

HOUSE VOTE REJECTS OPA BILL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
AFTER listening to State Secretary Byrnes' obviously sincere and earnest report on what happened in the second diplomatic battle of Paris, we still face the same old question: "What is Russia up to?" We still have no clear answer.

ON the MINOR issue of peace treaties for Italy and the neighboring axis satellite nations, he thinks some progress was made. He says: "Prospects are bright for treaties that will let the people of five occupied states live and breathe as free peoples."

He added: "We are on the road back to peace."

HE doesn't say WHAT KIND OF PEACE. The chances are it will be a troubled one. Still, any kind of peace, in any part of the world, is better than the armed truce that is all we have now.

WHEN Byrnes went to Paris, the big issue was peace by treaty with Italy (which we and the British more or less dominate) and Austria, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, which Russia dominates completely. It appears that some sort of compromise was threshed out on that point.

GERMANY is now the big issue. "What is Russia up to IN GERMANY?" has become the big question.

ON that point, Byrnes says Russia has been "hard pressed" to find real objections to a treaty to keep Germany impotent for 25 years. He then asks this significant question:

"Is German militarism going to be used as a pawn between the East and the West and is German militarism AGAIN to be given the chance to divide and conquer?"

He doesn't answer his own question, which suggests rather clearly that Russia's purpose is to win Germany as a whole over to communism. It is a fairly safe guess that he thinks that is what Russia is up to in Germany.

HE says: "Experience suggests that understandings, particularly with our Soviet friends, can not be reached until we have gone through rounds of verbal combat, in which old complaints are repeated, past positions reaffirmed, differences accentuated and crises provoked."

That is another way of saying that Russia is TESTING US OUT, finding how far it will be safe to go NOW in getting what she wants.

HIS speech, read between the lines, confirms the probability that the world is dividing up into two systems—communism, dominated and led by Russia, and free enterprise, led by the United States and Britain.

MEANWHILE Canada publishes an official report that Soviet agents, who may still be operating in Canada, had flown samples of Uranium 235 back to Russia. Russia is obviously moving heaven and earth to discover, as the atom bomb.

S. F. Votes Today On Lapham Recall

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16 (AP)—The \$10,000-a-year job of Roger D. Lapham, who gave up a \$30,000-a-year steamship company executive post to become mayor for a single term, was in the hands of the voters today at a special recall election.

The recall was backed by Henry F. Bude, publisher of a group of neighborhood weekly newspapers. Recent raising of streetcar and bus fares was a major issue. Labor organizations generally steered clear of the controversy.

President Wins Approval For Reorganization Plans

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—The White House today had congressional authority to carry out two of President Truman's plans for reorganizing government administration.

But the chief executive's major recommendation for reshuffling federal housing agencies into a permanent single postwar unit was rejected.

Senator Taft (R-O), who led the 45 to 32 scuttling of the president's housing proposal late yesterday in the senate, said congress should work out its own ideas of a consolidated housing agency "within six months."

Earlier the house had voted disapproval of all three reorganization outlines that arrived from the White House May 16. The senate also had to disapprove them before midnight, or they would become law under the terms of authority granted the president last December.

Play Center Funds Win Ballot Spot

Klamath Falls' long-needed and long-sought improvement in its recreational set-up, was bolstered by the city council last night when a one and one-half mill continuing levy was approved for the November ballot, and a recommendation for establishment of a \$293,000 center okayed.

A recommendation by the recreation committee, providing \$293,000 for establishment of the proposed center, was accepted by the council but action withheld pending a further study of Marine Barracks recreational facilities.

E. E. Hambrick, recreation director, presented the council with a rough draft of the project now under consideration on property purchased from Will Humphrey and located in the 1900 block on Main. The city paid \$11,000 for this land, which is conveniently situated in the hot water area.

