

Truman Broaches Famine Relief Crisis To Stalin

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Russia's position in the world food crisis came in for renewed attention today with President Truman's disclosure that he has been in touch with Generalissimo Stalin on the subject.

The chief executive refused to disclose any details, but diplomatic officials said Mr. Truman had appealed for Soviet help in supplying food to famine areas. These officials, who declined to be named, had no word of any reply from Moscow.

At another point in his news conference yesterday the president underscored the part the United States is playing in the crisis when he said we are doing more than any other country.

He added a slightly encouraging note, too, by saying he does not think the real facts would show conditions as bad as they have been pictured.

Hoover Speaks Tonight

Former President Herbert Hoover, meantime, prepared to amplify his report on the round-the-world food study he made at Mr. Truman's request. Hoover will address a nationwide radio audience from Chicago at 6 p. m. (PST) tonight.

Agriculture department officials disclaimed any knowledge of the specific nature of famine assistance being sought from Stalin.

They asserted, however, that the British-Canadian-American combined food board which has been attempting to round up and distribute food to hungry areas had sought information on Russia's future relief plans.

Earlier in the year the board had adopted the assumption that Russia was in no position to provide help, because much of her rich agricultural land had not been rehabilitated in time to produce last year.

Later the board changed its mind when Russia announced that she would ship 500,000 tons of wheat to France, and small amounts to Finland and Czechoslovakia.

Miller Opens Truck Shop

Marking the second major expansion in less than ten years, the Dick B. Miller company has opened its new truck division at 11th and Klamath.

The new building, which is of fireproof construction, contains over 8900 square feet of shop space. The company will have the sales agency for International trucks, with repair facilities for all makes. Heavy duty equipment has been installed which will enable the firm to repair and rebuild all sizes of trucks.

Dick Miller Sr., started his own business here in 1937, handling Oldsmobiles. In 1941 he moved to the Olds Tower location at Seventh and Klamath, where the Cadillac agency was added, and was joined in the business by Darrell Miller, who had just finished Oregon law school. Dick Miller Jr., who had been assistant district attorney here after finishing law school in 1940, joined the firm in 1942. The youngest son, Melvin, is now also with the firm.

Both Darrell and Melvin are ex-servicemen and have recently returned to Klamath.

Under the new setup, Darrell will manage the Olds-Cadillac plant at 7th and Klamath, which is one of the largest agencies in the state, and Dick Miller Jr., will manage the new truck division. Melvin will act as parts manager with the truck division and Dick Sr. will act in an overall supervisory capacity.

Miller Sr., expressed his appreciation to the people of this area whose continued patronage has made this expansion possible.

Air Search On For Lost Plane

SEATTLE, May 17 (AP)—Army and private aircraft are still searching daily over a 200,000 square mile area of Pacific northwest mountain, timber and plain country for a chartered cabin plane which vanished April 26 with six persons aboard.

The plane, flown by Leif C. Buschman, 22, and Walter Green, 28, as pilot and co-pilot, was carrying the four passengers east.

The craft was supposed to stop at Spokane for re-fueling, but failed to arrive there. A check of airports across Washington, north Idaho, and western Montana has failed to locate any place where the plane halted for fuel.

A companion plane last saw the missing ship over the Cascade mountains. The two craft separated in an overcast, and did not make contact again.

"TUKKI" TO "TURKEY"

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Around Oregon

By The Associated Press

Eugene district voters approved a \$496,000 tax levy, 544 to 125, at a special election Wednesday. . . . Oregon City school children will conduct a drive to collect canned goods to send overseas Friday and Monday. . . . Albina Engine and Machine Works, Portland, was to bring its maritime commission contracts to an end today with delivery of the Arizona Pine, last of four coastal lumber carriers. . . . The Corvallis school board has improved a \$250 annual pay increase for teachers and will recommend it to the budget committee.

Clyde H. Beard, former Roseburg principal, will become principal at The Dalles August 1, succeeding Arthur Kiesz, who transferred to Ontario. . . . Off-shore fishing vessel owners in the Astoria area have organized, with 42 charter members. . . . Pat Hutchins is new president of the Albany Junior chamber of commerce. . . . Attendance at a four-day Yamhill county 4-H club camp in early July, held in Tillamook county, is expected to reach 40 to 50.

State Ranges Need Moisture

PORTLAND, May 17 (AP)—Major livestock area in Oregon, dried by wind and little rain, is urgently in need of moisture, the weather bureau reported today.

Livestock, however, was still in good condition this week, and lambing ranges in good shape, the weekly crop-weather survey said. Sheep shearing is under way.

Good to heavy fruit sets were reported by all important fruit districts in Oregon. Cane fruits, too, were promising.

Wheat and other grains continued to progress, the report said, but added that the "need for more rain soon is apparent."

Other Oregon crops continued developing. Sugar beets were thinned; corn and barley seeded; strawberries blooming; early potatoes coming up; cannerly peas in excellent condition.

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Marines Plan Portland Unit

PORTLAND, May 17 (AP)—Two marine corps officers planned to inspect Swan Island and the Battleship Oregon Memorial park today as possible sites for a reserve battalion.

Enthusiasm among marine veterans here is high. Col. J. J. Keating and Lt. Col. D. M. Schmuck were told by Col. A. G. Skelton, who organized Portland's first marine reserves in 1939. The officers said the reserve might number 959 men officers.

Salem, Eugene and Corvallis may form units of the Portland battalion, Colonel Skelton said.



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