

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
**FOR** three days this writer is being a conventionner—badge, smile and all. (It's surprising how readily we all comply with the hotel's request to de-badge ourselves when going down to the lobby. It takes quite a count a badge in the faces of irritated arrivals who are being told: "Sorry, we're all filled up.")  
 There was a time when delegates were people. Now they're something to be shot on sight by those trying to travel on legitimate business.

**THE** convention (we choose to call it an annual meeting, conventions being in high disfavor in these crowded days) is for writing editors, as distinguished from non-writing publishers and similar trash. It is a fairly large one, with members present from every state.  
 It was formerly a shop-talk affair, but in the war years it fell into the "backgrounding" pitfall—that is to say, hearing from the high brass the low-down on those matters (largely international) that are by tradition regarded as too hot to handle in print.  
 The war-years term for these OK-in-private-all-wrong-in-public sessions is "off the record."

**IT** is this writer's opinion (shared, I think, by most of those present) that these off-the-record affairs are TRAPS to catch editors in and clip their wings. The function of the press is to TELL THE PEOPLE. When it is beguiled away from that historic function, it is permitting itself to be weakened and debauched.  
 There is a feeling among the editors present here that if we go on letting ourselves be dazzled by the glitter of big names and top brass we'll wind up alongside the trout that falls for the shiny gadget at the end of the fisherman's line.  
 We'll be hooked and taken in to camp.

**A** FREE and alert press is democracy's most powerful safeguard. But if the press is to be free and alert it must remain INDEPENDENT. It must never permit itself to become a satellite.  
 If the press is to tell the people what they ought to know, it must remain always on the outside looking in. When newspaper men get on the inside looking out, they begin to deteriorate.  
 That's the trouble with this backgrounding business. If we newspaper people stand for too much of it, we'll find one of these days that we've been taken into the lodge.

**THAT** would be bad. When you're taken into the lodge, you're not supposed to tell any of the lodge's secrets to outsiders. Governments would like nothing better than to have the outsiders told only that which the insiders think it wise for them to know.  
 If the press should ever join the insiders, democracy would have to take a raincheck.

**AS** yet, however, these members of the writing press, large and small, who are gathered here are a pretty clear-eyed lot. They're not averse to mixing with the top-flighters, who are charming, and they'll enjoy going home and telling their friends what Big Shot so-and-so looks like close up and what he told ME on the Q-T. If we don't lay it on with a trowel, such things do us writers no harm in the way of personal prestige.  
 But they're still alert to what is going on, and a quick look at the inner machinery of government will probably sharpen rather than dull their understanding of what is happening.

### 12 Injured Youths Said Satisfactory

John Richard Snyder, 17, and Darrell Jon St. Louis, 15, were reported in a satisfactory condition in Klamath Valley hospital where the two were admitted yesterday following an automobile accident on the Keno highway.  
 Both were said to be in a serious state when admitted to the hospital. A car driven by young Snyder overturned twice in front of the Frain home south of here while en route to Keno where St. Louis, a KUHS student, resides.

### Senator Bilbo Terms Luces 'Nigger Lovers' In Speech

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss.) today applied the term "nigger-lovers" to Henry R. Luces, publisher of Life magazine, and his wife, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.).  
 Holding the senate floor in opposition to the proposed British loan, Bilbo took exception to a recent Life magazine article which described him as "the worst man in the senate."  
 The Mississippi told his colleagues that Life's recent appraisal of 33 senators whose terms expire next January was "the greatest lie in the history of the American press," and was

## Phone Job Will Start In Klamath

To provide for the rapidly growing southwest section of Klamath Falls, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company announced today a major construction project involving the laying of underground conduit and cable. Gross cost was given as \$104,000.  
 "This is one of the major jobs we are undertaking in Klamath Falls to provide telephone service as soon as possible for those who wish it, as well as to provide for the future growth of Klamath Falls," declared C. E. Seavey, manager.

