

PROBERS FIND 'NEW EVIDENCE'

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
It looks this morning as if peace has gone to pot in China. A dispatch from Nanking says: "Rival Chinese government and communist armies are ON THE MARCH along the mighty Yangtze river today and clashes north of this vital artery of China pose a threat of full-scale civil war."
Both sides are accusing each other of aggression (in the language of diplomacy "aggression" is what the other fellow does to you.)

WE can't believe much of anything we hear from China—where censorship screens out the bulk of the truth and permits only propaganda to filter through. But of this much we can be quite sure:
If the common run of China's people could have their way, there would be no civil war.
The trouble lies in the ambitions of RIVAL LEADERS SEEKING POWER.

WHEN you feel like praying, you might try this one: "Dear God, give us wise and unselfish leaders."
A great deal of the GOOD America has accomplished in the world can be laid at the door of Washington's wise and unselfish leadership in the critical hours of our nation's birth.

AT his press conference this morning, President Truman rules out for this year at least the prospect of a billion-dollar loan to Russia. He tells a questioner that he has no intention of asking congress at this session for more funds for foreign financing. (Existing funds available for such a purpose are practically used up.)
Before we lend money to Russia, we'd better be pretty sure what it is going to be used for. That's what any WISE banker wants to know before he makes a loan.

ON the troubled foreign front, Premier Alcide de Gasperi expresses disappointment today in "American promises," saying in Rome this morning that he fears the new Italian republic will fall if Trieste is internationalized as recommended by the four-power foreign ministers council.
He adds:
"When the Americans entered Italy, we were told that if we fought beside you this and that and the other thing would be considered in the final peace treaties. Instead, what? We lose Trieste, an Italian city."

ITALY has been unbelievably dumb. Twice in a row she has waded into world war with the wrong crowd. That is the REAL reason for her troubles.
De Gasperi is merely trying to lay the blame on somebody else—which is a very common human failing.
Italy's griefs track straight back to POOR LEADERSHIP—which the Italians tamely stood for.

STILL, when we wanted to pry them loose from the Germans, we undoubtedly DID promise the Italians more than we could hope to deliver.
Just as in the Atlantic Charter we proclaimed beautiful ideals that we later abandoned.

WHEN an individual makes promises that he knows he probably won't be able to make good on, when IN A PINCH he talks high idealism that he later forgets, he is pretty sure to forfeit confidence.
The same goes for nations.
If you want public confidence, you'd better make good on your promises. If, in an effort to win friends when you NEED them, you pose as a great idealist, you'd better BE an idealist.
One can't help feeling that in recent years America has TALKED idealism too much and PRACTICED it too little.

Typhoon Lashes Chinese Harbor
HONG KONG, July 18 (AP)—Winds reaching a maximum velocity of 102 miles an hour wrecked at least six vessels of various sizes today as a typhoon lashed Hong Kong harbor for three hours.
The typhoon moved tonight to the southwest but heavy rains continued in this city. Many cars, trucks, and jeeps were abandoned in flooded streets.
Officials said it was too early to estimate the total damage caused by the winds, which ranged generally between 60 and 102 miles an hour velocity.

Fifty Nurses Needed For Barnes Hospital
PORTLAND, July 18 (AP)—Fifty registered nurses are needed to complete the staff at Barnes General hospital, Vancouver, Wash., Dr. Paul L. Carter, manager of the Veterans' hospital here, said today.
Barnes General is scheduled to open August 1 as an annex to the Portland hospital, with 250 patients to be admitted.

CIO Selects Jack Kroll To Run PAC

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—The CIO announced today the selection of Jack Kroll as administrative head of the CIO political action committee, with top level policy vested in a five-man executive board.
This setup would replace the one-man control of PAC activities which prevailed under the late Sidney Hillman.

Kroll, 61, who has been Hillman's assistant on CIO-PAC, will handle day-to-day supervision and direction of CIO-PAC work.
CIO President Philip Murray made today's announcement after the plan had been ratified at a closed door meeting of the CIO executive board.
"In recognition of its responsibilities in the field of political action," Murray told reporters, "the CIO has decided to intensify its work in this field and to enlarge the apparatus for conducting political action work."

