

U.S. TAKES OVER SOFT COAL PITS

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
STATE SECRETARY BYRNES gives an accounting to the nation of the four-power (Britain, Russia, France, U. S.) meeting of foreign ministers in Paris that tried to make peace in Europe—but failed, for the present, at least.

He has nothing very encouraging to report. About the best that can be said of the Paris conference is that it broke up without an open fight and will tackle the job again on June 15.

EVERY effort to write a peace treaty of any sort at Paris was wrecked on the rock of Russian opposition. At this distance, it didn't look as if Russia's grounds for opposing the making of peace now were very good. Her policy seemed to be to oppose every suggestion that was made.

Making some kind of peace settlement and getting the world back to work is so obviously desirable—so NECESSARY, in fact, if we are to have a peaceful world—that Russia must have some reason of her own, as yet disclosed, for blocking what Mr. Byrnes terms "every effort toward peace" by treaty.

IF we knew what Russia really wants, it might be possible to get somewhere. Unfortunately, we don't know. She insists that she is merely making herself secure for the future. But her moves, as so far made on the board, suggest the possibility of aggression as strongly as they suggest mere defense.

Russia has been a mystery from the hour when she first entered the war. She is no less a mystery now. It would be easy for us to imagine that Mr. Byrnes knows what Russia has up her sleeve, but isn't telling. His actions, however, suggest otherwise.

In his speech last night, he gave Moscow what amounts almost to an ultimatum—asserting that the Soviet Union can either STOP blocking a European peace conference this summer or the United States will carry the whole matter to the United Nations.

That looks like he is trying to force Moscow out into the open—trying to FIND OUT what Russia is up to.

IF he knew, he would probably have taken some other tack—for after all the threat to carry the problem of peace in Europe to the United Nations is a rather idle one. If Russia refuses to cooperate, it is obvious that the United Nations will be DEAD—as dead as the League of Nations was when WE refused to cooperate.

Portlanders Here On Good Will Junket



Manager Charles Stark of the Klamath chamber of commerce is here showing pictures of Klamath scenes to a group of Portlanders, members of a party of 35 here today on a good will tour. Left to right: Manager Stark; Lloyd Stitt, local SP district agent; George E. Hatch, United Airlines; Portland; E. F. Ghormley, SP; Portland; E. N. Weinbaum, manager, trade and commerce, Portland chamber; Laurence Mann, Portland businessman; L. O. Sisemore, Klamath attorney; A. B. Wallace, Oregon Journal advertising executive. Hatch will be speaker at the annual meeting of the Klamath chamber of commerce in the high school tonight.

C. of C. To Hear Hatch Tonight

George W. Hatch, district traffic and sales manager of United Airlines for Portland, will speak on his favorite subject, "Aviation," tonight at the Klamath County chamber of commerce annual meeting.

Naval Air Hero Dies At Corona

CORONA, Calif., May 21 (AP)—Capt. Norman H. (Bus) Miller, bomber pilot hero of the Central and Southwest Pacific campaigns, died at naval hospital here today after several months' illness.

Soviets Pick Election Time To Cross Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, May 21 (AP)—An official announcement today said that Russian troops bound for Germany had begun moving across Czechoslovakia from the south in connection with "the reorganization of Russian occupation forces in Germany."

KUHS Graduation Wednesday Night

Senior students at Klamath Union high school, wearing caps and gowns, will file into Pelican court at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, Wednesday, to receive their diplomas.

Czechs Convict Lidice Butcher

PRAGUE, May 21 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's people's court today found Karl Hermann Frank, former Nazi protector of Bohemia and Moravia, guilty of responsibility for the massacre of Lidice and sentenced him to be executed publicly.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL		R H E	
St. Louis	3 9 0		
Philadelphia	4 12 1		
Wilks, Martin (6) and O'Dea; Jurisich, Karl (7), Raffensberger (8) and Seminick.			
Cincinnati at Brooklyn, postponed, rain (called at end of first inning).			
Pittsburgh at New York, postponed, wet grounds.			
AMERICAN		R H E	
New York	2 5 2		
Cleveland	7 8 1		
Bevens, Wight (4), Stanceu (8) and Dickey; Feller and Hayes.			

Rainfall Ends Long Dry Spell

Klamath's long dry spell came to a close last night when a 10-hour rain brought a total precipitation of .92 of an inch to the area.

