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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SAN FRANCISCO — The Bay district is calming down a little from the war peak.

For example:

Coming in the other night, this writer counted 15 VACANCY signs at motor camps between Vallejo and Berkeley.

That is something.

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IF you are well enough and favorably enough known to a hotel manager, so that he will deprive somebody else of a room, you can even get a roof over your head in downtown San Francisco—sometimes.

At certain hours of the day, you can get INSIDE a street car, if you are something of an exhibitionist, you can occasionally attract a taxi driver's attention and get him to stop and take you on.

There is even a rumor on the street to the effect that one of these worthies thanked a customer when dropping him at his destination the other day.

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THESE are minor developments, but in their way they are significant—like the first robin, or the first crocus. They herald the coming of a change.

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THROUGHOUT most of our history, these signals of the impending end of a boom have been ominous. Seeing them, we have shivered faintly with dread. It has been as if someone walked over our graves.

This time it is a little different. We are getting fed up with the economy of scarcity. We are growing weary of having to beg for the privilege of exchanging money for things.

We are getting a faint inkling of the great truth that periods of SURPLUS, when there is PLENTY of everything, are the real periods of prosperity.

That THINGS, not MONEY, constitute wealth.

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EATING is still something of a problem in San Francisco. Unless, that is, you are merely seeking to sate your hunger. In that event, you can go out to one of the mass production beaneries, where the food will be reasonably good, moderately abundant, not too long in coming to your table and the check will be something less than the latest guess at the total of the national debt.

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IN San Francisco, however, one seldom does that. The idea here is to go out to one of THE places. (THE places are apt to be down on Fisherman's wharf, or out around the foot of Telegraph hill. Contrary to most other cities, there won't be much in the way of bright lights and glitter. San Franciscans still cling to the naive notion that FOOD is what one goes out to find—that surroundings are incidental.)

At these places, you're still almost certain to have to wait. While you wait, you look hungrily at the lucky devils who got there earlier than you. The hungrier you look, the longer they eat. Even after the bill comes, they'll glance up and see you with your mouth watering all over your necktie and your tongue licking your lips with anticipation and then will think of something else they could have eaten and ORDER it as a postscript.

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BUT, eventually, a table will become empty. It is one of the immutable laws of nature that there is a limit to what can be put in the human stomach. When that limit arrives, somebody will get out and let you in.

Whereupon, YOU eat as slowly and as deliberately as the ravenous state of your appetite will permit, and the hungrier the waiting line looks the more delicious the food will taste and the longer you will linger over it.

As has often been remarked, human nature is funny.

Stockman Against OPA Extension

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.), who voted against OPA in the house, said he was opposed to any extension of the act.

"I voted against it on general principles," Stockman said. 'In my opinion the OPA is responsible for shortages we have had to face in this country because if you take the profit incentive away from a producer, there is no reason for him to produce.

"In the past I favored the principle of price control, but administration by OPA has destroyed the aim of the law," he concluded.

10 Easter Bunnies Miss Feast Chance

LA GRANDE, April 19 (AP)—Ten white Easter bunnies missed the chance of any rabbit's lifetime last night when parts of their pen in a La Grande florist's window became dislodged and opened the way for such a feast as only a flower shop could provide.

Augie Sperling, shop proprietor, reported that not a single rabbit hopped down from the window for a nibble at his Easter display.

FARM INCOME HITS NEW HIGH

Local Fliers Agree To Run City Airport

The five air service operators, who had used the Klamath Falls airport until civilian planes were ordered off the field Wednesday, jointly agreed yesterday afternoon to assume the expense of operation of the port under a lease from the city, if the city will accept such a proposal.

Phil Hitchcock, representing the fliers, said that they would also put up a performance bond if required by the city and would make the lease subject to 24-hour cancellation so that the city can take over immediately whenever it decides to assume operation of the field.

This proposal will probably be put before the city council and airport commission next Monday night at the regular 7:30 p. m. council meeting.

The civilian fliers were ordered off the field by the navy Wednesday after the city had failed to sign an operation permit tendered by the navy. Lt. Comdr. S. A. Congdon, who issued the order moving the fliers, was acting on orders from the navy department.

The planes were moved out Wednesday and are now being kept at Worden and in vacant fields.

Reason for the navy's action in clearing the civilian planes from the airport was that the navy, under the setup then, had the responsibility for the civilian flying being done but had no control over flights.

