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**WEATHER NEWS**

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### The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.—William Benton, assistant secretary of state and a member of the dynamic advertising agency ex-firm of Benton and Bowles that has entered so heavily into our governmental picture of late, appears before the editors (assembled in Washington) to "back-ground" them on the highly important subject of picturing ourselves accurately to the peoples of other countries.

He has a quick mind, as direct and positive in its processes as a steel trap, and a winning manner. AND a ready smile.

In general, he has a good program. The Lord knows if peoples can't come to understand each other better the world will CONTINUE in a bad way.

**HE** comes crosswise with the editors on the subject of government broadcasting of the dispatches of American news agencies to foreign peoples. Newspaper men hold that whenever news is touched by government it BECOMES PROPAGANDA.

History backs them up in their stand.

**MOST** interesting, perhaps, of all the backgrounders is Secretary of State Jimmy Byrnes, who for two or more hours tells us what American foreign policy is all about.

He is UTTERLY sincere. No man ever stood before a critical audience and succeeded in winning it more completely. PERSONALLY, that is. There may have been doubts as to the total rightness of our recent foreign policy, but there were no doubts as to the integrity and high-mindedness of Byrnes.

He got a tremendous ovation—as sincere men usually do.

**WHAT** he said is "off the record"—meaning that it just isn't to be quoted directly. It is, in fact, the American people as he spoke to us newspaper people in those two or three hours, there will be confidence in the objectives of our foreign policy and faith in our government to an extent that does not now exist.

**ONE** of the big highlights is General Eisenhower.

What a man he is! Warm, generous, sincere, affable. In the war in Europe, he is COMMANDED the British armies as well as ours. It isn't easy for a nation that for well over a century was the most powerful on earth to accept the command of a foreigner—but Britain not only accepted Eisenhower's command but LIKED it. Liked it because she LIKED IKE. And respected him, and trusted him.

This writer spent much of last summer talking to GIs. DISGRUNTLED GIs. In all the world, there is no one more disgruntled than an American soldier when the shooting stops. He has no use for war, anyway, and the reason he fights like a wildcat while the shooting is on is because he wants to lick the enemy, get the filthy, bloody stuff over with he belongs. When the shooting stops, the purpose is gone from the whole nasty business and the undemobilized soldier goes sour. Sour on all the world, until he is demobilized.

But in all those sour, disgruntled months, among hundreds of thousands of sour, disgruntled men, this writer heard no word save of confidence and liking and trust for General Eisenhower.

What a record that is!

### Thomas Hurt In Pumphouse Fall

A. M. Thomas, 69, superintendent of the Enterprise Irrigation district, suffered painful injuries and shock at 9:30 this morning when he stepped into an uncovered hole at pumphouse No. 2, about five miles east of Klamath Falls.

Thomas was making a routine inspection trip when the accident occurred. He fell into four feet of water and struck his hip on a piece of rough lumber. Two employees on duty at the time, Roy Roberts and Glenn Hilborn, moved Thomas from the hole and he was rushed to the Klamath Valley hospital by Mrs. Thomas, who was working in the office nearby.

Although Thomas is said to be suffering from hurts and shock, it is not thought any bones are broken. He was to have X-ray today. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas returned here this spring from a lengthy stay in Ohio. They are residing at 1825 Madison.

### Bulletin

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The office of defense transportation today ordered a general embargo on railroad freight shipments with certain exceptions, and a 25 per cent reduction in passenger service by coal burning locomotives, effective May 10.

The action was taken as a result of the coal strike.

## Time Craft Out

### Addition To Mills School On Program

A \$100,000 addition to the Mills school building will be on the ballot for a decision of voters in school district No. 1 at a special election on May 23.

Legal notices were published by the district today calling the election, and making the proposal for a \$50,000 levy for two years to provide for an auditorium development at the Mills plant. This would give the school and the Mills community an expanded auditorium, and the old auditorium there would be converted into classrooms to provide for a growing enrollment.

