

SLAUGHTER CHALLENGES TRUMAN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

At his press conference yesterday, President Truman announced that he is going to do what he can to defeat Representative Slaughter (Democrat, of Missouri) for renomination. Slaughter, the President explained, has been against about everything that he (Truman) has been for—and so, he thinks, ought to be got rid of.

At the same time, he endorsed a candidate by the name of Axtell who is running against Slaughter.

THE reaction is interesting. Slaughter goes on the radio immediately, welcomes the President's opposition and asserts that he is "glad of the opportunity to determine whether candidates for legislative positions are to be picked at the whim of the executive branch of the government."

Axtell "expresses his appreciation of the President's support," but as nearly as may be judged from the dispatches doesn't go off the deep end in his professions of gratitude.

Reading the dispatches, one suspects that he would have been just as happy if he had been permitted to go ahead running his own show.

THE political experts, of course, will recall President Roosevelt's attempted "purges" of members of congress who had failed to jump when he cracked the whip. In spite of Roosevelt's great popularity, these attempts were uniformly unsuccessful.

The situation in Missouri is slightly different. Missouri is Truman's home state. Viewed technically, he is therefore not strictly "butting in."

It will be remembered, however, that Mr. Roosevelt, in his "purge" period, was never able to defeat even Representative Ham Fish, from his own state of New York.

THE principle involved is rather important. It is this: Shall ONE branch of our government be permitted to dominate the OTHER branches?

UNDER the constitution, our government has three branches—the legislative (congress), the executive (the president) and the judicial (the courts). These three branches of government were planned by the founding fathers to be EQUAL and to act as checks and balances upon each other.

In the best years of our history—the years in which the United States of America was growing up from a weak little nation to a great and powerful country universally respected because of its uniquely successful concept of FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL—these checks and balances WORKED.

The ideal of the founding fathers prevailed, and NO ONE branch of government was able to assert dominance over the other branches.

WE are now witnessing a STRUGGLE FOR POWER among ALL THREE of the branches of our federal government.

The President strives to make congress subservient to his will. Congress resists, and seeks to assert its power over the President. In recent years, the supreme court has sought to assert its power OVER BOTH of the others.

Especially over congress. THE founding fathers—probably the ablest set of men who ever guided the destinies of a new nation—were intimately familiar with the abuses throughout the history of TOO MUCH POWER in one set of hands. It was to PREVENT too much power from falling into one set of hands in America that they devised this set of checks and balances.

Park Meter Failure May Bring Tax

Petitions will be circulated among qualified city voters in the near future on the question of parking meters in an effort to get the issue on the November ballot.

A new angle on the fund-raising possibilities of meters was raised today by a city councilman who said that the city needs the money which would be brought in and that an occupational tax was being considered if parking meters are not installed.

Backing the petitions will be the Klamath Merchants association, long opposed to the installation of the traffic devices on the grounds that the people don't want them. Other groups, notably the Suburban league, are on record as against having meters in downtown Klamath Falls.

Petitioners Sought The merchants plan to have petitions drawn up and placed in various business houses for qualified city voters to sign. Henry Perkins, city attorney, said today that law requires such petitions to carry the signatures of 15 per cent of the number of voters who cast a ballot for mayor in the last mayoralty election to have the proposal put to a vote.

The parking meter problem has been kicked around pro and con for several months here, and Councilman Paul O. Landry today said the city council was still giving serious consideration to installing the devices.

The attitude of the council is that the meters will serve a two-fold purpose. First, they will help solve the business area parking problem, which is getting to be almost impossible, and second, they will bring some money in to the city.

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'Air Day' Due On August 1st

Klamath Air Day has been selected as the official title for the city's celebration on the advent of United Air Lines service to Klamath Falls on August 1. The title of the show was decided at a meeting of the aviation committee at the chamber of commerce yesterday.