As far as liability is concerned, Hitchcock said, all civilian planes are covered by liability and fire insurance and the pilots were willing to have the hangar covered by fire insurance if necessary.

The city has had no money budgeted for operation of the port and therefore has been unable to take over the field.

Coal Clash End Aim Of Labor Chief

By The Associated Press

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach today planned a new effort to settle the nation's major labor dispute, the 19-day stoppage of 400,000 soft coal miners.

He announced in Washington he would confer separately Monday or Tuesday with John L. Lewis, president of the AFL-United Mine Workers, and with coal mine operators. The secretary acknowledged that "we haven't made much progress this week" toward settlement of the coal strike.

Lewis and his negotiating committee walked out of conferences with the operators April 10, and yesterday the operators announced they were going to their home cities but would return to Washington at Schwellenbach's call.

Idle Increase

Meantime the number of workers made idle by the coal strike in related industries increased and steel and automobile production slumped.

Another gloomy phase of the labor disputes situation was the possibility of a nationwide railroad strike.

A strike by more than 200,000 engineers and trainmen, originally called for March 11 but postponed pending a study of union demands for wage increases, is barred, by terms of the railway labor act, until May 18.

Man Dies After Fight With Ref

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—David S. Corcoran, 58-year-old importer, died today from injuries received, police said, during a street fight early this morning in Fifth avenue with Arthur Donovan, 54, nationally known prize fight referee.

Corcoran succumbed at Roosevelt hospital shortly after h p. m. At about the same time Donovan was released in $2500 bail on a felonious assault charge.

The charge was made against Donovan before Corcoran died. At the arraignment, Assistant District Attorney Karl Grabow said a manslaughter charge would be preferred if Corcoran died.

Housing Drive At Standstill

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP) The administration's drive to provide 2,700,000 new homes this year and next stalled on dead center today without hope of action for at least 12 days.

Frantic efforts to work out a last minute compromise of senate-house differences before representatives began their Easter recess failed despite two sessions yesterday in the Capitol offices of Majority Leader Barkley (D-Ky.)

Barkley finally told the senate it was "most unfortunate" that the veterans housing measure had not been cleared.

The senate passed the emergency housing measure on April 10, writing into it two provisions the house had omitted. One calls for $600,000,000 in subsidies to break bottlenecks in construction materials, the other guarantees manufacturers a market for up to 200,000 prefabricated houses.

"House conferees were unwilling to take anything dealing with subsidies back theer." Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) told a reporter, adding:

"Senator Barkley could have called this conference more than a week ago. He apparently forgot about it until the last day. If there is any blame it belongs on the shoulders of administration leaders. If the conference had been called promptly we could have settled things one way or another."

Vast Throngs Of Pilgrims In Trek To Mount Calvary

JERUSALEM, April 19—(AP) Vast throngs of pilgrims, some carrying crosses, walked along the Vio Dolorosa from Pilate's palace to Mount Calvary today as the Holy Land held Good Friday services commemorating the last hours and crucifixion of Christ.

Despite tension caused by a paralyzing strike of 50,000 civil workers and the prolonged conflict between Jews and Arabs, one of the largest crowds in recent years pressed through the dingy, cobblestoned streets of Jerusalem's old city.

Pilate's palace, where the pilgrimages began, now is a Roman Catholic convent. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher stands at the other end of the Via Dolorosa, on Golgotha, where Christ died on the cross.

The Passion services began last night, with rites in the Garden of Gethsemane commemorating the final hours of prayer by Jesus and his betrayal by Judas.

Earlier, the ancient rites of Maundy Thursday were held, with various sects reenacting their interpretation of the events of "The Last Supper."

Eastern sects of Christianity held services marked by colorful pageantry.

The unusually large number of pilgrims was attributed to the fact that the eastern observances of the western and eastern Christian faiths coincide this year. Christian services were held by at least a dozen sects in modern languages, in Latin and in the nearly forgotten tongues of the ancient Egyptians and Phrygians.

Meanwhile, Jews celebrated the Passover and Moslems observed Nebi Musa. Authorities were alert for possible outbreaks of violence. Arab Legionnaires armed with rifles passed among the celebrants.

Civilian workers staged a three-hour walkout yesterday in sympathy with the 50,000 government, railroad and postal system employes who are striking for higher pay. The strikers swelled the throngs of colorfully dressed celebrants.

