

HEIRENS ADMITS ALL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A FAINT sign of economic sanity appears in Washington today.

Explaining that it is necessary in order to comply with the President's anti-inflation budget, Reconstruction Director Steelman orders 700 million dollars worth of government construction removed for the immediate present from the 1800 million dollar public works program.

Obeying his "directives," federal agencies have already started sifting the PWA program for approximately three-quarters of a billion dollars worth of federal construction that can be deferred at least until next spring.

The dispatches indicate that some of the sifted-out projects may be eliminated entirely.

It is obvious to any careful thinker that in these days of acute shortages we need MOST OF ALL the kind of productive spending that will bring us as quickly as possible the necessities of everyday modern living and LEAST OF ALL the kind of spending involved in PWA projects.

LET'S see if we can't put that a little more clearly. If you want shirts and shorts and suits and butter and eggs and meat and houses (as nearly everybody does), you DON'T want the government to use up a large share of the available materials and labor in building flood control projects and such that CAN WAIT until we're better able to afford them.

We need food, clothing and shelter NOW. We can wait quite a while, without being hurt, for our PWA projects.

That is the situation in a nutshell.

LET'S stay clear-eyed as to WHY such an order is issued. The idea is probably beginning to spread in official Washington that reckless spending isn't too popular any more.

So, with a critically important election coming up in November, the administration is beginning to make ECONOMY gestures. Paste this in your hat: The politicians will SPEND as long as they think spending will get them re-elected. Whenever they get the idea that too much spending will DEFEAT them, they'll QUIT SPENDING. That is the way politics works.

NOTE carefully that this PWA spending is postponed ONLY until next spring. If the spenders are re-elected this fall, the spending will be RESUMED as soon as the election is safely over.

REPUBLICAN National Chairman J. Carroll Reece says in Portland that if a Republican congress is elected in November it will promptly uncover many cases of war profiteering. He adds that nothing smaller than the Pentagon building could hold all the profiteers.

DON'T let yourself be misled too much by his statement. Remember that the Republicans are OUT and want IN. They're promising us a thorough cleaning if they get in.

They're primarily interested in getting in.

IF you are dissatisfied with the way things are going in Washington, about the only way you can get a change is to vote Democrats out and vote Republicans in. If you vote Democrats back in, they will naturally accept it as an endorsement of what they have been doing.

That's the way our political system works.

IF there has been corruption, the general Democratic desire will be to play it down as much as possible, because bringing it out into the open light of day will tend to DISCREDIT their side.

The present desire of Republicans, who are OUT, is to uncover as much as possible in order to put the Democratic INS on the spot.

THE sincere and intelligent part of the public, of course, is merely anxious to drive corruption out of government and keep it out.

Corruption and good government don't go together—and without good government we'll be sunk.

Firebug Escapes Forest Dragnet

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP)—The incendiary who Sunday started a string of blazes in the forest lands southwest of Canyonville has made good his escape. Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective association, said today.

The 160-acre fire which merged from 14 separate "sets," was reported under control, as the state forestry department arboretum crew returned to Corvallis after relieving the association's fire fighters Sunday night.

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Senators Eye May Miami Trip

Police Start Crack-Down On Drivers

City, county and state police last night decided the time had come to lower the boom on drunk, reckless and speeding drivers and now maximum fines and jail sentences await offenders brought before Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney in justice court.

The incident that exploded the honeymoon setup of small fines and balls for wild motorists was the arrest by state police of three teen-agers last night playing follow the leader at 70 miles an hour out on the highway.

Limit fines and possible jail sentences are promised in justice court from now on, as well as suspension or revocation of driving licenses.

For a violation of the basic rule—speeding—the law provides for a fine of up to \$100, 10 days in jail or both. In the past the justice court has generally fined the offender \$10 and let it go at that. City police have extracted \$10 fines or that amount of bail, but have authority to make it higher.

Reckless driving in the past generally brought a \$25 fine, the minimum, but a maximum of \$500 with five to 90 days in jail is permissible.

Drunk driving, the most serious offense, has been drawing a \$100 fine, but can be made \$1000, a year in jail or both.

Bail posted at the police station for these offenses is often jumped and forfeited, but posting bail does not necessarily clear the offender of the charge.