As the proposal now stands, the center will occupy 2.28 acres and approximate cost is the \$293,000 as submitted by the committee. This figure has been broken down in three units, swimming pool, \$158,000; lounge, \$60,000, and combination gymnasium and auditorium, \$75,000.

Other Work Included
Also included in the project will be tennis courts, a series of handball courts, a coker bar in the lounge, offices, and parking space for some 64 cars.

Representatives of the Junior Chamber of Commerce were present at the meeting and told the council of their plan for establishing a living war memorial, "something which could be used by future generations." They (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

Pageant Sets Registration

Registration dates have been set by the centennial committee as plans for the Centennial pageant, August 22, 23 and 24, unfold. Chairman Geneva Duncan stresses the need for people who have special talents or who are interested in working in the pageant.

Approximately 100 men and 75 women are needed in the pageant and are asked to register at the Centennial headquarters, Fremont school, Wednesday, 10 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m.

Children wishing to take part in the dance choruses can also register at Fremont Wednesday. Children and young people between the ages of six and 18 are needed and they do not have to have any previous experience. Costumes will be furnished by the Centennial committee and Mrs. Eve Benson will be in charge of dance instruction.

Song choruses will rehearse Thursday, 8 p. m., in the Fremont auditorium.

Heating Company Buyers To Elect

Subscribers of the Consumers Heating company will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the council chambers of the city hall, to elect a board of directors to carry on the new corporation which recently purchased the Klamath Heating company.

Users of city heat, whether subscribers or not, are urged to attend the meeting. It is hoped that ultimately all users of heat may become stockholders, and at the organization meeting tomorrow night, plans of the new company will be explained and questions answered. Only subscribers will have a vote, but all are invited to attend.

Plan for Consolidating Health, Welfare and Educational Functions and Agencies Under the Federal Security Administration

Principal opposition centered on a shift of the independent employees compensation commission to FSA. Other features of the plan include transfer to FSA of functions of the children's bureau of the labor department, and vital statistics from commerce department, and abolition of the social security board.

Western senators lost a fight against plan No. 3 on Saturday by a 37 to 30 vote. They centered opposition on a proposed bureau of land management in the interior department. It will combine the former grazing service and general land office.

Also included in this plan are: Transfer of functions of the bureau of marine inspection and navigation from the commerce department to the coast guard under the treasury department.

Revision of bureaus and services within the departments of navy, agriculture, commerce and treasury.

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Byrnes' Peace Stand Backed By Colleague

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) told the senate today that "substantial gains" have been made toward world peace but the goal still remains "far from total achievement."

The Michigan senator took the floor to discuss the Big Four meeting of foreign ministers in Paris, which he attended as an advisor. He voiced full indorsement of the conference report given the nation by radio last night by Secretary of State Byrnes.

Vandenberg said there is "appalling disagreement" among the Big Four powers on the question of Germany.

As one example of the failure to see eye to eye on many points, he said that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov "quotes Yalta to prove that President Roosevelt promised \$10,000,000,000 in reparations to Russia."

"Mr. Byrnes," Vandenberg continued, "quotes Yalta to prove that Mr. Roosevelt did nothing of the sort."

Now Up To Russia
Byrnes said in his speech that orders giving Russia choice between cooperation or "economic paralysis" in Germany will go forward this week to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, military commander at Frankfurt.

The orders will be to cooperate with any or all of the other occupying powers—Britain, France and Russia—on finance, transportation, communication, trade and industry.

In a radio report to the American people on successes and failures of the four-power council of foreign ministers at Paris, Byrnes asserted: "We will either secure economic cooperation between the zones or place the responsibility for the violation of the Potsdam agreement."

President Truman listened in and telephoned congratulations to the secretary immediately after the broadcast.

Russia declined at the Paris meeting to go along either on economic measures, guarantees for keeping Germany disarmed for a quarter of a century, or the writing of a peace treaty for Austria.

