

TERROR SPREADS IN PALESTINE

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Stream gauge to date	12.76
Normal	11.61 Last year 13.86
Forecast: Clear today, tonight, Wednesday.	

Tornado Sweeps Detroit Area

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The army gives us a fleeting hint today of what a reporter for the AP describes as a "horrendous" new weapon with which we may someday fight atom bombs—carried either by rockets or by planes.

The sketchy details disclosed seem to justify fully the use of "horrendous" as a descriptive adjective.

ITS destructive power is based upon a jet of molten metal, and a dispatch from Washington this morning, couched more or less in Buck Rogers language, says:

"The jet-firing mechanism is envisioned as an airplane weapon. First it (the airplane) would hurl out a rocket to be guided by radar or drawn by electronics to its skyborne enemy target (which, presumably, would be a rocket or a plane bearing an atom bomb.) As it closed in, it would let go with a stream of molten metal."

This molten metallic jet, the dispatch goes on, "would travel at such a high speed (maybe five miles PER SECOND) that it would go right through the armor plate of a plane flying an atom bomb—or punch right through an atomic rocket."

THE idea is that an atom rocket, fooling along at a mere 5,000 feet a second (a bullet travels at about 3,000 feet per second) would be caught up with by this whizzing jet of molten metal spinning at 25,000 feet a second and POOF! That would be the end of it.

We think of ourselves, of course, as doing all this to our enemies, but we have to remember that in the course of time our enemies would be doing it to us.

WE all fear world government as we fear the plague, but in the face of terrors that science, just now beginning to get its stride, is cooking up for us, world government may come to seem by comparison almost cozy.

SPEAKING of old-fashioned terrors, there was a cyclone yesterday in the general area of Detroit and Windsor, which is just across the line in Canada. An eyewitness describes it thus:

"It seemed to have electricity in the center of it. It wasn't black, the way some people have described it. It was gray—shaped like a cone, with the tip pointed toward the earth. It seemed to bounce along and every time the tip of the cone touched the earth there was a rush of smoke. It seemed to pick or suck a house up and tear it to bits, dropping the pieces of wood and debris all over the country.

"Outside the cone, it seemed to be dark, which made the cone in the center look something like a flashlight. As it picked up a house, it looked like there was going to be a fire, and then a terrific wind seemed to smother the fire."

IN the olden, golden days of the dear, dead past, a cyclone such as that would have seemed, even when merely read about, a horrible nightmare. Now it is almost comforting to hear of something of that sort that isn't man-made and primed for war.

AFTER all these jittery terrors, we'd better solace ourselves a little—and as a solace nothing is better than a good, hearty gripe.

Along the gripe line, Senator Wiley (Republican, from Wisconsin) calls in the reporters in Washington and tells them with tooth-gritting emphasis that "disposal of surplus government (war) property by the War Assets Administration is a national disgrace... that is crying for high heaven for full exposure and immediate correction."

WITH the country screaming for goods and an inflation creeping up on us like a hungry tiger because of the lack of them, it is something of a scandal that government warehouses from the Atlantic to the Pacific are bulging with goods that because of red tape and unworkable legislation can't be sold. It seems probable that this flood will get to the markets just about the time industry swings into full production.

Still, a lot of people want government to DO EVERYTHING.

Swerving Truck Dumps Logs on Sidewalk



The chains held when this load of logs ripped off a trailer at the Oregon and Biehn intersection at noon today, but the trailer beam was wrenched in two and the eight-wheeled trailer tipped over. The log truck was driven by Henry Junior Landers, 2610 Altamont, who told police that another car cut across in front of his truck as it was making the turn on Biehn, and it was either ditch his load or hit the other car. The cab of the truck leaned over as the heavy load tipped, but righted itself as the beam snapped.

Circuit Court Frees Robson

After a day and a half in court, during which three special jury panels were summoned, the case against Arthur Corden Robson for larceny of an automobile was dismissed shortly after testimony had started in circuit court this morning.

Judge David K. Vandenberg, in dismissing the case, ruled that the indictment under which Robson was being held was faulty in that the car in question was stolen in Washington.

