

CIVILIAN FLOWERS BACK ON FIELD

In The Day's News

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LOS ANGELES, AND a hotel room—due probably to the fact that the reservation was made some two or three weeks ago. There are three conventions in this hostelry, all going full blast, with all the trimmings.

To the average casual traveler, especially if he has an alibi in the form of business, nothing is so loathsome as a hotel full of conventioners. After you've been turned away two or three times, you know how a bull feels when he sees a red rag.

IN Southern California these postwar days, you beat your brains constantly for an adequately descriptive term. "Bursting at the seams" is what falls out every time. Nothing else seems to fit.

You've seen a tight sleeve when the muscles of a powerful arm ripple and swell inside it. The cloth tightens and stretches. Then it gives at the weakest point.

That is what is happening to Southern California.

THE internal pressure is just too much for the housing facilities, weakened by the depression decade, when nobody had money enough to build a house, and the succeeding fantasy years of the war boom when material and labor were unavailable.

GOVERNOR WARREN braced himself the other day and let go with a prediction that California will ultimately have a population of 20 millions. That figure is a whopper, and he probably looked around in slight hope no one had heard him.

He's on a safe enough ground. When you start looking for a piece of roof to get under, you're not too sure the prediction hasn't been fulfilled already.

IT'S scaring the Californians a little—but after all the situation isn't too rough. A lot of this new population is made up of youngsters and others not too far over on the shady side, and they are looking in the eye the fact that they can't live on sunshine and scenery and are beginning to scratch around for ways of making a living.

Many of them are starting new businesses—especially in the service lines. The result is the slow sprouting of a little competition in a world that had seen too little of it for quite a while.

It isn't altogether alien and unknown experience down here of late to buy something and be served courteously and even THANKED when you plunk down folding money at the end of the transaction. The first time it happens, it jars loose the files around the back teeth. At the second recurrence, you jolt your skull with the heel of your hand to see if perchance your ears may be playing tricks on you.

It's an odd sensation. DON'T be so naive as to think this happens frequently. But the fact that it is beginning to happen at all is something. We've all had our low moments when we'd have bet our bottom dollar it NEVER WOULD happen again.

That's why it rocks us back on our heels when it does come along.

THIS same thought—that is, that a change, however slight, in human behavior is beginning to make itself felt—was put the other day in a slightly more cynical manner by the woman proprietor of an attractive little restaurant with a cocktail bar in connection. She said: "Yes, the help situation is definitely changing. As late as six months ago, when they came in drunk I'd pat 'em kindly on the head and tell 'em to go out and walk around the block and come back and try it again."

"Now I fire 'em and get somebody better in their places."

Quiet Marks Anniversary Of V-E Day

REIMS, May 7 (AP)—The city of Reims, where one year ago today Col. Gen. Gustav Jodi scratched his name on a document which sent the European phase of World War II into the archives of history, observed the first anniversary of the surrender quietly—with too few soldiers in town to hold a parade.

The citizens and soldiers observed the day mainly by visiting the surrender room in the "little red schoolhouse", the former "war room" of supreme headquarters, allied expeditionary forces, which has become a French national shrine and a place where visitors may absorb a bit of the atmosphere of the historical events which occurred in it.

The room has been preserved exactly as it was at the moment of the German capitulation. Top Secret Announcement Unless the visitor looks closely he is apt to miss a piece of paper pasted on the wall near a row of windows. The paper is the "top secret" war room daily summary, No. 335.

It reads: "Surrender. The German government surrendered unconditionally at Reims, France, at 0241 hours 7 May 1945. The instrument of surrender was signed by Lt. Gen. W. Bedell Smith for the supreme commander and by General Oberst Gustav Jodi for the German government. Maj. Gen. Ivan Susloparov signed as representative of the Russians, and Gen. Francois Sevez as representative of the French government. Hostilities officially cease at 2301 hours, central European time."

Tomorrow Is The Day Tomorrow is V-E Day. A year ago on that date, President Truman proclaimed the "final and unconditional surrender" of Germany.

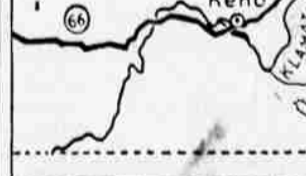
Surrender papers actually were signed two days earlier and formal hostilities had ceased on the preceding night.

