Russians Continue To Withdraw From Iran

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The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IT seems to be the Iran situation AS OF THIS MORN-

...d army troops are moving ... Stalin says that questions ...lved in their withdrawal ... ALREADY BEEN SOLVED ... agreement between the ...et government of Iran. ...e United States and Britain ... insisting that both Russia ...Iran "should" (the dispatches ...t say "shall") report to the ... security council (now ...ting in New York) the DE-...LS of whatever agreement ... have made.

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...s a fair guess that a lot of ...ce-saving is going on. We ... the British, as well as the ...ians, have to save our faces. ...-saving has ALWAYS been ...ortant in diplomacy.

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...CIDENTALLY, Hugh Baillie, ...esident of UP, drew from ...in the statement that the ... issue has been settled by ...ement. He offered UP's ...ities for placing before the ...erican people anything Stalin ...ht want to say—which is all ...e good.

...e oftener and the MORE ...ANKLY Stalin talks to our ...ple, the better it will be. It ...ld be STILL better if Stalin ...ld permit our people to talk ...ctly to the Russian people.

...f we are to get along with ...sia, there must be fairness ... STRAIGHT TALK on both ... The more of it the better.

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...s Britain's ox, not ours, that ...s being gored in all this Near ... Middle East and Balkans ...iness.

...ussia's ambitions, whatever ...y are, in this whole area ...aten the British "lifeline" to ...a, Malaya, etc. Once Rus-...s established in the Mediter-...ean and the Near and Middle ..., she can CUT Britain's com-...nications (shipping, etc.) ...ewever she chooses.

...hat is a long, long story. It ... been BRITAIN, more than ...one else, that has kept Rus-...out of the Dardanelles. There ... long score to settle on that ...t, and Russia probably feels ...t NOW is the time to settle it.

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...E naturally want to help the ... British all we can. Their ...ests and ours lie close to-...her.

...BUT—

...e want to get along with ...sia, and recognize that we ...ST.

...AND—

...e don't want to go to war ... Russia to save the British ...ire as an empire. (Besides, ...n't improbable that India ... be lost to the British, any-... There's a lot of heat ...re.)

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...ITH the old "spheres of in-...fluence" crumbling and new ...s being built up, with the ...ish empire no longer phys-...ly able to PROTECT ITSELF ...inst the new forces that are ...ing, with the knowledge ...ing us that WE AND RUSSIA ... the TWO dominant forces in ... world and that survival of ...dern civilization may depend ... our ability to get along ... each other, this is a time ... straight thinking.

...Straight thinking tells us that ...e were land-locked, as Rus-...a, we'd probably be demand-... OUTLETS to the world's ...mmerce—as Russia is.

...It's a fair guess that we're go-... to have to do some more ...ing in this Mediterranean-...r East-Middle East situation. ...ither that or face trouble.

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...HERE is a startling new pos-...sibility in the news today.

...Science is said to have come ...ough with a way to "de-...ature" plutonium and U-235 so ...t these raw materials can be ...d to develop commercial ...mic energy BUT NOT TO ...AKE A-BOMBS.

...The danger has been that ...nts turning out commercial ...mic power might at the same ...e be making atom bombs as ...sideline. The "denaturing" ...cess, it is suggested on what ...ms to be good authority to-..., could STOP that.

...The point is that by use of ...s denaturing process the mak-... of atom bombs could be more ...lly and more certainly con-...lled by international action.

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...ERE is a thought:

We have been SCARED SO ...TEN by things THAT NEVER ...PPENED. Maybe science, ...ving as it has before as the ...ndmaiden of human progress, ... learned how to pull the atom ...mb's teeth.

...For the present, let us hope so. ...t will be at least pleasant, ... a change, to have SOME-...ING to hope for.

...irst' Pelican ...een By Fisher

...Don C. Fisher, custodian of ... Lava Beds national monu-...nt, who always has his eye out ... the early birds of the season, ...sed The Herald and News ... morning that he saw the ... pelican, at least the first ... seen, early Monday.