Ray Byrnes has been named as general chairman of the show, and designated his committees as follows: Publicity, Lawrence Bertram, Lloyd Derby, E. G. Newbill and Roy Premo; reception and hospitality, Joe Hicks; cash committee, Dr. C. V. Rugh, Roy Premo and Joe Hicks; facilities committee, Cliff Hogue, Lawrence Slater and Ray Royle; program committee, Ray Royle, Joe Hicks, E. G. Newbill and Harold McPherson.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion, on August 1, will be John Houston, who will be assisted in his duties by both W. T. McIntyre, local station agent, and Tom Blanchard, traveling traffic representative of United. Blanchard has been in Klamath Falls for the past several days helping in arrangements for the show.

Plans at present call for a presentation to all through passengers on the first two planes into the city of a small memento of Klamath, possibly a potato boxed and wrapped in a small wooden box if they are available. If not, flowers will be presented to seat holders on the first two ships.

Plans have not yet been completed for the show, but it will be started at 9:45 on August 1, and will include the arrival of the first two United planes at 10:00 and 10:19. The planes, one north and one south, will be held here for about 15 or 20 minutes.

Final plans for the event will be announced by Charles Stark, manager of the chamber of commerce.

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Checking out "Chicken Little," one of the perennial best sellers among small fry, are these two young men on their first visit to the city library. Four-year-old Donald, left, and Ronald, five, right, are son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gresdel of 4505 Shasta way. Helping the boys is Mrs. Addie May Nixon, children's librarian. Story on page 5.

Worden Strike Ended Quickly

Lloyd George, member of the firm of Henry George and Sons, contractors on the Tulana Farms grain elevator job where workmen struck at midnight last night advised The Herald and News late this afternoon that "below the belt dealings" had been forced on his outfit. Said George:

"We were forced to pay a 10-cent an hour increase due to the walkout of most of the crew in the middle of an important contract job, without sanction of the union. It is the first time in 35 years of this firm's history that such below the belt dealings have been forced upon us by the workmen belonging to the AFL."

A short-lived strike on the part of approximately 90 workmen employed on the Tulana Farms grain elevator at Worden was settled at 11:30 this morning.

Unions involved effected settlement with Henry George and Sons, contractors on the big \$400,000 job, and workmen agreed to return to work for the balance of the day shift and all of the night shift at the old rate of \$1.15 an hour and beginning Saturday morning, the rate will be \$1.25, it was learned.

The incident occurring on the Worden elevators, under construction, is being reported by the Worden elevators, under construction.

Buyers Spurn Butter Prices

Klamath buyers are not too sure that they want butter at 79 and 80 cents a pound and as a result stores now have a sufficient supply on hand. One grocer said that some customers, advised of the price, bought only a half pound of butter. Local creameries report that although butter is being sold, they believe that the consumers are not buying as much as they would if prices were lower.

Raise in Realty Valuation Can By-Pass Bancroft Act

By HALE SCARBROUGH The much-discussed Bancroft act, a state law which controls improvement districts that are sold on bond issues, can be circumvented to the great benefit of the city of Klamath Falls by the 25 per cent boost now being made in all assessed property valuation in the county.

This act forbids the city from undertaking improvements such as street paving adjacent to property which has an assessed valuation of less than the cost of improvement, unless the property owner pays the difference in cash.

For example, the law stymies street paving which would cost \$400 in front of a lot assessed at \$200, unless the owner of the lot shells out the extra \$200.

WAA Requests MB 'Freezing'

SALEM, July 19 (AP)—The war assets administration has asked the navy to "freeze" all property, equipment and supplies at the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks for possible transfer to the state for educational purposes, Sen. Guy Cordon telegraphed today to Governor Earl Snell.

The state board of higher education has been considering the barracks as a site for a junior college, while the state division of vocational education said it might want it for a vocational school.

Senator Cordon said he received the following report today from the office of real property disposal of the war assets administration: "This office has requested the navy department to hold in place at Klamath Falls Marine Barracks all surplus personal property, equipment and supplies for possible transfer of the installation with the essential personal property intact to the state of Oregon for educational purposes."

