

Truman Plans Hemisphere Military Defense

Marine Chief Fights Merger To Save Corps

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. THEY are making a movie at the Los Angeles area beach town mentioned in these chronicles the other day.

It would be more accurate to say they are making a small piece of mosaic that when finally assembled will be a moving picture. To the eye of the layman, there is neither rhyme nor reason in cinema manufacturing. In the early days of the process, they will shoot a scene that comes well along toward the end. Maybe weeks later, they shoot the beginning of the piece.

Anyway, they are making a segment of a screen epic that unless somebody changes his mind will go out to the cash customers as "Stallion Road."

RESIDENTS say that quite a while back scouts came down and caud a little cove below the town. In the slow course of time, a business representative showed up and rented the spot. In due sequence, somebody appeared and put up a "closed" sign, shutting the beach off from ingress.

After that, landscape crews came and planted trees where there were no trees before and spotted papier-mache rocks where rocks ought to be but weren't. This morning, trucks rolled up with cameras. Other trucks brought other impediments, including portable dressing rooms for the actors. Then came busses filled with extras and limousines bearing the more important members of the cast.

Trailers arrived with a couple of dozen cow ponies, some gaily saddled horses and a considerable number of men in high-heeled boots and Stetsons. It begins to look as if the situation is getting warmer.

AS a pure side issue, it should be mentioned that the cove is the mouth of a little dry canyon known locally as Buck's Gulch. NOT Arroyo Grande or even Rio del Mar, Just Buck's Gulch.

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift came out fighting today to save his marine corps from the extinction he said is threatened for it in the pending army-navy merger bill.

The four-star marine general contended that the army "is determined to reduce the marine corps to a position of studied military ineffectiveness." A member of President Truman's informal council of military elder statesmen, the marine corps commandant underlined the reminder "the marines are ready."

"If it came to a fight today," he added, "I do not know who could replace them." No Low Morale in Marine Corps "At a time when the responsible heads of other services are complaining of disintegration of fighting power accompanied by problems of low morale and deterioration of discipline," Vandegrift declared, "I can assure you that these conditions are not existing in the marine corps."

Vandegrift contended that the war department general staff has considered "the very existence of the marine corps . . . as a continuing affront."

"Even in advance of this proposed legislation," he continued, "I am seeking to reduce the sphere of the marine corps to ceremonial functions and to the provision of small ineffective combat formations and labor troops for service on the landing beaches."

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Circus Trains Halted By C. WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The office of the transportation today prohibited movement of circus and carnival trains, effective May 10, as a coal conservation measure.

Flames Gut State Chick Hatchery

A spectacular fire late yesterday afternoon destroyed the Oregon State chick hatchery on South Sixth near Washburne way.

Starting at a front corner of the building, the flames roared through the entire structure, sending up a column of flame and black smoke which attracted thousands of sightseers and created a serious traffic condition on South Sixth.

Estimates of the damage today awaited a survey by insurance adjusters, but it was believed to run upwards of \$40,000 or \$50,000. Much of the destroyed equipment will be difficult to replace at this time, adding to the loss.

Short Circuit Probable Cause Fred Hubler, manager of the hatchery, said the fire started in the vicinity of an electric chick brooder. Possibly a short in the electrical equipment of the brooder set fire to a wooden wall—the only wooden wall in the building.

The fire was discovered a little after 5 p. m. Hubler said that Sunday afternoon was the first time in a year and a half no one was in the building. Firefighters broke in the front end. Calls were made to the city fire department, but the blaze being outside the city limits, the call was relayed to the county department. A county truck responded, and a small hose was strung across Sixth street from the Tower theatre. The feeble stream from this hose proved effective only in helping stop the fire from spreading to other buildings. A spray from the fire truck tank was used in protecting a small structure at the rear which was used for living purposes.

Heavy Loss in Eggs About 90,000 eggs burned, Monday was to be "chick day" with 150,000 chicks coming off. About 500 live chicks were destroyed.

The fire virtually exploded through a composition roof, sending out huge volumes of black smoke. A favorable wind situation probably saved the nearby Standard Feed and Seed store, a large frame structure. There was little wind movement and the flames shot nearly straight up. When it was all over, only the tile walls of the building were standing.

The hatchery has been in operation about two years. Owners are Hubler, Ernest Gienger and John Quigley, who said the plant was fully covered by insurance. Hubler said the firm will re-establish the hatchery here as quickly as possible, and meanwhile will serve its customers with chicks from the hatchery at Corvallis which he owns.

City Firemen Rapped Hubler expressed himself bitterly against the city fire department for not responding to the call, despite the fact the plant is outside the city limits. He said quick work by the city fire department could probably have saved the plant.

The building was owned by the hatchery operators. It was built by the Swan Lake Moulding company, and stands on land owned by the company.

Where Fremont Crossed Link River 100 Years Ago Today



The upper picture was made by an artist who accompanied John C. Fremont when he visited Eulalona Indian village at the head of Link river on May 5, 1846. The artist, Mr. Kern, evidently drew considerably on his imagination, as present-day observers find few of the features in the picture checking closely with the lake and mountains as seen today. Below, a present-day picture of Fremont bridge over Link river, at the approximate site of the crossing. Compare the photographed mountains with the artist's conception.