Nazi Killers Face Death For Crimes

DACHAU, Germany, July 16 (AP)—An American military court sentenced 43 veteran German SS troops to death today for the slaughter of 900 American soldiers and Belgian civilians during the winter battle of the Ardennes bulge.

The crimes were committed during Germany's last offensive around the Christmas season of 1944.

Prison sentences ranging up to life were given the other 30 of the 73 officers and men convicted last Thursday.

Col. Joachim Peiper, who gave the fateful order that the SS troops were to take no prisoners, was one of those doomed. Testimony was that he ordered frozen, exhausted and disarmed American prisoners shot during the battle and that the Germans sang songs of massacre on the eve of the offensive.

Col. Gen. Josef (SEPP) Dietrich, veteran of Adolf Hitler's abortive beer hall putsch in 1923 in nearby Munich and commander of the German sixth panzer army, was sentenced to life imprisonment. His troops spearheaded the December-January battle.

Lt. Gen. Hermann Priess, commander of the first SS panzer corps, was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Brig. Gen. Fritz Kraemer, chief of staff to Dietrich, was given 10 years.

Testimony at the trial showed that 750 American prisoners were slaughtered and 150 Belgian civilians also were put to death.

Youth Escapes Death At Lake

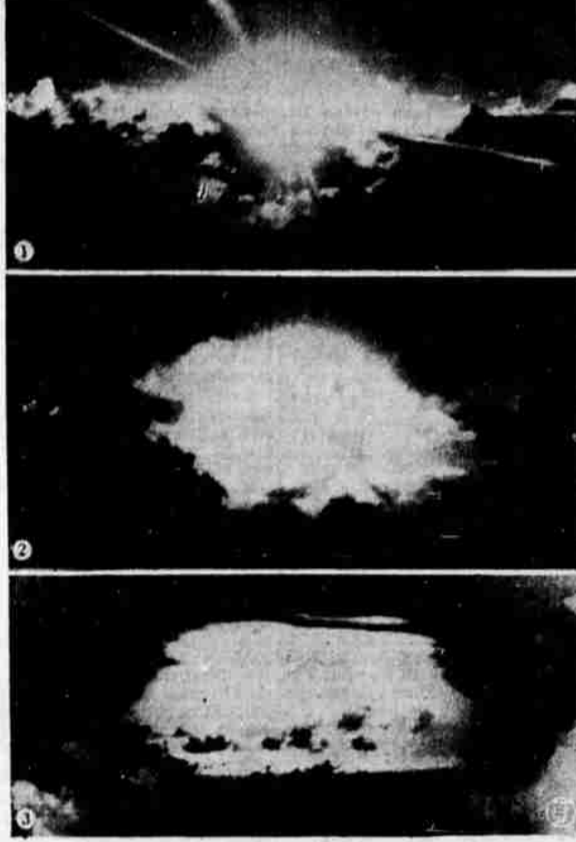
Ray B. Knapp, 17-year-old Grants Pass youth, escaped death or serious injury Sunday when he lost his footing on the hard packed, icy snow lining the crater wall at Crater lake, down which the trail to the shore of the lake switches back and forth.

Knapp, reaching the second switchback across the snow field just below the rim of the crater, decided to take a short cut to the water over the snow slide which slopes only 30 degrees from the vertical to the water below, according to the rangers. The short cut proved exceedingly short, both in distance and time, as Knapp took only a few steps when his feet went out from under him and he became a human toboggan.

In describing the young man's fall, park service employees said: "Down, down he slid with ever increasing speed. A large rock loomed up through the snow ahead. Unable to bypass it, he plowed feet first into the rock. The collision catapulted him over the immovable obstruction and he landed spread."

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Dramatic 'Fire Ball' Photos Released



When the signal came announcing the dropping of the atom bomb at Bikini, electrically operated K-25 aerial cameras began to click, recording for the first time the actual explosion of man's most fearsome weapon. This remarkable sequence, showing the full burst of the bomb (1); the formation of the gigantic "fire ball" (2) and (3) which preceded the familiar mushroom column of smoke, are the result of the filming. Photos by Harry Lederhander, Acme photographer shooting for the photo pool, released by joint army-navy task force one. —NEA telephoto.

