

Vatican Radio Deplores Reich Conditions

Gherald and News

WEATHER NEWS
 April 27, 1944
 Max. (April 26) 57 Min. 41
 Precipitation last 24 hours .06
 Stream year to date 11.35
 Normal 10.00 Last year 8.39
 Forecast: Clear Sunday.

Starvation, Looting And Rape Scored

LONDON, April 27 (AP)—The Vatican radio citing a "report" of an unidentified eyewitness, charges that 50 Germans are perishing each week in camps in the Russian occupation zone of eastern Germany amid widespread conditions of disease, plunder, starvation and rape.

"The German press is not allowed to mention the extent of the suffering," declared the broadcast, recorded last night in London. "Only the church has the power to raise its voice before the world."

"Many of the priests who have shared their bread with the refugees are too weak to celebrate a service. Added to the great physical suffering is the great spiritual burden. There is no food, no blankets, no medicine, no nothing."



Leland Whitlock, Fremont junior high school student, is shown with the historic marker he found at California and Front streets. It will be restored to its original location near Fremont bridge, where John C. Fremont crossed Link river in 1846.

In The Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

A PART of the show for the editors gathered here in Washington in a special conference with President Truman at the White House. Admission is by badge, just like the regular members of the White House correspondents corps, which does away with a lot of fancy identification that must be gone through with in the case of a casual visit.

THERE are 400-odd members in attendance this year, which is too much for the pleasant little Oval Room, where the President's regular news conferences are held. So it is staged in the magnificent but still home-like and charming East Room.

We file in slowly—slowly because a lot of these dignified editors have worn their hats, instead of adopting the more or less universal Washington hatless custom. (It's an economical habit here, where hat check rooms are more numerous than bureaucrats.) It takes time for the White House staff to get all the hats stowed safely away.

ON the west wall of the East Room hangs the portrait of Washington that was saved by Dolly Madison when the British captured the capital and burned the White House in 1814. She was one of the last to leave, history tells us, and her final act before her flight was to roll the canvas into a tight cylinder and conceal it under her voluminous clothing of the period.

It is a realistic portrait of the Father of His Country—not the idealized and dreamy beautiful picture that is shown in most of our school histories. He is actually a man—again it gives you a feeling of kinship with your government and with history. You could have gone in and talked weather and the crops with this man.

ON the mantel of the fireplace on the west wall is a bust of Thomas Jefferson. It also is real. In most of his school history pictures Jefferson looks too much like he wants to pat us on the head and say in tones of solemn majesty: "Go thy way and fear not, my child, for I am with thee." History, too, is saturated with propaganda, and like the current brand it often backfires.

Strike May Flare In Match Plants

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—Spread of a strike to take in plants producing 85 per cent of the nation's matches was in prospect for midnight tonight.

Federal attempts to conciliate a wage dispute continued.

Francis Gerhart, president of the AFL national match workers council, said the additional walk-out would affect the Diamond Match company plant at Oshkosh, Wis., and the Clodet Match company plant at Bloquet, Minn. Workers demanding a "minimum" 18 1/2 cents hourly wage boost are already on strike at the Ohio Match company plant at Wadsworth, Ohio, and Diamond plant at Barberton, Ohio.

Youth 'Finds' Fremont Trail

The alertness of a youngster interested in Klamath country history is credited with the forthcoming restoration of a historic marker at the point where John C. Fremont crossed Link river in 1846.

Leland Whitlock, Fremont junior high school student, is the boy who found the marker, partially covered with dirt at California and Front streets.

Leland related his find to Mrs. Buena Stone, history teacher at Fremont.

Mrs. Stone began an investigation of the history of the marker. She asked many old-timers who could remember nothing about such a marker. Finally, through W. A. Delzell, Portland, former Klamath postmaster, and Rachel Applegate Swan, Klamath historian now living at Junction City, she traced the story of the marker.

She learned that it was dedicated on May 10, 1916, in ceremonies sponsored by the late Capt. Oliver Cromwell Applegate, May 6, 1916, was the 70th anniversary of Fremont's crossing of Link river, but inclement weather delayed the ceremonies for four days, according to old newspaper accounts. The late George Grizzle, pioneer monument dealer, furnished the slab.

The marker was placed before the construction of the Fremont bridge. When highway department contractors built the bridge in 1927 or thereabouts, the slab of granite was moved and apparently left on the ground at California and Front streets, where young Whitlock found it 19 years later.

The highway department has agreed to replace it at the east end of the bridge, and Eulalona chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor the restoration of the tablet.

Good Deed Leads To Swift Kick!