Work is to be started Monday, with the Harry I. Hamilton company handling the contract to extend underground conduit on So. 6th street from the railroad overpass at Owens across the Southern Pacific lines to Al-tamont drive, a total distance of better than 11 miles.  
 The contract specifically calls for the laying of 7000 feet of 8-way vitrified clay duct, together with 7000 feet of laterals. The duct is to be placed in trenches with manholes about every 500 feet.

Work of laying the duct is expected to take two or three months and will be coordinated with the state highway department's program for widening So. 6th.  
 Cable for installation in the conduit has been ordered and delivery is being rushed. Present indications are that it will be in service this fall.

## Tub Thumped For Patterson

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—A quiet boom for the appointment of Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson as chief justice of the United States is under way on Capitol Hill today with some democratic and republican support.  
 But reporters accompanying President Truman on his vacation cruise—interrupted yesterday to permit the chief executive to attend funeral services for Harlan F. Stone—said they had been told by White House aides that the president thus far has given no consideration to a successor.  
 Most speculation has centered around the idea that Mr. Truman might elevate a sitting justice to the post Stone held and designate a republican to the vacancy thus created. Justices Robert H. Jackson, Stanley F. Freed, William O. Douglas and Hugo L. Black all have been mentioned in this connection.

## Klamath Pioneer Taken By Death

Lewis Frederick Botens Sr., 63, prominent Klamath county rancher and one-time member of school board, District No. 2, died at Hillsdale hospital at 12:45 a. m. Friday following a brief illness.  
 Mr. Botens had been in good health until he became stricken last Sunday night when he was rushed to the hospital where surgery was performed.  
 Mr. Botens was a native of Narrowsburg, N. Y., and came here 30 years ago, settling in the Plevena district. He represented this area on the school board which he served 16 years. Mr. Botens was a member of the original board named in 1926. He resigned in 1942. Active in Pomo-grange, he also was a member of Midland grange.  
 In addition to his wife, Pearl, whom he married recently, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Marianna Kerr, Mrs. Robert (Marjorie) Lyman, and Effie Botens, and three sons, Lewis F. Jr., John Franklin and Richard Edwin, all of this city. Whitlock's will announce final arrangements.

## Baseball Scores

AMERICAN			
	R	H	E
Chicago	4	9	0
Cleveland	2	8	0
Haynes and Fernandes; Felber and Hayes.			
NATIONAL			
	R	H	E
St. Louis	4	13	0
Pittsburgh	2	7	1
Martin and Rice; Ostermuel-ler, Wilkie (9), Camelli, Salkeld (4), Baker (9).			
	R	H	E
Brooklyn	11	10	0
New York	3	9	2
V. Lombardi and Anderson; Volselle, Fischer (6), Emmerich (6) and E. Lombard.			

## Klamath Red Cross Quota At Standstill

Klamath county's 1946 quota for the American Red Cross, was virtually at a standstill today and although the committee hoped to reach the \$43,100 goal without trouble, only \$25,186.56 had been turned in as of noon today.  
 Added to membership in the \$100 club Friday was Pluhner's Bakery with a check for that amount. Any donations, no matter how small, will be welcomed by the committee which today reminded residents of the county that Red Cross work was still going on here and overseas despite the cessation of hostilities.

## Published by a "Negro social equality outfit"

Referring to Luce and Rep. Luces as "Papa Luce as fickle and capricious," Bilbo told the senate: "If this pair of nigger-lovers had their way about, they would defeat 22 of my colleagues and myself."  
 Bilbo said he thought it strange that six of the 10 senators who achieved the magazine's approval are republicans.  
 "Even Mortimer Snerd, of Edgar Bergen's radio show, would understand from these percentages that the fickle and capricious Clara and Papa Luce are trying to wreck the democratic majority on this floor," he said.

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## Reds Face Defeat On Spain Quiz

NEW YORK, April 26 (AP)—Australia proposed again today that a United Nations security council subcommittee investigate Franco Spain and the delegates then adjourned for weekend consultations with their governments, with Russia alone still opposed to any sort of inquiry.  
 "I think I made myself clear yesterday," Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko told newsmen as he walked to his limousine.  
 The council will meet next on Monday at 11 a. m. Pacific standard time to consider the latest attempt to find a common ground for action.