The indictment, he said, would be good for a car stolen in Klamath county. The car, property of Kenneth Danand of Everett, Wash., was allegedly stolen in Seattle and driven by Robson from Ft. Lewis to Klamath Falls.

Robson, 19, was picked up here in possession of the stolen vehicle and for AWOL last April. Judge Vandenberg, in questioning the charge, held that nothing in the indictment gave jurisdiction to this court and also (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

Butter, Cheese Hiked By OPA

Butter and cheese prices were up in Klamath Falls today, following an OPA authorization for higher ceilings.

Retail price of butter went up 11 cents, and the wholesale price 10 cents. The new retail price in most stores was 87 cents.

Cheese prices went up 5 cents wholesale and 6 cents retail.

The increases followed a OPA in milk prices allowed by OPA a few days ago. Dairymen said that the dairy price boosts will eventually be reflected in a more stable condition in the local dairy industry, which has been badly hit by price ceilings on its products and high prices on feed.

Jap Witness Upsets Trial

TOKYO, June 18 (AP)—A Japanese professor, called as a prosecution witness in the international trial of warlord Hideki Tojo and 27 others, gave the "wrong" answers today and upset proceedings.

Expected to testify that Japan's warmakers used the nation's schools to whip young men into aggressive fanaticism, Prof. Tokiomi Kagi declared on the stand that military training originally had only peaceful purposes.

When questioning failed to elicit anticipated answers, Assistant Prosecutor Valentine Hammack asked for permission to impeach the testimony of his own witness. Later he withdrew the request.

Pine Wage Raises Winning Approval

First reports of ratifications of recent agreements on pine wage increases in this area indicate the AFL and CIO workers will soon become effective.

At Weed, both the employers and the AFL employees have concurred in the wage boost in the AFL-negotiated agreement for the Long-Bell operations. Other AFL ratifications are believed forthcoming.

All employers operating plants where the CIO is the bargaining agent have okayed the agreement recommended by negotiators. CIO union balloting is now under way, and results will be known on or before June 24, it is expected.

Chinese Reds Say Hope Dims

NANKING, June 18 (AP)—A Chinese communist spokesman charged today the government had dimmed hopes for peace by demanding that the communists yield a number of strongholds in North China, including all the coastline of strategic Shantung province.

The spokesman said the government memorandum was handed to General Marshall, special U. S. envoy, who turned it over "without comment" to Gen. Chou En-lai, chief communist negotiator.

The government's new proposal, reportedly laid down by the piece of peace, was described by communist sources as "most unsatisfactory."

Other than Shantung, where the communists have been closing in on the great U. S. Marine-held port of Tsingtao, the areas to be given up were not detailed by the spokesman.

He said they embraced "several provinces" north of the Yellow River involving several of the communist's most important positions outside Manchuria. (Yenan, communist capital, lies north of the river.)

Cruiser Louisville On Inactive List

PHILADELPHIA, June 18 (AP)—The heavy cruiser Louisville, whose guns set naval gunfire records throughout the Pacific, joined the retired list today, becoming a member of the Philadelphia group of the 16th fleet.

Decommissioning and inactivation ceremonies at the Philadelphia naval base marked the end of a 15-year career for the 10,000-ton Northampton class cruiser which supported nearly every major amphibious operation in the allied conquest of the Japanese-held Pacific islands.

U. S. Abstains From U.N. Vote

NEW YORK, June 18 (AP)—Herschel V. Johnson, acting United States delegate, told the United Nations security council today he would abstain from voting on a British proposal to send the Spanish case to the general assembly without recommendations.

Johnson said that he would have been able to support the

OPA Boosts Tire Prices

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—OPA today authorized an immediate increase of 3.3 per cent in retail ceiling prices for passenger car tires.

The same percentage increase, granted to offset producers' higher wage and materials costs, also was granted to manufacturers and wholesalers. It also applies to motorcycle tires.

The new retail ceiling for the popular size 6.00-16 4-ply passenger tire, which OPA said represents 70 per cent of all passenger tire sales, is \$15.70 on a nationwide basis. This is an increase of 50 cents.

