

France Halts Commercial Relations With Spain By Closing 300-Mile Border

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN
 HENDAYE, France, March 1 (AP)—France broke off all commercial relations with Spain today by closing the 300-mile border between the two countries in protest against the continuance in power of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime. The official closure, effective at midnight, was devoid of drama. As the hour passed, frontier guards patrolled both sides of the border as usual. The weather was blustery and rainy. Actually, the frontier was

closed two hours before midnight when the customs offices finished the day's work. The Paris express arrived an hour late, but was permitted to cross, carrying the last regular travelers, mostly Belgian, Portuguese and Spanish nationals. The French action effectively severs all commercial intercourse between the two countries, including telegraph, postal, rail and road communications. Foreign diplomats, Red Cross and UNRRA workers are excepted from the ban on travel, as are Portuguese, French and Spanish nationals returning home.

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Falls to Cross

The last person to try to cross—and fall—was a young German attempting to return to his family in Spain. He had entered France illegally and had been apprehended. French officials were trying to send him back before the border closed, but Spanish officials didn't want him either. The only commercial traffic which will be permitted between the two countries is food en route to Portugal or Switzerland, UNRRA supplies in transit through Spain. Some concern was expressed here that this might further cut the already slim French food supply, since France has been importing quantities of fruit and fish. In Paris, the political bureau of the French communist party adopted as a motto: "not one boat, not one train, not one automobile, not one bit of merchandise for Franco's Spain. Down with Franco. Long live republican Spain."

Limestone Deposits To Be Investigated

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, March 1 (AP)—R. G. Anderson, agent for the Aluminum Company of America, said yesterday he would go to Kosuisko island today to obtain further information on limestone deposits there. ALCOA recently announced it hopes to use Alaska limestone in new northwest metal developments centering at Vancouver, Wash., and Troutdale, Oregon.

Growers Will Get Fertilizer

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The agriculture department told Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) today fruit growers in the Pacific northwest would have more fertilizer available this year than last. Cordon asked about the situation after Oregon growers estimated fertilizer would be scarce. They said exports might deplete U. S. stocks. The department told Cordon in a letter that for every ton of ammonium nitrate exported three tons were imported and the supply will be substantially greater than last year. It said a price situation in Canada which prevented exportation of fertilizer to this country had been solved and more of it should come across the border. The department also said army ordnance plants manufacturing fertilizer have increased their outputs.

Accidents Kill 2 Members Of Family

FLORENCE, March 1 (AP)—Two fatal accidents within a week—Lt. (jg) Franklin Spencer and his half-brother, Ronald A. Evans—have saddened the Harry Spencer family. Spencer was killed when the navy transport Goodhue collided with the army dredge Trinook Wednesday at Hampton Roads, Va. Evans lost his life in a woods accident on the Santiam river Monday.

HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By JOAN O'NEILL
 The basketball tournament for this district will be played in the Southern Oregon College of Education gymnasium starting at 7:30 tonight with a game between Ashland and Grants Pass. The first Pelican game will be about 9 o'clock with Medford.

For this reason school was rather depleted as quite a few of the kids went to Ashland to see the tournament. Tickets were available in advance for the games in the main office at school as well as being sold in Ashland.



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Pep Assembly

The pep assembly for the conference in Ashland was held at 9:05 this morning. In this way the team was able to attend. Mary O'Brien, mistress-of-ceremony, introduced the first number, which was sung by Alyce Wells, "I'm in the Mood for Love." Barbara Zinn accompanied her on the piano. "Dutch" French, basketball coach, gave a short speech to the effect that he wished to thank everyone connected with basketball this year including the yelling groups and the publicity department for making this a very successful year.

Melvin Stoeklin sang "It's Been a Long, Long Time" and "I'll Buy That Dream" for the student body. Bob Clammer and Arlo Shultz gave a skit with a take-off on Captain Midnight which pictured the radio serial in Ashland.

Five members of the KUHS faculty were present for the assembly singing songs such as Daisy and Genieve. Charles Woodhouse on the piano, Paul Deller, Fred Goodwin, John Best, and Wendell Smith, as the quartet, made up the group. The band and yell squads were present for the assembly doing their bit. One yell was given for the team with the

Nationally Known Newsman Passes On 85th Birthday

DES MOINES, March 1 (AP)—Gardner Cowles Sr., who left the investment business at the age of 43 to become one of the nation's leading newspaper publishers, died last night on his 85th birthday.

After 20 years in the banking business, Cowles in 1903 acquired control of the Des Moines Register and Leader which had a circulation of 14,000. Today, as the Des Moines Register and Tribune, the same paper has more than 350,000 daily circulation.

In 1932 President Hoover drafted Cowles to serve as one of the original directors of the reconstruction finance corporation. In Washington last night, Hoover described Cowles as "a great citizen of the midwest and of our nation."

Cowles was born in Oskaloosa, Ia., the son of a Methodist minister. He is survived by his widow and six children including John Cowles, president of the Minneapolis (Minn.) Star-Journal and Tribune, and Gardner Cowles Jr., president of the Register and Tribune company, of Look magazine, and of the Cowles Broadcasting company.



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Stockholders To Hold Meet

The annual stockholders meeting of the Klamath National Farm Loan association will be held at a luncheon Saturday noon at the Willard.

C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agricultural agent, will speak on the future of agriculture, and E. A. Geary will preside at the meeting. H. E. Hamaker, secretary-treasurer, announced today. The luncheon will be followed by a short business session at which new directors will be elected for 1946.

CONTRACT AWARDED
 PORTLAND, March 1 (AP)—The Bonneville power administration today announced award of \$69,932.70 contract to H. H. Walker, Ellensburg, Wash., for construction of an Albany-Toledo, Ore., 115-kilowatt transmission line.

Navy Hunts 3 Missing Men

RICHMOND, Va., March 1 (AP)—The navy is continuing its search for three men reported missing after the collision of a liberty boat with the army dredge Chinook Wednesday in Hampton Roads near the naval station. Nearby vessels rescued 27 occupants of the boat. The liberty party was returning to the assault transport Goodhue. The missing were listed as Lt. (jg) Franklin A. Spencer, Florence, Ore.; Arthur D. Adams, motor machinist's mate 2/c, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; and Daniel E. E. Jennen, seaman 1/c, Fergus Falls, Minn.

VETS ENROLL
 LA GRANDE, March 1 (AP)—Fifty Union county veterans are enrolled in the GI apprentice training program, learning jobs in business and industry.

squad standing in front of the stage.

Oyster Bed Case Heard

PORTLAND, March 1 (AP)—The Coos Bay oyster bed case, in which three Salem and one Portland man are charged with mail fraud, moved into its fifth day today after two witnesses testified they had invested in the enterprise but received no proceeds.

W. T. Hatterberg, Salem farmer, asserted he paid the men nearly \$10,000 for 100 beds without getting any income for oyster sales. Mrs. Cecelia Beitel, Stayton, said her husband and sons paid about \$7400 for 126 beds and \$2400 more for seeding part of them.

She declared two of the defendants showed her husband, Alois, checks described as profits going to other oyster bed owners. L. P. Morgan, Salem banker, testified that \$261,000 was added to one of the defendants' bank accounts from 1941-43 and \$75,000 through their seeding account in a 1942-43 period. George G. Beckner, Coos Bay, manager of the oyster beds, said the enterprise was not misrepresented at various "oyster meetings." He stated he sent eight loads of "good quality" oysters from the site to Portland.

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