Plans drawn by Architect Howard R. Perrin for the auditorium provide for a seating capacity of from 700 to 800, with a large stage and a music room as additional features. The floor would be partially ramped. The auditorium would be added to the north side of the present building, adjoining the playground.

**Special Ballot**  
 The \$100,000 sought at the election May 23 would build and equip the auditorium.

This proposition will be on a special ballot at that election. District voters at the same time will decide on the budget for the next year, a copy of which is published today. The election will be held at Fremont school, district No. 2 set May 23 as the date for the high school budget election. The vote in that district will be held at the high school.

Some time ago, plans were announced for a proposed new vocational education wing for the high school, at the corner of Monclair and Alameda, which district voters will be asked to authorize at the May 23 election.

Mills is the largest grade school in the city, with attendance pushing the 600 mark.

### Calamity Looms Asserts Byrd

ATLANTIC CITY, May 2 (AP)—U. S. Senator Harry F. Byrd (D-Ind.) said today he doubted the nation could avert catastrophe if the coal strike continued another two weeks.

Speaking to 2000 delegates to the U. S. chamber of commerce 34th annual meeting, Byrd said settlement of the strike hinged on the principle of paying John L. Lewis a \$60,000,000 annual royalty.

"I do not believe our business economy can operate by paying royalties to labor leaders, such as John L. Lewis and James Pettillo, and for my part, I feel it is the duty of the congress of the United States to prohibit legislation," Byrd said.

### This Will Have You Up A Tree



It looks like a giant California redwood tree, but anyone who makes that guess is going 'way out on a limb. To see what the picture really shows, turn it on its left side. It's a springtime scene in Victoria park, Kitchener, Ontario, taken by N. C. Schneider, local packinghouse executive and amateur photographer.

### Vets Ask Truman To Oregon Meet

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Officials of the Disabled American Veterans saw President Truman today and said he may combine into a single trip this fall visits to their annual convention at Portland, Ore., and to Alaska.

The convention starts Sept. 2, Labor Day. Dow V. Walker, DAV national commander, told reporters Mr. Truman declared he would "be very happy to make our convention, if it is possible."

Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington has urged Mr. Truman to visit Alaska, Walker reported. He said Mr. Truman suggested the Alaskan tour and a visit to the DAV meeting might be worked in together, although he could make no definite promise.

### Snell And Wallgren Lack Power

SALEM, May 2 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell said today that he and Governor Mon C. Wallgren of Washington have decided against issuing a proclamation calling for daylight saving time "at least at this time under existing circumstances."

He said he and Wallgren made their decision because they lack authority.

**Statement**  
 Governor Snell said in a prepared statement: "I have been in communication with the offices of the northwestern governors and California for a couple of weeks or so and because of lack of authority together with other matters, none have thus far decided to issue daylight saving proclamations."

"I have been in Washington daily contact with Washington's Governor Wallgren, and while we both recognize the advantages and convenience in many quarters, yet the lack of uniformity in the northwest and the lack of authority on the part of the governors to make it uniform even within our respective states causes us both to refrain from issuing suggestive proclamations at least at this time under existing circumstances."

### Paris Confab Goes Informal

PARIS, May 2 (AP)—Formal sessions of the foreign ministers conference were suspended indefinitely today and the four ministers decided to hold only daily informal meetings in the future, qualified American sources said.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault expressed dissatisfaction at the progress of the council in writing Europe's peace treaties and was supported in this view by U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, an American informant said.

The Frenchman then proposed and the council decided that in the future the four ministers would meet informally at Luxembourg palace in the office of the chief of the delegation who normally would preside over formal sessions.

There was no hint of a breakdown in the negotiations. The ministers felt they could get along more swiftly in informal meetings, the procedure that was adopted during their Moscow conference last December when a similar situation arose, the American source said.

**Islands To Yugoslavia**  
 British sources reported the foreign ministers had agreed to award Yugoslavia a string of Dalmatian islands along the eastern Adriatic coast.