...The birds, big beaks, pouch ...all, were winging their way ...rom the south and settled on ... jump at Tule lake. They ...ed fat and healthy, Fisher ... and one confidential bird ... the Lava Beds custodian ... it was nice in the far south ... it was always better to be ... in their northern habitat. ...is is according to Fisher!)

Tule Lease Bids Made By 116 Vets

West Submits Highest Offer At $76.60 Per Acre

An average of $44.10 per acre was bid on Tule lake lease land, bids of 116 veterans opened Monday showed.

Don L. West, veteran of three years European service and wearer of the Purple Heart, submitted the highest bid of $76.60 per acre. West's bid was for lot 13 of a little over 60 acres, adjacent to the Great Northern railway and he started today preparing the ground for planting onions.

Each high bid was covered by a check and the overall amount received totaled $310,472.87, of which $55,948.11 was retained by the U. S. bureau of reclamation for awarded leases.

Many Bids

So many bids were received for leases on this rich bottom land that it took reclamation clerks nearly three hours to open and list them. Until a complete check has been made, W. I. Tingley, chief reclamation clerk stated, present awards must be considered tentative.

Lot 7, also on the railway, received the second high bid at $71.11 per acre, 60 acres, submitted by Dale Sprout. Bob Heiney submitted the high bid of $53.11 per acre for lot 17, the third on the railway. James D. Woodman bid at $60.42 per acre on lot 8.

Few of the 116 veterans submitting bids, bid on only one of the 17 lots and most of them bid on several. Lots 7, 8 and 9 were the most popular, receiving approximately 72 bids each. Lot 6, of 49 acres, received the fewest bids—only 16—and received the lowest award bid of $21.17 per acre submitted by S. T. Waldrip.

Just Missed

One veteran remarked that he had missed receiving an award by just 30 cents.

Two of the lots are already in alfalfa and will be left in this crop. Most of the other acreage will probably be planted now and will be harvested in early fall.

Present Portland market price on Oregon yellow onions is $2.86 per 50-pound sack. A percentage of this year's crop is expected to be sold for dehydration for shipping overseas. West said he plans to plant the white globe variety onion.

Tentative Awards

Other tentative awards on Tule lake lease land went to Maurice E. Jamison for lot 1 at $33 per acre; lot 2, Roy Price, $32.83 per acre; lot 3, Harold C. Monroe, $31.75 per acre; lot 4, William Dingler, $38.31; lot 5, Warren J. Flournoy, $31.75; lot 9, A. Kenneth Jones, $47.88; lot 10, Harrell R. Cosart, $44.05.

Lot 11, Robert D. Woodman, $41.26; lot 12, French E. Johnson Jr., $33.16; lot 14, M. W. Cross, $47.77; lot 15, Robert L. Baker, $36.17; lot 16, Tom J. Rink, $51.

Lid Clamped On Building

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) The government, acting to speed construction of homes for veterans, today clamped drastic restrictions on building or repair of virtually all other structures.

The civilian production administration issued a far-reaching order, effective at once, forbidding the start of any new commercial or industrial construction unless specifically authorized.

This applies to such things as stores, office buildings, roadhouses, theatres and factories.

The objective is to make more scarce building materials available for the 2,700,000 new homes the government is aiming at during the next two years.

The measure, announced by National Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt and CPA Administrator John D. Small, applies throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin islands. It probably will be extended later to Alaska and Hawaii.

Reds Seek To Block Iran Quiz

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—Overriding persistent Soviet efforts to block a hearing for Iran, the United Nations security council voted 9 to 2 today to keep the Iranian complaint against Russia on its agenda for an immediate hearing.

The positive decision to put the Iranian case on the agenda came immediately after the council rejected, also by a 9 to 2 vote, a proposal by Russian Ambassador Andrei Gromyko to eliminate the appeal from council consideration.