Bonneville Pleased Despite Fund Cut

PORTLAND, May 7 (AP)—Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, said today that the house appropriation committee's action on the Bonneville budget—even though it cut requested funds—represented a public power victory.

"The committee approved continuation of the Bonneville transmission line program," Raver said, "despite intensive lobbying by certain private power interests to halt the program."

The "Fremont Loop" Around Klamath Lake In May, 1846



This map shows the route of John C. Fremont and his expeditionary party around Upper Klamath lake in early May, 1846.

On May 7, 1846, 100 years ago today, John C. Fremont and his men continued northward along the west side of Upper Klamath lake in their exploration of the Klamath lake country. (On May 6, as was recounted yesterday, they crossed Link river at the present site of Fremont bridge, and camped that night on Denny creek, a well-known spot on the west side.)

Here is Fremont's own account of May 7: "The weather continued refreshingly cool. Our way along between the lake and the mountains was frequently rough and blocked by decaying logs and fallen trees, where patches of snow still remained in the shade, over ground rarely trodden even by an Indian foot. In the timber, the snow was heavy and naturally much heavier toward the summits and in the passes of the mountains, where the late winter still held sway. This year, it had continued late and rough.

In the late afternoon we reached a piece of open ground through which a stream ran towards the lake. Here the mountain receded a little, leaving a flat where the woods, which still occupied the ground, left us a convenient open space by the water, and where there was grass abundant. On the way along from the outlet no Indians had been seen and no other sign of life but now and then when the lake was visible a canoe might be seen glancing along."

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Irate Council Rakes Mayor For Pocket Filing Policy

An indignant city council last night dealt a resounding verbal blow to the policy of Mayor Ed Ostendorf, interrupting several weeks in which domestic peace and harmony reigned in the city's official family.

Although Mayor Ostendorf was absent from the session, his way of conducting city business took a verbal beating from members of the council, with Rollin Cantrell setting the pace.

The anticipated discussion concerning the installation of parking meters fell flat because the recommendation from the traffic safety council regarding the meters did not appear on the council docket. According to Police Judge Harold Franey, the original recommendation had been turned over to the mayor on the assumption that it would appear on the council peg.

A disappointed audience of some 25 retailers who had come to register opposition to the meters listened to the council as it attempted to unravel the mystery of the missing recommendation.

Arbiter Moves To End Strike

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Government Conciliator Paul W. Fuller said today he had made to operators and mine workers a proposal to clear the way for settlement of the 37-day-old soft coal strike.

Both sides in the controversy, however, immediately questioned Fuller's statement to reporters. Edward R. Burke, head of the Southern Coal Producers association, told newsmen the operators had received no peace proposal from Fuller.

At the headquarters of John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, an official said that to characterize the Fuller proposal as a definite proposition for settling the strike was "a joke."

Informed of the reaction to his statement of operators and mine workers, Fuller said it might be anticipated that both sides would deny a proposition had been made, because neither party would care to be placed in the position of rejecting such a proposal in a time of crisis.

More Blows at Mayor

A member of the council pointed out that the chamber of commerce had been consulted in the parking meter matter but not one of the councilmen, the mayor's sounding board, had seen the original recommendation.

When it was discovered that there was nothing on the council agenda regarding the municipal airport and progress on insurance, the council started anew with more verbal blows at the mayor.

Cantrell suggested that the council arrange a meeting with the mayor to explain its official business he presented to the council as it was originally intended. A meeting date was tentatively set for 4 p. m. today, Tuesday.

British Offer To Quit Egypt

CAIRO, May 7 (AP)—Great Britain proposed today to withdraw all her armed forces from Egyptian territory and entrust to the armies of King Karouk the defense of a strategic area on the lifeline of the empire which British troops have occupied since 1882.

They Take Coal Strike Lying Down



Hats shielding their faces from the sun, these idle coal miners dangle fishing rods in the water while they nap on the river bank near Uniontown, Pa. They're typical of many United Mine Workers who use the coal strike as a spring vacation.

Nation Writhes In Strike Coils

By The Associated Press The 37-day-old bituminous coal strike affected the nation like this today: Miners—On strike are 400,000 AFL United Mine Workers and 18,000 Progressive Mine Workers (independent) in Illinois.