'Happy' Surveys Quads

A goat named "Happy" looks on proudly while Berry Redding, 4, (left) and David Atherton, 7, holds the quadruplet kids born to her on the El-Fre Nubian farm in Ebenezer, N. Y. Mrs. Elizabeth Pfeil, the farm's owner said the quads were the first born on the farm in the eight years she has raised goats. (AP Wirephoto)

Civilian Aviation Helps Save Lives Of 2 KF Tots

Civilian aviation has probably saved the lives of two Klamath Falls tots, children of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jump who were seriously ill with whooping cough this week.

The babies, one about three years old and the other three months old, were under the care of Dr. Marvin Nerseth and were not responding properly to treatment.

The doctor, an ex-army medical officer who has made studies of high-altitude treatment for bronchial ailments, suggested that the children be taken up in a plane to an altitude of 12,000 feet and kept for an hour.

Cliff Hogue, local pilot, flew the Waco cabin plane with the children, Dr. C. V. Rugh, Mrs. Jump and a nurse climbed to 12,000 feet and stayed aloft an hour. Dr. Nerseth was unable to make the flight.

Oxygen bottles were taken along for emergency but were not needed. The babies slept through the first part of the flight but woke up, coughed and vomited in the higher altitude.

The younger child, the more seriously ill of the two, began to show marked improvement two hours after the flight and now, some 36 hours later, both are recovering speedily. The flight was made Wednesday.

This is the first known time such a mercy mission has been flown by a civilian pilot although Dr. Nerseth experimented with similar flights while in the army.

Probe Begins In Mine Blast

McCOY, Va., April 19 (AP)—Grief stunned McCoy prepared funeral rites today for 12 of its residents while state and federal mine inspectors began an investigation of the deep level explosion in a mine of the Great Valley Anthracite Coal corporation.

Virtually every family in this tiny community whose main livelihood is derived from mining, was affected directly or indirectly by the disaster. The twelve who died in the smoke and flame 6000 feet from the surface were all married men and left 50 or more children among their survivors. They will be buried this evening.

Forty-six other miners were able to escape from the depths of the mine, in many instances having to fight their way through choking fumes and smoke before reaching the mine entrance. The shaft runs a half mile under the bed of New river.

Members of the rescue squad said that all but one of the 12 men were killed instantly. The twelfth man, Paul Price, died soon after reaching a hospital at nearby Radford.

Eye-witnesses to the explosion described it as "terrific."

No Flood Threat Seen In Oregon

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—Although abnormally high levels are predicted for northwest rivers including the Columbia, no flood threat is expected in the Willamette basin, the army engineers said today.

Hydrologist Clarence Pederson reported that the Willamette river overflows its banks when melted snow and heavy rain combine. Inland tributaries of the Columbia, however, get much of their runoff from snow, he said.

This season, rain and melting snow are not likely to combine in so great a quantity that a flood would result, Pederson said. The Willamette reached flood stage after this date only in June, 1933, he reported.

Court-Martial Friction Bared

LONDON, April 19 (AP)—Col. Buhl Moore of Savannah, Ga., was disqualified today as president of the U. S. court-martial hearing charges that military prisoners were mistreated at the Lichfield detention camp.

The six other members of the panel voted that Moore be disqualified after the colonel himself had asked that his fitness be challenged—by the prosecution, the defense, or both—for cause.

The cause, in his own words, was that he had concluded "neither the defendant nor the government can get full justice" from the court 'as it is now constituted." He said there was friction between himself and Maj. Benito Gaguine, the law member of the court.

Staff Sgt. James M. Jones of Muskogee, Okla., is the defendant on trial. He is one of 10 enlisted guards and eight officers who have been accused of mistreating or conspiring to mistreat American soldiers imprisoned at Lichfield.

Infant Son Of KF Couple Dies

Melvin George McCollum, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCollum, 1139 Crescent, was found dead in his crib at Hillside hospital early Friday morning, the child's death probably caused by the inhalation of regurgitated milk.

The baby was born April 13, and was just one week old. Melvin McCollum is in Seattle but is expected here immediately. This was the McCollum's first child. He was also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George McCollum, well known Klamath residents. Final rites will be announced by Whitlock's.

Agriculture In Basin At $25,776,661

(See complete table Page 6)

Klamath basin agricultural income hit an all-time high of $25,776,661 in 1945.

That was disclosed today by County Agent C. A. Henderson as he completed his annual analysis of yearly crop and livestock returns in this area.