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—The Big Three split sharply in the United Nations security council today, with Russia trying to block a council inquiry into the Iranian situation and in early afternoon the peace-enforcement agency recessed without reaching a vote.

Secretary of State Byrnes, who led the fight for having the council go into the case on Iran's appeal against the presence of red army troops in that country, served notice that he wanted to make a second speech this afternoon. At least two other speeches were in prospect.

The immediate issue was whether the council should accept Iran's appeal for a hearing and put the case on the agenda or reject it. At recess the British-American position apparently lacked only one vote of the necessary majority of seven.

Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko said in a statement to the council today that Russia and Iran had made an agreement for the withdrawal of red forces from Iran and that this was Russia's report to the council on the situation. Byrnes and Sir Alexander Cadogan of Britain wanted the agreement itself filed with the council.

Poland stood with Russia.

Cadogan and Byrnes insisted that both Russia and Iran should report on their agreement on the removal of Russian troops which Prime Minister Stalin officially disclosed to the world last night.

Oppose Byrnes

Gromyko said Byrnes' position seemed to be in contradiction to the charter which says that situations only endangering peace and security should come before the council.

"The conditions necessary for the inclusion of the subject on the agenda have not been satisfied," Gromyko said. It was his second speech to the council, his first having been a request for rejection of the Iranian appeal for council help.

His implication seemed to be that the Iranian situation does not endanger peace and security, for he declared that because of withdrawal of red army troops, underway since last Sunday, the situation is no longer the same as it was when Iran appealed to the council 10 days ago.

Russia opposed having the council take up the Iranian case, at least insofar as it was presented by complaints lodged with the peace-enforcement agency by Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala. In sharp opposition, Secretary of State Byrnes for the United States and Sir Alexander Cadogan for Britain, declared the case must be heard.

No Need

Gromyko said there was no need even to place the Iranian case on the council agenda for further discussion because it had been settled by an agreement between Moscow and Tehran.

Byrnes replied that if Russia had made such an agreement it should have informed the security council, and certainly, he argued, the council would not with so deny Iran an opportunity to be heard.

Police Clear Angry Crowd

PITTSBURGH, March 26 (AP) Mounted state police today cleared a street and sidewalks in front of Westinghouse Electric corporation's struck East Pittsburgh works where an angry crowd earlier booed and jostled supervisory workers entering the plant.

As the policemen rode up on the sidewalks, waving long nightsticks, the crowd scattered from in front of the horses but closed in behind the policemen, shouting taunts while a union public address system blared:

"Solidarity forever."

There was no violence and none was injured.

The police, part of a force estimated in excess of 200, were assigned to clear Braddock avenue which passes the plant's main entrance. The horsemen were followed by an additional force of police on foot.

The state police detail was headed by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Mauk, who conferred on the scene with Allegheny County Sheriff Walter C. Monaghan. Monaghan requested intervention of the state police in maintaining order among the crowd.

Paul Skeen Will Leave Klamath

Paul E. Skeen, manager of Leons and recently named as a member of district No. 2 school board, announced today that he will leave Klamath Falls for Salem to take over management of that branch of Leons.

Skeen leaves April 20. He advised members of the board, in session last night, that he was resigning his appointment. Mrs. Skeen and two children, Carolyn and Paul V., will remain here until school ends.

The local manager will be replaced by E. R. Lent of Vancouver, Wash., who has managed Leons there. Skeen came to Klamath Falls in 1936 from Marshfield where he served as the Coos Bay manager of Leons. He has been active in the Klamath County chamber of commerce and is now president of the Klamath Retail Merchants association.

Germans Kill U. S. Soldier, Yank Corporal Emasculated

FRANKFURT, March 26 (AP) Military police said today a gang of German youths had emasculated a 26-year-old American army corporal and killed another U. S. soldier near the border of Russian-occupied Germany.

