

# GOVERNMENT SEIZES RAILROADS

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By FRANK JENKINS  
DR. LEONARD KATZIN, of the University of California, spikes the idea of running your car across the country and back with a chunk of fuel the size of a pea, but thinks that within a little as two years large commercial atomic energy plants might be a practical possibility. He says it is not unlikely that in the future industry may rely more on atomic energy and less on other sources of power.

THAT is to say, just about the time we get all the big dams built atomic energy will come along and leave them out-of-date. Such is modern progress.

ATOMIC power depends AT PRESENT on uranium, whose cost (in the form of U-235) is a top secret. To compete with soft coal, Dr. Katzin says, it would have to be produced for about \$7500 a pound. It could compete with gasoline and artificial gas at around \$39,000 a pound and with natural gas at something like \$20,000 a pound.

He adds that available data indicate that a pound of U-235 would probably cost about \$2800. So, you see, it isn't out of the question, if enough uranium can be found—or if SOMETHING ELSE, cheaper and more plentiful, can be made to substitute for uranium.

HE indicates that atomic energy COULD be used to propel automobiles, planes, trucks, etc., and to heat individual homes but for its dangerous rays. To protect against these rays, he says, it is necessary to house the atomic energy machine in a steel or concrete shield weighing about 50 tons—thus restricting its use to stationary, high-power units.

INCIDENTALLY, don't worry TOO MUCH over what will happen if atomic energy should displace big power dams, etc. Steam came along and displaced the crude power of human muscles, and the world WENT FORWARD instead of backward. The same thing happened when water-developed power began to edge in on steam.

Whatever cheapens power makes it possible to MAKE MORE THINGS AT LESS COST—and the more things we have the better off we shall be. In these days of scarcity of things and abundance of money we are learning the salutary lesson that it is THINGS, and not money, that count in the way of material progress.

(THE thing we have not yet learned, but need to, is to reckon things in terms of a DAY'S WORK, rather than in terms of dollars. When we think in terms of dollars only, we are apt to become badly confused.)

ONE other thought before we stop moralizing for the day. Could it be possible that we

### Cuban Coup Thwarted

HAVANA, Cuba, May 17 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Genovevo Perez, chief of the Cuban army, said a small "revolutionary movement" headed by an army group with civilian connections was frustrated in an attempt to seize army headquarters at Camp Columbia early this morning.

The newspaper Informacion described the disorder as a "sedition uprising" of military conduct "dealt with immediately," but no Cuban newspapers gave it such a seditious character. Other reliable sources said the difficulty developed when several officers and men refused to obey orders transferring them to the military base of San Antonio De Los Banos. That base is to be handed over to Cuba by the United States on May 20.

The president spent the early hours of the morning at the presidential mansion and gave orders to his guards to take "special precautions."

Troops were reported patrolling highways and avenues leading to the camp.

### Nazi Panzers Cited In Kills

DACHAU, Germany, May 17 (AP)—The prosecution charged today that the 1st SS panzer regiment, acting on direct orders from Adolf Hitler to "show no humane inhibitions," murdered between 538 and 749 American prisoners during the battle of the Bulge in December, 1944.

Lt. Col. Burton Ellis of New York City, trial judge advocate, presented these figures in his opening statement to the war crimes court trying 74 officers and men of the 6th SS panzer army.

"These figures do not represent the historical truth as to the total number of victims murdered by the 1st SS panzer regiment during this offensive, but only the number the prosecution expects to show," Ellis declared.

He said he would prove that Hitler held a meeting of his

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### Election Night Service

The Herald and News will hold open house tonight, with the doors open to all who wish to drop in for election returns. As rapidly as returns are compiled, they will be broadcast over KFLW and will be posted on a blackboard at the office. Telephone inquiries (No. 8111) will be welcomed. Returns will be available shortly after 8 p. m., and KFLW will start it off at that time with a breezy program.