In awarding the Dalmatian islands to Yugoslavia, the ministers provided that the territory would be demilitarized. The Italian island of Polignosa was given to Yugoslavia, but Italian fishing rights were guaranteed. Italy was allowed to keep Pianosa, but it, too, must be demilitarized.

Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov opposed a suggestion to insert in the Italian peace treaty a proposal forcing Italy to turn over war criminals as requested. The suggestion was backed by Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. It was dropped.

### Roxas Pledges Bases To U. S.

MANILA, May 2 (AP)—President-elect Manuel A. Roxas declared today an independent Philippines would work closely with the United States, which he said would be free to set up all permanent "military, naval and air bases it may desire" in the fledgling republic.

In his first pronouncement on Filipino-United States relations since the election, Roxas told the Associated Press: "On the platform of my party I have committed myself to a frank, open and whole-hearted cooperation with the United States in its foreign policy, particularly in the Far East, and toward the open and whole-hearted cooperation with the United States."

He said the United States as the leading nation in this part of the world, "I have great faith and confidence in the fine purposes and altruism of the United States and I am certain its foreign policy will always be inspired by these ideals."

### Wife Kills Mate And Self In Rage

LEABURG, Ore., May 2 (AP)—Double tragedy struck this quiet summer home community on the McKenzie river early today when 51-year-old Lola Barber, in a jealous rage, pumped five bullets into the body of her sleeping husband and then shot herself with the sixth bullet from a .45 calibre Colt revolver.

The dead man is William A. Barber, about 55, who married Lola last December. Five notes found around the palatial 15-room summer home of a California broker, where the Barbbers were caretakers, indicated that Lola Barber feared that her husband would return to his former wife and seven children.

### Progress Reported In Salem Bus Strike

PORTLAND, May 2 (AP)—A union official, negotiating the Oregon Motor Stages strike, returned from a Salem meeting today and reported that "considerable progress" was made toward settlement.

T. S. Beguin, who represented the AFL union at negotiations in Salem, said the union had made certain proposals to the company which were to be answered within a few days.

### Bonneville Denies Toledo Power Bid

TOLEDO, May 2 (AP)—The Toledo water and light commission has been advised by Bonneville power administration of rejection of its application to purchase power for a municipally-owned system.

Bonneville advised the commission that the Central Lincoln County People's Utility district, when it extended service through the area, had been assured that units in the area would not break away from the PUD to set up separate systems.

### Destroyer Escort Blows Up At Munition Depot



Fire boat plays streams of water on burning hull of ravaged USS Solar, navy destroyer escort, just before it sank after explosion at its pier at Leonardo, N. J., ammunition depot. Seven were officially reported missing, number of injured were estimated at well over 150. Meanwhile, the navy was reported investigating the cause of the explosion, which occurred while ammunition was being unloaded onto a pier.

### Arab Uprising Threatened

JERUSALEM, May 2 (AP)—An Arab higher committee official said today the committee had delivered to Britain a letter the "next thing to an ultimatum," rejecting the Anglo-American Palestine recommendations and declaring Arabs will now "prepare all means for defense in order to resume the national struggle."

Ahamed Shukaiky, director of the Arab office, told reporters the letter meant that an Arab uprising, similar to those of 1936-1939, was threatened.

"Dr. Izzat Tannous (the higher committee secretary) and myself presented the letter in a formal two-minute meeting with the high commissioner's secretary," he said. "In our report (of the Anglo-American inquiry committee), those two minutes will pass into history as historical seconds."

The British-American commission report in effect would terminate the white paper in favor of the immigration of at least 100,000 Jews.

### Truman OK's Navy Protest

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—President Truman said today he had seen and approved in advance Secretary of the Navy Forrestal's testimony on the army-navy merger bill.

Asked at a news conference whether he regarded Forrestal's statement to the senate committee as lobbying, Mr. Truman replied with a sharp negative.

He said Forrestal had a perfect right to say what he did, that the secretary had submitted his statement ahead of time and that he had authorized the secretary to make it.