Senior Skip Day was something more than a day for fun and frolic to one high school senior.

Yesterday was the day when Klamath Union high school members are permitted to legally skip school, but Delores Heinrich might have been better off had she gone to her classes.

While driving beyond Fort Klamath, Delores and a group of friends encountered two large work horses plodding down the middle of the road. Delores volunteered to lead them out of the way. The first one behaved nicely but the other responded by kicking the young girl to the other side of the road.

Beyond minor scratches and bruises, Delores was unhurt. When her friends came to her aid, her only comment was that her wrist watch, a graduation gift from her parents, was undamaged.

AFL Labor Group For Vanbenberg

The AFL Central Labor council, representing all the subordinate AFL councils in the Klamath basin, last night passed a unanimous resolution endorsing the campaign of David R. Vandenberg for circuit judge.

This endorsement was the day's only further development in the heated contest for the bench between Vandenberg, present judge, and Clarence A. Humble, district attorney.

The resolution was passed at a regular meeting of the council.

Farm Favor Said Major Aid To OPA

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—Senator Mitchell (D-Wash.) today described as "important help" to OPA the contention of major farm organizations that the house went too far in voting to loosen price controls.

Mitchell, one of the senate's most vigorous supporters of OPA, told reporters:

"This is about the first recognition we have had at committee hearings from critics of OPA that a weak price control agency would be dangerous to the country."

Mitchell was referring to statements yesterday before the senate banking committee by President Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation and Albert Goss, master of the national grange. Both wanted OPA to "mend its ways," but both said the house had been too drastic with some of its provisions in a bill to extend the price agency's life nine months beyond June 30.

OPA Endorsed

President James G. Patton of the National Farmers union gave OPA a warm endorsement.

On the other hand, Charles W. Holman, representing the National Cooperative Milk Producers association asked the committee to end all price controls on milk and its products June 30. He, as did O'Neal and Goss, called for an end to government subsidies to processors to keep retail prices down.

Holman termed his proposals "the only remedy for a viciously spiraling price ceiling structure that is wrecking dairy production and dooming American consumers to a milk famine."

Mitchell said he and other members of the senate are getting increasingly heavy mail on the issue of continuing OPA without "crippling amendments."

He said his last check showed 1338 letters for OPA and 162 against.

Portland Port Tie-Up Looms

PORTLAND, Ore., April 27 (AP)—A general tie-up of Portland's waterfront Monday appeared likely today as the CIO Superchargers and Checkers union took no steps to answer a waterfront employers' ultimatum setting 8 a. m. Monday as deadline for cancellation of the contract.

H. W. Hanks, union business agent, said the union had not sanctioned members' refusal to work the American-Hawaiian line vessel Sioux Falls Victory—cause of the ultimatum—and reiterated a statement made to employers that the union lacks authority to "force them to work against their better judgment." No further answer will be made, he said.

Train Crash Probe Delayed

CHICAGO, April 27 (AP)—State's Attorney Lee Daniels of Du Page county today subpoenaed Burlington railroad officials and train crews to testify at a grand jury investigation Tuesday into the collision of two of the line's fast passenger trains at Naperville Thursday. Forty-four persons were killed and more than 100 injured in the wreck.

NAPERVILLE, Ill., April 27 (AP)—State's Attorney General Lee Daniels, temporarily delayed in his effort to push an inquiry into a collision of two fast Burlington passenger trains which killed 44, asserted today he was "not entirely satisfied" that W. W. Blaine, 68-year-old engineer on the Exposition Express, "is to bear the entire blame."

"I believe other angles might be about as much to blame as the engineer's operation," the prosecutor told newsmen after calling off his inquiry when no members of the train crews appeared.

The Burlington railroad, meanwhile, scheduled a separate investigation conference in Chicago for later in the day. Members of the two train crews were instructed to attend. Daniels said he would attend the Chicago meeting.

Blaine, who remained at the controls of the Exposition Flyer when it ratted into the standing Advance Flyer, was still being treated at an Aurora hospital for a skull fracture. He has been charged with manslaughter.

A 24-hour guard was established at the Aurora hospital, where physicians said Blaine would be confined for two or three weeks.

Civilian Use Of Airport Pressed

Possibility that civilian fliers may get back on the municipal airport before completion of formal arrangements between the city and navy was indicated today in a telegram received here from Congressman Lowell Stockman.

Congressman Stockman said he had conferred with navy officials in Washington, and they had agreed to telegraph the commander of air bases, 13th naval district, suggesting that civilians be permitted to use the field pending execution of the interim permit by the city.