Board Named
The five-man executive board, named to shape CIO-PAC policies, consists of the secretary-treasurers of four CIO unions, plus Kroll, a vice president of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers union. Kroll will be executive board chairman.
The CIO political action committee itself was enlarged from 7 to 11 members with Murray and CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey included among the new members.

Under the old setup Murray had been only ex-officio chairman of the group. He said today that his membership on the committee should not be taken to mean that he will have any closer relationship with CIO-PAC than heretofore.

Some CIO leaders, Murray said, had suggested that he take over CIO-PAC leadership himself, but he asserted that the "burden of other duties" in the CIO prevented this.
Kroll for the last 25 years has lived in Cincinnati where he is manager of the joint board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO). As a vice president of that union, he was long associated with Hillman, its president.

Russia Denies Grab Protests

LONDON, July 18 (AP)—Russia has rejected United States and British representations on seizure of Austrian property for reparations, a high authority said today.
In a lengthy note handed the Austrian government, the Soviet occupation authorities in Austria were said to have made it plain that there is no change in their recent position in regard to seizure of \$22,000,000 worth of Austrian industrial plants and other property confiscated by the Germans following the Anschluss in 1938.
The text of the note was not available in London but its essential points were known to authoritative sources, which said it disagreed with almost every point set forth in American and British representations.
The controversy arose July 6 when the Soviet command in Austria announced the property in eastern Austria had passed into Soviet ownership along with all other "German external assets" in the Russian zone.
The United States disputed this interpretation in the allied council, asserting that property forcibly confiscated by the Germans after 1938 could not be classified as German under the Potsdam agreement.

Government-Granted Pact Gives Lewis New Toehold
WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—A government-granted wage agreement covering 136 mine supervisors gave John L. Lewis a new toehold today in the soft coal industry.
It means that Lewis and his United Mine Workers (AFL) have won the first contract specifying supervisors' wages and working conditions ever negotiated in the industry's history.
Mine owners for years have resisted all attempts to enter into union contracts applicable to supervisors on the contention that supervisors represent management.
In recent weeks the operators sought unsuccessfully to restrain the government from entering into such an agreement. The mines still are under federal ownership as a result of the seizure order which grew out of the two-month bituminous strike this spring.

The agreement signed by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug and Adm. Ben C. Moreell, coal-mines administrator, stipulates that it is to be effective only for the period of government possession and is to be voided in event the courts should hold the government acted improperly.
However, the coal industry views as inevitable that Lewis will insist on the operators' accepting, once they resume ownership, all the terms and conditions which existed during government seizure.

The agreement announced last night applies only to the 136 supervisors at four mines of the Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation in western Pennsylvania, the West No. 4, 5 and 6 and the Shannopin mine at California, Pa.
The national labor relations board ruled several months ago that the United Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Employees union of UMW's district 50 was the proper bargaining agent for these employees. J. & L. resisted the decision and moved to contest it in the courts.
J. & L. supervisors covered in the pact were granted a \$1.85 daily pay boost plus a \$25 increase in vacation pay. Krug and Moreell signed two other agreements covering clerical and technical employees of J. & L. and the Industrial Collieries corporation, Johnstown, Pa., a subsidiary of Bethlehem Steel. These workers were given the same 18-cent hourly increase granted Lewis' coal miners under an earlier government-union agreement.

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House Balks Rankin Move On Atom Bill

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—Opponents of the administration's atomic energy control bill today lost the first round of their fight to kill the legislation.
By a standing vote of 131 to 102, the house defeated a motion by Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) to strike out the bill's enacting clause. This action would have killed the measure.
Rankin, who yesterday told the house there are spies now at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic plant, declared in support of his motion that world peace should be secured before "we begin to give away the weapons."
He contended that the legislation, proposing creation of a five-man control commission, would result in leakage of the atom bomb secret to other nations.
Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the military committee opposed Rankin's move, calling on the house to at least consider the legislation and then change it if it wanted to.
Immediately after Rankin's motion failed, Rep. Short (R-Mo.) moved to send the measure back to the military committee, which would have had the effect of pigeon-holing it until next year. Short's motion lost 107 to 50.