Furthermore, the chief executive added, he did not regard the testimony as opposed to a merger when it was read carefully and in full. That was his answer to a reporter who said he was puzzled by the situation.

### Baseball Scores

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	2	9	0
New York	8	10	2
Johnson, Ferrick (4), Kleinman (4), Center and Hayes; Chandler and Dickey.			
	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	4	11	0
Boston	5	10	2
(10 innings)			
Trucks, Bridges (8) and Richards, Swift (7), Tebbetts (8); Huggson, Dreisewerd (8) and Wagner.			
	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	10	16	1
Philadelphia	3	6	1
Kramer and Mancuso; Besse, Savage (4), Berry (6) and Rosar			

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	9	0
Chicago	2	9	1
Higbe, Herring (5) and Anderson; Chipman, Wyse (9) and McCullough.			
	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	9	2
Pittsburgh	8	8	1
Judd, Mulcahy (2) and Semelnick; Ostermueller and Camelli.			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	9	0
St. Louis	1	4	2
Koslo and Lombardi, Warren (7); Brecheen, Dickson (9) and Rice, Klutz (7).			

### Price Problem Pops

PHILADELPHIA, May 2 (AP)—A bubble gum problem popped up today and it looks like the OPA may be stuck with it.

The Red, White and Blue club—a group of 7- and 8-year-old girls—wrote this letter to Rep. William A. Barrett (D-Pa.):

"Dear Congressman: We pay 2 cents for bubble gum and it is only supposed to be 1 cent. We think the man in the OPA should take care of that."

Club President Diana Domanko, 7, commented: "There is something congress can get its teeth into."

### War Secretary For Big Guard

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Secretary of War Patterson today called for re-establishment of the national guard as quickly as possible, saying it is of "prime importance" to national defense.

He spoke to the first postwar convention of the Adjutant General association, called to discuss the war department's proposal for a national guard of 621,500 officers and men—more than twice the size of the pre-war force.

"The strength needed for our national guard requires a maximum which the state can recruit and maintain," Patterson said in a prepared address. He added that guard should be well trained, fully equipped and ready for any emergency.

Patterson also renewed his advocacy of universal training, extension of the draft law, unified command, a reorganization of the army's disciplinary system "to mirror the American way of life."

### Second Warning On Bonfires

Homeowners, who have been guilty of building fires for consumption of winter debris, were warned once more that they must obtain a permit from the fire department before starting such a blaze.

According to city ordinance No. 534, Section 10, it is necessary by law to obtain a written permit from the fire chief or member of the fire department. The department has been more lenient, however, and all that is necessary is to call the fire department, 5425, and give the location of the fire and to assure that a garden hose is available to quench the flames should they get out of hand. The law does say, however, that if a permit is not obtained there is a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment not to exceed five days nor more than 30.

The fire truck was called to 2440 Reclamation at 8:09 p. m. Wednesday when sparks on the roof threatened the unoccupied building. It is owned by Stanley Hasy. There was no damage.

### State Keeps After KF Marine Barracks

SALEM, May 2 (AP)—The state will continue negotiations for the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks installations, Gov. Earl Snell reported today after the navy announced the facility had been listed as surplus.

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### Parcel Post Eases Lack Of Lumber

PORTLAND, May 2 (AP)—Building material is getting so scarce in this land of great forests that relatives now send five foot planks to home builders by parcel post.

The post office reported it accepted a plank for parcel post from a woman who explained it was for a Myrtle Point relative who needed it to complete a window casement.

### Congress Wary Of Holy Land

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The United States shied away today from the prospect of direct intervention in Palestine, apparently counting on the United Nations to assume future responsibility for the troublesome Holy Land problem.

Although congressional opinion overwhelmingly favored the proposed migration of 100,000 Jews there, it was plain the law's makers were against this country's joining Britain in the thankless job of maintaining peace between Arab and Jew.