The police judge has authority to forfeit the bail and bring the offender into court on a bench warrant if he feels the case needs further punishment.

Judge Mahoney today is taking away the driver's license of two of the boys arrested last night. The third was under 18 and was turned over to the juvenile office.

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The second recreation levy is for purely operational needs to enlarge the present fund. It calls for a mill and a half and is a continuing tax providing for acquisition, maintenance and purchasing of equipment for recreation centers.

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Government Files Suit On Mortgage 'Monopoly'

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—The federal government today charged in a civil anti-trust suit that 37 insurance companies, savings banks and commercial banks and a firm owned by the savings banks sought to keep rents up and prevent certain types of new construction in the New York City area.

The suit named as defendants the Mortgage Conference of New York, with headquarters at 14 Wall street, the Savings Banks Trust Company of New York and 37 members of the conference. It sought an injunction against the alleged practices and dissolution of the mortgage conference, described as composed of insurance companies, savings banks and commercial banks. The Savings Banks Trust Company of New York is wholly owned by various savings banks.

A special federal grand jury recommended the action after hearing testimony since June 11. The jury, discharged yesterday by Federal Judge Marion S. Boyd in a closed courtroom, recommended:

Centennial Couriers Leave



Sheriff Lloyd Low hands official invitations to Klamath's Centennial to Joe Blackwell, the pony express rider who will deliver them to officials in northern Oregon. With Joe is Chet Barton, mounted on his black and white horse.

Council May Put Levies Up To Vote

One resolution calling for an annexation to the city, another for reorganization of the park board and two recreation measures were passed through preliminary phases for their appearance on the November ballot by the city council in session Monday night.

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Klamath 'Pony Express' Arrives At Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Sporting a crop of chin foliage that made them appear like the famed Dalton gang of yesterday, three advance riders of Klamath Falls' "Pony Express" cantered into Grants Pass Monday night bearing authentic letters to local county and city officials inviting them to the Oregon Trail southern route pageant to be held at the Klamath county fairgrounds August 22-24.

Heading the delegation was bushy bearded Joe Blackwell, ex-Kentuckian, ex-marine, ex-sailor, ex-prize fighter and long-time resident farmer of Klamath county. Accompanying him were Newt Nelson, Klamath county assessor and Chet Barton, prominent Aberdeen-Angus cattleman of that locality.

Wearing ancient leather chaps and toting a long-barreled Kentucky squirrel rifle, Blackwell rode to the chamber of commerce on his horse, Dan Patch, leading a phlegmatic pack mule. Blowing lustily through his ebony beard, he parted it long enough to emit a lusty "howdy, partner" and to invite sundry spectators grouped around staring at the strange sight to attend the big "shindig."

Monday the trio visited Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass on the first leg of a proposed six-day trip. Traveling by way of Roseburg, Coos Bay, Newport, Astoria and Portland the riders will return to Klamath next Saturday via Salem, Corvallis, Eugene and Bend. They hope to be in the latter town on Friday to attend an exhibition game of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Henry's announcement brings to three the total of candidates for the post being vacated by Rollin Contrall who has decided against running for the office again. Contrall has served as councilman for eight years.

Wendell Smith and E. F. Wall have previously filed for the office.

Henry is a former chairman of the democratic central committee and is active in the Eagles lodge. He resides at 803 S. Francis.

To have his name placed on the ballot Henry must get the signatures of one-tenth of the number of voters in his ward who cast a ballot for a candidate in the last mayoralty election.

American Farmer Nears Falmouth

LONDON, Aug. 6 (AP)—The collision-damaged U. S. merchant ship American Farmer was making for Falmouth at about eight knots today and was expected to arrive there about 8 p. m. tomorrow.

There was no confirmation in the London press today of reports that both American vessels might be held upon reaching Falmouth for an admiralty court to decide whether the Hudson Shipping company of Cardiff, Wales, owner of the Elizabeth, was entitled to salvage.

Both British and American salvage laws hold that owners of a helpless vessel and owners of her cargo must pay rescuers whatever is decreed by a prize court.

Application of the British maritime principle that the awards depend upon the "effect of the services rendered" would bring up the question of the value of the Elizabeth's rescue attempt.