The higher prices apply only to tires sold for replacement purposes. Last week OPA granted manufacturers an increase on tires for new cars, but auto makers were not permitted to pass this on to the public in higher prices for new cars.

Under today's order manufacturers and wholesalers' ceilings for truck, bus and industrial replacement tires are increased by the equivalent of 1.4 per cent of existing retail ceilings.

Bonanza School Lets Contract

Contracts for additional construction on the Bonanza school plant was let yesterday by the county school board to Leksberg and Duncan, and work will proceed immediately, it was announced today by County Superintendent Fred Peterson.

The contractors will work on a cost plus basis. Some time ago, when bids were submitted to the board, all were rejected as too high.

The job will include eight additional classrooms for elementary instruction and completion of the high school gymnasium.

Canada Also Ravaged By Freak Blow

DETROIT, June 18 (AP)—A freak June tornado struck viciously Monday night into southern Michigan and adjacent Ontario, Canada, and left behind today a death toll of at least 17 and more than 100 injured.

Searching parties hunted through a one-hundred-foot path of devastation in Canada for possible additional victims. The identified dead totaled 13, but hospitals in the Windsor area reported at least "seven or eight" other victims critically injured and near death.

River Rouge, Mich., a Detroit suburb and home of the huge Ford Motor company Rouge plant, sustained the first shock of the tornado shortly after 6 p. m., but tiny Sandwich, Ont., bore the full fury of the blast.

Property damage was expected to run into the millions of dollars.

Hundreds of persons were homeless as the wind toppled their homes like so many straws.

Business establishments were wrecked, autos tossed about like playthings and bodies of the victims were buffeted as the tornado reached its zenith.

It zoomed across the Detroit river, the suction of the tornado creating four huge waterspouts. Coast guardsmen said that as far as they knew, no boats had been damaged by the huge freaks of nature.

The terrifying funnel, estimated variously at from 20 to 100 feet at its base, sucked nearly everything in a 100-yard swath into its fatal grip.

Sandwich West, Sandwich East and the outskirts of Windsor were the Canadian communities which recoiled under the full blast of the tornado before it headed for Lake St. Clair, where the weather bureau said it dissipated.

Portland Dock Walkout Ends

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18 (AP)—Portland harbor returned to normal today as CIO Marine Cargo Checkers and Supercargoes accepted employers' assurance that the wage increase negotiated in Washington last Friday night applied to them.

California checkers were named specifically for the pay boost but the Portland group was not and all CIO maritime unions here refused to return to work until the checkers were assured of inclusion.

Late yesterday the local committee for maritime unity reported its satisfaction with the employers' assurance and R. J. Olf, checkers' president, said his union accepted it at a meeting early today.

While settlement was awaited, only famine relief vessels were worked.

Cowboy Group OK's Rodeo

Last night's rodeo meeting saw official sanction given the show by the Cowboys' Turtle association, which will mean that all professionals may compete here with full credit.

Other developments in the coming celebration included the hiring of Jimmy Dixon, from San Bernardino, and his mule to act as clown, and the engagement of Mr. Wicklund, from the Kem Advertising company of Portland, to decorate the city streets for the occasion.

Merchants are urged by the committee to decorate their windows in a fitting fashion for the rodeo celebration, and to enter floats in the huge Fourth of July parade to be held at the shows opening. Merchants wishing to donate prizes for parade events should contact E. P. (Pat) Ivory, in charge of all parades and grand entries.

Charley Reed, of Read's Saddle, has donated a gold and silver mounted belt buckle set to the winner of the calf-roping event and Frasier's Market will donate \$5 each day to the fourth-place winner in the cowboy race.

Committee Named

Percy Murray, Ed Crawford and Jess Johnson, of the fair board, and Fred Pope, of the county court, have been named as grounds committee, and are making preparations to put the work grounds in shape for the show. According to officials, (Continued on Page 2, Column 5)

Jet With Speed Of 5 Miles Per Second Revealed As Possible Atomic Defense

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—The army lifted the edge of a blueprint briefly today to disclose a fantastic weapon that may develop into a defense against atomic rockets or armored space ships laden with A-bombs.