## Probe Opposed

Gromyko came out yesterday against any committee or commission investigation of Franco Spain with the contention that Spain already is a proven menace to peace and that an inquiry would be merely a "palliative" and excuse for inaction. Provision for an investigation was retained in the revised proposal put before the council today by Lt.-Col. W. R. Hodgson, Australian delegate.

## Vote Delayed

Immediately after Lt.-Col. W. R. Hodgson of Australia presented his new draft of a resolution calling for a five-man subcommittee, Rafael de la Colina, Mexican delegate, suggested that a vote be delayed until Monday to permit time to study the proposal and allow the delegates to get new instructions.  
 Hodgson told the council he had been successful in his attempts to find a compromise with the French delegate, Henri Bonnet, and the Polish delegate, Dr. Oscar Lange.  
 The resolution stated specifically that it was the duty of the council and not the subcommittee to decide what should be done about Franco Spain.

## Yukon Skipper Held Remiss

SEATTLE, April 26 (AP)—Three counts of negligence have been filed against Capt. Chris G. Trondsen, master of the ill-fated Alaska Steamship company liner Yukon, which grounded in Alaska February 3 with the loss of 11 lives, Capt. A. M. Martinson, assistant 13th coast guard district officer, announced today.  
 A hearing will be held later today. Captain Martinson said that if the charges are proven, Captain Trondsen faces suspension or revocation of his captain's license.  
 The charges, as listed by the coast guard, are:  
 1. Failure to use sounding equipment in determining his ship's position February 3 and 4 between Barwell island and Point Erlington.  
 2. Failure to use a patent log to assist in determining the ship's correct position.  
 3. Negligently operated the vessel at a greater rate of speed than warranted under conditions of visibility.  
 Martinson said the charges were made as "an outgrowth of the investigation conducted by the hearing board in Seattle and Alaska."

## Huge Airfield Center Of Local Interest



Here are a couple of official navy photographs of the Klamath municipal airport—now a naval air station—which has been the center of local interest and controversy the past fortnight. The upper view looks south, with air station buildings dominating the center of the picture and landing facilities shown at the left, beyond the huge hangars. The lower view looks directly down on the field, giving a graphic view of the runways and taxi strips. The long north-south runway is 7200 feet, the others 5100 feet.

## City Fathers Okay Permit For Civilian Airport Use

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 In addition to acceptance of the permit the city is requesting use of a number of field installations, among them the number 42 large double hangar and the number one steel hangar in addition to the old municipal hangar, fire equipment, gasoline storage tanks, and other field utilities.  
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 The airport commission's recommendation, advising the city to take out a \$50,000 property damage policy and from \$50,000 to \$200,000 in liability insurance, was referred by the council to the city attorney and back to the airport commission.  
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 The flyers were ordered off the field by the navy last week until such time as the city would take definite action. They will be allowed to operate from the field after the permit is officially signed and executed.

## Pose With Lana Puzzles Patriot

NEW YORK, April 26 (AP)—When Trygve Lie, United Nations secretary general, was asked to pose with Lana Turner at last night's UN anniversary, Lie courteously agreed, then asked, "who is she?"  
 Informed she was a movie star, Lie said, "You know I haven't seen a movie in five years."

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## Site Near Ashland Okayed For Airport

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 Surveys of the site are now being conducted and will be forwarded to the CAA for final approval.  
 The city of Ashland may lease the Parker site for use until a permanent Ashland location is obtained.

**WEATHER NEWS**  
 April 26  
 Max. (April 26) — 72 Min. — 59  
 Precipitation last 24 hours — .46  
 Stream year to date — 11.25  
 Normal — 10.05 Last year — 8.39  
 Forecast: Clear and cooler.