The city airport commission and city council have voted to accept an interim permit from the navy to authorize civilian use of the field formally, but it will take some time to complete this arrangement. Stockman said that copies of a draft of the permit are being airmailed from Washington to the city.

Stage Strike Picture Dark

PORTLAND, April 27 (AP)—The three-week Oregon Motor Stages strike continued with no hope of prompt settlement today after a session of company and union officials and a federal conciliation commission ended last night.

The meeting, attended by mayors of Salem and Eugene, concluded without announcement of further negotiations.

The company's offer, reported by General Manager A. Le Schneider, was \$1.12 1/2 an hour for city drivers, \$1.37 1/2 for mechanics, and \$1.25 for over-the-road drivers, or 5 1/2 cents a mile if they prefer. He said an alternative suggestion would allow employees to work while the company takes part in full arbitration.

Harold Oathes, union spokesman, said the union would return to work with \$1.15 an hour for city drivers, \$1.40 for mechanics and \$1.35 hourly or 5 1/2 cents a mile for road drivers. He declared employees, too, are willing to negotiate.

Skagit PUD Wins Court Decision

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., April 27 (AP)—The Skagit county public utility district today won its court test of the legality of the proposed \$135,000,000 purchase of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. far-flung hydroelectric empire.

Superior Judge W. L. Brickley in a verbal decision ordered John Wylie, secretary of the Skagit commission, to sign the bonds and the purchase contract and dismissed the intervenors' complaint filed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company as an interested taxpayer.

Attorneys for both sides previously had announced informally that the case would be carried to the state supreme court for a speedy action, perhaps in the May term.

Government May Seize Mill Wheat

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—The government, in a "much more drastic" step to avert starvation abroad, may move in and take part of the wheat now held by mills and elevators.

The grain obtained in this way would be used to help meet famine relief promises until greater quantities can be bought directly from farmers.

The action appears to be the only course open to the government if it is to keep its exports during the next few critical weeks from falling far short of urgent overseas needs.

Decision Pending

A decision thus to requisition part of the wheat remaining in commercial channels may be made today by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson. Anderson was due back at his office after a visit to Minnesota and North Dakota where he appealed personally to farmers to sell their remaining below-normal supplies to the government for shipment to famine areas.

This farm wheat, however, will require several weeks to reach port in any great amount, hence the possibility of quicker action.

The first open hint of the possible form any further action might take came from a state department news conference yesterday.

Discussing the food situation with reporters, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said he believed much more drastic steps must be taken to get wheat and flour for the destitute overseas.

Asked what might be done, he replied there is no great mystery about it.

If you want to get wheat and flour, Acheson said, what you have to do is to go and take wheat or flour. There are various ways to do that, he added, including the possibility of rationing.

Basic Fleet Left To Italy

PARIS, April 27 (AP)—The foreign ministers council agreed tonight to leave Italy a basic naval fleet and to divide its other warships among the four large powers, Greece and Yugoslavia.

With Russia agreeing to the division in the most cordial of the peace sessions yet held here by the foreign ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States, the ministers reached an accord on the broad general proportions of the fleet division.

Specific details were not settled during the three-hour meeting.

Bruin Causes Furor In City

PORTLAND, Ore., April 27 (AP)—A black bear that turned up mysteriously in suburban Portland was finally dispatched today after a two and a half hour chase by police and half-clad citizenry.

Twenty-five police and 15 police cars were summoned shortly after dawn when a resident spotted a 300-pound bear rambling down the sidewalk.

The bear took off down lots and behind houses, with officials and a few residents whooping behind him. He kept disappearing, only to pop into view again farther away.

While nightclothed householders rushed out to view the hide-and-seek, Gene Teague, resident of the neighborhood, finally wounded the animal with his 270 rifle. Patrolman R. A. Jensen followed with the fatal bullet.

Then officials started wondering who the carter belonged to. The zoo has no AWOL bears; there isn't a circus in town; and nobody is known to have a loose tame bear.

Cline Draws Nine Jolts

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 (AP)—White-haired Alfred Leonard Cline was sentenced today to nine consecutive terms of from one to fourteen years in prison for forging the names of two women who had wed him and then died mysteriously.

Judge Herbert C. Kaufman, in passing sentence, referred to Cline as "One-man crime, incorporated."

"While it is true that you were convicted only of forgery," the judge stated, "circumstances surrounding the case constitutes a pattern of conduct revolting and shocking to the conscience."

Several elderly women died and left their estates to Cline in Dallas a murder charge was filed against him, but no action was taken on it. District Attorney Edmund G. Brown of San Francisco, who has declared the women who died were cremated at once, on Cline's orders, and under names other than their own.

