

HUGE FIRE SWEEPS FERRY HOUSE

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AFTER weeks of shadow boxing, the senate and the house of representatives, working through what is known as the conference committee, got down to brass tacks last night on OPA. The result is a bill neither "anti" as the foes of OPA have professed to want nor as "pro" as the OPA crowd has been demanding. Chairman Spence (Democrat, from Kentucky), who has favored continued teeth for OPA, says this morning he thinks President Truman will sign the compromise, if it goes through substantially as worked out last night.

He adds that in his opinion the compromise bill is "workable."

If we are to get anything like an unprejudiced picture, we must keep clear in our minds how our legislative system works.

SEPARATE bills are introduced in each house. These bills are of course subject to amendment. As finally passed by the senate and the house, they may vary widely. When finally passed by both houses, they are sent to a "conference" committee composed of members from both houses. This committee RECONCILES THE DIFFERENCES.

The combined bill, as finally OK'd by the conference committee, then goes back to each house, where it may be approved as is, amended or defeated. If amended by either house, the amendment must be concurred in by the other house before the bill can become law.

When the two houses are in final agreement, the bill goes to the President, who may accept it or veto it. If he vetoes it, it must be passed over his veto by a two-thirds majority of both houses before it can become a law.

ALL this, of course, is fundamental, and everybody ought to know it. Probably everybody does know it. Still, a lot of us READ SKETCHILY and many of us never get beyond the headlines. So, in order to understand this OPA business which has generated so much heat and oratory, it is just as well to review the fundamental processes.

WHAT has happened so far with regard to OPA was described at the beginning of this column as "shadow boxing." It has been just that.

Some two months ago, the house of representatives mangled OPA almost beyond recognition. A great outcry went up, and much political thunder reverberated among the hills. Then the senate got down to business. When it finished, OPA had taken another mauling. Again there was anguished outcry.

Now the conferees get together. Able to study the reactions from the house and senate action, they put together a bill that clips OPA's wings considerably but still, even in the opinion of friends of price control, will work.

Our system of passing laws, you see, is complicated, but after all it doesn't work out too badly.

If the situation with regard to OPA is to be fully understood, a little more explanation is required.

Unless something is DONE ABOUT IT, OPA will expire by limitation on July 1, which will be a minute after midnight this coming Sunday. Not much time remains.

That is why events are beginning to move swiftly. It would be a waste of time to discuss the provisions of the conference bill today. It may be changed radically YET. The President may veto it—although

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Marshall Gravely Worried Over Charge By Communist

NANKING, June 25 (AP)—Communist Leader Mao Tse-tung's accusation that the United States was menacing peace in China caused grave concern today at the official residence of General Marshall.

The special U. S. envoy, who had been reported making some progress toward a government-communist agreement, was non-committal but other American sources termed Mao's statement "outright propaganda."

Contrary to previous plans, China's peace committee held no sessions today. It had been expected to exchange views on unifying China's armies after reportedly agreeing on the only other two issues still before it—ending hostilities and restoring communications.

One American source, who declined to be quoted by name charged that Mao, who loomed his criticism of U. S. troops in China at his Yenan headquarters yesterday, was "trying to influence American public opinion in favor of the communists at a time when negotiations are in the most crucial stage."

American sources declared that the United States program of aiding China, which Mao at-

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Global Atom Race Feared By Congress

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—The threat of a United Nations deadlock over atomic energy control followed by a global atomic arms race stirred congress today as the result of Russia's blunt "do-it-our-way" approach to the problem.

Leading lawmakers declared emphatically that this country is not going to surrender its A-bomb secrets until tested international controls are set up—something which the Soviet plan does not appear to guarantee.

A charge by the communist newspaper Pravda that the American plan for international control of the weapon "reflects evident striving for world rule" provoked sharp counter criticism from members of the senate's special atomic committee.