The corporal, whose name was withheld, is recovering in an army hospital from loss of blood. American investigators said no arrest has been made in either case.

Military police said the corporal was waylaid in a dark, rubble-strewn alley in Kassel at 4:00 a. m., March 20. He said he had been drinking and was set upon by five or six German youths.

He was left bleeding in the alley, but finally mustered enough strength to crawl to his hotel billet, from where he was taken to a hospital. The investigators said there was no evidence to support a theory that the attack was motivated by revenge, but the soldier was known to have been fraternizing with a German girl.

Details of the murder of the soldier at Eschwelge in the northern part of the American zone were withheld, but it was reported that an unknown person hit the American on the head with a blunt instrument. The assailant was said to have been wounded in the struggle. He reportedly fled toward the Russian boundary line leaving a trail of bloodstains.

Police Capture Hooded Bandit

PORTLAND, Ore., March 26 (AP)—The hunt for the hooded bandit who held up a night club yesterday disguised in a khaki hood, sun glasses, and slouch hat, was ended today.

Detective William Brian reported that a 25-year-old negro who had once worked in the night club signed a confession admitting the robbery. The negro, James Darnell Sellers, was booked on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The young negro was arrested in a cafe by a negro special patrolman last night. Detectives said he told them the loot was about $1000, not the $5000 estimated by the Cloud Room yesterday. They recovered about $800.

"Pappy's" Ex-Wife Elopes

George Gilbert, Seattle, Wash., news vendor, is pictured here with his bride, the former wife of Marine Hero Lt. Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, on their return to Seattle from their elopement to Yakima, Wash. —AP wirephoto.

DA's Motion To Drop Case Brings Blast From Judge

Another criminal case was dismissed by the circuit court today, on motion filed by the district attorney's office.

Lee Arlet Hixon, Indian youth indicted for receiving and concealing stolen property was released from custody after Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg leveled a verbal blast at the prosecution for bringing cases into court and then moving for dismissals.

When Deputy District Attorney J. Hawkins Napier asked that the charge against Hixon be dropped, Vandenberg asked if there were any witnesses unavailable now who were available when the information was filed.

Napier replied that the person named in the indictment as owner of the harness in question, Vera Crisler, is dead. Then Vandenberg asked if the property did not actually belong to the partnership of Miss Crisler and Edward F. Fitzpatrick, and Napier answered that he was "uncertain of that phase."

The judge pointed out that the charge against Hixon was placed last September 7, that Miss Crisler died on November 20, that this case was set for trial December 24, and that the motion for dismissal was filed yesterday.

Not to Blame

"The blame isn't on Mr. Napier's shoulders," Vandenberg said, ordering his remarks placed in the record. "He is here in lieu of someone who doesn't want to come in and face his own music. The case will be dismissed."

Vandenberg commented on the fact that the deputy prosecutor was sent into the courtroom with the motion while the district attorney was at the moment "in his office in the building."

He also ordered that veniremen who were in court today, thinking they were to be called for jury duty, are to be paid at the rate of $3 for the day and five cents a mile for travel. After the motion for dismissal came up yesterday an attempt was made to stop as many of the veniremen as possible by telephone, but several were present this morning.

Vandenberg later pointed out that had he ordered the case to go to trial undoubtedly the flaw in the indictment which lists the allegedly stolen property as that of Vera Crisler and not of the Crisler and Fitzpatrick partnership would have caused the case to be thrown out.

Red Spy Case Ruled Strong

MONTREAL, March 26 (AP) — Judge Rene Theberge ruled today that a prima facie case had been made in the preliminary hearing here against Fred Rose, communist and member of parliament, who is charged with giving official secrets to Russia.

Capt. Gordon Lunan, former Canadian army captain accused of supplying Russia with wartime secrets, was freed of a contempt of court charge. Lunan had refused to testify at Rose's hearing.

