry last Saturday and that it "now must see to it that equity and justice is done."

Strike Curb Bill Debated
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The house cleared the way today for consideration of broad legislation to curb industrial strife.

On a roll call vote, the members decided to begin debate at once on the bill by Rep. Case (R-S. D.) to control strikes.

The measure is a substitute for fact-finding legislation asked by President Truman. It is backed by a powerful coalition of republicans and southern democrats.

Debate on the legislation started immediately but a final vote is not expected until at least Saturday and probably not until next week.

Signs Of Resentment And Sullen Anger Of Japanese Repats Appear In Islands

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO, Jan. 31 (AP)—Signs of resentment and sullen anger of tens of thousands of "unbeaten" repatriated Japanese have appeared in the home islands and present a potential menace to occupation forces, the Canadian member of the Far Eastern advisory commission said today.

In an interview before departing for Canada, Col. L. M. Cosgrave said evidence of the repatriates' attitude which have appeared in the countryside are "too small to put your finger on now, but they must be watched."

By promptly smashing any evidence of subversive activity, the colonel suggested, a relatively small number of occupation counter-intelligence agents will be able to minimize the threat of these elements.

The "unbeaten" Japanese, he said, include some from the United States and Canada, but mainly consist of demobilized troops from China.

"Remember they were never beaten in China. They never saw the allied power that was demonstrated to the Japanese coming back from other Pacific regions. Instead they had been swaggering top dogs for years, accustomed to lording it over everyone.

"Now they are back as ordinary citizens. Instead of a lot of power and money they are unemployed, ignored by other Japanese and perhaps soon will become hungry. They may attempt to stir up trouble."

More than a million Japanese have been repatriated from all parts of Japan's one-time empire. Those in China have been given a high priority, say allied officials, to minimize their chances of causing trouble there. More than 5,000,000 other Japanese, mostly demobilized servicemen, are awaiting return home.

Cosgrave, a war-time intelligence officer, said American counter-intelligence agents are well aware of the potential threat of these repatriates and are watching them closely.

Pony Express Faster Than That



It took this letter just 9 years, 8 months and 21 days to get from Portland to A. H. (Red) Bussman, local business man, and ex-congressman. The letter arrived in the regular mail this week.

The return address shows it is from the McNary for Senator McNary, who since has died, ran for reelection in 1938 against Klamath's Willis Mahoney. There was no explanation of the tardiness of the letter, except that an irregular brown light-stain indicated the envelope must have been lying somewhere for a long time—possibly behind a desk or box. The postmark bore no date, being third class mail. It evidently was recently discovered and dispatched to the addressee, who finds it too late to do anything for Senator McNary's 1938 candidacy.

Two Dead In Auto Plunge; Father Of Victim Dies As Result Of Double Tragedy

YREKA, Calif.—Two Siskiyou county residents, a man and his wife, were killed instantly in an automobile accident and the shock of the woman's death killed her father in a tragedy which occurred 70 miles west of here Tuesday.

A second accident took the life of a motorist and seriously injured his companion not 24 hours later in the same vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer M. Sears, who reside near the Forks of the Salmon on Know Nothing creek, were returning to their home on the Salmon river road when their car plunged over an 80-foot embankment. The two had been visiting friends and when they did not return home, neighbors started a searching party.

included in the group was Mrs. Sears' father, Harvey S. Redfield, 56. As Mrs. Sears' body was moved from the wreckage, Redfield dropped dead. Mrs. Redfield is suffering from shock following the death of her husband and daughter. Bodies were moved to Eureka and will be shipped to San Jose for burial.

The Sears were well-known miners of the Salmon country. The Sears' car had struck a rock released by a slide on the narrow road.

At about 1:30 p. m. Wednesday, a car bearing a Washington license plunged 300 feet over an embankment on the Klamath river road between Somes Bar and Orleans, carrying the driver to his death and critically injuring 24-year-old Elmer Richards, son of Mrs. Letha Attebury of Somes Bar. The driver remained unidentified today.

Murders Laid To Polish Police

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes said today that the Polish security police appeared to be implicated in a number of recent "murders" of prominent Polish politicians.

Byrnes made this assertion in a statement which disclosed that he had told the Polish government it was expected to take necessary steps "to assure the freedom and security which are essential" to holding free elections.

A state department spokesman, who issued the statement at a news conference, said it was designed to answer questions submitted by reporters "regarding the allegations that a reign of political murders is taking place in Poland."

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January 31, 1946
Max. (Jan. 30) 33 Min. 00
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Normal 5.55 Last year 4.98
Forecast: Clear Friday.