Calling the charge "ridiculous," Senator Russell (D-Ga.), a committee member, told a reporter he thinks "the Russians should stop judging all other nations' motives by their own selfish attitudes."

So Much for So Little "Nobody in the world has ever offered to give away so much for so little," the Georgia senator declared. "The Baruch plan is a generous proposal in which we offer to give away a development bought without genius and our money. All we ask in return is protection for the world and ourselves against its use for destructive purposes."

"I am bitterly opposed to revealing one iota of information until we have some irrevocable plan of inspection and I think the majority of congress is in the same frame of mind. There can be no veto in the operation of such international control."

The Georgia senator said he fears Russian insistence on the veto, renewed in the Pravda outburst, may deadlock U. N. atomic negotiations—a view shared by Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), another committee member.

Both said the result of ultimate failure to agree on international controls is liable to be a new arms race.

"If the Russians continue to maintain the position that they will not give over the operation of the control machinery," Johnson said, "an atomic bomb armament race becomes inevitable."

House Passes Bill On Draft

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Compromise legislation extending the draft law until next March 31 but prohibiting the induction of 18-year olds was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

The roll call vote was 259 to 110. It came after a war department announcement that the army plans to draft no one in July and August.

The bill permits the induction of non-fathers between the ages of 19 and 44, both inclusive; limits the length of service of drafted men to 18 months; puts ceilings on the size of the armed forces, prohibits the induction of fathers, and allows fathers now in service to obtain their discharge upon request after August 1, 1946.

The senate had voted to draft 18- and 19-year olds.

Marshall, largely was drafted after he had engineered agreements early this year that apparently had started the government and the communists on the road to national unity.

The military aid bill, a particular target for the Chinese communist leader, was drafted with a view of helping both sides, one informant said.

As a matter of fact, he added, nearly 100 United States officers have been here for two months waiting a cessation of hostilities so they could open a communist military training school at Kalgan.

"Then the commitment was made to China, largely through Marshall's interest, for helping China recover from eight years of war," the source added. "There was nothing to indicate the communists as well as the government intended to abrogate signed agreements and violate the cease-fire pacts."

Mao declared that the United States should cut off all aid to the government, since such help "in fact only interferes with Chinese internal affairs" and said that the departure of U. S. forces from China was "long overdue."



Action at Madison Square Garden is reproduced by a local artist. The picture is drawn by Nawl Nelson, Klamath county assessor, and is copied from a Hyspek photo taken at the garden during the 1945 show. The picture, a pencil sketch, was done as a graduation gift for Myp Mahoney by Nelson. Nelson, a self-taught artist, became interested in drawing and sketching at an early age, and took first prize at a Denver art show at the age of 14 with a political cartoon depicting Taft, Wilson, and Debs. The sketch was done on a blackboard. Since that time his spare time has been devoted to making pencil copies of photographs, mostly of bucking horses. Born in Clark county, Missouri, Nelson moved to Cheyenne county, Colorado. He left the ranch at 18 and for the next several years worked West Show, touring the country with various bands and finally coming to Klamath Falls in 1927, where he taught music and assessor in 1943, which position he still holds. A rodeo fan for Herald for use in publicity concerning the local rodeo here.

Suicide Takes J. W. Foubert

Joseph W. Foubert, 55, 1210 Crescent, was found dead at his home at 8:30 p. m. Monday with a bullet wound in the heart which Klamath County Coroner George H. Adler said was self-inflicted. Foubert, a carman employed by the Great Northern railway, had been in ill health and had not been well since the death of his only son, Cpl. Rene S. Foubert, 23, USMC, killed March 28, 1945, on Iwo Jima.

Death occurred probably around 7 a. m. yesterday, Dr. Adler said. Two notes were left to the family. Mr. Foubert used a .38 Colt automatic to take his life, the pistol found about five feet from his left foot. The body was found by Henry Dillstrom, 227 N. 9th, a friend of the family. Mrs. Foubert has been ill in a Klamath Falls hospital and had recently been moved to the home of relatives.