The thumbs-down intervention attitude on the part of the nation's lawmakers stemmed from these factors:

1. An apparent determination to hold foreign commitments of American troops to minimum security levels.
2. Belief that the problem of suppressing violence in other lands should be handled now on an international, rather than a one or two-nation basis.
3. Reluctance to quarter troops in the Near East, a potential trouble spot, for fear the action might be misinterpreted—especially in view of this country's recent insistence upon withdrawal of Russian forces from nearby Iran.
4. Heavy demands upon available U. S. forces for occupation forces elsewhere.

### Truman Waits To Name Justice

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—President Truman said today he still is looking for the right man to succeed the late Harlan F. Stone, chief justice of the United States.

The president declined to give news conference questioners any inkling of when they might expect an appointment.

As to whether the new chief justice will be chosen from among men now on the court or from the outside, the president replied with a flat: "No comment."

### Restrictions Ordered As Menace Of Fire Develops

Numerous fern fires west of the Cascades, started Oregon's 1946 fire season 15 days earlier than last year.

A telegram received from Governor Earl Snell last night by the Klamath Forest Protection association, announced that precautions against fires must be taken now, effective mid-night last night.

Logging crews have been instructed by Hal Ogle, KPFA superintendent, to have fire fighting tools ready in a handy box to be kept for this purpose only. Shovels, axes and other tools should be checked to make sure they are in good condition. Spark arresters should be in use now on locomotives and wood-burning equipment.

No campfires may be lighted without a permit from KPFA and no campfires can be left unattended.

Recent east winds bringing low humidity have dried out the areas where snow has al-

## Train Strike Conferees Walk Out

**By The Associated Press**  
 The soft coal strike today forced a drastic power curtailment for millions of Illinois residents and threatened food supplies and transportation elsewhere and John L. Lewis apparently ruled out any chance of settlement for at least another five days.

The UMW chief's action in summoning the union's 250 man policy committee to Washington next Tuesday was construed by observers as indicating he did not expect any agreement with the soft coal operators before then.

Meanwhile hopes for averting a scheduled nationwide railroad tieup May 18 suffered a setback in Chicago when representatives of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers walked out of a negotiation conference with the carriers.

**Offer Too Little**  
 A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, said the unions bolted the conference because the operators "offered us nothing substantial." The carriers offered "nothing but what the president's fact-finding panel recommended," he added.

The panel recommended a 16 cents hourly wage boost and changes in some working rules. The union rejected the recommendations and rescheduled for May 18 a strike they originally had called for March.

With stockpiles of coal above the ground fast disappearing, the Illinois commerce commission issued a sweeping order affecting commercial customers of nine power companies serving Chicago and some 1300 other communities in Northern and Central Illinois.

**Brownout in Chicago**  
 The order, effective immediately, virtually closes down all afterdark activities and limits the supply of electric power to industrial plants to 24 hours a week, with no service Saturdays and Sundays.

The commission also ordered a return to the "brownout" of the February-May, 1945, period, with elimination of sign lighting, window and showcase lighting, and interior illumination in excess of minimum requirements. Specifically exempted were establishments essential to public health, safety and protection of property.

At St. Paul, Minn., Gov. Edward J. Thye of Minnesota telegraphed President Truman that "creameries and milk processing plants have only a few days supply of coal on hand and are unable to obtain necessary replenishments from dealers.

## Spain Probers Ask Evidence

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP)—The United Nations security council subcommittee investigating the Spanish question called today for all member nation intelligence bearing on Spain and, in effect, invited both the Franco regime and the exiled Spanish republicans to present their bitterly opposed arguments as well.

The investigators, after their first secret meeting yesterday, said they would welcome information from any source.

This wide-open invitation would permit the Franco regime, if it desired, to offer evidence to offset the contributions already presented to the council by the Spanish republicans through Polish Delegate Oscar Lange in his demand for a collective U. N. diplomatic break with Madrid.

The subcommittee is in recess until next Monday awaiting the response to a circular letter asking the governments of the 51 United Nations to present "all relevant material in their possession on the situation in Spain."