Chinese Push Drive On Reds

By The Associated Press
Chinese government forces pushed on to new attacks in the Manchurian civil war today while a Nanking spokesman called for peace and asked for sympathy and understanding from the Chinese from Russia and the United States.

Governor On Way To Oklahoma City

SALEM, May 21 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell will leave by plane late today for the National Governors' conference, which will be held next weekend in Oklahoma City.

Half Price Paid For Empty Grave

The city council, requested to take unprecedented action on the refunding of money for a grave from which the remains had been disinterred, came to a decision last night and agreed to return one-half of the original purchase price of the lot.

WEATHER NEWS

May 21
Max. (May 20) 63 Min. — 35
Precipitation last 24 hours — .92
Stream year to date 11.37
Normal 18.86 Last year 19.21
Forecast: Showers Wednesday.

Five Die As Fog Blinds Army Pilot

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—An army transport plane, lost in dense fog as it groped for Newark air base, smashed into the world's fourth tallest building amid the towers of the New York financial district last night and hurled four army officers and a Wac lieutenant to instantaneous death.

Investigation Begins

A five-man army investigation board, ordered formed an hour after the crash, began an examination of the tragedy today. The board is headed by the scene, made technical inspections and interviewed witnesses.

Martial Law Off In Azerbaijan

TABRIZ, May 21 (AP)—The government of self-proclaimed autonomous Azerbaijan lifted martial law after one day today with the announcement that "conditions no longer justify the measure as peaceful methods prevail."

'Skunk' Charge Flies in Senate

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The word "skunk" was tossed around in the senate today as two members clashed over pending labor control legislation.

Sailors May Retain Old Style Uniforms

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Uncle Sam's sailors have demonstrated such affection for their bell-bottomed trousers and their familiar blues and whites that the navy may reconsider plans to change uniforms.

Two-Gun Rider Is Harmless Gardener



This fierce-looking two-gun man is G. W. Wilcher, 3728 Shasta way, who spends his time plowing and pottering in his garden when he is not riding his half-Arabian horse "Rocky."

US Troops Raid Danubian Fleet

VILSHOFEN, Germany, May 21 (AP)—Four thousand American troops, striking by surprise at dawn today, raided a Hungarian river fleet suspected of smuggling SS fugitives, ammunition and black market supplies along the Danube river in southeastern Germany.

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The White House press secretary, Charles G. Ross, said "both sides were sounded out" in advance. He would not say flatly that Mr. Truman expected the miners to work under government operation, but did say that the choice of a federal mine boss, Interior Secretary Krug, was pronounced acceptable to both the coal miners and operators.

The chief executive acted after contract negotiations between John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and the soft coal operators bogged down.

Truce Up Saturday
A two-weeks strike truce, under which the mines have been operating, expires Saturday.

Lewis' located in a barber shop, told reporters: "I have no comment of any character."

Lewis would not disclose whether he has summoned the 250-man UMW policy committee to pass upon the question of working for the government.

Lewis told President Truman last Sunday, it was learned, that the question of whether the miners would work after the truce expires Saturday even under government seizure, rested with the policy committee.

The seizure move followed a day of quiet during which neither side would discuss their dispute.

Rails Also Under U. S. A.
Thus, the government will take over operation of two of the nation's largest industries. Railroads were seized last Friday in an attempt to avert a strike, now postponed until 4 p. m. Thursday.

The contract negotiations broke down when the operators rejected Lewis' No. 1 demand—for a 7 per cent payroll levy against operators to finance a welfare fund to be handled by the union.

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Li. Virgil P. Lary Jr., of Winchester, testifying in the trial of 74 SS veterans in the Dachau war crimes court, was one of six Americans who survived the butchery at the Belgian town of Malmédy during the winter battle of the Ardennes Bulge 17 months ago. That was Germany's last offensive.

"We were standing in the field at Malmédy crossroads, 150 to 175 of us, unarmed with our hands clasped over our heads," Lary testified. "I saw no wounded men. They were all Americans."

"Two vehicles drove up and parked on our flank and I saw a German place a machinegun over the side of one. Then another vehicle drove up and stopped between the other two. I saw a man take his pistol and aim in the direction of our group. He fired two shots from a distance of 15 yards."

"At the first, I saw an American with his hands clasped over his head go down. I did not see the effect of the second shot."

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Under the committee's plan, the navy would have an average force of 500,000 enlisted men and 58,000 officers during the 1947 year. The navy would have 950,000 men and 105,000 officers at the outset, gradually tapering its strength to 437,000 men and 57,800 officers at year's end.