Gash Seen Near Top Of Mountain

Search Launched As Transport Fails To Reach Denver

DENVER, Jan. 31 (AP)—Hope for the lives of 21 persons—including two honeymooners and a dozen soldiers—aboard a missing United Air Lines transport was all but abandoned after what appeared to be the wreckage of the plane was sighted on a mountain peak 65 miles northwest of Laramie, Wyoming.

Captain Frank Crismon, assistant flight supervisor of flight operation at Denver, led the aerial search which began at daylight when the plane was several hours overdue at Denver. About mid-morning he sighted a long, wide gash in the deep snow near the top of Elk mountain which towers 11,125 feet in the eastern fringe of the Rockies.

In his report to Denver he said this mark was sighted through broken clouds and in a stiff wind that made close approach to the peak impossible.

Not Definite
He did not report any signs of fire or a definite sighting of the smashed plane but said he was convinced that what he saw marked the crash of the transport. UAL officials here speculated that the body of the plane might be buried in the deep snow.

Crismon returned to Cheyenne, about 100 miles east of Elk mountain, to organize a ground search party but it was expected to be many hours before they could reach the remote Medicine Bow range area.

Snow on the mountain was estimated at four to five feet with drifts running up to much greater depth, perhaps as much as 12 or 15 feet.

Sheriff Glenn Penland of Rawlins, Wyo., set out with eight men in cars to scout the jagged peak to determine how best to reach the summit.

"They won't be able to get to any wreckage by car," Deputy Sheriff Jack Best said, "it will take skis and snowshoes."

Best said that some air searchers had reported seeing a burned spot about 200 feet from the summit.

Fire Partially Destroys Home

Fire which started in a woodshed and spread to the residence partially destroyed the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Brinson and three-year-old son Earl, 2406 Shasta way, at 10:30 a. m. today. The property is owned by M. R. Scott.

The woodshed was completely destroyed and damage of more than \$200 was done to the house. Brinson is an ex-serviceman. The city fire department received a call advising that the fire was in the city limits. On arriving the truck crew found the fire outside the city limits and they were unable to give aid.

The county fire department truck was also brought to the scene and succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

KF Temperature 3 Above Zero

Zero temperatures invaded this area again this morning although it was three above in Klamath Falls as compared to an even zero reading Wednesday.

It was 4 degrees below on Sun mountain on The Dalles-California highway and zero at both highway patrols on the Green-Springs and Quartz mountain. All roads are now sanded and sufficient manpower is available to keep all winter equipment rolling, the highway department said this morning.

Chains are still advised in any mountain travel out of Klamath Falls.

Pioneer Passes



Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 p. m. at Whitlock's for J. O. Hamaker, 89, pioneer Bonanza surveyor, business man, newspaper operator, and justice of the peace. He had lived in the Bonanza area for 66 years.

Henry Ford II Asks Removal Of Controls

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U. S. Freighter Said Sinking

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The grounded 9000-ton American freighter Luray Victory broke its back and was reported sinking early tonight on the Goodwin sands just as rescue craft from the southeast English coast reached her.

The Luray Victory, bound from Baltimore to Bremerhaven, had been aground 19 hours.

Rough seas, whipped by a gale, made rescue attempts difficult but another ship, the 8000-ton Am-Mer-Mar, bound from Galveston, Tex., to Rotterdam, was re-floated by British tugs after two hours on the sand bank.

The crew abandoned ship in a heavy sea. All were brought ashore in a lifeboat and fed and housed in a British army camp. No injuries were reported.

Buy It And Run It, Hood's Proposal To Complainants At Heat Plant Conference

An offer from D. O. Hood of the Klamath Heating company to sell the plant for about \$75,000 to anyone willing to handle it climaxed a two-hour meeting this morning of the state public utilities commissioner, heating company representatives and complaining heat consumers.

Hood said that it would require about another \$75,000 to make the additions and improvements that would put the plant on a basis of maximum efficiency, but said then he was sure it could be made a paying proposition. He expressed willingness to cooperate with a committee of consumers to work out a definite proposition.

"We've been hearing a lot about what ought to be done in management of this plant, and we're going to give you folks a chance to find out and do something about these problems," said Hood. He suggested the possibility of the organization of a cooperative to handle the deal.

There were no immediate "takers" on Hood's offer. The hearing with George Flagg, public utilities commissioner, was arranged by a committee representing the heat users when they felt that their bills from the company for December were unjustifiably high.

Present Complaints
Bert Hall, chairman of the committee, presented their overall complaints in a report to the commissioner, heading the list with charges of inadequacy of service and objecting to the rates charged on services furnished. The report explained that it was the committee's information that the interruption in service is caused by "lack of wood fuel and the shutting down of the plant for conversion to oil or because of mechanical difficulties."