Poland Favors Red Bomb Plan

NEW YORK, June 25 (AP)—Poland today endorsed the Soviet Russian plan for outlawing atomic warfare.

Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate to the United Nations atomic energy commission, said his government gave full support to the proposal made last week by Andrei A. Gromyko, of Russia.

Lange said the Russian plan "contains all the basic ideas" brought forward by Poland at the January meeting of the U. N. general assembly in London.

Poland's position was made known after Alexandre Parodi of France told the commission his government approved "in principle" the United States plan for atomic control and for outlawing the atom bomb.

Parodi said he considered the plan advanced by Bernard M. Baruch "a generous contribution" toward a solution of the problem.

Turning to the Soviet plan, Parodi said that a proposal for outlawing the atom bomb was essential to the program.

Pageant Slogan Prize Announced

It will be a \$10 prize for the person submitting the best slogan to be used in the Klamath Centennial celebration. The Centennial association is offering the prize for a slogan to be used on permanent centennial seal and on all banners, stickers and advertising.

As this is a community project anyone can send in slogans commemorating the 150 pioneers who opened the South Emigrant road in 1846. Slogans should be phoned in to the chamber of commerce or mailed to them by Thursday, June 27.

Indian Wounded In Knife Fight

Nathan Wright, 28-year-old Klamath Indian, is in Hillside hospital receiving treatment for knife wounds to the arm and head which Special Indian Officer John Arkell said had been inflicted at Chiloquin by an irate cook. The man was not held and has left the community. Arkell said, after having been fired from his job as cook for Johnny Copeland's field kitchen.

According to Arkell, Wright had a knife which the cook took from him. In attempting to get the knife back, the slashing occurred. The attending physician said Wright had a bad cut on the back of the head, on the left hand and the tendons of both the left arm and hand were severed. Wright is understood to have lost the fingers of his right hand prior to the recent entanglement.

Navy Authorized To Give Up Field

The Klamath Falls naval air station, huge sprawling wartime plant south of the city, was today cleared for disposal when the senate naval committee voted a blanket authorization to the navy department to turn the local station and 63 others, over to the war assets administration for future disposition.

The house naval committee had approved the surplus declaration of the same installations on June 19. Navy officials said the disposals will be conditioned by a clause enabling the government to regain control in the event of an emergency. All the fields named are excess to the navy's peacetime needs. Also named in Oregon was the North Bend airfield.

Baseball Scores

AMERICAN

DETROIT, June 25 (AP)—Freddie Hutchinson spoiled a brilliant pitchers' duel here today by walking four straight Boston batters in the eighth inning to force across the only run of the game as the Red Sox blanked the Detroit Tigers 1 to 0.

Both Hutchinson and Cecil (Tex) Hughson gave only two hits.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	2	0
Detroit	0	2	1
Hughson and H. Wagner; Hutchinson and Tebbetts.			
Washington	4	10	1
Chicago	6	10	1
Newson, Kennedy (6) and Early; Dietrich, Hamner (5), Caldwell (6) and Tresh.			
NATIONAL			
Cincinnati	15	16	0
Brooklyn	3	12	0
Hetki and Mueller; Webber, Gregg (6), Branca (6), Higbe (7), Lombardi (8) and Edwards.			

Russia Denies News Protest

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Acting Secretary of State Acheson said today Russia has flatly rejected a strong United States protest against suppression of news freedom in Romania, and has forced Reuben Markham of the Christian Science Monitor to leave that country.

Acheson told a news conference the United States had registered its objections to the treatment of Markham in both Moscow and Bucharest a month ago and that it had been turned down in both places.

Word had just been received from the Soviet ministry of foreign affairs, he said, contending that the American argument furnished no foundation for rescinding the Soviet action against the American pressman.

The Kremlin takes this view, Acheson said, despite the fact that the American government considers suppression of news freedom in Romania a violation of the Potsdam agreement made a year ago by Premier Stalin, President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee.