The 1945 return was nearly a million dollars over the figure for 1944, which was a record to that date. A comparison shows that crops gained from $18,277,900 in 1944 to $19,046,561 in 1945, while livestock returns mounted from $6,539,000 to $6,730,100.

Potatoes Drop Off

Potatoes, the basin's biggest and most publicized crop, dropped off over a quarter of a million dollars. The potato return in 1945 was set at $9,929,672, as compared with $10,256,400 in 1944. Although there was a larger acreage of potatoes in 1945, weather conditions cut the yield per acre.

Small seed production continued to gain. In 1944, small seeds returned $768,000, while last year the total mounted to $945,942, showing Klamath's small seeds in the million dollar class.

Grain Gains

Henderson estimated the 1945 return from hay at $2,169,858, and that from grain $4,954,016. The 1944 grain figure was $4,191,000.

In the livestock department, the county agent found that 60,000 head of beef had a value for the year of $4,059,500. Biggest figure was $1,960,000 from the sale of 14,000 head of fat steers at $140 each.

Another angle on 1945 agricultural returns is shown in a table of per acreage returns on the Klamath reclamation project, prepared by the bureau of reclamation. Here it is, for major crops:

HAY	
Alfalfa	$ 70.42
Other Hay	36.91
GRAIN	
Barley	$ 68.05
Oats	36.31
Rye	25.96
Wheat	45.83
Potatoes	338.15
Onions	613.15
Clover	130.78

Jail Doors Open For 59 Inmates

SEATTLE, April 19 (AP)—The main floor of the public safety building buzzed with activity at 7 a. m. today as 59 overtime prisoners were released from the city jail after a two weeks smallpox quarantine was lifted.

Released 10 at a time from the jail on the fifth floor, they were taken downstairs and lined up to claim their possessions from the police property room.

House Bill Would Lift Price Lids

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP) — Administration chiefs expressed confidence today that the senate will treat OPA far more gently than the house did, but trouble was stacking up for them just the same.

Their guarded optimism was tempered by the fact that even if the senate rolls up a thumping majority for continued price control without major changes, its decision will have to be compromised with the contrary action of the house on many key provisions.

OPA Chief Paul Porter claims the bill the house passed yesterday will require the elimination immediately after July 1 of price ceilings on at least 50 per cent of all commodities which make up the cost of living.

On this list the price chief placed such foods as meat, milk and all other dairy products except butter.

High on it, too, were coal, shoes, rayon and woolen textiles and many clothing items made from these fabrics.

Porter, in a statement last night, said also that the house bill would "blow sky-high" the ceilings on automobiles, radios, refrigerators and most household appliances.

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the republican whip, told reporters today he will make a fight to put the house version of the OPA bill through the senate.

Discussing the measure which the representatives passed yesterday to give OPA another nine months of life, but with sharply curtailed powers, Wherry said:

"I believe all the house amendments are right in principle but there may be some which need to be worked out in more detail."

Keynote of the administration's cautious optimism in the midst of these inflation predictions was sounded by Chairman Wagner (D-N. Y.) of the senate banking committee.

Sensible Bill

"I am sure," Wagner told reporters, "that my committee will come out with a very sensible bill. I think the senate will be reflective, thoughtful of the consequences."

Wagner's committee is considering a bill which as it stands would extend price controls a year beyond June 30 without change.

This contrasts with the house action in voting a nine months extension minus food subsidies and with sections requiring ceiling prices that will guarantee "reasonable profit" to all manufacturers and distributors on every item handled.

Compromise On Spain Supported

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—A compromise proposal by Australia gained support among delegates of the United Nations security council today as a possible solution to the controversial Spanish question.

The proposal, submitted by Australia Delegate W. R. Hodgson shortly before the council adjourned yesterday for the Easter holidays, calls for the appointment of a five-man subcommittee which would investigate the Spanish situation and report back by May 17.

Most of the delegates were reluctant to commit themselves on the Australian suggestion immediately, but they generally expressed interest and it was conceded by some to have a good chance of being approved.

Iran Case Next

Before the council resumes its discussions of the Spanish question it will tackle again the Iranian case, which was interrupted Tuesday after Secretary General Trygve Lie submitted a surprise opinion that there was some doubt as to whether the Iranian case could legally be kept on the agenda.

This will be the first thing on the council's calendar when it reconvenes at noon PST Tuesday.