### Flare p O'Connor Feed Plant In \$175,000 Fire



The Herald and News photographer shot this picture just as a section of the huge hay shed tumbled to the ground in a blaze of smoke and flames.

### O'Connor Plant To Be Rebuilt

The huge O'Connor feed plant on the Klamath river, through which flames roared early Thursday afternoon to cause an estimated damage of \$175,000, will be rebuilt as soon as priorities are available.

This was the statement made this morning by John D. O'Connor, owner and operator of the plant, who arrived from his stock range at Maxwell, California, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday just in time to see hundreds of tons of hay and buildings which housed equipment go up in a raging blaze.

O'Connor told The Herald and News that it might be one year.

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### Korean Namesake For LaGuardia

SEOUL, Korea, May 17 (AP)—The first child born in the Seoul refugee camp for displaced persons has been named Lee Mi Wah (the little flower) in honor of UNRRA Director Fiorello (little flower) LaGuardia, who sent greetings recently to the people of Seoul.

### Admiral Predicts Atom Bomb Effects

PEARL HARBOR, May 17 (AP)—Rear Adm. Thorvald Solberg, ship design expert, foresees a possibility that tremendous atomic-bomb blast pressure may crumple the target battleship Nevada like a tin can and thrust her down into the lagoon at Bikini in the Marshalls.

Solberg, director of ship preparations in the test, told reporters today that so many factors were involved it was difficult to make predictions. For one thing, he noted, the atomic blast thrust above is expected to thrust equally against all parts of the ship's structure, rather than in a single spot like a standard explosion.

### Little Action At City Polls

The election today is proceeding very quietly and with not enough voters turning out in most precincts here in town to keep the election workers from getting restless.

General opinion around town is that not more than half of the county's more than 16,000 registered voters will bother to go to the polls and cast a ballot in what is probably the dullist election ever held in Klamath county or Oregon.

All offices in the courthouse with the exception of the county clerk's office are closed today, as are all offices in the city hall, banks, the liquor store and bars. No beer or hard liquor can be sold today while the polls are open.

Court Campaign Warm The only campaign which has aroused any interest at all in this area is the race between David R. Vandenberg and Clarence A. Humble, but even though proponents of both candidates worked themselves into a white

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### Pit Seizure May Be Next

By The Associated Press  
As representatives of the soft coal operators and John L. Lewis were "standing by" in Washington, awaiting a possible new move by President Truman, White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference there was nothing new in the deadlocked coal negotiations.

Although the rail dispute held top priority on the president's schedule today, there was speculation he might order seizure of the coal mines at expiration of the current two weeks' truce period May 25.

The sessions by John L. Lewis, president of the AFL United Mine Workers with the bituminous operators ended abruptly on Lewis' demand for a 7 per cent payroll levy to welfare fund. Later Lewis and the operators rejected Mr. Truman's proposal that they submit their dispute to binding arbitration.

A White House spokesman, however, said Mr. Truman had not abandoned hope for settlement of the contract dispute which for 42 days kept idle 400,000 miners. As most of the strikers were back to work under a two-week truce which ends May 25, there appeared no solution and there was speculation that federal seizure of the mines some time next week was the most likely step.

### Baseball Scores

AMERICAN  
CLEVELAND, May 17 (AP)—Bob Feller limited Washington to five hits and struck out 14 today as the Indians shut out the Nationals in the first game of a doubleheader, 3 to 0. It was Feller's fifth win of the season, against three defeats, and his highest strikeout total of the year.

Washington	0 5 2
Cleveland	3 6 1

Hafner and Evans; Feller and Hayes.

New York	4 7 0
Chicago	2 6 3

Page, Gumpert (5), and W. Dickey; Dietrich, Papish (6), Caldwell (8) and Tresh. Boston, at St. Louis, night game postponed, rain.

NATIONAL  
St. Louis 1 7 1  
Boston 4 9 0  
Beazley, Barrett (7) and Klutz; Sain and Masi.