House Approves Army Increase

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—The house today passed a bill authorizing the army to increase the number of commissioned officers in the regular army from 25,000 to 50,000.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff, testified at committee hearings on the legislation that approximately half the contemplated increase would be allocated to the air forces. The remainder will be split between the ground and service forces.

A bill similar to that passed by the house bears approval of a senate military subcommittee. The full committee has not acted on it.

Truman OK's 19-29 Draft

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—President Truman today approved a selective service recommendation that men from 19 through 29 be deemed "acceptable" for drafting.

The minimum of 19 is in line with recently enacted legislation which forbids the drafting of 18-year-olds.

The top of 29, however, is several years higher than the age beyond which the armed services have been desirous of going. Few, if any, men over 26 have been drafted since V-J Day.

At the same time, the 29-year age is far below the maximum now permitted by law—through 44. (The law exempts all fathers).

Congress has been told by army officials that the army plans no draft calls during July and August, relying instead on volunteers.

The war department said Saturday that it may be necessary in the future "to consider the induction of men through age 35" but it had not recommended doing this. The statement followed reports from an official close to draft policy that he understood such a recommendation had already been made.

Council To Meet On City Manager

A second meeting dealing with a suggested plan for adopting a city manager form of government in Klamath Falls is scheduled for tonight, Tuesday, at 7:30, in the council chambers, city hall.

A group of private citizens met with the city council in an informal session last week to discuss the idea, but postponed a definite decision due to Mayor Ed Ostendorf's absence.

The mayor said today that he will be present for the session and has invited members of the city budget committee to sit in. Mayor Ostendorf requests that anyone interested attend the meeting.

WEATHER NEWS

July 16, 1946
Max. (July 15) — 76 Min. — 45
Precipitation last 24 hours — .45
Stream year to date — 11.97
Normal 12.00 Last year — 13.78
Forecast: Clear today and Wednesday.

Todd Lawyer Asks Court For Verdict

Requesting a directed verdict of not guilty for his client, Clyde Edward Todd, being tried for voluntary manslaughter in circuit court, J. C. O'Neill this morning attacked the grand jury's indictment against Todd on several points, in one claiming that there is no such crime as voluntary manslaughter.

Todd is on trial for the fatal shooting of Ross Simmers in a Pacific Fruit Express company dock office last January 25.

Judge David R. Vandenberg listened to O'Neill's plea for a directed verdict and to District Attorney Clarence A. Humble's defense of the appropriateness of the indictment, and reserved judgment on the motion until this afternoon.

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War Profits Called 'Slim'

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—A spokesman for a group of munitions companies under senate investigation contended today that its final profits from war contracts were "very slim."

This statement was made to the senate war investigating committee by Harry Glick, chief accountant for the group and assistant treasurer of the Erie Basin Metal Products company.

Glick declared in a statement: "After taxes and renegotiations, there can be no quarrel over the amounts that have been left to us as corporations or individuals. There are no excess profits. As a matter of fact, the profits from war business are very slim."

The president of Erie Basin acknowledged that the company distributed Christmas gifts around Washington in 1943 and 1944 but disclaimed knowledge as to whether any had gone to government officials.

Telephones Out

Telephone service between Klamath Falls and Lakeview, as well as Merrill, was severed early this afternoon when members of a S. 6th street construction crew accidentally cut the toll and exchange cables of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The cables were cut while a crew was laying a sewer pipe and the metal pipe severed with a hand saw. The cables are enclosed in the metal pipe and then by lead sheathing.

Telephone men said it would be sometime tomorrow before communications were resumed.