New Floor Fight

The way was opened for a new floor fight on the Iranian question when the council's committee of experts on rules and procedure reported last night that it had split, 8 to 3, with the majority holding that the council has full authority to keep a case on the agenda as long as it thinks necessary.

Copper Miners Settle Strike

By The Associated Press

One of the bright spots on the labor front today was the settlement of the 10-day strike of 3500 CIO copper miners at Butte, Mont., who approved a contract calling for an hourly wage hike of 18½ cents and retroactive pay of 9½ cents an hour from last October 1.

The same terms were agreed upon by 3500 other copper workers at Anaconda Copper Mining company mills and smelters at Great Falls and Anaconda. They had delayed their strike pending mediation in the Butte dispute. Highlight of the walkout at Butte was the outbreak of numerous acts of vandalism last weekend.

Demo Committee Switches Plans

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19 (AP)—The democratic state central committee will meet here June 8 to ratify a reorganization plan adopted yesterday by the 12-man board of governors.

In a late shift from earlier plans, the board listed the state committee chairman as chairman of the board but without a vote. The committee treasurer and secretary likewise were given seats at board meetings, without votes.

Original plans had called for election of a board chairman who would virtually have supplanted the state committee chairman as party leader. Pat Ivory, Klamath Falls, had been slated for that post.

Portlanders Squirm Under Attack Over Naming Emigrant Road Applegate Trail

Heated protests against the use of the name "Applegate Trail" in proposed markings of the 1846 emigrant road through southern Oregon were encountered here today by A. L. Greenwalt and Walter Meacham, officials of the Oregon council of the American Pioneer Trails association.

The Portlanders, who said they had until today found only friendly agreement with their marking plans on a tour of Oregon points along the old emigrant route, squirmed under a full-scale attack by Klamath historians who insisted the route should be marked as the "Southern Route" in the cause of historical accuracy.

The Klamath group, with Mrs. Buena Stone throwing most of the verbal grenades at the uncomfortable visitors, held that the Oregon provisional government in 1847 passed an act to improve the "Southern Route" to Oregon, thus establishing an official basis for the name "Southern Route" and no other.

The old road, which was explored in 1846 by a party of 15 men including Jesse and Lindsay Applegate, has been familiarly called the "South Road" by Klamath people. It was opened in 1846 as a southern route for emigrant trains to follow from Fort Hall, in Idaho, to western Oregon, through Nevada, the southern part of the Klamath basin and southern Oregon. That event is to be made the basis of a centennial celebration to be held in Klamath Falls late in the coming summer.

The Oregon council of the Pioneer Trails association of which Greenwalt is president and Meacham executive secretary, is planning a series of markers at points along the route from Salem on the north and through Oregon. It has arranged with the state highway commission for the signs, which will be in the shape of large arrowheads and will carry the name, "Applegate Trail." Signs are planned in the Klamath country at Klamath Falls, Keno, Merrill, Malin and Langell valley, they said.

"We have nothing against the Applegate family and we do not wish to belittle their place in Oregon history," said Mrs. Stone. "But there is simply no historical basis for calling this route the Applegate trail."

Meacham and Greenwalt said they had not known of the Klamath objection to their plan.

"We think Applegate trail has much greater romantic appeal than Southern route," said Meacham.

"Do you want romantic appeal or historical accuracy?" asked Mrs. Geneva Duncan, president of the Klamath Historical society.

"We think Applegate trail lends itself better to publicity purposes," said Meacham.

"Do you want publicity or historical accuracy?" asked Marshall Cornett, Klamath man who is vice president of the Trails Association council.

"Our purpose is to locate these markers in the vicinity of schools. We want to teach Oregon history to Oregon youngsters," commented Greenwalt.

"Do you want to teach Oregon history accurately or inaccurately?" asked Mrs. Duncan.

The visitor said the signs had already been ordered and had been designed by the highway commission designating the Applegate trail. They indicated that it is probably too late to make any change.

Manager Charles R. Stark of the Klamath County chamber of commerce said that Klamath's attitude on the name of the trail had been properly presented to Meacham through correspondence. The Klamath group insisted the Trails association had acted hastily, without consideration of historical truth, or without proper discussion of the matter with local groups.

Among those who criticized the Trail association were Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Ted Case, Mrs. Ida Odell, Hal Ogle, Charles Stark, and others.

The group is considering lodging a protest with the highway commission on the marking question.