

# FORRESTAL PLAYS MERGER PLAN

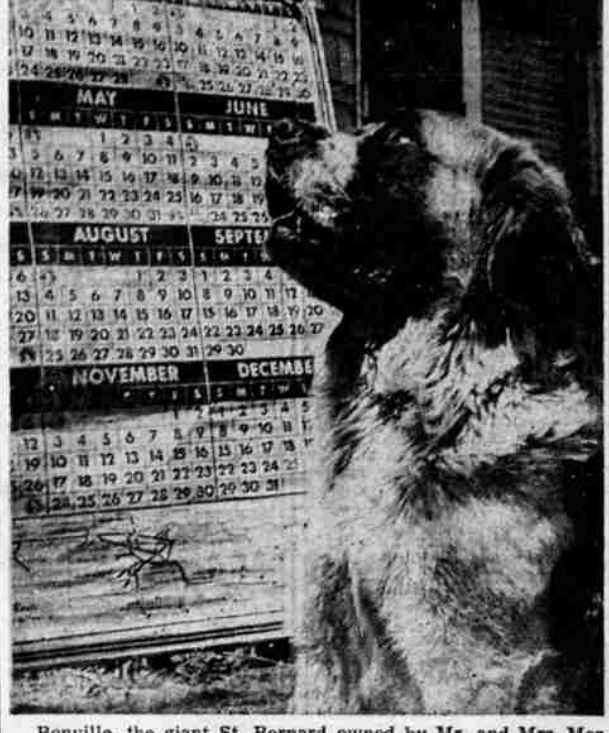
## Herald and News

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### WEATHER NEWS

May 1  
Max. (April 30) 64 Min. 37  
Precipitation last 24 hours .50  
Stream year to date 11.27  
Normal 19.18 Last year 8.75  
Forecast: Fair and warmer.

### It's May 1---A Black Day On A Dog's Calendar



Bonville, the giant St. Bernard owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Johnson of 900 Eldorado, uphappily faces the prospect of being a shut-in from today, May 1, until July 1.

Along with hundreds of other Klamath Falls pooches, Bonville will have to forego his canine habit of strolling in the tulip bed. While the pups observe the whole thing mournfully, gardeners rejoiced at a chance for their new spring gardens to grow.

A city ordinance provides that the dogs be tied or penned up for 60 days each spring, and city police say that the ruling will be strictly enforced. Police Chief Orville Hamilton says that dogs found running loose will be taken to the city pound, where the owners will have to pay a fine to retrieve their pets.

### Navy Head Sees End Of Marines

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Forrestal declared today that "outright abolition of the marine corps is a possibility under the proposed legislation to merge the army and the navy."

While maintaining that the navy is in favor of "practical improvement in the coordination of the armed services" he warned the senate naval committee against (1) concentration of power in the hands of one man, (2) the idea of "merge now and organize later," and (3) curtailing naval aviation and the marine corps.

Forrestal declared that the current proposal to merge the army and the navy into a single department of defense is "based on a major premise which is false."

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—As part of the general "backgrounding" program, Reconstruction Director Chester Bowles, who sits on the hottest spot in Washington, had been invited to appear before this august body of editors.

Fate willing otherwise. On the night before, the house of representatives, working until near midnight, dealt with the OPA in much the manner of a cook scrambling an egg. So Mr. Bowles sent in a substitute—he himself being fully occupied in the cold, gray dawn of the morning after with the task of trying to unscramble the egg.

THE substitute was a rangy, rough-hewn young man who ought to be in the state department, for he handled these irritated editors (everybody who gets even close to OPA seems irritated) with tact and diplomacy.

He admitted that OPA isn't perfect. Whenever the waters became troubled, he poured upon them the oil of a tolerant and understanding smile. But at every clang of the iron, sparks flew.

If you want to start a fight anywhere in America, just mention OPA and you will be fully accommodated. This session was no exception to the common rule. Tempers were on edge by the time the discussion ended.

WHAT the house did to OPA, PLUS what the senate may be expected to do to what the house did, has been the No. 1 topic of conversation in Washington ever since it happened.