WEATHER NEWS

August 6, 1946
Max. (Aug. 5) 86 Min. 44
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0
Stream year to date 14.42
Normal (72.29) Last year 15.78
Forecast: Warmer tomorrow.

Solon Said In Company Of Garssons

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Senate investigators were said today to be pursuing a tip that Rep. May (D-Ky.) vacationed in Miami Beach, Fla., with officials of the Garsson Munitions combine in March or April, 1944.

An official of the Mead committee said the group has received information indicating that the Kentucky lawmaker may have been at the Versailles hotel in Miami Beach at some period during that time with Murray and Henry Garsson. The two brothers were guiding lights of the Batavia and Erie Basin Metal Products companies and other firms in the combine.

Congress was in recess from April 1 to 12, 1944. (In Miami, Leonard Adelman, manager of the Versailles hotel, said that the Garsson brothers were frequent guests but he did not remember they had ever been visited by Rep. May.)

Dated Expenses Paid
In a speech to the house last July 8, May denied specifically that he had received any travel expenses from the Cumberland Lumber company, an affiliate of the combine, adding that "I never used one penny of anybody's money except my own as travel expense or otherwise."

Nevertheless, the committee was understood to be preparing to question May—when his health permits him to appear—about the reasons for and the expenses of the reported Florida trip at a period when war department witnesses have testified the house military committee chairman was exerting "special pressure" in behalf of the Garsson companies.

Committee records indicate that May also will be asked to explain his letters of April 12 and May 2, 1945, to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower concerning court martial proceedings against Capt. Joseph Herman Garsson. In his April 12 letter, May described Murray Garsson, the captain's father, as "one of my firm personal friends."

Falling Plane Misses Tank

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6 (AP)—A Douglas C-74 Globemaster, largest plane now used by the army, crashed with an earth shaking roar within a few hundred feet of a million-barrel oil storage tank yesterday but the four crew members escaped by parachuting.

Pilot Russell K. Thaw, famed racing and test flier, received minor injuries. He told a sheriff's deputy: "My wing fell off." Thaw is the son of Harry K. Thaw, wealthy New York playboy of the early 1900s.

Only last week Douglas announced that the same plane, piloted by Thaw, established what the army said was a world record by lifting 172,000 pounds, more than twice its own weight. The Globemaster has a wingspread of 173 feet, is 124 feet long and its four engines total 12,000 horsepower.

Yesterday's flight was an unsuccessful attempt to continue a series of accelerated dive tests. Douglas officials said the plane, which crashed 45 minutes after taking off from Municipal airport, was carrying considerable more weight than it would normally.

One of the huge motors broke away, plummeted through the top of the oil tank and was submerged in 30 feet of oil but did not fire the tank. The scattered wreckage burned and the field where the plane landed resembled a shell torn battlefield.

U. P. Train Crash Blamed On Speed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today attributed the collision of two passenger trains on the Union Pacific railroad at Hot Lake, Ore., June 6 to failure to control properly the speed of one of the trains in accordance with signal indications.

The commission said one person was killed and 115 were injured.

The speed of the eastbound train was about 15 miles an hour when it crashed into a westbound train at a meeting point, the ICC said.

Degnan Tot Leads List Of 3 Kills

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (AP)—William Heirens confessed formally today three of the most savage crimes in Chicago's history—the kidnap-killing of Susanne Degnan, the "lipstick murder" of Frances Brown and the fatal throat slashing of Mrs. Josephine Ross, 43-year-old widow.

The strapping 17-year-old University of Chicago student, State's Attorney William J. Tuohy said, made the confessions voluntarily in conference arranged by his own attorneys.

The attorneys were reported to have arranged the confessions as a move to avoid a possible state recommendation for death in the electric chair but Tuohy made no announcement immediately of any "deal."

Heirens, after a tearful conference with his parents in his county jail cell yesterday, told Tuohy today he strangled the 6-year-old Degnan girl with his fingers as she lay in bed. Then he took her body to the basement of a nearby apartment building and cut it to pieces, he added.

Killed Two More
Tuohy said Heirens followed up this confession with admissions he killed Miss Brown and Mrs. Ross. The prosecutor arranged for Heirens to re-enact the Degnan killing later in the day.