It is a jet of molten metal which has an initial velocity of almost five miles a second.

Although still in the research and planning stages, the possibility of the horrendous new weapon has experts in the army ordnance department enthusiastic. They conclude that adapting it to a robot anti-atomic sky defense is going to require a bit of doing, however.

The first hint of a dully worded war department announcement (with Einstein-ish overtones) which reported that research of the ordnance arm is gradually outmoding many standard weapons used in the World War of a year ago.

Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes, chief of ordnance, is of the opinion the high explosive bullets and projectiles that fighter pilots pumped into enemy aircraft probably will be replaced in a few years by the new high speed metallic jet, traveling at an initial velocity of 25,000 feet a second.

This molten metallic jet—comparable in a way to what jumps out of a tooth paste tube when squeezed, a patient ordnance spokesman explained—would travel at such a high speed that it couldn't be detected.

That is, it would go right through the armor plate of a plane flying an atomic bomb. Or it could punch an atomic rocket right on the nose.

If the jet travels at 25,000 feet a second—and that speed is known to be possible—its spurting flash of molten metal could catch up with a V-2, for it travels at only 5000 feet a second. A bullet lags at 3000

Von Papen Unfolds Tale Of Anti-Nazi Intrigues

MUENBERG, Germany, June 18 (AP)—Franz von Papen told the international military tribunal today that one of his aides was slain by the German secret police after the aide helped him assemble records in Austria for export to sanctuary in Switzerland.

The gray old German diplomat said the murder occurred in February of 1938 when Von Papen was ambassador to Austria, a short time before Adolf Hitler absorbed Austria in the Anschluss. He said the aide's body was found three weeks afterwards in the Danube.

Von Papen said he was so concerned over Hitler's aggressive intentions toward Austria that he violated his records to Switzerland to show that he was not a party to the Nazi plot.

Von Papen said Hermann Goering later reproached him with an accusation of perjury. He interpolated to assert that "none of these defendants can say I ever was a Nazi." Both Von Papen and Goering are among the 22 ranking Germans on trial as war criminals.

Attorneys for the former chancellor and ambassador presented to the tribunal documents which they said linked Von Papen with peace feelers extended to the United States by way of Turkey in April of 1944.

The documents contended that Von Papen, a German diplomat for three decades, worked with George H. Earle, former governor of Pennsylvania and later assistant U. S. naval and air attaché in Turkey, for a negotiated peace with the United States and other allied powers.

Baron Kurt von Lersner, former president of the German peace delegation at Versailles, sent a statement to the tribunal describing his personal efforts to end the war, and adding: "When in April, 1944, the opportunity presented itself to me to establish contact with George Earle, former American ambassador in Vienna and Sofia, and a friend of President Roosevelt with whom I had already been personally acquainted for a long time, Von Papen helped me in every possible way."

A statement also was offered by Count Gottfried von Bismarck Schoenhausen, describing a conversation with Von Papen on November 23, 1943, in which the prospects for a "change in government for Germany and peace negotiations were discussed."

Another statement said the plotters against Hitler in July, 1944, attempt on his life had planned to ask Von Papen to open peace talks with the allies if the plot succeeded.

Proxy Delays Draft Accord

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—Lawmakers snarled in the teenage draft snarl looked today to a colleague en route to the atomic bomb tests for a way out of the tangled situation.

He is Rep. Walter G. Andrews (R-N. Y.), a member of the deadlocked senate-house conference committee assigned the task of writing a compromise bill to keep selective service alive after July 1.

Andrews was reported somewhere in the Pacific yesterday when the conference failed for a second time to reach agreement. At issue was whether and how to draft 18 and 19 year olds, now exempt from induction under the expiring stop-gap extension act.

Members said Andrews left behind a proxy vote calling for restoring these two age brackets to the draft rolls without restrictions.

The conference session was recessed until Thursday to permit an exchange of messages between Washington and the Bismarck-bound Andrews.