### Unions Still Stand Firm On Walkout

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman signed an executive order at 2:50 p. m. EST today taking over the railroads in an effort to prevent a strike set for 4 p. m. tomorrow. Minutes earlier, union leaders had said they would not ask their men to stay on the job if the government did seize the roads.

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### UN Postpones Albanian Plea

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—The security council adopted unanimously today a United States resolution which in effect delays immediate consideration of Albania's request for admission to the United Nations. The resolution offered May 10 by Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U. S. delegate, provides that all applications for United Nations membership submitted not later than July 15 shall be considered by the council in August.

Albania's application is the only one on file. Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate, called the Stettinius proposal "useless" in view of the new rules on admission adopted today by the council but went along with the other delegates when the vote was taken.

Stettinius, pointing out that

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### Negro Private Admits Killings

FRANKFURT, Germany, May 17 (AP)—An American negro private signed a confession today that he fired three shots—"at a civilian going up the road"—which resulted in the deaths of two American sergeants Friday night, army authorities announced today.

The negro was identified as PFC James C. Devone, 28, of North Carolina. He came overseas in January to serve in the 375th Quartermaster truck company in the Nuernberg area.

Officials said the negro asserted that the jeep in which the sergeants were riding "got in the way" of the last bullet he fired.

The bare outline of the statement released at headquarters of the theater provost marshal did not identify the civilian or explain why Devone fired at him.

Devone probably will be sent to the Nuernberg prison stockade from Eriangen, where he had been taken for final questioning by former G-men of the criminal investigation division. He was said not to have implicated anyone else, asserting that he was alone at the time of the shooting.

Authorities said the negro confessed after ballistics tests showed the fatal shots were fired from an army carbine which had been traced to him.

### Eventful Days Lie Ahead For Area High Graduates

This week and on through the first week in June is an eventful time for students of the county high schools of the Klamath area. It's graduation time at Merrill, Malin, Tulelake, Chiloquin, Dorris, Bonanza, Henley, Bly and Gilchrist.

At Henley 18 seniors will receive diplomas May 29, in the high school building. Two others will have diplomas waiting for them but are now in the service. Karl Dehlinger, a former Henley student and war veteran who was selected as the outstanding young man of the year by the Klamath County chamber of commerce, will be the commencement speaker.

Last night in the Broadway hall in Malin eight Malin high seniors received their diplomas and heard Rev. Davis S. Barnett of the First Presbyterian church in Klamath give the commencement address. Lee Libolt, honor student and a merchant seaman during the war was salutatorian. Phil Hitchcock, Klamath Falls

businessman, will give the commencement talk before the seven Merrill graduating seniors at Merrill May 29.

Tulelake is graduating 37 seniors this year, the exercises to be held in the high school gymnasium June 5. Dr. C. C. Dickenson of McCloud, a member of the Siskiyou Union high school board, will deliver the address.

At Bly four seniors ended their high school days yesterday. Paul Lee, Klamath Falls insurance man, was speaker at the commencement exercises Wednesday. Bonanza's graduation will be held May 29. Fifteen young men and women will receive

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### SCHOLASTIC LEADERS

Below are pictured the valedictorians and salutatorians of 1946 senior classes of Klamath basin high schools outside of Klamath Falls.

MILDRED REID Valedictorian	MARY JEAN HORNBEAK Valedictorian	ELDA AYRES Valedictorian	DOLLY DENNIS Valedictorian	JESSIE McMILLAN Valedictorian	JEAN GEORGE Valedictorian	KENNETH LUDERMAN Valedictorian	DALE GOOD Valedictorian
JERI GROVES Salutarian	LEE LIBOLT Salutarian	BILLIE DE VAUL Salutarian	NELVIN JOHNSON Salutarian	BETTY ABBOTT KRESS Salutarian	BEVERLY MACK Salutarian	ROSE MARIE FLOYD Salutarian	MARTEL SUNDKVIST Salutarian