The "lipstick" slaying of ex-Wave Frances Brown took place less than a month before the Degnan killing, on December 10. Miss Brown, 33, was shot, then stabbed to death in her North Side apartment and the killer left this message scrawled in lipstick on the wall:

"For heaven's sake catch me before I kill more. I can not control myself."

Miss Brown's nearly nude body was found draped over a bathtub. She had been shot twice and a 10-inch steel knife pierced her throat from ear to ear.

The nude body of Mrs. Ross, 43-year-old widow, was found on her bed June 3, 1945, her throat slashed. Her apartment at 4108 Kenmore was only four blocks from where Miss Brown was slain.

Was In Daze
He claimed he was in a sort of daze when he killed the 6-year-old girl last January 7. After dropping the parts of her dismembered body in sewers in her neighborhood, he added, he returned to the "dissecting" room and wrote a note demanding \$20,000 ransom.

He claimed he wrote the ransom note after killing and dismembering the tiny victim because he believed that the best way to "relieve the parents" would be to give them some hope the child was alive.

He said he selected his victim entirely by chance. He was in the neighborhood earlier, he related, and observed the window of her bedroom was not closed. It was then he got the idea of entering the house, he added.

Reece Sounds Call For GOP Congress
SEATTLE, Aug. 6 (AP)—Chairman Carroll Reece of the republican national committee said today the party must gain control of congress before it can get a republican presidential victory in 1948.

The quiet spoken, graying former Tennessee congressman told interviewers that the republican sponsored legislation has been smothered by the democratic majority in congress and the party can not present its "forward looking, corrective program."

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"Manufacturers will have an incentive to produce shirts to retail at \$2.25 and shorts at 79 cents," Rothschild said. "We haven't had any of those in a long time."

Up to now Rothschild added, manufacturers have not been able to make a profit on these lower priced items.

He said they should begin to reappear in stores in about 30 days.

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Rothschild, however, expressed belief the OPA clothing price estimate is "on the conservative side."

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The committee urged government agencies, including the new price decontrol board, to take a "strong stand" against "premature" elimination of controls.

3 Men Lost As Lightning Hits Tanker

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 6 (AP)—Officers of the stricken tanker Homestead, destroyed by fire and explosion after being struck by lightning at a dock here, continued a search today for three men still unaccounted for many hours after the disaster occurred.

The tanker's captain, Maurice A. Tunstall of Hopkinsville, Ky., said two crew members and a dock watchman were missing. A complete check, however, awaited the arrival of the ship's personnel roster from Houston, Texas.

Tunstall, only 28 and in command of the Homestead since June 16, said the missing crew members were Jack Bowman, a Georgia seaman and a messman named Duckworth, who had reported to the ship when it docked here. The captain said some of the crew of 49, including himself, were ashore when the lightning struck.

One Hospitalized
Only one crew member sustained injuries requiring hospitalization. Twenty-nine others were treated for cuts and burns.

Hope that the three missing men might not have perished with the ship came from Lt. Comdr. Stanley J. Halka of Long Beach, Calif., the Homestead's first engineer. Halka, last to leave the badly listing vessel, said he made a search of quarters before leaping overboard and was unable to find any of the crew on board.

Drone Planes Cross Pacific

MUROK, Calif., Aug. 6 (AP)—Two army B-17 drones landed at this army air base at 10:51 and 11:09 a. m. (PST) today, completing a 2400-mile flight from Hilo, Hawaii. It was the longest totally unmanned flight in aviation history. The drones were controlled by one mother ship each.

Just off California coast one drone dropped a 100-pound practice smoke bomb near Santa Rosa island. This involved opening the bomb bay doors, releasing the bomb, and reclosing the doors, all by remote control.

The operation, known as "remote," was conceived by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay at Eniwetok shortly after the first atomic bomb test to prove efficacy and practicability of guided missiles. Although one drone dropped a bomb, in warfare the practice plan would call for a drone, heavily laden with explosives, to be crashed into its target while the mother ship orbited at a safe range.

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Pageant Calendar

Mrs. Clyde James and Horace Robinson will meet with all Indians of the Chilquin region for rehearsal of the Indian scene at 7 p. m., Wednesday, in the Spanish Castle in Chilquin.