

JUDGE DISCHARGES HEUVEL JURY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE is faintly hopeful news from UNO today.
Britain and Russia have been sparring back and forth over Greece, where the British still have troops (Greece is recognized as a part of the British "sphere of influence") in the Mediterranean. Today the dispute came out into the open, with the Russians charging that these British troops are endangering the peace, and British Foreign Minister Bevin retorting that he will welcome any inquiry into Russia's charges.
The debate, which is described cautiously in the censored dispatches as "warm," seems to have CLEARED THE AIR.

DR. HARTVIG FRISCH, a Danish delegate, says the spat "proves that distrust can be aired in frankness." He adds: "It is a new era."
Senator Tom Connally, a U. S. delegate, says: "That's what this organization is for—to get all these problems out in the open and air them so everybody can understand them and see what's going on. We can't leave all these diplomatic things bottled up as they've been in the past."

IF all the disputes that are sowing the world with suspicion could be brought out into the open and aired in frank debate without starting a free-for-all fight, it would indeed be a sign of progress toward a better world understanding.

IT is worth noting, incidentally, that in these ruckuses that threaten to upset our hopes of a less warlike world Russia's bark is almost invariably worse than her bite.

THERE is a hopeful sign from China, whose "unity conference" has just broken up peacefully after agreeing on a national assembly of 2050 members whose duty it will be to draft a constitution for China. The assembly's draft will be later reviewed by a 35-member all-party, nonpartisan commission.
Chiang Kai-shek intimates that the time may be near when he will pass out the ONE-PARTY ruler of China. Chou En-lai, the Chinese communist's No. 2 leader, says he has "full confidence that there will be no more civil strife in China."

GETTING the world back onto something like an even keel after great wars is an immense job—bigger in some ways than the wars themselves. Any sign that we are making progress in that direction is encouraging.

WHAT the world needs above all else is to get back to working and producing. Work is the best cure for most of humanity's troubles. But people won't work and produce effectively unless they have some HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

That is one thing wrong with us here in America. We're still too uncertain about the future. Those who work for wages fear that rising costs will swamp them if things go on as they now are going. As protection against what may happen, they want more wages—now.

Business is fearful that under existing price ceilings it will be unable to earn the money with which to pay the wages demanded—and so will go broke, as everyone must do who goes on selling for less than he pays.

Here in happy America, we are caught in much the same paralyzing cycle of fear and uncertainty as the rest of the world. WE need to get out of this cycle. Once we can get production started in a big way, most of our fears will evaporate.

As has been said often before in our history, there is nothing wrong with America that a period of real prosperity won't cure.

Chains Needed In High Areas

Motorists who ventured onto mountain roads leading from Klamath Falls were urged to either put chains on their cars or to carry them as snow swept over the area and created a hazardous condition on the highways.

Even on streets in the business area, cars were sliding and bumping fender to fender as driving became difficult through-out the day. Cars found it hard to get up slight inclines in the residential section without use of chains.

Eight inches of new snow, bringing the total depth to 107 inches, was the report from Sun Mountain on The Dalles-California highway; one and one-half inches of snow fell on the Green Springs and it was snowing on Quartz Mountain. The state highway department advised that all roads were plowed but slippery.

Coasting was the word for youngsters of the town and sleds were out in full force. Motorists were urged to use caution as they ventured into the coasting areas.

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40 Persons Lose Lives In Flames

Fire Sweeps Home For Aged In Suburb Of Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—At least 40 persons were buried fatally in a fire which this afternoon swept Jennings Hall, residence for aged men and women in suburban Garfield Heights, Safety Director C. O. Dettman of the suburb said.

Dettman reported the hall had 62 occupants, and of these only six escaped injury.
As quickly as firemen and volunteers could remove the victims, seven ambulances rushed them to nearby hospitals. A number were taken across the street to the Sisters of the Holy Ghost, a Roman Catholic institution, and others to St. Alexis, St. Luke and Bedford hospitals.

Cause Not Known
Cause of the blaze, starting in near-zero weather, was not determined immediately. The razed structure was a one-story frame building.