Both sides agreed there is slight chance that any 18 year olds would be drafted because by October 1 a large group of youths now 18 will reach 19.

Incumbents Back On School Board

In extremely light voting, Jack Schulze and Howard Barnhisel were returned without opposition yesterday to positions on school board No. 1, the Klamath Falls elementary district. Schulze received 38 votes for the five-year position he sought, and Barnhisel was given 36 votes for the two-year term.

Returns had not been received this afternoon at the county school office on the county district election, which involved a budget as well as the selection of candidates for four positions. All filed candidates were unopposed.

President Nominates Judge For California

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—President Truman today nominated George B. Harris to be a federal district judge for northern California. This is a new position.

Fritz Kreisler Reported Better

NEW YORK, June 18 (AP)—The condition of Fritz Kreisler, 71-year-old violinist, was reported "very good" today at a hospital where he underwent an emergency appendectomy Sunday night.

He was first reported in critical condition after the operation disclosed local peritonitis.

Reluctant Candidate Elected In Roseburg

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 18 (AP)—Despite his broadcast appeal to the voters to cast their ballots for either of his two opponents, James Mess, a reluctant candidate, was chosen school director of the Roseburg district at yesterday's election, in which only 230 voters were cast. Mess, former president of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, received 132 votes or 37 more than the combined totals for the two other candidates.

4 British Said Held In Hostage

JERUSALEM, June 18 (AP)—A reliable informant said four British officers were kidnaped today from an officers club at Tel Aviv by a dozen Jewish extremists armed with tommy-guns.

The new outbreak of terrorism spreading throughout Palestine came after a wild night in Haifa when nine Jews were killed in a pitched battle after they attacked the central railroad shops. The deaths at the gunfire and 15 explosions at the railway yards raised the toll in recent days to 18 deaths.

The informant reporting the kidnaping at Tel Aviv said the bandits were believed to be members of the Jewish extremist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi. The British officers were believed seized as hostages against the impending execution of two Irgun members sentenced to death last week for participating in a raid last March on a British army camp.

Taken For Ride

The dozen terrorists raided the Hotel Yarkon, which has been a leading officers club in Tel Aviv for several years. Their victims were blindfolded and forced into taxicabs, the informant said.

The underground Jewish radio said at the weekend some countermeasure would be taken against the death sentences imposed on the Irgun members by a military court in Jerusalem.

While the battle of the Haifa rail yards proceeded last night, two unsuccessful attempts were made to bomb trains and halt them.

Palestine police said the engineer of a train between Haifa and Lydda ignored a red flag waved on the tracks two miles north of Lydda. Shots rattled around the cars but no casualties were sustained.

Mine Exploded

Other reports said a land mine exploded near Khanyunis, between Gaza and the Egyptian border frontier in the south, just after an oil train passed. Reports said the rails were repaired and service on the Lydda-Kanata railway line to Egypt was not interrupted.

Latest advices from Haifa said the railway shops and a powerhouse were destroyed last night. A locomotive was ruined. Police continued to cordon off the area of the battle.

The raiders set off 15 explosions in the rail yards and escaped over heavily mined roads.

The official announcement said five persons, including two women, were injured seriously and that 14 men and a woman were arrested.

Five of the Jews were killed when a civilian truck rushed a road block in the Haifa bay area. No casualties were reported among British army personnel.

G. Stephenson Dies Of Fever

LAKEVIEW, Ore., June 18—George Stephenson, 70, widely known Lakeview lumberman, succumbed here yesterday to an attack of Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Mr. Stephenson had spent the last two or three months in the John Day country and is believed to have received an insect bite there causing the illness.

Born in Maine, George Stephenson engaged in the lumber business there and in Michigan before coming to Oregon 40 years ago. He was an old-time timber cruiser, and in his 22 years in Lake county was a timber tract operator and owner. He managed the large Dusenberry tract for many years, selling to the Lakeview Logging company about two years ago.

He is survived by the widow and one son, Robert. The funeral services will be held at the Elks lodge at 2 p. m. Thursday, with Rev. H. N. Tragitt in charge.