Black Blizzards Strike Dakotas

MINNEAPOLIS, April 27 (AP)—Swirling dust filled skies over North and South Dakota and Nebraska today and airplane pilots reaching Minneapolis reported the visibility had been reduced to one to three miles.

The Minneapolis airport weather station said that the dust storm, reminiscent of the "black blizzards" of 1934 and 1935, is the result of an advancing wind front stretching north and south on a line from Minot, N. D., to Pierre, S. D., and through Nebraska.

The dust was noted by pilots at 8000 feet in western North Dakota.

Red Envoy Opposed To Spain Quiz

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP)—A majority of the United Nations security council membership hoped today that a week-end message with new instructions from Moscow might move Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko from his steadfast opposition to any subcommittee investigation of Franco Spain.

There was nothing, however, to indicate that Gromyko would waver from his contention that Spain already has been proved a menace to peace and that subsidiary pursuit of the question would lead only to delay, thus forestalling immediate action against Spain. The 10 other members of the council were in apparent agreement on a proposal to investigate to determine whether Spain is, as charged, a threat to world peace.

Last Holdout

The sober, black-haired Soviet delegate became the last holdout against the appointment of a subcommittee to compile all the available data on Spain from the intelligence services of the individual governments of the U. N. and any additional evidence it may turn up. Australian Delegate W. R. Hodgson twice revised his resolution proposing the subcommittee inquiry in an effort to bring the council to unanimous agreement.

The third draft was drawn before yesterday's session at a last-minute breakfast conference at which Hodgson won over French Delegate Henri Bonnet and Dr. Oscar Lange of Poland, who had riddled the subcommittee proposal with amendments and counter-proposals the day before in a partial lineup with the adamant Gromyko.

Roxas Issues Victory Spiel

MANILA, April 27 (AP)—Manuel Roxas issued a victory statement today as his lead in the Philippines' presidential race exceeded 125,000 votes, but incumbent Sergio Osmena declined to concede defeat.

Presidential Secretary Jose Reyes said Osmena planned an official statement for next week.

Roxas said he already was selecting his cabinet, and added: "The keynote of my administration will be justice to everyone and reestablishment of a reign of law. Despite charges of fraud against me, I am sure I am the greatest champion of democracy."

Asked to comment on Osmena's spokesman's charge that the election was "stolen," the confidence Roxas said: "seventy to 80 per cent of the people exercised their free will. There were large scale frauds in some districts, but the great majority expressed themselves freely."

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Time Shift Set Sunday

By The Associated Press

Daylight saving time will go into effect at 2 a. m. tomorrow (Sunday) in six eastern states and portions of 19 others.

Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia, however, will not observe the time change.

States which will push timepieces ahead one hour on a statewide basis are New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut.

Those states where communities will make their own decisions on the subject are New York, West Virginia, Illinois, Minnesota, Florida, Michigan, South Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Delaware, Oregon, Maine and Maryland.

Most of Maine will observe daylight saving time but most of Oregon won't.

Most Canadian cities will observe daylight saving time beginning at 2 a. m. tomorrow.

50 Die Each Week

"In camps built to accommodate 2000 to 4000, some 50 people die each week."

The broadcast said children in the area were suffering and that cries for help were going up from "girls and women who are being brutally raped and whose bodily and spiritual health is completely shaken, so that they are unable to give birth to a healthy child."

"There are no doctors to cope with venereal diseases and if there were any, there are no medicines," the radio said.

"The eastern half of the Russian zone has been thoroughly plundered," it continued. "There are not even seeds for the coming year. Only some two to four per cent of the cattle is still here."

"Thousands of children have for a year been without any teaching. They just vegetate, are undernourished, broken in body and spirit."

In describing the transfer of "some 5,500,000 persons" from the eastern part of the zone to new homes in the west, the broadcast said:

"Their suffering is immense, horrible and cannot be expressed in figures."

"One must have seen the plight—trains packed with people plundered both spiritually and materially. Their cry for material help is reinforced by a cry for priests, priests who could help them die humanely and give them a Christian burial."

"Never before has there been such an opportunity for the church in the German east as today."

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Baseball Scores

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Pittsburgh	2	8	1
Cincinnati	5	8	1
St. Louis	2	6	1
Chicago	0	3	2
Zoldak and Mancuso; Grove, Paphis (7), Cadwell (9) and Tresh.			



Victim of Burlington train wreck at Naperville, Ill., is pulled through crowd window and onto improvised stretcher by volunteer rescue workers.