The home for the aged was established in 1942 and named for Magr. Gilbert P. Jennings, late pastor of St. Agnes Catholic church, who left the bulk of his estate for such a purpose. The home was administered by the Sisters of the Holy Ghost.

Sister Hyacinth, in charge of the Sisters of the Holy Ghost, said there was an explosion in the west end of the basement of the home, and that the structure almost instantly was engulfed in dense smoke and flames.

"Some witnesses tried to rescue occupants, who became panic-stricken and actually fought against rescue," Sister Hyacinth reported. "In some instances, it was necessary to force or throw victims out of the home."

Klamath Bids Waves Adieu

Only 15 men and four officers remained at the Klamath naval air station today as the entire personnel of the Waves moved out for further assignment, and 45 navy men took transportation Friday night to Seattle.

Klamath Falls, which played the role of host city to 60 Waves at peak operation of the air station, bade farewell to the last group Thursday night when 17 of the blue clad women left for Seattle where they will be assigned to further duty in the navy. The 17 who remained here were attached to the supply department. Ensign Elizabeth J. Lowry was the Wave representative.

Caretaker Status
The station, now on caretaker status, now has but a maintenance or caretaker crew at the base. Lt. Cmdr. S. A. Congdon is the commanding officer. The skeleton crew will remain on duty as long as the navy has control of the base.

Along with Cmdr. Congdon the following officers remain on duty: Lt. Cmdr. J. F. Fitzpatrick, public works officer; J. E. Brautigan, Ch. MM, transportation officer, and Lt. W. H. Campbell. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

School Census Indicates Population Of Klamath Falls 'Metropolitan Area' Now Stands At More Than 30,000 Residents

Population of the Klamath Falls "metropolitan area" is now more than 30,000, according to estimates made today on the basis of the returns from the annual school census.

Census takers for the schools reported 7549 children of school age in the city zone—including the city of Klamath Falls and surrounding suburbs. At the generally accepted ratio of 4 to 1 for estimating total population on the basis of school census, that shows more than 30,000 persons living in the zone. The 1940 census figure was 25,968.

School census for the entire county is 11,876, indicating a population of more than 47,000. The 1940 census population was 40,497.

Proof of the efficacy of the 4 to 1 ratio for population estimates may be found in the 1940 school census and federal census figures for Oregon. In that

CRASH 21 BODIES FOUND

Good-bye to Klamath Man



Hugh F. Tolley, U. S. bureau of reclamation engineer, grins happily into the phone as L. L. Lombard informs him he has won the 1946 Dodge sedan in the Oregon State Victory bond purchase drawing.

Military Housing Here To Be Released For Veterans

A ray of hope glimmered in the housing situation with word received that military housing will be released for the use of veterans and their families.

Col. Charles T. Brooks, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks, was advised Friday by the 13th naval district housing authority that about 30 of the FPHA units will be available for veteran occupancy immediately and as additional groups of 30 units become available they will also be open to veterans.

Applications for these housing facilities may be filed with the manager of the FPHA project.

Chilean Labor Calls Walkout

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 2 (AP)—The Chilean confederation of labor, preparing for a showdown on the government's labor policies, called a crippling strike today to enforce demands for recognition of nitrate unions and the formation of farm workers unions.

A partial strike, affecting railroad, electric, metallurgical and construction workers, was scheduled to start at 6 a. m. (5 a. m. EST).

A general strike of all of the federations 300,000 workers was ordered to start Monday and continue until the government rescinds a decree dissolving the striking nitrate unions.

Serum Flown To Port Orford

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—An emergency supply of serum was flown to this southern Oregon town after two-year-old Carol Irene Grange died in a diphtheria epidemic which has closed the high school.

Her mother, Mrs. Donald Grange—who came here from South Dakota recently with the child; her grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Lindberg, and two aunts have been stricken.
Many residents may already have been exposed to the disease, officials said.

ratio, applied to the Klamath metropolitan zone this year, would give a total population of 30,951.

