

BOMB TESTS MAY BE DELAYED INDEFINITELY

The Day's News

City Action On Airport Called For

The city of Klamath Falls last night was urged to accept an interim permit as revised by the navy to place flying here on a satisfactory operating basis at the Klamath naval air station.

Members of the city airport commission met in the city council chambers and also in attendance were members of the aviation committee of the chamber, four commercial operators now doing business at the airport, representatives of the veterans administration and other interested parties.

C. A. Dunn, newly named chairman of the commission, presided.

Open Airport
Phil Hitchcock, director in charge of the chamber group, advised that his committee feels it necessary to open the airport, at present operated by tacit permit with no one in direct authority. Present use, it was pointed out, includes the runways and old hangars, but does not include any of the navy installations, those installations made since the navy took over under lease for the duration of the war and for a period of six months thereafter.

To date, the city has not accepted the interim permit from the navy.

It was suggested to the commission by the chamber committee representatives, that if "it could be done in any way not prejudicing the interests of the city, the interim permit as revised by the navy be executed and that an application for designation by the civil aeronautics authority be made" and "that the commission request of the navy the temporary use of the hangars on the naval air station."

Money Issue
Mayor Ed Ostendorf advised that the city did not wish to involve itself in expenditures in excess of income. An offer was (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Authorization Delays KFLW

Station KFLW, The Herald and News radio station, has been advised by the federal communications commission in Washington, D. C., that final authorization permitting the station to go on the air should be forthcoming within the next few days. It will not be possible for KFLW to join the American Broadcasting company and make its inaugural broadcast this Sunday, which had been hoped earlier in the week.

Gilbert Walters, KFLW chief engineer, reports that equipment tests are progressing very favorably each morning between 1 and 6 a. m., and that complete test programs in this period may be expected early next week.

Long distance reception reports will be requested on these test programs and it is fully anticipated that KFLW reception will be recorded from all over the United States.

Frequency measurements have been consistently made with San Francisco and a very strong signal strength has been reported.

"KFLW is just as anxious to go on the air as listeners are to hear it," Walters said today.

A definite date will be set early next week, in ample time for listeners in this area to tune in on KFLW's inaugural broadcast.

CIO-IWA To Hold Conference Here

A drive to organize lumber industry workers in southern Oregon was announced in Portland by CIO-IWA President James E. Fading and union agents will meet with Klamath basin pine operators here Monday morning.

Negotiations for a new working contract will be taken up then.

Fading said that the campaign would be a part of a general CIO movement to organize labor in this region and that he would leave today for Washington to confer with national CIO organizational directors.

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Stalin Statement Eases Tension

Price Boost Approved For Western Pine

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — Paul Porter, OPA administrator, announced today an increase in the sales price of western pine lumber and declared that some criticism of the agency's pricing policies resulted from "pressure" instead of "facts."

Speaking at a meeting of western lumber men, senators and representatives, Porter said that contentions that OPA was responsible for a lumber shortage had been "translated into a powerful effort to force drastic across-the-board lumber price increases."

"If we are to meet the huge lumber requirements of our national housing program and other construction, we must have an end to name calling and pressure tactics," Porter said.

Then he told the meeting that the OPA had decided to grant the western pine industry an increase in average sales prices of \$4.60 a 1000 board feet.

As to Douglas fir lumber, he said, the OPA lacks information to support a general increase at this time.

At the same time, Porter read a letter from the OPA to Irving E. Kesterson, chairman of the industry advisory committee for western wooden agricultural containers. The letter disclosed that OPA had accepted a committee recommendation for price adjustments for western wood containers for food.

Prices of cherry boxes are increased \$14.50 a 1000 board feet, Porter said, adding: "The mailing charges for all boxes assembled by all distributing warehouses are increased 20 per cent and a mark up of \$5 allowed to certain metropolitan factories on local sales is now to be allowed on all sales by such factories."

Criticizing the adjustment as inadequate, Kesterson declared that there still is a need for price relief on western box shooks to give back a full amount of current wage advances and increased lumber costs.

Otherwise, he declared, there will be a shortage of containers to move the Pacific coast's 1946 perishable crop of fruits and vegetables.

He said a ceiling price increase of \$2.38 is required to offset recent wage increases. Porter replied that the committee had failed to furnish information on recent costs and earnings.

The same action was discussed here when the milk situation first came to a head, but cooler deliberation decided against any outlaw dealings because of the heavy fines the OPA can legally hang on distributors.

Before yesterday's announcement from Roseburg the Douglas county dairymen had several times assured local dairymen they were solidly behind Klamath producers in dealing with the OPA. Klamath dairymen are spearheading the fight in southern Oregon as are Portland operators upstate.

Meanwhile, in Roseburg, Douglas county dairymen have gone a step further in demanding an OPA dairy showdown. Producers there have announced that they will raise prices in that area Monday whether the OPA approves or not, but that governmental agency has threatened court action if price ceilings are ignored.

The war department today announced the death of Maj. Gen. James E. Parker in the crash of his army flying fortress in northern Formosa, and listed as missing nine other officers and men aboard.

Parker commanded the 20th air force.