Nations Holding Secret Of Atom Bomb May Confer On Russian Spy Activities

OTTAWA, July 16 (AP)—Indications that the three nations which hold the atom bomb secret may confer on Russian spy activities were seen today following publication of an official Canadian report that Soviet agents, who "may still" be operating in Canada, had flown samples of uranium 235 to Russia.

May was sentenced by a British court last spring to 10 years in prison.

"Information of the greatest importance" on radar was obtained by Russian spies, the report said. Also compromised were a wiring diagram on a new type of fuse, information on a submarine detection device and secret data "of great value" on propellants and explosives, the report added.

The commission said the Russians had been largely balked, however, in their efforts to ferret out details of atomic secrets.

The report summarized four months of work in which 115 witnesses were heard and 8000 pages of evidence taken. In addition to reviewing previously published accusations, it made these new charges:

1. That the Russians sought and obtained "top secret" political information on the policies of the American, British and Canadian governments. The

Next Action Up To Joint Conference

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—By a vote of 211 to 64, the house today rejected the senate OPA bill and sent it to a house-senate conference committee for a new effort to write a compromise price control measure that President Truman will sign.

The vote was a victory for the president in this round of the weeks-long struggle over OPA, but administration leaders conceded that nobody could guess what OPA will look like, if indeed it survives at all, when it finally runs the gamut of the legislative process.

Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.), immediately after the house action, appointed these house members to deal with the senate in the effort to compromise the troublesome OPA issue:

Chairman Spence (D-Ky.), of the banking committee, and Reps. Brown (D-Ga.), Patman (D-Tex.), Barry (D-N.Y.), Wolcott (R-Mich.), Crawford (R-Mich.), and Gamble (R-N.Y.).

Republican Backs Move
A key house republican, Rep. Wolcott of Michigan, joined administration leaders in urging that the senate version of OPA be rewritten in a senate-house conference committee.

"The bill as present is in worse condition than we have ever seen in the history of OPA legislation," Wolcott declared.

Mr. Truman commented Sunday that the measure, as adopted by the senate, is "in terrible shape" and "couldn't be worse."

Indirectly, Wolcott called, too, for the senate to back down from its stand that meat, milk, poultry (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Marines Press Kidnap Search

PEIPING, July 16 (AP)—More than 1000 men and seven aircraft pressed the search today for seven U. S. marines kidnaped Saturday by a band of Chinese.

Marine corps headquarters here said no trace had been found of the missing men, who were taken prisoner in a village near Chinwangtao. An eighth marine escaped capture.

All marines in that area of north China have been alerted, a marine corps officer said. Two companies of 800 marines and a similar number of Chinese government soldiers have been detailed for the search.

Chinese papers said the kidnapers were communists, but there was no confirmation. Numerous bandit gangs operate in the area.

Meantime, Chinese press dispatches said a force of 80,000 communists was attacking strategic Tating in Shansi province, a weakly-defended city famed for its huge stone Buddhas.

A cease-fire team was reported en route there.

The government-controlled Central news agency said the communists had halted their attacks on the Tientsin-Uphow rail line in Hopei province after more than a week of fighting, and that the Tsinan-Tsingtao line had been cleared of Reds.

Five thousand communists were reported attacking government positions 14 miles north of Tsinan, capital of Shantung province.

Bulletin

FLINT, Mich., July 16 (AP)—Walter P. Reuther of the CIO United Auto Workers today called on American consumers to participate in a nationwide one-week meat buying strike beginning tomorrow.

Fugitive!



Officer Bud Adkins of the city police force, is "The Man From Canyon Passage" who will be sought next Saturday by mounted posse for the \$150 award offered by Universal Pictures and Klamath Theatres. Story on page 2.

Interview

E. B. Hall, well known Klamath Falls hotel man and at one time manager of the White Pelican hotel, will be interviewed at 4 p. m. Wednesday over KFLW on "The Managing Editor's Report" program. Discussion will center around the famous White Pelican.