Here is the school census report for the city zone:

City elementary district.....	4581
Shasta	794
Altamont	1674
Fairhaven	510
	7549

This table shows the city and county school district school census:

Klamath Falls	
Boys	2287
Girls	2294
	4581

County District	
Boys	3529
Girls	3466
	6995
Grand Total	11,576

21 Bodies Discovered By Climbers

Sled Dogs To Be Used In Taking Dead From Scene

ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., Feb. 2 (AP)—Two ground parties struggled to the wreckage of a United Air Lines plane on 11,162-foot Elk mountain today and lashed the bodies of its 21 occupants to toboggans for a treacherous descent.

ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., Feb. 2 (AP)—Trailblazers started climbing 11,162-foot Elk mountain today in the gruelling task of recovering the bodies of 21 persons killed when a United Air Lines plane crashed at a snowy 10,000-foot elevation early Thursday.

The bodies, scattered over a wide area, and the shattered Seattle-New York plane were discovered by climbers late yesterday after a lashing snowstorm subsided.

Sunny weather with a brisk wind prevailed today as the first party started its ascent, to be followed by another group and sled dogs. The dogs will be used to pull the bodies down the last lap, the hogback of the mountain.

Heading the first party was Lewis T. Long, engineering superintendent for UAL at Cheyenne.

Eleven army-trained Alaskan huskies were brought to this southern Wyoming community from Fort Robinson, Neb. They were tethered to cottonwoods at Elk Mountain's only hotel while toboggans, to carry the bodies, were built from timber from the landmark mountain that had been the scene of several plane crashes in past years.

The bodies were located by two Hanna, Wyo., coal miners, Edward and Joe Hicks, who made their way up the mountain by "weasel," an army vehicle that travels over snow, snowshoes and skis. They later met another group which had fought its way 1000 feet above the wreckage without seeing it.

Groundhog Fails To See Shadow

That shy little animal the groundhog couldn't see its shadow today for snowflakes and so wasn't frightened into hiding.

An early spring is indicated by the groundhog's action, according to tradition. If he sees his shadow when he makes his pre-spring debut on February 2, it frightens him into hiding for another six weeks, delaying spring for that length of time.

Although the mercury rose to 23 degrees during the last 12 hours, Saturday dawned dull and gloomy with a swirling fall of fine flakes covering the town with a thick blanket of powder snow.

VFW Plans Post Home In Klamath

Construction and operation of a post home for the local unit of Veterans of Foreign Wars is the purpose of incorporation of the Overseas Veterans Building commission of Klamath Falls, it was announced today.

Members of the commission are the members of the post executive committee. They are Frank Sobczak, J. N. Brochtrup, H. J. McGilvray, W. L. Thompson, Ray E. Williams, Bert Paulson and H. E. Roufs, with an additional three to be elected by the post.

A building site has been selected near Main street, and preliminary planning is now underway. Post officials said that sensational post growth has made acquisition of suitable facilities of immediate importance.

WEATHER

(February 2)
Max. (Feb. 1).....35 Min.23
Precipitation last 24 hours......01
Stream year to date

Killed In Crash



Capt. W. P. Briggs (top) was executive officer of a United Air Lines mainliner which crashed on a flight from Portland, Ore., to Denver, Colo., and Dorothy Jean Carter (below) was stewardess. Three members of the crew and 18 passengers were killed.

Meat Ration May Hit U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—A possibility of drastic changes in food allotments for foreign nations and perhaps even a return to meat rationing in this country arose today as a result of a growing shortage of grains.

The matter has become so serious that a full-scale review of the entire food situation has been set down for next Thursday's cabinet meeting at the White House, Secretary Anderson disclosed.

A congressional investigation of the food problem also was on tap. Chairman Pace (D-Ga.) said in a statement a special house committee on food shortages would start an inquiry into supplies of butter and dairy products on February 14 and would study later the grain and sugar situation. Producers and government officials have been asked to testify.