Acheson said the Christian Science Monitor has advised the state department that Markham left Romania June 22 and is now in Athens. Col. General Sussikov, ranking Soviet military authority in Bucharest, had ordered him out at the latest by today.

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Each candidate received 22 votes. Warren and Lamott will take up their new duties beginning July 1.

Complex Time Chart Set For Bikini

ABOARD U. S. S. APPALACHIAN, June 24 (Delayed) (AP)—The joint army-navy task force disclosed today for the first time the full complexity of its time chart for the suspense-packed atom bomb day at Bikini July 1.

Despite careful calculation on all risks and infinite precautions to protect the 40,000 personnel involved, the imponderables of atomic energy will make it a day of breathless suspense and drama.

The complex machinery will begin to roll at Vice Adm. W. H. Blandy's signal the morning before test day—if weather forecasts are favorable.

At that time (10 a. m. June 30 at Bikini; 3 p. m. June 29, PST), 34,000 army and navy personnel will begin moving out of the lagoon and 140 ships not part of the anchored target fleet will steam to rendezvous points outside the danger area.

No One Injured In Plane Crash

MEXICO CITY, June 25 (AP)—A four-motored plane D-C4 of the Mexican Aviation company (CMA) crashed today a mile from the end of the runway but none of the 42 passengers or four crew members had more than minor injuries.

The plane bound for Los Angeles failed to gain much altitude but the exact cause of the accident has not been determined.

Fire broke out in the plane while passengers were getting out but the airport fire department prevented serious effects.

The ship was one of three used in a new daily fast service between Mexico City and Los Angeles.

Among the passengers were 25 U. S. citizens. Some of them continued to Los Angeles aboard another (American Air Lines) plane.

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The senior member of each last-minute crew is charged with the safety of his companions. As all leave the target ship on which they have been at work, he will hoist a red and yellow striped pennant—the all-clear signal.

If any man is missing, the all-clear will be hauled down and every flag aboard the ship run up simultaneously—a veritable Christmas tree of bunting—to halt the test until he is found.

Staten Island Flames Kill 3 And Injure 32

NEW YORK, June 25 (AP)—Three persons were killed and 32 others felled by a nine-alarm fire which consumed Staten Island's St. George ferry house today, shortly after the rambling two-story structure had been emptied of 500 passengers.

Flames which flared over the lower Manhattan horizon shortly after 2 p. m. (EDT) and brought a rapid succession of alarms to Brooklyn, Manhattan and Richmond borough fire companies were declared under control at 4:07 p. m.

A spokesman at the city department of marine and aviation said it was reported to him the fire started from a locomotive which had pulled into the railroad station adjacent to the ferry house.

Five alarms in Staten Island and four in Brooklyn sent fire fighting equipment racing to the blaze, which halted ferry service between lower Manhattan and Staten Island.

Ten fire engine companies from Manhattan were routed through the Holland tunnel under the Hudson river to New Jersey, thence to Staten Island over the outerbridge.

Huge columns of smoke and tongues of flame were visible over a great area of the city as the flames spread to all four slips at the ferry.

Four fireboats and three police emergency squads also answered the alarms.

KFLW To Air Rodeo Events

Arrangements have been completed to broadcast the huge Fourth of July rodeo here, and KFLW will carry an hour and a half daily on the show. The broadcast will be handled by Don Neal, assisted by Bob McCarl and Chuck Cecil on the announcing side and by Gilbert Walters, Bruce Hulse, Clarence Bauer and Paul Alexander on the technical end. The broadcast will start at 3:30 daily and continue through 5:30.

Both the city and county have planned a float to be entered in the parade on the Fourth, according to John Houston, chairman of the civic section. The fair board is laying plans for entering a float and it is expected that the chamber of commerce will enter a float symbolic of the tourist activities in this area.