One hundred years ago today, John C. Fremont crossed Link river at or near the present site of Fremont bridge. The crossing was an incident in a week of events that loom large in the history of the west, for a few days later Fremont turned back from the Oregon country to take a leading part in winning California for the United States.

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He then moved north, probably through Poe valley, and camped on Lost river, which he called McCrady river. Here is his own account of the Link river crossing: "In the forenoon of the sixth we reached Tlamath lake at its outlet, which is by a fine, broad stream, not fordable. This is a great fishing station for the Indians, and we met here the first we had seen since leaving the lower valley. They have fixed habitations around the shores of the lake, particularly at the outlet and inlet, and along the inlet up to the swamp meadow, where I met the Tlamaths in the winter of '43-'44, and where we narrowly escaped disaster."

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Ferries Stream "It was a bright spring morning and the lake and its surrounding scenery looked charming. It was inviting, and I would have been glad to range over it in one of the Indian canoes. The silent shores and unknown mountains had the attraction which mystery always gives. Mr. Kern made a picture of it while we were trading with the Indians for dried fish and salmon, and ferrying the camp equipment across the outlet in their canoes. "The Indians made me understand that there was another large river which came from the north and flowed into the lake at the northern end, and that the principal village was at its mouth, where also they caught many fish. Resuming our journey, we worked our way along between the lake and the mountains, and late in the day made camp at a run, near where it issued from the woods into the lake and where our animals had good feed. For something which happened afterward, I gave this run the name of Denny's branch. Animals and men all fared well here." (More of this story will follow on succeeding anniversary days.)

WEATHER NEWS
Max. (May 5) 54
Min. 46
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 11.87
Normal 18.22 Last year 8.23
Forecast: Fair and warmer.

Armed Force Cooperation Held Vital

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today for legislation authorizing a program of military collaboration with other American countries, "including the training, organization and equipment of the armed forces of those countries."

He transmitted the draft of a bill entitled "The Inter-American Military Cooperation act," and asked its enactment.

Asserting that the American republics have assumed responsibilities for their mutual defense and maintenance of peace, he said it was "highly desirable to standardize military organization, training methods and equipment as has been recommended by the inter-American defense board."

Broad Program Contemplated Under the legislation, he said the army and navy, in conjunction with the state department, would be permitted to continue in the future a general program of collaboration with the armed forces of our sister republics with a view to facilitating the adoption of similar technical standards.

"Certain additional training activities, not covered by existing legislation, would be permitted," the president told congress. The president would also be authorized to transfer military and naval equipment to the governments of other American states by sale or other method.

"The collaboration authorized by the bill could be extended also to Canada, whose cooperation with the United States in matters affecting their common defense is of particular importance."

Low Appoints Ex-State Cop Marion J. Barnes, experienced police official who was the first sergeant in charge of state police in the Klamath area, took over the duties of deputy sheriff today, replacing Dale Mattson who recently became a partner in the operation of the Red Ball stages.

Barnes was appointed by Sheriff Lloyd Low. He was deputy under Low in 1921-22 and then was state game warden here for several years.

When the state police force was organized Barnes headed the local detachment as sergeant. He is a son of W. D. Barnes, former Klamath county sheriff, and served as deputy under his father in 1910.

Dale Mattson served as deputy sheriff for 18 years before he resigned May 1, and is known to almost every one in Klamath county.

He and Ernest (Jiggers) Koschnick, steward at the Elks lodge, purchased the Red Ball line from the estate of the late Gordon Quimby and Mattson is to actively operate the stage business.

Purchase included the route between Klamath Falls, Bly, Lakeview and Burns, and three buses.

Jobless Exhaust Pension Rights

SALEM, May 6 (AP)—About 18,000 unemployed Oregon workers will draw their last 1946 unemployment compensation checks during May because they will have exhausted their 1946 benefit rights, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

These persons, who will have been paid benefits for the maximum 26 weeks period, will be ineligible for further benefits until 1947, and they will be able to get them then only if they obtain employment this year.

Five-sixths of these claimants live in metropolitan Portland, and 70 per cent of them are former shipyard workers.

Tojo And Gang Plead Not Guilty

TOKYO, May 6 (AP)—Hideki Tojo and 26 other war-time leaders of Japan today entered staccato pleas of innocent to charges that they unleashed a war of aggression and murder in the Pacific and were ordered to trial June 3 despite their counsel's protest that the interval is too short.

The Far East tribunal, before which the 27 appeared for their first formal hearing, however, will convene again next Monday to permit the defense to renew its emphatic challenge that the court has no jurisdiction in the pending cases.

Tojo's attorney, Ichiro Kiyose lost no time today in attacking the tribunal. He charged that the court's president, Sir William Webb of Australia, has been so biased by his investigation of Japanese atrocities in New Guinea that he cannot judge fairly.