WEATHER NEWS

July 19, 1946
Max. (July 18) 87 Min. 41
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0
Normal year to date 13.27
Normal 12.13 Last year 13.28
Forecast: Slightly cooler.

Missourian Fearful Of PAC Control

KANSAS CITY, July 19 (AP) Democratic Representative Roger Slaughter from Missouri's fifth district today welcomed the opposition of President Truman to his candidacy for renomination as a chance for what he called a long overdue showdown on the "future course of the democratic party."

Expressing the fear that the president "is a prisoner of the political action committee," the robust 40-year-old congressman in a radio speech last night said he was glad of the opportunity "to determine whether candidates for legislative positions are to be picked at the whim of the executive branch of the government."

Slaughter, seeking a third term, spoke a few hours after Truman at a White House press conference had endorsed Enos Axtell, one of Slaughter's primary opponents.

The congressman said the president had cast the issues with his statement that "If Slaughter is right, I am wrong."

"I accept that challenge," he added. "I accept the challenge with all its implications, including a fight to determine the future course of the democratic party, for the president has made the race in the fifth district of Missouri a test case so far as the country is concerned."

Sees Communist Hand In his radio talk over a local station (WDAF), Slaughter charged the CIO political action committee, with which he claimed the president "now is working," takes its orders from the communist party and is "seeking to take over control of the democratic party."

The president's endorsement set off a political whirl in his home county. It brought a statement not only from Slaughter, but from Axtell, Jerome Walsh, third candidate in the race, and James M. Pendergast, nephew and heir to the once-powerful democratic organization built by the late T. J. Pendergast but crippled by its loss of the city hall here to a reform administration.

Pendergast explained that while Truman had asked him to support Axtell he had already decided to back the 37-year-old World War II veteran before the request had been made. Axtell expressed his appreciation for the presidential support while Walsh announced he was staying in the race despite "the devil's politics."

It is not the first time the Pendergast faction has clashed with the late Joseph Shannon, for years congressman from the fifth district. The Shannon group, now headed by Joseph Shannon's son, Frank, is supporting Slaughter who also has the backing of Mrs. James A. Reed, widow of the late senator.

Marines Halt Kidnap Search

TIENSIN, July 19 (AP)—United States marines today called off their search for seven marines held prisoner by a band of Chinese guerrillas. The marines were taken to a nearby village where they had gone to buy rice.

Nationalist sources asserted the captors were communists, but Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, China marine commander, has refused to identify them. Rockey likewise has declined to discuss the search or information on the safety of the captured men.

Program To Avoid Third World War Told By Connally

WASHINGTON, July 19 (AP) Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee outlined today a seven-point program for United States action to prevent the "unthinkable tragedy" of a third world war.

In a report on the big four foreign ministers conference at Paris, Connally told the senate it would be "rank insanity" for any of the great world powers to desert at this time the objectives of the United Nations.

None of the major nations wants war, the Texan said. Urging this country to "pin its hope and faith" in the United Nations, Connally proposed:

1. That in international dealings "we stand firmly on those principles of law and justice expressed in the charter" and "expect other nations to do the same."
2. "We should unhesitatingly make available to the security council our full quota of troops, planes and ships necessary for the maintenance of world peace."
3. "We must maintain a strong army, navy and air force so that we may protect our land and our people and fulfill our obligations under the charter."

4. "We must put into treaty form the inter-American machinery contemplated in the act of Chapultepec."
5. "We should accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the international court of justice over those strictly legal disputes which affect the United States and any other state which has accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the court."
6. "We should do our utmost to secure at the earliest practicable time complete agreement with respect to the control of the atomic energy and other weapons of mass destruction."
7. "We should lend our full support to the economic, social and humanitarian program of the United Nations and thus help establish those conditions in the world which are essential for enduring peace."

Connally told his colleagues that while difficulties had been encountered in reaching agreements among the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France, "we shall not despair."

May Issued Subpoena In Arms Probe

WASHINGTON, July 19 (AP) The senate war investigating committee issued a subpoena today for the appearance of Rep. May (D-Ky.) and Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.), said it expects him to testify Tuesday. May told reporters he had "no comment."