Brown-outs—Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia have dimmed their lights with Detroit expected to follow suit tomorrow. Several states rationing or prepared to ration electrical power.

Railroads—Nation's top railroad systems to limit service Friday in compliance with government's 25 per cent reduction order. At least 11,491 in this industry already unemployed from coal shortage.

Steel—This vital basic industry creaking slowly toward full stop with coal reserves melting rapidly. At least 44,000 already unemployed with U. S. Steel corporation heaviest sufferer, reporting 39,000 idle in its Pittsburgh and Chicago district plants.

KFLW To Give Armory Fights

The prize fights tonight at the armory arena will be broadcast blow-by-blow over The Herald and News radio station, KFLW, with Sportscenter Don Neal behind the mike at ringside.

KFLW has arranged for a solid hour on the air from the armory from 9:30 until 10:30. Neal will handle the action in the ring, Mel Baldwin, another KFLW announcer, will take over for summaries between rounds and Engineer Gib Walters will be on hand to take care of the technical side of the airing.

Starting the broadcast at 9:30, KFLW will be able to call the last four-round preliminary and have a complete blow-by-blow description of the two main event fights, the first between Chuck Kujawski and LeRoy Barkley in the lightweight bracket and the other between Bob Ross and Bruce Miller, middleweights.

McKenzie Yields 31 1/2-Inch Trout

PORTLAND, May 7 (AP)—Catch of Dolly Varden trout 31 1/2 inches long and weighing 13 1/2 pounds in the McKenzie river was reported today by A. J. Sherill, Portland, and fisherman who accompanied him.

Burglars Ransack Merrill Pool Hall

Thieves last night entered a pool hall in Merrill and made away with approximately \$53 in cash, state police said today.

WEATHER NEWS

May 7
 Max. (May 6) 74 Min. 51
 Precipitation last 24 hours .51
 Stream year to date 11.87
 Normal 12.35 Last year 8.39
 Forecast: Clear and breezy.

City Signs Permit For Airport Use

Mayor Ed Ostendorf today signed the revocable interim permit offered by the navy to allow use by civilians of the municipal airport and the civilian pilots, who were ordered off the field three weeks ago, were moving back on this afternoon.

The signed permit was handed to Lt. Cmdr. S. A. Congdon of the naval air station this afternoon.

Air service operators and pilots will now operate the field on their own responsibility until such time as the city can budget funds to assume control of the port.

Operations of the fliers, under the interim permit, will be confined to the old municipal hangar and runway and the permit does not allow them to utilize any of the navy facilities.

Mocabee in Charge Allen Mocabee, one of the fliers, has been appointed by the city airport commission to manage the field temporarily until the city is able to take charge and appoint a full-time manager.

Mocabee will be in control of all civilian aviation on the local field for the time being.

The operators and pilots are assuming the financial risk involved in using the field until the city is ready to assume management of the port and the financial responsibility attendant.

School Board OK's Pay Rise

PORTLAND, May 7 (AP)—A system-wide pay increase in all institutions was approved by the state board of higher education here today as it adopted annual budgets for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The salary increases were for a minimum of \$130 per year and averaged approximately \$370 per year for 802 staff members in the system, Edgar W. Smith, chairman of the finance committee, reported.

The board faced a heavy docket of finance and building items, legal resolutions connected with bond sales, and a hearing requested by the former acting dean of forestry at Oregon State college, E. G. Mason, who is scheduled to end his faculty service the last of June.

Gloomy Forecast On Men's Suits

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—CPA Chief John D. Small's gloomy forecast that men's suits may remain scarce into 1948 to 1949 overshadowed industry suggestions on how to increase output 10 to 30 per cent.

The civilian production administrator slapped the government's cards on the table in observing to suit producers: "Anything we do now can alleviate the situation and help meet the unprecedented demand for suits. However, if that demand continues it may be a year or two before the situation is normal again."

Klamath Indians Air Views On Tribal Fiscal Affairs

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Affairs of the Klamath Indians in Oregon were examined by a house appropriations subcommittee during hearings on the annual interior department bill.

The record of the hearings was made public today with introduction of the bill.

Wade Crawford, Klamath delegate, opposed the Indian bureau's handling of the tribe's affairs, asserting that the present administration of the tribe was spending in one year as much as it did in four years when he was superintendent.