Objection Overruled The motion was promptly denied after a ten-minute recess conference. With Webb absent from the discussion, eight of the court's other ten justices ruled that no objection to any member can be sustained because the court's charter provides that members shall be of MacArthur's choosing.

The only defendant not entering a plea of innocent was Dr. Fumiko Okawa, who was absent from the courtroom undergoing a sanity examination by allied psychiatrists as a result of his slapping Tojo's bald head in the court last week and other prisoner's box antics.

Not a single prisoner escaped. The three surviving participants, said Warden James A. Johnston, were Sam Shockley, 36, serving a life term for kidnaping and robbery in Oklahoma; Miran Edgar Thompson, 29, serving 99 years for kidnaping and life for killing a Texas policeman; and Clarence Carnes, 19, Oklahoma desperado serving 99 years for kidnaping and murder.

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FBI Probes Prison Riot

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6 (AP) The FBI moved into Alcatraz today to collect evidence against three survivors of the half-dozen convicts whose desperate, vain break for freedom brought a bloody, 36-hour siege of their cell-block and left five men dead and 15 wounded.

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George Johnson and A. W. Warren, civil aeronautics administration inspectors from Seattle are in town today making a thorough inspection of the field and the results of their tour and recommendations may influence in great measure the facilities finally acquired by the city, Mayor Ostendorf believes.

The navy department has informed the city that air service operators can resume operations on the field as soon as the city makes arrangements for insurance of government property at the port.

France Rejects Left Wing Rule

PARIS, May 6 (AP)—French voters, delivering the sharpest setback to the left wing bloc since the liberation of France, rejected a communist-socialist supported constitution in yesterday's referendum, complete official returns showed today.

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Defeat of the proposal means that France will elect a new constituent assembly June 2. This assembly will name a provisional government and draft another proposed constitution for the fourth republic.

The proposal was opposed bitterly by the conservative popular republican movement (MRP) and other right-wing parties, on the grounds that it would give a virtual dictatorship to whatever faction won control of the legislature.

Iran Satisfied With Red Move TEHRAN, Iran, May 6 (AP)—Prince Firouz, minister of propaganda, said today that the Iranian government was "completely satisfied" that the Russian evacuation would be completed by midnight tonight.

Neither the Persian nor Russian government issued a formal announcement of the evacuation, however.

A government spokesman said the Russians had left four northern provinces and were quickly evacuating rapidly. A foreign official expressed doubt, however, that the Russians possibly could evacuate Azerbaijan by today, deadline for the withdrawal of their troops.

Strike Tentacles Tighten Stranglehold On Country

By The Associated Press. AS the strike of 400,000 soft coal miners entered its sixth week today (Monday) the number of idle across the nation in coal-related industries exceeded 71,000.

Shrinkage of coal supplies forced millions to realize the importance of the fuel in their daily lives. In Chicago, industries, business and shops were restricted to four hours' operation daily, and the city's entertainment spots were blacked out, except for restaurants, after 6 p. m.

Fresh developments in the coal negotiations were indicated today when the government-sponsored conferences were recessed suddenly to permit attendance of all operators at this afternoon's session.

Lewis Remains Silent Persons who attended the last four days of contract negotiations between the coal operators and Lewis' AFL-United

Mine Workers said the miners' chief has not said a word in the meetings, leaving all discussion to his subordinates.

Some government proposal for ending the 36-day-old strike was expected this week, although whether it will be submitted this afternoon was not known.

As Lewis prepared to resume his "silent treatment" of the bituminous operators, congress made its first tentative move toward stepping into the dispute. A house judiciary subcommittee scheduled hearings on a bill to outlaw any form of special production payments to unions. Such a law, if passed, would strike down Lewis' No. 1 demand for a health and welfare fund for his miners.

Spain Denies Polish Charges

MADRID, May 6 (AP)—The Spanish foreign office tonight flatly denied charges voiced by Poland before the United Nations security council that Spain has become a "refuge for German nazis and a custodian of nazi funds."

Police Find Cache Of Stolen Property Police yesterday located a cache of automobile accessories, some of which has been identified as stolen during a recent wave of car prowls here, hidden in the brush at the old quarry on the hill above Portland avenue. The cache included fender skirts, hub caps, spotlights and 13 rear-view mirrors.

Arriving In U. S. By The Associated Press. Jase K. Dennis, U. S. Klamath Falls, arriving on Marine's Swallow due in Seattle May 5.

FINES FOR DESSERT EATERS PORTLAND, May 6 (AP)—Red collar students plan to continue filing themselves for each dessert they eat at the college cafeteria this week to help save food. The students paid \$30 last week at 5 cents a clip for each violation of a voluntary code to help the food for famine campaign.

High School And Academy Musicians Star At Eugene Klamath Falls music students placed high in competition in the northwest regional high school music festival in Eugene Saturday.

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Early Use Of Airport Seen Mayor Ed Ostendorf said today that he expects the interim permit for civilian use of the airport will be approved and go through in the next day or so to allow civilian fliers to return to the field.

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