Mead and his colleagues want to hear from May, in public, on his activities in connection with a midwest munitions combine, whose war profits the senate committee is investigating.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) said the committee will take "all steps the constitution will allow" in getting May on the stand.

Mead said the committee had given May "ample opportunity" to appear and was resorting to a subpoena "only because it is absolutely necessary for us to do so."

Mead read the constitutional restriction on arrest of members of senate or house during a session, except on treason, felony or breach of peace charges.

Then he said: "The committee expects Congressman May to respect this subpoena. May had indicated last week he might appear before the committee voluntarily if it would give him the right to call or cross examine witnesses or subpoena records. The committee refused to accede to such terms.

In issuing the subpoena for May's appearance, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) remarked it should be made clear that the committee is "going to take all the steps the constitution allows" to bring the house member before it.

Little Relief Seen In Heat

Slightly cooler, but still hotter. Together with the weatherman's reply this afternoon when he answered questions as to thermometer readings at the CAA office.

At 12 o'clock noon, the temperature had reached a straight 90 degrees, but the barometer was falling. However, at 3 p. m. it was 95.

The rest of Oregon, outside of the southern portion of the state, was promised no relief over the weekend and the weather bureau said folks will sweater again under a beaming sun as it did yesterday. Thermometers here registered 87 at mid-afternoon Thursday, with a humidity of 27 which forest men did not consider dangerous.

Along the Oregon coast, which has been the only cool spot in the state the last 24 hours, Tillamook reported a 92-degree temperature at 11:30 a. m. today. Medford, which recorded 100 yesterday, had 91 degrees at the pre-noon reading Friday and Roseburg reported 87, and Portland, 86.

Nearby lakes and resorts were expected to do a land office business over the weekend and folks in the valley as well as from here sought relief from the heat.

"Prolonged relief" from a sweltering heat wave that has sent some mid-western temperatures above the 100-degree mark, moved slowly across the plains states Friday and the United States weather bureau said it would continue a steady pace eastward, according to the national report.

Heat Company Elects Board

The newly organized Consumers Heating company, recent purchasers of the Klamath Heating company plant on Klamath avenue, elected directors this week and announced that the plant would be taken over for actual operation on August 1.

Named to the board were G. C. Lorenz, Merle West, Harry Panning, Dick B. Miller and Lloyd Lamb. Directors then met and elected the following officers: G. C. Lorenz, president; Dick B. Miller, vice president; R. C. Dale, treasurer, and Martha McCollum, secretary. It was pointed out that the treasurer and secretary do not have to be members of the board.

As the result of an agreement between subscribers and Consumers Heating company board, an advisory committee to work with the directors was named. This includes E. B. Hall, Paul O. Landry, Harlan Bosworth Jr., W. D. Miller, Nelson Reed, Joe Hicks, Ed Ostendorf and G. C. Motley. All named on the advisory committee are users of plant facilities.

At the present time the new company expects to retain all of the present employees of Klamath Heating company.

New boiler tubes have been ordered by the Consumers company and when present boilers are re-tubed they will be "practically as good as new," it was said today. The new company starts off with the largest supply of fuel the plant has had on hand for the past number of years and winter heat is assured users throughout the city.

A specialist from a Portland steam plant is expected here on July 29 to spend two weeks checking over lines and other facilities, including distribution of steam throughout the city, it was announced.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL	R	H	E
Boston	6	12	0
Chicago	1	6	1
Spahn and Odeja; Wyse, Meers (7), Fleming and McCullough.			

AMERICAN	R	H	E
Chicago	2	4	0
Boston	9	16	2
Haynes, Hamner (8) and Hayes; Zuber and H. Wagner.			

Passing Motorist Kills Zoo Bobcat

PORTLAND, July 19 (AP)—A character who still thinks this is the wild west was being hunted by annoyed zoo officials today.

A bobcat escaped his pen yesterday, fled up a tree. While zoo personnel were readying to get him down, up drove a man in a Packard, shot the bobcat, and roared off with the body.