Rose was ordered to appear for a voluntary statement on March 28 at which time Judge Theberge said he will decide what names as co-conspirators should be added to the charges of conspiracy against Rose.

Tie Vote Cast On Draft Limit

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) The senate military committee was reported to have divided 8 to 8 today on a proposal by Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) to extend the draft only until next July 1.

Members said the committee recessed to take another vote at 4 p. m. A tie on any proposal means that it is not approved.

Senator Revercomb (R-W. Va.) told a reporter when he came out of the meeting that he did not know what the result would be when additional members of the group record their views.

Military leaders have asked an extension of selective service authority for one year beyond its present May 15 expiration date.

Republican senators had taken the lead in a move for the 12-months extension.

Mercury Rises To 65 Degrees

Ah, Spring!

After several false starts with snowdrops and crocuses peeping coyly from a blanket of snow, spring was officially welcomed here Monday by vacationing school children.

Tender bare feet were exposed, white legs emerged from shorts after a slack-garbed winter and a private swimming pool on Conger was in use as the mercury rose to 65 degrees, the highest this year.

At 1 p. m. today the recorded temperature was 62 degrees with a strong breeze blowing.

Action On Milk Issue Postponed

Strike May Be Called After Meeting Thursday

Too little—and almost too late—came the OPA's offer of a settlement of Oregon's milk troubles and dairymen here this morning branded the six-cent price boost recommended as "utterly inadequate and ridiculous," but postponed any definite strike action until a general meeting of Klamath valley dairymen Thursday.

Until Thursday, then, Klamath Falls will have milk on the porches and in the stores.

The directors of the local Dairy Producers association decided this morning to withhold action until a general meeting of all producers could be held, due to the seriousness of a milk diversion in public health and welfare.

The meeting is to be held at 10 a. m. Thursday in the courtroom of the county courthouse.

Token Offering

Dairymen this morning termed the OPA's offer a "token offering," a "stop-gap appeasement" and an "open admission by the OPA that something is definitely wrong with the milk price structure."

The decision, the local group asserted, seemed to be based entirely on political expediency with no regard at all for actual facts.

A telegram, signed by Wilbur Reiling, president of the association and addressed to Portland, San Francisco and Washington OPA offices, was sent today, reading:

"Directors meeting today considering your wire regarding milk price adjustment. Offer considered entirely inadequate. Every possible effort will continue to be made to bring an adequate and fair price adjustment to this area."

Half-cent Boost

This morning a telegram from the OPA regional office in Portland was received here saying that the economic stabilization board had approved a six cents per pound butterfat and a tentative half-cent boost in the per-quart retail price.

That puts the local price at 91 cents per pound on butterfat and the dairymen's original demand was for a raise to $1.15.

Portland's diversion to powdered milk production entails no loss for the operators since the prevailing price for milk

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Baby Thrown Into Furnace By Aunt

GARY, Ind., March 26 (AP)—A charge of homicide was filed today in Lake county criminal court against Mrs. Secora Ramos, 25, who Police Captain Peter Billick said admitted throwing her 6-month-old nephew into a furnace. The mother, Mrs. Carmen Mireles, pulled the baby from the flames, but he died 10 minutes after arriving at a hospital.

Captain Billick said Mrs. Ramos admitted verbally that she put the blanket-clad baby into a furnace in the mother's home where she was visiting. He said she appeared alternately "glad and dejected" during questioning.

Landing Of Japanese Troops On Coast In 1943 Disclosed

STOCKTON, Calif., March 26 (AP)—Between 12 and 15 Japanese landed from a submarine on the northern California coast and were taken prisoner by a maneuvering army unit in November, 1943, Kenneth Hammaker, former western states director of the office of civilian defense said last night.

Hammaker said that some elements of the western defense command were on maneuvers in Marin county, about 15 miles north of San Francisco, and that soldiers saw the Japanese come ashore about midnight.

The soldiers, he said, took the Japanese prisoners without resistance. Hammaker said he did not know what army unit made the capture.