## Hope Faint On Averting Rail Strike

CLEVELAND, April 26 (AP)—Except for the possibility of further government action—for which there were wartime precedents—there appeared today little chance to head off a nationwide walkout of nearly 300,000 trainmen and engineers on May 18, halting rail traffic all over the country.  
 Originally scheduled to begin March 11, the strike was rescheduled yesterday as the two brotherhoods turned down the report of a presidential fact-finding board.  
 Confabs Set  
 It could be forestalled if the nation's carriers made concessions in conferences which are to open in Chicago Monday. But labor observers here, pending word on the carriers' attitude toward the fact-finding report itself, doubted that this development was likely.  
 Further government action could take two courses, either seizure and operation of the roads by federal authority, or a resumption of fact-finding efforts, through appointments of a new board or reconvening the old.  
 A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, said yesterday "If the government calls us to Washington, we'll go, but the strike order won't be called off until a satisfactory settlement is reached."  
 Seek Settlement  
 Last night the three other operating brotherhoods announced they would join a move by the 15 non-operating unions to reopen their own case, for wage increases higher than the 16 cents an hour boost awarded them by arbitration boards on April 3.  
 Since last July 24 all of the rail unions have been seeking wage-increases and changes in working rules. The trainmen and engineers, insisting on keeping the two issues together, declined arbitration, called their strike and saw their case go before a fact-finding board. The other 18 organizations accepted arbitration of the wage demands by two arbitration boards, not pressing the rules changes.

## 'Cog' Hopeful For M.B. Plan

Strong hope for the establishment of an educational center at the Marine Barracks here was voiced yesterday by the man who conceived the original mission of the military post and after the war proposed its non-military use for education.  
 Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall, in an interview on Malcolm Epley's Managing Editor's Report on KFLW, said that all developments point toward success in the effort, to obtain the establishment on the hill for a higher education school, principally for veterans.  
 He said he had conferred by telephone only yesterday with officials at Washington, who said the project was at the point of final clearance from the federal end. Attitude of the state and state higher educational officials indicate that the state is anxious to work out the program, he added.  
 Only Obstacle  
 The only possibility of a serious obstacle seen by Dr. Coggeshall was that the war assets corporation might set some figure on the Barracks which the state would feel it could not meet. He said he did not believe this would happen, but it is a remote possibility.  
 Capt. Coggeshall said he regards the Marine Barracks as an ideal set-up for an emergency educational institution—a small campus all set to go.  
 Discussing the question of the use of the Marine Barracks as a veterans administration hospital, Dr. Coggeshall explained that the VA wants to build from the ground up with a fire-proof installation that will serve permanently. The Marine Barracks hospital is not of permanent construction.  
 Capt. Coggeshall is leaving Klamath Falls on Saturday. He and Mrs. Coggeshall will be guests of honor at a dinner at the Willard hotel this evening.

## Coal Tie-Up Session Set

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach has requested soft coal operators to meet with him here Sunday, it was learned today shortly after he had said he would call them and John L. Lewis back into joint session next week.  
 Schwellenbach will meet the operators at 3 p. m. Sunday, it was said by persons in a position to know but who can not be identified.  
 The secretary told newsmen that the situation arising from the 26-day old bituminous coal strike was becoming so critical that a resumption of negotiations between the operators and Lewis' United Mine Workers committee would be worth while.  
 Schwellenbach admitted, however, that there had been only a slight "softening" on the part of either side since Lewis and his group walked out of the negotiations April 10, suddenly breaking off the discussion of a new contract.