Plan Underway On New County

PENDLETON, July 18 (AP)—Commercial clubs of four Umatilla county and two Morrow county towns are launching a campaign to form a new county, named after the late Senator Charles McNary, in the vicinity of McNary dam, W. R. Nugent of Umatilla announced today.
Nugent said Umatilla, Herndon, Stanfield and Echo in Umatilla county and Boardman and Irrigon in Morrow county are starting tabulation of their assessed valuation, aimed at forming the nation's youngest county.
"These towns feel that they are not getting much in return for their tax money," Nugent said. "We have been particularly neglected in both road development and school programs."
It was this neglect and vastly different interests from the surrounding west country in present counties which prompted the campaign, he said, pointing out that the area of the proposed county will include irrigated lands growing a wide array of diversified crops.
He said a "kick-off" meeting of campaign leaders will be held sometime next week.

Hammond Injured By Kicking Horse

James Hammond, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammond of Merrill, suffered a deep gash over the eye and other head injuries when he was kicked by a horse at the Willow Creek ranch east of Dorris early this morning.
Young Hammond, recently returned from duty with the army, is at Klamath Valley hospital. He was admitted at 10 a. m. His condition is not considered serious.

Seattle Records Quakes In Sea
SEATTLE, July 18 (AP)—Two strong submarine earthquakes rocked the ocean floor about 800 miles from here at 10:11 p. m. and 10:20 p. m. (PST) last night, Prof. George E. Goodspeed, University of Washington seismologist, reported today.
"They were so severe that had they occurred inland the damage would have been considerable," he said.
The shocks persisted with diminished intensity for 45 minutes and "probably" centered in a well-known submarine fault off the California-Oregon border, he said. However, they might have been off the northern tip of Vancouver island and checked with California seismologists will aid in locating their source, he added.
The shocks were recorded on the Fordham university seismograph in New York City and were described there as "quite severe."



George Godard, assistant pressman at The Herald and News plant, leaned against the press today while the staff photographer threw the lights on his elegant whisker crop which he hopes to have to his waist before the Centennial pageant whiskerino contest closes. Officially, the contest gets under way Monday, and details of the whiskerino deal will be announced at that time. George just couldn't wait.

Legion Elects Paul Otterbein

Paul Otterbein of Klamath Falls, was elected district commander of District No. 4, at the American Legion convention which ended in Portland late Wednesday. Vice commander of the district which embraces this area, is Harry Pinkerton of Medford.
Also of vital interest to this area was the resolution made at the state meet, urging delay in disposal of the Marine Barracks by the war assets administration.
In a rush to clean up the business, delegates voted unanimously for all resolutions seeking aid for World War II veterans.
The convention was returned to Portland for August 14, 15 and 16, 1947.

Air Inaugural Plans Talked
Plans for opening festivities with the inauguration of United Air Lines' four-daily flights into Klamath Falls on August 1, were under discussion this afternoon at the Klamath County chamber of commerce.
Here from Portland is Tom Blanchard, traveling traffic representative of United Air Lines, and with W. T. McIntyre, station agent, the two met with committee members to discuss inaugural plans from the community standpoint.
Blanchard announced today that this city will have direct service to Spokane and other Inland Empire cities when United comes in here. Announcement of other flights out of Klamath Falls will be published in the near future, McIntyre said. Those interested in the Spokane contact, were advised that that city will be only five and one-half hours away on a through Mainliner passenger and cargo flight leaving here at mid-morning. Intermediate cities on the route will include Salem, Portland and Pendleton. The flight will leave Klamath Falls at 10:11 a. m., reaching Salem at 11:48 a. m., Portland at 12:19 a. m., Pendleton at 2:12 p. m., and Suokane at 3:38 p. m.

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Bulletin
WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—Senate conferees on OPA rejected today a proposal by house members for a compromise that would have removed the ceiling ban on any further price ceilings for meat, milk, eggs and other foods.
Senator Taft (R-O) and Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) of the house banking committee jointly announced that house members had offered, and the senate members promptly rejected, the compromise proposal.