He said during the four years he had charged the expenditures were \$206,406 but that under the present management congress was asked to appropriate \$224,000 for the 1947 fiscal year. He suggested the amount be trimmed sharply. He also told the committee that a long range program for the Klamaths from 1945 to 1955 would leave the tribe in debt \$25,000.

Boyd J. Jackson, member of the tribal committee, told the committee he opposed any reduction in the proposed expenditures. He said before final action the tribe itself should give approval.

Each witness testified the Klamaths are modern in every way. Jackson said members of the tribe sold \$199,000 worth of cattle last fall. He approved much of the work being done by the present management.

Iran Question Muddled Again

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—The United Nations security council was presented with a new poser today in the form of a statement by Iran's Ambassador Hussein Ala that the situation in Azerbaijan province had made it impossible for his government to verify whether all Soviet troops had been withdrawn from Iran by yesterday's deadline.

In a communication addressed to Secretary General Trygve Lie, Ala said investigation by responsible officials of the Iranian government showed that all red army troops had left the four northern provinces of Khorassan, Gorgan, Mazandaran and Gilan as scheduled.

He added, however, that his government could not ascertain the situation in Azerbaijan because it has been "unable to exercise effective authority" there since November 7, 1945, due to Soviet "interference" concerning which Iran previously complained to the security council.

Swim Pool Site Favored

The city recreation committee this morning voted to recommend to the city council the purchase of the 2.28 acre Will Humphrey property on East Main street for the site of a swimming pool and recreation center.

An artesian hot water well is on the site, for which the committee proposed to pay \$11,000 out of the recreation fund reserve.

The site is located in the 1900 block on East Main street. Members of the committee said that the location with respect to the population distribution of the community, plus the presence of hot water for the swimming pool, makes it a most favorable site for a general recreation center development.

The property appraisal committee inspected the Humphrey site and approved the purchase price of \$11,000, Mayor Ed Ostendorf told the committee.

Luzon Bandits Ambush Patrol

MANILA, May 7 (AP)—Guerrillas armed with Japanese Nambu machineguns today ambushed a Filipino military police patrol near Altaga, Nueva Ecija province, killing a private and possibly 13 others.

Col. Liberato Littaua, Luzon MP zone commander, said the body of PFC Gregorio Gunges showed signs of having been beaten with rifle butts. He said the patrol was ambushed by hukbalahaps (peasant guerrillas) who have been blamed for scores of recent killings in central Luzon.

Lawlessness apart from the recent political disturbances was reported sharply increasing in the islands. One Philippine scout was slain and another wounded; a Philippines army payroll was stolen, and the widow of a wealthy Manila tobacco dealer was charged with having hired a gang to kill her husband.

Manila papers in the past two days have reported seven non-political homicides, including the murder of Pedro Porciuncula, wealthy tobacco man. Porciuncula's widow was charged with subsidizing his death after police said a gang of six confessed committing the crime.

Snell Charges School Head Plays Politics In Portland

SALEM, May 7 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell charged today that Willard B. Spalding, Portland school superintendent, "wants to play politics with the Portland schools," and said it was "none of the superintendent's business" that Governor Snell made an investigation before reaching his decision against calling a special legislative session to consider Portland school problems.

Retorting that he does not find anything fundamentally wrong with Portland school finances, Governor Snell asked why the matter was not submitted to the 1945 regular session of the legislature. "I still insist that the emergency did not and does not exist sufficient to call legislators to Salem from all over the state at taxpayers' expense," the governor said in his prepared statement today.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL

New York	R H E
Philadelphia	1 8 1
Cincinnati	2 7 0
Carpenter and Rosar	
Beggs and Lamanno	

AMERICAN

Detroit	7 10 1
Philadelphia	2 9 2
Trout and Tabbets; Fowler, Flores (8) and Rosar	

Arriving In U. S.

By The Associated Press
 Ray Switzer, Sgt., Klamath Falls, arriving on Admiral Sims due in San Francisco May 7.
 Gordon B. Wynant, T/4, Klamath Falls, arrived on Marine Swallow due in Seattle May 5.
 Jess H. Remis, T/4, Klamath Falls, arrived on Marine Swallow due in Seattle May 5.

V-E Parade Tomorrow

Local observance of the anniversary of V-E Day will be highlighted with a parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, tomorrow, Wednesday, at 7 p. m. For further details see page 4.