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Case May Go To Jury Late In Afternoon

The case of the state of Oregon versus Earl Heuvel was expected to go to the jury at 3:30 today.

Rex Kimmel, attorney general prosecuting the former chief of police on sodomy charges, told the jury in his closing argument that if Heuvel did "commit this act he is just as guilty as if he committed this act against an angel."

The prosecution charged that the defense continually "yelled frame-up" when "they didn't have much else to talk about." Kimmel advised that none of the prosecution's major points has been disputed by the defense.

Taking the stand in his own behalf yesterday, Earl Heuvel denied that he fled from Klamath Falls in January, 1945, to escape justice but maintained he left to escape injustice.

He intended to stay away until his health was better, then when his wife, Virginia, came home from the army, to come back, hire private detectives and "fight the charge and this conspiracy against me."

A preliminary charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor had been placed against him at the time he left, a hearing conducted, and Heuvel was bound over to the grand jury and posted \$1000 bail. That charge, on which Heuvel was later indicted, concerned Willis Mae Collins, then 15, and her older sister, Margaret.

"Certain Factions"
"Certain factions in town didn't like me," Heuvel said, "and had tried numerous ways to get rid of me. One day Gunner Edward Kron, marine MP officer who had worked with me getting evidence on the activities of the Collins girls, told me he couldn't do me any more good, that he had his neck stuck out and had to get it back in and that he had been told by local politicians that the next time he evolved with these girls would probably get 20 years."

Heuvel later mentioned that a "certain individual had said 'if we don't get him on this one we'll get him on the next.'" He also mentioned Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney's public remark after the preliminary hearing that the Collins girls had lied during the hearing and were morally no good, "but there is sufficient cause to believe that the defendant, Earl Heuvel, guilty. Therefore I order him to be held to answer for the same."

Heuvel also testified that Sgt. Earl Tichenor of the state police had made remarks against him. He maintained he was victim of a "political frame-up" and had to get away for a while.

Under cross-examination he said that he knew the grand jury was in session at the time he fled from Klamath Falls, the contributing case would be brought before the body.

Unilateral Denial
Heuvel's testimony also included an emphatic and unilateral denial of the allegations of immoral conduct placed against him by Virginia Rose Gibson and Bernice Huff. He declared he had no recollection of ever seeing the girls personally before the time Miss Huff came into the courtroom during the trial last November in which she was complaining witness and Heuvel was gaining witness and Heuvel said that he might have interviewed them when they were first brought to the station on November 8, 1944, but could not recall doing so. He talked at length on cross-examination and booking routine at the jail and said that there was no way to place these girls in mind over the hundreds of other persons he has had contact with as police chief.

He was asked by his attorney, Earl Bernard, "Did you ever indulge in any immoral acts with her (Virginia Gibson)?" The answer was an emphatic "No."

"Did you ever at any time make any improper request to (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Man Not Held In Car Death

A coroner's jury in session Thursday morning failed to find sufficient evidence to charge James Herbert McCulloch, 20-year-old soldier, with a crime in connection with the injury and subsequent death of Mrs. Mary Donelson Frain.

Mrs. Frain was injured January 22 when she was struck by McCulloch's car on S. 6th and Martin, and the woman died at Klamath Valley hospital January 28.

The jury recommended that the proper authorities be urged to take immediate steps to reduce the traffic hazards in that particular area," referring to the S. 6th and Martin section.

Following is the jury's verdict: "That Mrs. Frain came to her death by means of injuries sustained in an automobile accident occurring January 22, 1946, and that while there is considerable evidence to indicate a degree of negligence on the part of the driver, we do not consider it sufficient to charge the driver with a crime thereby. However, should the district attorney feel the evidence sufficient to warrant further action, he should present the case to the grand jury."

"We further recommend that the proper authorities be urged to take immediate steps to reduce the traffic hazards of that particular area."

Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, advised that Mrs. Frain came to her death from multiple rib fractures with extensive damage to the lungs. Dr. Wayne Espersen also testified to this effect. There were no eye witnesses to the accident.

Young McCulloch, home on leave from the service, was not present at the inquest but had been advised of the investigation.

Members of the coroner's jury were Wyatt Padgett, foreman; John Sandmeyer, Harry C. Messinger, L. A. Murphy, Charles Everett Bohannon and George M. Esperson. The inquest was held at Ward's.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
Jennings Lowman, Maj., Klamath Falls, arriving on West Point due in New York from Manila approximately February 5.

Lester E. Newton, PFC, Weed, arrived on Cape Perpetua due in Seattle January 28.

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