It is a reasonably fair deduction that it wasn't a put-up job. This writer, after talking to a lot of the principals (who are a little scared, now that they have actually "do'd" it, as Red Skelton says) is of the opinion that when the members of the house went into the session that afternoon they had no thought of definitely scrambling the OPA egg. The accumulated annoyance and bad temper that OPA has stirred up everywhere in trying to do its more or less impossible job just bubbled and boiled until they accumulated a head of steam that blew up the teakettle.

As a generator of heat, OPA is at least a close second to nuclear fission.

DON'T be too sure the senate will put the pieces back together into something closely resembling OPA before the house explosion.

The senators get mail from their constituents, too—and the OPA mail that pours into Washington follows a pattern. The proponents of price control are voluble, but hazy. They're like the vast majority of us who are unalterably FOR virtue in the abstract. But they are foggy on details. They are for lower prices as a principle, but let it go at that.

Opponents of OPA are definite and positive. They SPECIFY. The files of every member of congress bulge with INSTANCES of what has been done to citizens and taxpayers—little merchants who have been fined and humiliated because some raw new clerk has overcharged somebody a penny on a can of prunes, etc. One complainant told his senator he may have done it, but he wasn't entirely responsible for details at the moment, as he had just got the news that his boy had been killed in Europe.

The files of the senators are full of letters of this sort, just as are the files of the representatives, and the senators are just as human as anybody else. They're likely to soften the harshness of the house bill a little, but they have no love for OPA and OPA-ers—especially the latter.

THE cold solemn truth of the matter is that in a productive economy as vast and varied as America's the mind of man is simply INCAPABLE of mastering the astronomical task of fixing arbitrarily a fair and just price for every one of the millions of items that are involved in our productive system—which ebbs and flows and shifts from day to day as demand and supply rise and fall and costs vary.

In that fact lies OPA's basic trouble.

### Veteran Carrier On Last Voyage

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 (AP)—The veteran aircraft carrier Saratoga sailed today for Honolulu en route to the Bikini atom bomb tests.

The famed "Sara" carried a crew of only 600, compared to its wartime complement of 3200.

The ship, one of the largest vessels designated for the bomb tests, was equipped with secret instruments to record effects of the bombing.

## Nip Left Seeks Power

### Soviet And Byrnes Row Over Italy

PARIS, May 1 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov and U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes clashed in the question of the future allied control of Italy today as the foreign ministers council turned thumbs down on Austria's plea for return of the southern Tyrol by Italy.

A qualified conference source said the Soviet minister sharply opposed Byrnes' proposal for a single general commission to supervise the carrying out of the Italian treaty provisions on the ground that it would be an infringement of Italian sovereignty.

Molotov reversed the Soviet policy followed at last September's council meeting at which the Russians voted with their colleagues to set up only military control commissions.

At this morning's session, over which he presided, Molotov came out in favor of no commission at all. The ministers were discussing the last of 11 points of disagreement over the Italian treaty.

Austrian Plea Rejected

In considering the Austrian-Italian border question, the deputies decided that the Austrian request for return of the south Tyrol, ceded to Italy after the First World War, was a major frontier rectification which the council had decided against last September. The question arose at the meeting of the ministers yesterday whether the request was a major or minor border change and the matter was handed over to the deputies.

### Redding Stage May Tap Burns

LAKEVIEW, May 1 (AP)—Extension of the Redding-Alturas-Lakeview stage line to the town of Burns is in prospect, Thomas B. Riley, owner-operator of the line, notified the Lake County chamber of commerce today.

Riley said the firm had applied to the interstate commerce commission for the extension, and asked that the ICC hearing be held here.

The new service would operate daily directly from Redding to Burns, via Alturas and Lakeview. It would connect with Pacific Greyhound.

### Hager Finally Gets Safety Signal

After years of urging by local groups, a modern automatic safety signal has just been installed at the Hager crossing of the O. C. and E. railroad, scene of many serious accidents. Here Joy Biggs of The Herald and News staff looks over the new signal.



### Parking Meter Plan Gets Chamber Directors' Okeh After Spirited Discussion

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Flying roulette—that's the latest idea for expanding gambling in Nevada.

Duke Wiley and Eddie Alias, operators of a Las Vegas night club, announced they are negotiating for purchase of a four-engine transport plane to use as a flying gambling casino between Las Vegas and Reno.