The junior chamber of commerce is planning a float in addition to its job of handling the ticket sales. The Centennial committee has promised a float, as have the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

The Lions club will build its float around a cage of lions furnished by the West Coast Lions Show. The 20-30 club, the Soroptimist and the Business and Professional Women's clubs are also considering participation.

Judges for the parade will be Harold D. Mortenson, Ed Ostendorf and Duval Moore of San Francisco.

Chief of Police Orville Hamilton has undertaken the job of keeping Main street clear of cars for the moving action in the Fourth, and promises action in keeping the street clear. Large trouble will come, says Hamilton, from visiting motorists parking their cars on Main the night before. Precautions will be taken to prevent any cars from obstructing the view, however.

Chamber To Be Represented The Klamath County chamber of commerce will be represented in the big July 4th rodeo parade by a float which will probably depict the hunting and fishing opportunities in the county.

A special committee of the chamber met yesterday to decide on the float and the outdoor theme was tentatively selected.

MB Auction Opposed By City Council

Word was received here yesterday that the \$6,500,000 Marine Barracks just outside town is for sale to anyone wanting to buy all or any part of the installation's equipment or facilities, and immediately the city council and local organizations began pressing the war assets administration to hold onto the barracks for a while longer in the event that it may still be used as an educational institution.

The navy department, according to reports from Portland, has notified the WAA office there that the barracks and government property is for sale but the WAA is reported interceding for local interests to try to keep the military post intact.

Mary Ed Ostendorf yesterday afternoon received a call from the WAA in Portland informing him that the navy considers the barracks on the block and last night the city council authorized Ostendorf to contact the WAA offices in Portland and Washington urging that the post not be broken up or anything sold until all possible uses of the entire facility were exhausted. Ostendorf is also to write a personal letter to Governor Snell urging him to take action to persuade the navy not to sell.

Jayces Opposed Last night the junior chamber of commerce passed a resolution asking that the barracks sale be postponed until educational bodies in the state can determine

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Indian Party Accepts Union

NEW DELHI, June 25 (AP)—The all-India congress party accepted today a long-range British plan for an independent federated union of India, but rejected proposals for the establishment of an interim government.

The decision was reached after a final two-hour meeting of the congress working committee and was announced by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the party's president, who communicated the information to Viceroy Lord Wavell by telephone.

There was some speculation that the British proposals for an interim government might be scrapped and that new suggestions would be submitted to leaders of all Indian political groups.

The original proposals called for a 14-man cabinet, on which the congress party and the Moslem league each would have five representatives, with the remaining four seats going to minority groups.

The Moslem league announced its acceptance of the British cabinet mission's long-range proposals for Indian independence on June 6, and its spokesman had indicated approval of the interim government plan although the league had taken no formal action on that question.

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The working fleet will steam upwind from Bikini, to positions beyond the reach of radio-activated waters and clouds upwind. Nearest to the blast will be Admiral Blandy's flagship, the Mount McKinley, and an escorting destroyer, approximately 8 1/2 miles from the lagoon. The Appalachian, press ship for the test, will be about 18 miles east of the lagoon.

There will be 73 planes in the air simultaneously, keeping an intricate schedule of time and place. Traffic will reach a peak 30 minutes before the bomb drop, when a radio voice will warn.

"Thirty minutes before bomb detonation; thirty minutes before bomb detonation; Stand by, Mark!"

Drones will maneuver up to 30,000 feet; reconnaissance-plane crews will prepare to take up their pursuit of the vast radioactive cloud; and the bomber will make three test runs before the actual drop.

If for any reason the bomb cannot be dropped on the fourth run there will be one more trip across the target zone. If the bomb is not dropped on the fifth run, officers expect the operation will be postponed until a later day. No more than five runs are scheduled.

Once the bomb leaves the six-miles-high plane, a mother ship will direct the army's drones through and around the cloud mass of the burst at heights of 13,000, 18,000, 24,000 and 30,000 feet, and then return them to Eniwetok—if they're still flyable.