The plane, en route from Shanghai to Nichols field, near Manila, crashed and burned Tuesday.

Iranian Protest Third On Agenda

NEW YORK, March 23 (AP) — Consideration of the Iranian complaint against Russia was handed a high priority today on the provisional agenda of the United Nations security council, which is due to open its sessions Monday.

The Iranian question, concerning the country's protest against the continued presence of Soviet troops on its territory in alleged violation of a tripartite treaty, was listed as item No. 3 in the agenda which will be submitted to the 11-nation group.

Hollywood Bound!



Seven-year-old Diane Micks, winner of the Klamath County Kapers contest, said goodbye to Charles R. Stark, manager of the Klamath County chamber of commerce, as she left this morning for a two-day stay in Hollywood. Mrs. Micks is accompanied by her mother, Mrs. George Micks of Malin. Admiring friends and other representatives of the Junior chamber of commerce, gathered at the Southern Pacific station to see her off.

Growers Okay Plans For Starch Factory

MERRILL, March 23—Unanimous approval of plans for establishing a starch factory in this area was given by more than 100 Klamath and Tulelake potato growers meeting Friday afternoon in the high school gymnasium here.

Details of organization, financing, processing and sales were outlined by Henry Carstensen and other officials of the Northwest Chemurgic Cooperative now operating two plants in Washington and at The Dalles, Ore.

Need for a local outlet for cull potatoes in this district was first brought to the attention of the cooperative more than a year ago by a committee from the Malin chamber of commerce and later by other basin organizations.

Operation of a plant here would be the means of diverting practically all culls into starch and in using No. 2 grade also in big crop years when markets are slow.

Plans suggested by Carstensen were for a 30-40 ton capacity plant in a centralized location to be built at a probable cost of \$200,000. Both Merrill and Hatfield were suggested as possible sites.

Present price being paid for culls is \$10 per ton.

Glucose has been imported from Holland and South America and present supplies fall far short of demand. Starch only would be manufactured here, the finished product to be sent to the plant now operating at The Dalles for processing into glucose.

The plant would operate nine months of the year with probably 40 persons employed.

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Assertions Held Hope For Peace

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — Diplomatic circles and newspapers generally forebore an easing of world tension today as a result of Generalissimo Stalin's statement to the Associated Press that no nation is "seeking another war."

Stalin, who also affirmed his confidence in the United Nations Organization as a "serious instrument" for preserving peace, made his assertions in a written reply yesterday to three questions put to him by AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore.

Cooling Effect
Gustav Rasmussen, Denmark's foreign minister, said the statement would "be welcomed in Denmark" and would "no doubt have a cooling effect on those who have lately shown some signs of excitement."

In Washington, a White House spokesman said that President Truman's reaction was that he always had known that was exactly the way Stalin felt.

British government leaders declined comment for publication. Winston Churchill, reached on the Queen Mary on which he is returning to England following a visit in the United States, said he had "no comment."

London observers close to the international situation, however, said that Stalin had removed some of the basis for speculation that Russia would withdraw from the United Nations because of the Iranian issue.

Most London morning newspapers carried the full text of the Gilmore interview on their front pages and the Soviet News, published in London by the Russian embassy, printed the interview under a banner headline which said, "Stalin replies to Associated Press correspondent."

At a news conference Qavam chuckled at a reporter's inquiry: "What would you do if the Russians decided to remain in Iran in spite of possible official opposition by the security council?"

The premier said he did not believe he would be called upon to make such a decision.

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Asserting he was "sure a satisfactory solution, one way or the other, will be found," Qavam said:

"Evacuation of Russian troops from Iran is the fundamental problem, its agreement would solve others."

Assessing the situation, he said: "The documents form the basis of much of the case against Canadian government employees accused of turning over to Russia scientific secrets and other wartime confidential data."

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Experiments Postponed By Truman

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — The possibility that the atomic bomb tests in the Pacific may be delayed indefinitely was raised today by two men closely linked with preparations for the event.

President Truman announced last night that the tests had been postponed "about six weeks" to enable more congressmen to witness the experiment.

In response to a question at a news conference this morning, Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said he had no information on a specific new date for the tests, originally scheduled for May 15 off Bikini atoll in the Marshall Islands.

Seeks Action
The two officials who suggested the possibility of an indefinite delay talked to a reporter about the same time that Senator Huffman (D-Ohio) disclosed he intends to seek senate action cancelling the tests entirely.

Huffman said in a statement at Columbus "the postponement should be made permanent."

The two officials, who would not allow the use of their names, said they thought the six weeks postponement would be extended indefinitely, or at least until former World War II allies have adjusted their post-war differences.

Dangerous Topic
One official said it would be "rather dangerous to discuss" the real reasons at this time when "there is every indication that an improvement in the general picture is in evidence."

"Nothing should be allowed to disturb that trend at this time," he added. "The tests may well be delayed until everybody is pulling together."

Agreeing with this view, the other source said that the first test of the bombs now tentatively set about six weeks after the original date of May 15 was "doubtful." The remaining tests, he said, appear certain to be postponed.

Premier Sure Of Solution

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