"This will enable tourists, harassed businessmen and others to enjoy gambling while traveling and thus save time in the air," said Wiley.

Parking meters for Klamath Falls won the favor of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce today noon after a spirited discussion.

The approved motion favors a six months trial period for the meters, with the understanding that net proceeds from parking meters be spent in the development of off-street parking areas. The chamber motion also proposed that any commissions on the sale of the meters be credited to the city, rather than to any individual.

Meanwhile, the local merchants association called a meeting for 10 a. m. Friday at the chamber to consider the parking meter issue. The matter is coming to a head as a result of action of the city traffic safety council, recommending to the city council that it try meters for a six-month period. The recommendation has not reached the common council for action.

Discussion at the chamber meeting indicated directors' opinion that parking meters are only a partial solution to parking problems, and that off-street parking areas should be pressed as a constructive use of parking meter revenues. Director C. A. Dunn asserted that the revenue from the meters would be used to improve the city's parking meters. Others said that parking meters tend to create traffic movement and to do an automatic policing job that keeps parking space open for rural and other shoppers.

Meanwhile, a Herald and News informal survey among business men brought a variety of views on the parking meter question. Among those asked, approval appeared to outweigh disapproval of a meter trial.

Several merchants were strong for giving the meters a trial, and some were emphatically favorable to immediate installation on the grounds that meters had worked advantageously in other cities.

The fewer dissenting voices were as emphatically against having parking meters, using the argument that meters do not solve anything as traffic officers overstaying their time, increasing the need for more officers. Objectors stated that towns already having meters were not entirely satisfied with them.

One merchant thought that shoppers should not be charged to park in their own town while patronizing their local stores.

Another merchant said if the revenue from meters was budgeted for certain civic improvements and funds were used specifically for these purposes he would be all for it, but he seemed doubtful that this would work out.

### Atom Defenses Readied By U S

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The armed forces were reported today advancing in their plans to put some of the nation's key military plants and headquarters underground eventually as a precaution against atomic or rocket attacks in a possible future war.

A committee of the reorganized army and navy munitions board has been busy surveying underground sites for several weeks under the general supervision of a civilian industrialist, Richard R. Deupree, of Cincinnati. The work has included a study of the possible usefulness of such caverns as Mammoth Cave, Ky., and Carlsbad caverns, N. M. Beyond that hint members of the group are mum on what has been done or may be undertaken.

World War II largely solved the problem of this country's New York-Pittsburgh-Norfolk "vulnerable triangle" where industry was concentrated, this official noted. Beginning with the construction before Pearl Harbor of the first string of TNT and smokeless powder plants, the munitions industry, including aircraft plants, was widely dispersed at war and navy department insistence.

A recognized remaining problem is the safeguards of key military headquarters and such plants as those making rockets and atom bombs whose quick destruction might be a solar plexus blow.

### Morse Assails OPA 'Gestapo'

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) says the primary fault with OPA is the way in which it is being administered, and not in the law itself.

He said he will vote for retention of price control and against "crippling amendments" attached by the house.

"It has always been my position that OPA must be continued in order to check the profiteering greed which will gallop roughshod over the people of this country during the reconversion period if the check-rein is taken off the bridle," he said in a statement.

"What we need in OPA is a housecleaning of its incompetent and gestapo-minded subordinates and a re-dedication on the part of its officials to the principles and inflation-control objectives set forth in the original price control act."

### Senator Attacks Property Disposal

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Senator Byrd (D-Va.) asserted today the government's handling of surplus property disposal is "a national scandal" and ordered an investigation by the joint congressional economy committee which he heads.

Although it has been eight months since the fighting stopped, Byrd said in a statement, "effective machinery has not yet been established to permit the citizens to purchase war surplus goods."

### Laborites Threaten Big Strike

TOKYO, May 1 (AP)—Organized labor used its occupation-union freedom to voice a May Day threat of a general strike to support its demand for a leftist government.

Meantime, Japanese police and American forces searched for the fanatic accused of having plotted to kill General MacArthur at the height of today's celebration by an estimated 400,000 Japanese in front of the imperial palace.