Dynamite Supplies Moved From Market Street Site

Explosives described by Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose as "sufficient to blast out every window in Klamath Falls," were moved from a Market street commercial plant this week at request of the chief.
A large quantity of dynamite at the Klamath Concrete Pipe company plant, 805 Market, was stored contrary to city ordinance, the chief said, and when he explained the danger to company officials, they willingly cooperated and moved the supply within an hour to their magazine on the Keno highway.
At least 575 pounds of 40 per cent dynamite, 50 pounds of 50 per cent dynamite, 1075 pounds of black blasting powder and 22,075 electric dynamite caps were moved from a Market street commercial plant this week at request of the chief.
Chief Ambrose indicated that no special protective measure had been taken in storing the explosives. In fact, he said, in several of the buildings, where the dynamite was stored, repair work and welding were being done.
The dynamite is retained by the Klamath Concrete Pipe company, handling Du Pont explosives for this area. The company is subject to government inspection and had satisfied federal requirements, officials said today. Floyd Summers, owner, said he was not aware of the city ordinance and had been keeping a limited supply on hand for customers. The company has a magazine on the Lee Holliday ranch, five miles from town, but delivery charges are around \$2.50, which as Summers pointed out, is expensive for someone wishing a few sticks of dynamite.
The matter came to the fire department's attention when Roy Rowe, fire department inspector, heard about it while making a check of fire hazards on Main street. The dynamite was taken to the magazine by the company as soon as it was brought to their attention.
Chief Ambrose mentioned the matter before the city council Monday night and suggested that the city ordinance be amended so that no explosives can be kept in the city. At that time the council did not take any definite action until the state regulations could be examined.

Baseball Scores
NATIONAL
R H E
Brooklyn 2 8 3
Cincinnati 4 9 1
Boston 9 13 1
Chicago 3 6 0
Lee and O'Dea, Masi (5); Passeau, Meer (2), Olsen (3), Bauer (6), Fleming (8) and McCullough, Scheffing (8).
New York 3 12 1
Pittsburgh 7 12 0
Cleveland 7 8 0
Philadelphia 3 8 2
Webber, Gromek (6) and Heagan; Christopher, Flores (2) and Chicago (2) 9 0
Boston 3 9 0
Pappish, Rigney (1) and Hayes; Harris, Klinger (7) and H. Wagner.

County To Hike Valuations And Cut Property Tax Rate
By Hale Scarbrough
(Ed Note: This is the first of a series of articles to acquaint Klamath county residents with the assessed valuation increase.)
The assessed valuation of property in Klamath county is going to be raised 25 per cent, straight across the board, this fall, so one night soon a landowner with a piece of ground worth \$1000 in the tax assessor's office is going to be bed with that figure in mind and wake up the next morning to find that his land then is worth \$1250.
But, when tax paying time comes, the boost will not make any difference in the amount of money paid for the right to own the land, because the millage rate of taxes will be reduced in a percentage to correspond with the raise in valuation.
In other words, this change is just on the books in the office of the county tax assessor and the taxpayer will not be asked for any more money for the new assessed valuation of his property than he was for the old assessment.
Take the \$1000 valuation for example:
Based on the 1945-46 levy for the city of Klamath Falls, the tax was 94 mills, or \$94 for a \$1000 assessed valuation. The new valuation will be \$1250, one-fourth more, but the tax levy will be corresponding dropped to 75.2 mills, and bring in \$94 on the \$1250.
Reason for the boost in property valuation, as explained by tax authorities, is that Klamath county's property for a long time past has held a very low assessed valuation—a ratio of 36 to an average of 50 for the state—and that just tends to make the property in this county look like it's not worth very much.
This 25 per cent boost, to be apportioned equally to all assessable property in the county, is designed to place Klamath's valuation ratio on a more equitable footing with the other counties in the state.
Both the city council and the county court have requested that the assessed valuation of the county be increased, and this change has been worked out by Newt Nelson, tax assessor, and Arthur A. Selander, chief appraisal engineer of the state tax commission.

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Max. (July 17) 86 Min. 53
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 13.97
Normal 12.11 Last Year 12.97
Forecast: Clear tonight and Friday.