Re-Trial Of Morals Case Now Started

After 25 hours of intense deliberation, the 12-man jury hearing the sensational sodomy case against Earl Heuvel reported a hopeless deadlock and was discharged at 4:13 yesterday afternoon by Judge Arlie G. Walker.

This morning the prosecution and defense attorneys began the arduous task of selection of a jury to hear a re-trial of the case.

Worn and haggard by his five-day courtroom ordeal, the ex-chief of Klamath Falls police sat in court this morning with his army nurse wife, Virginia, listening to his attorneys, Herbert P. Welch of Lakeview and Earl Bernard of Portland, begin again the fight to clear him of the morals charge.

Looking tired and disheveled from a sleepless night and day in the close confines of the circuit court jury room, the 12 men filed into the jury box shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and Foreman Ben Henzel told Judge Walker that they could not agree on a verdict and that further deliberation was useless.

Unofficially, the jury was reported hung at eight to four for conviction. Ten to two is needed for a verdict.

Henzel told the judge they had been deadlocked on every ballot for 14 hours and that during the last two hours in the jury room there was only a slight change.

Twice before they were dismissed the jury had reported they were unable to come to a decision but both times were told by Judge Walker to keep trying.

The case had gone to the jury at 3:10 Thursday afternoon and yesterday morning the jurors came back into the courtroom to have Judge Walker repeat his instructions on troublesome points in the case.

Judge Walker, who is here from McMinnville to preside over the Heuvel trials, had intended to start proceedings this morning on the contributing to the delinquency of a minor charge, but decided to immediately re-try the sodomy case when the jury failed to reach a verdict.

Complaining witness on this count is Virginia Rose Gibson, 19-year-old The Dalles girl, and the state's corroborating witness is Bernice Evelyn Huff, formerly of The Dalles and now of Vero Beach, Fla.

Judge Walker's decision to call for an immediate re-trial was influenced by the state's desire not to cause the Huff girl another trip across the country from Florida.

Willie Mae and Margaret Collins, prosecution witnesses in the contributing case, are also in Klamath Falls now.

Selection of a new jury today was a tedious chore for both sides and Welch and District Attorney Clarence A. Humble were proceeding on the theory that every prospective juror has read and discussed the case, but are attempting to find 12 persons who have not formed any definite opinions.

If the trial jury is selected this afternoon court will probably be recessed until Monday morning before any evidence is presented.

The Gun Store Legend Recalls Unsolved Mystery Of 'Who Killed Johnny Ansel?'

The Gun Hangs High

A pot-bellied stove, the warm acrid smell of wild skins drying, the jargon of men from the woods, Indians, trappers, hunters and above all the bustling salesmanship of Barney Chambers.

These are the memories of The Gun Store, an institution of "the good old days" of Klamath Falls.

The huge gun, long a symbol of Barney Chambers' store, first hung next to Swansons' barber shop on Main between 6th and 7th. Later it moved to the corner of 7th and Klamath and now it's back on Main street between 7th and 8th.

The Gun Store legend is linked with the personality of Barney Chambers. It also brings to mind one of the most sensational murders of its day and the unsolved mystery of "who killed Johnny Ansel?"

Barney Chambers is long since dead. He lived in the growing pain days of Klamath Falls. The Gun Store passed from his hands before his death on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1937. It was bought through sheriff's sale January 7, 1938, by O. K. Puckett and Prentice Puckett. "Prent" had worked for Barney several years previous. Fred Houston, another pioneer merchant, bought into the store in 1939 and the three operated the business until August 3, 1942, when Prentice bought out his brother and Houston. The first of the year The Gun Store again had new owners. This time it was the Drew family, N. B. and his four sons, Greer, Frank, Cecil and Lloyd.

Fruitless Search
The story of The Gun Store, the murder of Johnny Ansel, the death of Barney Chambers, the fruitless search for John Meek for whom a warrant had been issued in the Ansel case, all this might make poor reading if Klamath history bores, but it is a habit of old timers here to tell and re-tell the stories of the town.

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The Gun Store at 714 Main retains the huge wooden gun which has hung for almost 40 years in Klamath Falls.