It was Japan's first May Day celebration in 11 years and it passed quietly without a single reported act of violence.

Socialist Kanju Kato, in a labor committee conference with Premier Shidehara, said a nationwide walkout might be called if a single party cabinet was formed by the rightist liberals. The liberal party won 139 diet seats in the recent election but failed to gain a majority.

"The people may rise against it," Kato told the premier. "This might take the form of a general strike. In that case, who is going to take the responsibility?"

Shidehara, who resigned his cabinet nine days ago in an election aftermath, agreed to listen to the committee's demands—some voiced angrily—but declined to comment.

The conference followed the assembly which the American provost marshal estimated attracted 400,000 Japanese. The crowd, gathered just a block from MacArthur's headquarters, waved red banners, sang, and heard speeches demanding rights for workers. Then it dispersed in the rain to march through various sections of the capital while Kato's group went to confer with Shidehara.

Armed American soldiers circled through the crowd, looking for Hideo Tokayama, accused by MacArthur's headquarters of having plotted to kill him with grenades and pistols at the height of today's celebration. An informant now in American custody told MacArthur's aides of the plot.

### Shoppers Snatched For Jury Duty

PORTLAND, May 1 (AP)—Surprised Portland shoppers were snatched from downtown streets here yesterday as Federal Judge James Alger Fessenden U. S. marshals out looking for jurors to keep his court calendar on schedule.

Jury venires ran out with two jurors needed to complete the last cast on the day's calendar. U. S. Marshals Frank Meyers and Al Price were ordered to get some jurors from the street. Price reported one trim brunette snubbed him and flounced away when he inquired "are you 21 years old?"

### Clark Fears Monopolies

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 1 (AP)—Attorney General Tom C. Clark charged today that "many of those who demand the removal of controls over the building and related industries—ostensibly in the name of competition—in fact desire private monopoly to regulate that great industry."

Clark named no names in making his statement before the 34th annual convention of the United States chamber of commerce. The board of directors of the chamber on Monday approved for convention consideration a resolution, likewise in general terms, expressing opposition to the federal housing, construction program and favoring removal of restraints on private construction.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated action, the 53-man directorate of the chamber sidetracked a proposal which would have placed their organization on record for outright repeal of the Wagner labor relations act.

In a brief reference to labor in connection with the anti-trust laws, the attorney general said "certain activities of labor unions, having nothing to do with the legitimate ends of organized labor, constitute undesirable restraints upon our economy."

### GI's Mobbed By Japanese

TOKYO, May 1 (AP)—Two American soldiers were beaten Sunday night by a mob of Japanese, one of whom said he would "not take anything from any GI's," the army newspaper Stars and Stripes reported today.

Capt. Michael G. Frisch, chief of the criminal investigation division (CID) of the provost marshal's office, was quoted as saying the two Americans—privates in the 808th engineer aviation battalion—were painfully but not seriously hurt.

The two soldiers were walking down a street in Kamata, between Tokyo and Yokohama. They were approached by four Japanese, one of whom said he had been through the Okinawa campaign and did not propose to "take anything from any GI's."

Then he whistled and 75 to 100 Japanese swarmed around the Americans, while 15 or 20 beat them. Many of the group carried wooden rifles and sticks.

### Baseball Scores

AMERICAN	
St. Louis	R. H. E. 2 10 1
Philadelphia	3 6 1
Potter and Sears; Fowler, Flores (9) and Rosar.	
Cleveland	3 4 1
New York	6 9 1
Reynolds, Kileman (5), Podgajny (6), Black (8) and Hayes; Ruffing and Dickey.	
Detroit	1 4 3
Boston	13 12 2
Benton, White (2), Gentry (7) and Tebbets, Swift (7); Ferris and H. Wagner.	
NATIONAL	
Brooklyn	5 13 1
Chicago	1 6 2
Gregg and Sandlock; Fleming, Erickson (4), Bithorn (4), Hanyzewski (9) and McCullough, Scheffing (8).	
Philadelphia	8 11 1
Pittsburgh	0 5 0
Pearson and Hensley; Semirnick (7); Albosta, Gerheuser (4), Bahr (8) and Salkeld.	