Six Die As Blast Rocks Resort Town

ONSET, Mass., July 18 (AP)—A gas explosion rocked the center of this crowded Buzzards bay resort today and official reports placed the dead at six, with the possibility that others were buried in the wreckage. All the dead lived in Onset.
Upwards of 25 were injured, some seriously.
Four buildings, housing a spa, gift shop and sea food restaurant were damaged in the blast at the height of the noon luncheon rush in eating and dining places.
The state fire marshal in Boston said he had been informed by an inspector on the scene that six were killed. Wareham Police who cover the village of Onset, also said six were known to be dead.
Restaurant Destroyed
Police of the town of Wareham, of which Onset is a village, said four persons were known to be dead and that 18 to 20 persons were injured in the blast which destroyed Christy's restaurant and damaged surrounding buildings.
Names of dead and injured were not immediately available. Tobey hospital reported that two persons injured in the explosion were dead on arrival and that 18 to 20 others were brought there for treatment.
Every ambulance within 35 miles radius was called.
The Onset fire department reported the fire that followed the blast had been extinguished but said "we may be digging all night long."

Yangtze Move Menaces China
NANKING, July 18 (AP)—Rival Chinese government and communist armies were on the march along the mighty Yangtze river today and clashes north of this vital artery of China posed a threat of full-scale civil war.
Gen. Chou En-lai, leader of the community delegation in Nanking, charged the government with "aggression" and told a press conference "local conflicts are blossoming rapidly into civil war."
Peng Hsueh-pei, minister of information, denied this and asserted that communist armies instead were marching from the north upon the Yangtze, along whose banks lie Nanking and the great port of Shanghai.
General Marshall, special U. S. envoy, flew to the summer capital at Kuling to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and presumably gave him the latest account of the deteriorating situation.
There was an ominous quiet in Manchuria, but from reports pouring in little remained in China proper of last January's cease-fire agreement which Marshall hoped to use as a foundation for a permanent peace.
Chou said fighting now was concentrated north of Shanghai and northeast of Nanking in northern Kiangsu province, the strategic Shantung on the seaboard farther north, in northern Hupeh, which embraces Peiping and Tientsin, and south Shansi, just west of Hupeh.

Proceedings Against May Meet Delay
WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—The senate war investigating committee reported today that it has uncovered "new evidence" in its war profits inquiry into a midwest munitions combine.
The "new evidence" delayed a committee decision on what steps it might take in hailing Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military committee before it for a public explanation of his activities in connection with the combine.
The committee met for more than an hour behind closed doors for a "general discussion" of possible steps.
Two written invitations already have been sent to him by Chairman Mead (D-N. Y.) to appear "voluntarily." But he has laid down conditions for that appearance—among them the right to cross examine witnesses and summon records—which the committee has refused to accept.
Profit Denied
May has acknowledged that he aided the Illinois industrial combine during the war years, but has insisted that aid was for the war effort alone, and has denied that he profited personally.
Yesterday the committee heard testimony that he once asked an official of the combine: "What about that \$3000?"
At the close of today's executive session, Francis Flanagan of committee counsel announced the discovery of the new evidence, but flatly refused to disclose to reporters even an "inkling" of its nature or who it involved.
He acknowledged that it might involve the reopening of public hearings.
Mead, who brought public hearings to a tumultuous end yesterday, said the committee also will decide what action to take on the non-appearance of Murray Garson. Garson was one of the promoters of the Erie Basin Metal Products company of Elgin, Ill., and Batavia Metal Products company of Batavia, Ill., leading companies in the munitions setup.

Lawyers View Degnan Scene
CHICAGO, July 18 (AP)—William Heirens' attorneys examined the scene of the kidnap-slaying of Suzanne Degnan today, indicating preparations for a possible court defense of their client on that charge.
Published reports that a deal still was in the making whereby Heirens would confess formally to three slayings in return for the state's recommendation for a life sentence instead of the electric chair were discounted today by the Herald-American which said:
"All horse trading for a pre-trial settlement of the fate of William Heirens, the Chicago-phenix murder suspect, was abandoned today and opposing counsel began preparing for a judge and jury trial."
State's Attorney William J. Tuohy and Heirens' lawyers would not comment on reports a "deal" ever was suggested or considered.