He made the statement in a speech here before about 400 persons attending a rally of the San Joaquin County Young Democrats, Inc. Hammaker recently resigned as northern California OPA director, an office he held after leaving the office of civilian defense, and is a candidate for congress from the third district. He is a democrat.

Neither the federal bureau of investigation nor the western defense command had any comment.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 (AP)—No hostile Japanese forces ever landed on the west coast of the United States, sixth army headquarters here announced officially today.

The announcement was in reply to a statement by Kenneth Hammaker, former western states director of the office of civilian defense, in an address before the San Joaquin county Young Democrats last night.

The army said it was probable Hammaker was referring to maneuvers in which American troops had been dressed as raiders.

Stalin Says Troop Issue Now Settled

MOSCOW, March 26 (AP)—Red army troops continued to withdraw from Iran today according to an agreement with Premier Qavam, and Prime Minister Stalin asserted that the question of Soviet troops in that country has been settled.

Izvestia published a reply from Stalin to a telegram sent by Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press in which Baillie requested comment on a Winston Churchill interview and the international situation.

Thanking Baillie for his telegram Stalin said Churchill's argument cannot be regarded as "convincing" and added that the question of withdrawing from Iran has been settled. The former British prime minister had called for rapid action by the security council of the United Nations on Iran.

Big Success

A Tass dispatch from Tehran said the Tehran radio had declared in connection with the red army withdrawal that "national circles receive this cheerful news as a big success for the policy of his excellency, Qavam. They hope that under his wise leadership as respected head of the government, the Iranian people will attain their national desires."

Another Tass dispatch from Tehran said the Tehran radio took notice of a broadcast by the Ankara radio on a report that internal disorders had taken place in Iran.

"Such a report from the radio of a friendly state was unexpected and contradicts the principles of friendship," Tass quoted the Tehran radio as replying, "various circles which discussed these falsifications could not understand the reason for the unfriendly behavior which does not correspond to the facts."

Lewis To End Coal Contract

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) John L. Lewis today notified bituminous coal operators he will end their present contract this Sunday at midnight and 400,000 miners will "stay home with their families" next week.

Lewis, at a news conference, said "there will be no miners' blood spilled" next week and that lives will be saved and injuries averted.

The United Mine Workers' president said there will be no extension of the current contract, making it clear he will insist on a new agreement before the soft coal miners return to work.

Lewis said the action is being taken "at a time when it will be least convenient to the public." There are close to 47,000,000 tons of coal in storage," he added.

He estimated that for the last couple of weeks the weekly output has averaged 13,000,000 tons, a record for the industry.

Lewis said negotiations with the soft coal operators will continue and that "any time we reach agreement we will try to make it effective at the earliest possible moment."

UNRRA Grants U. S. Mandate

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 26 (AP)—Over Russian opposition, the United States won UNRRA's approval today of a mandate to prevent occupying armies from living off the land they have conquered.

The action came after United States Delegate C. Tyler Wood bluntly and openly protested that a Ukrainian-Russian move to sidetrack the argument because it had political implications would be "the course of cowardice."

Russian Delegate Nikolai Feonov, while arguing that the issue was outside UNRRA's authority and arguing vigorously for its exclusion from the agenda, did not vote. Neither did France.

Baby Sees Through 59-Year-Old Eyes

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—A 14-month-old baby, blind from birth, now is seeing through 59-year-old eyes which were bequested to science by Miss Eve Tobey when she died last September, a hospital spokesman said today.

Miss Tobey's eyes were removed and shipped to the eye institute of the Presbyterian hospital where an operation was performed to transfer the corneas to the eyes of the baby, then eight months old.

U. S. Occupation Of Iceland Rapped

MOSCOW, March 26 (AP)—The newspaper Trud, organ of the Soviet trade unions, declared today the continued presence of United States troops in Iceland was violating promises made by the late President Roosevelt.