## Controversy Ends At Plywood Firm

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 An injunction suit against CIO pickets who refused to permit logs to be delivered to the plywood firm and Booth-Kelly Lumber company was dismissed at request of the companies.  
 Continuation of the same time has been achieved as a result of a rebroadcast plan worked out by the American Broadcasting company with which KFLW is affiliated.  
 The plan also involves use of additional long distance high-fidelity wire hook-ups.  
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## Cinder Clash To Be Aired Direct From Modoc Field

Beginning at 3 p. m. tomorrow, KFLW will broadcast the Southern Oregon-Northern California invitational track meet direct from Modoc field, Don Neal, sports announcer, will give a word picture of the final track and field events as they take place.  
 This is the first time in 14 years that the meet, sponsored by the local 20-30 club, has been aired.  
 Sixteen teams, including stellar cinder squads from Medford, Alturas, Bend, Lakeview, Grants Pass, Ashland, the county schools and other district towns will take part in the huge meet.  
 Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock preliminary events will be run, cutting the field down to the six best boys who will compete for each event in the finals.  
 At 5:45 tonight on Don Neal's "Sports Lineup" over KFLW Coach Paul Deller of the KUHS, track team will be interviewed on his squad's chances of repeating their victory of last year in the invitational meet. KUHS placed first last year and is both the host and defending team.

## 125 Injured In Collision Of 2 Flyers

NAPERVILLE, Ill., April 26 (AP)—Wounded rescue workers today counted at least 43 dead in a terrific rear-end collision of the Burlington railroad's west-bound fast Exposition Flyer and Advance Flyer yesterday.  
 Of 125 persons injured when the Exposition Flyer, speeding at more than 60 miles an hour toward San Francisco, rammed the stopped Advance Flyer, 31 remained in hospitals, some in critical condition. All but five of the dead, all women, had been identified.  
 The engineer of the Exposition Flyer, who Burlington railroad officials said had adequate warning that the preceding train had stopped, was charged with manslaughter. Du Page county officials said, however, this was a technicality to make certain the engineer would appear at an inquest and that no evidence of laxity had been uncovered.  
 Leave Union Station  
 The crash of the two steel cars, diesel-powered trains occurred just 21 minutes after they left Chicago's Union station simultaneously at 12:35 p. m. CST, on separate tracks, but after a few miles moved onto a single center track, with the Advance Flyer, which ran on a faster schedule, in the lead.  
 The Advance Flyer, carrying 150 to 200 passengers in nine coaches, was bound for Omaha and Lincoln, Neb. The Exposition Flyer, made up of 11 coaches and carrying 175 to 200 persons, was headed for San Francisco.  
 Two minutes after the Advance Flyer made an unscheduled stop in this village of 5287, a terrific crash roared through the countryside as the Exposition Flyer plowed into the rear of the stalled train.  
 A moment of tragic silence was broken by screams and cries for help from the dying and injured.  
 Complete Confusion  
 At first there was complete confusion. Huge, shining passenger coaches were strewn across torn tracks, some in tangled wreckage. The cries of the dying came mostly from the rear coach of the Advance Flyer, where passengers were trapped. Others groped in bewilderment for escape from the mass of steel wreckage.  
 Eleven coaches were overturned or left the rails, six on the Advance Flyer and five on the Exposition Flyer.  
 Through the night, hours after the accident at 4:06 p. m. (CST), search continued for additional bodies. This was discontinued at dawn, however, when searchers were convinced all casualties had been accounted for.  
 Workers attempted to remove the debris and restore travel on the main line. An emergency line, however, was set up to allow through traffic.  
 Push Probe  
 As Burlington officials pursued their investigation of the worst accident in its history and also the most tragic in the Chicago area, State's Attorney Lee Daniels of Du Page county said a warrant charging manslaughter had been issued for W. W. Blaine, 68, Galesburg, Ill., engineer of the Exposition Flyer.  
 Daniels said the action was taken to insure Blaine's appearance at an inquest later into the deaths. Daniels said he had interviewed members of the train crew and found no evidence of laxity.  
 The engineer suffered a skull fracture, a doctor said, and will not be arraigned on the manslaughter warrant for at least two weeks or until he is released from a hospital where he is under guard. His bond was fixed at \$5000.

## Rattler Killed Near California Avenue

Warren Barthman, workman hauling rock for the reconstruction of Recreation park, located and killed a three and one-half foot rattlesnake near California avenue yesterday morning.  
 He spotted the reptile on the hill back of the street, in a locality where many children go to play. The snake had four rattles and a button.