### Mix-Up In OPA Hits Clothes

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP)—Men's clothing manufacturers halted deliveries on 75 to 80 per cent of all suits being produced, industry spokesmen said today.

They said conflicting office of price administration regulations make it impossible for them to ship the bulk of their production without incurring heavy penalties.

The Clothing Manufacturers Association of the U. S. A., leading trade organization in the field, asserted that manufacturers "find themselves in a quandary because an OPA maximum average price regulation forbids shipment of goods priced in accordance with another OPA regulation, and therefore shipments have been stopped. Otherwise manufacturers would incur penalties due to the conflict caused by the two regulations."

It was estimated in the industry that shipment of approximately 325,000 men's suits, 80,000 overcoats and topcoats, and 80,000 boys' garments will be held up each week until such time as the two orders are reconciled.

### Airport Program OK'd By Congress

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—A half-billion dollar federal aid program for state and municipal airport construction went to President Truman today for his signature.

Congress completed action when the senate voted 49 to 32 yesterday for a compromise bill allowing cities and states to apply to the federal government for airport funds on a matching basis. The house approved the measure April 2.

The bill authorizes the \$500,000,000 to be allocated over a seven-year period starting next July 1, with annual outlays limited to \$100,000,000. Seventy-five per cent of the fund would be apportioned among the states under a formula taking into consideration both area and population of a state.

### Maritime Cooks Vote For Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 (AP)—CIO maritime cooks and stewards of four west coast ports have voted 93 per cent in favor of a strike for more pay and a 40-hour week, union officials announced today.

Ballots have been counted in San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, and Wilmington, Calif., union officials said.

Votes have not been completed in New York, New Orleans, Baltimore and Honolulu. Negotiations reached an impasse last April 10.

### Marine Barracks Declared Surplus

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The navy said today that the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks has been formally declared surplus, opening the way for the Oregon state board of higher education to take it over.

The navy said no agency except the state was interested in negotiating for the facility.

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### Daylight Saving Decision Pends; Local Opinion Split

With farmers emphatically opposed, but many city people indicating they would like the extra daylight hours in the evening after work, Klamath people today awaited word from Salem as to whether Oregon is going to have daylight saving time.

Governor Earl Snell of Oregon and Governor Mon C. Wallgren of Washington were scheduled to talk the matter over by long distance late this afternoon, and from that conversation is expected to come a decision on daylight saving for the northwest.

Klamath chamber of commerce directors went on record today against daylight saving time, after hearing vigorous statements with respect to the opposition of farmers. Henry Semon, director in charge of agriculture, said that farm people feel that daylight saving time is especially bad in harvest periods, bringing an end to the

### Arriving In U. S.

By The Associated Press  
Jesse E. Francis, 77, M. H. State, arrived in General Base due in Seattle April 27.  
Arthur C. Hitchman Jr., 54, Sgt., Klamath Falls, arrived on General Base due in Seattle April 28.

### Wants No "Overlord"

"I would describe the duties of this proposed executive and his office as duties of a coordinating and staff character as opposed to the army's concept of an overlord of all the services."

He said British experience had proved the danger of neglecting naval aviation.

"We have grave fears for the future of naval aviation if this bill should pass in its present form," he added. The sinking of the British Prince of Wales and the Repulse as well as the escape of the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau, the Prinz Eugen, through the English channel, was directly due to lack of a naval air arm, he declared.

Forrestal objected to a proposed single department with a secretary of common defense and five assistants as "illogical administratively" and said in some cases "vacuums of authority" would exist.

Dangerous Concentration

"I have deep misgivings about the danger of the concentration of . . . huge authority in the hands of one military man," he said, adding:

"I mistrust the principle of relying on a single genius to make all the basic decisions. I also know that it was a most fortunate thing that was an equal partner in presenting the requirements of the Pacific war."

Forrestal emphasized that the navy was in complete accord with the desire of President Truman to set up an integrated "military-foreign relations-industrial-economic organization" which would keep the nation's military machine usable and effective.

"I believe that legislation can be drafted," Forrestal said, "which will attain (this). I have done everything within my power and capacity to aid in the preparation of such legislation," he told the committee, "and you can be assured that those efforts will be continued."