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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOR weeks, Sweden has been stirred up over "ghost rockets" that have been reported vaguely to be zooming over the country more or less daily. Censorship has kept more than a hint of the news from getting out.

Today the censorship loosens a little, and we learn from Stockholm that they seem to be small objects, shaped like a spool, with a flaming tail, that speed over at great height, making little sound. In three days back in early July, 300 of them were reported to the authorities. Military experts guess that their maximum range is about 600 miles.

They seem to come from across the Baltic sea—probably from some spot in Germany.

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SOMEBODY seems to be using Sweden for an experimental target range—without, of course, first consulting the Swedes, or asking their permission.

What's a LITTLE nation in these days?

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WHAT'S a little nation?

Well, for one thing, it is often a DECENT nation. Denmark, for example. And Holland. And Norway and Sweden. And Czechoslovakia. And Switzerland.

All these little countries had high standards of living before the war. If it had been left TO THEM, there would have been no war.

They were all busy with something far more profitable to humanity as a whole than fighting.

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OREGON is a little state—as states go in our big country. Its population is only slightly above a million. Its industrial output is trifling, as compared with California. Its area is insignificant, as compared with Texas.

But its standards of living are high. Its people are few enough in number to be able to know each other. Because they know and respect each other, they GET ALONG with each other.

Their civic standards are high. Oregon hasn't had a nasty, graft-tainted political scandal since anybody can remember.

Life in Oregon is on the GOOD side.

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SUPPOSE all the states of the United States were as generally admirable as Oregon. Suppose all the countries of the world were as decent as Denmark and Holland and Norway and Sweden and Czechoslovakia and Switzerland.

Do you reckon we MIGHT have gone off on a wrong tangent in our more or less universal struggle for BIGNESS?

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, head of the communist party in the United States said in Portland last night: "Russia wants peace, but will not permit the United States and Britain to dominate the world." "This country," he added, "can not subjugate the Soviet Union."

Well, who (in decent Oregon, at least) WANTS to subjugate the Soviet Union? All we want is to get along with her, and trade with her, thus raising the standards of living of BOTH.

But it seems to take TWO to make such a bargain. We can't seem to get along with the Russians unless the Russians are willing to get along with us.

And if Russia isn't willing to permit us and the British to dominate the world it seems equally reasonable that we and the British should object to RUSSIAN domination of the world.

Too much bigness always arouses fear.

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WORRIES, worries, worries! What is Russia going to do? What is China going to do? Who is shooting rockets at whom in Sweden?

And so on.

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RAYMOND McATEE, a 32-year-old streetcar motorman of Philadelphia, isn't bothered at the moment by ANY such worries as these. He already had girl triplets, aged 14 months, plus a son aged five. On Saturday night, his wife presented him with girl twins.

Before the advent of the new twins, the McAtee family was using 200 diapers a week—and you know what the laundry situation is in these days. And washing machines scarcer than hens' teeth.

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MR. McATEE nas no time to bother his head with Russia and China and what have you. The knock down and drag outs at the peace conference trouble him not at all.

So, you see, he is a comparatively happy man.

Yugoslavs Force Down U. S. Plane

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 12 (AP)—Yugoslav fighter planes forced an American C-47 transport to land Friday at Lijubljana and soon afterwards, the Tito government protested to the United States embassy against "ever increasing" violations of Yugoslavia "state sovereignty."

The note said of the latest alleged incident:

"On August 9 at 1:10 p. m., an American plane of type C-47 flew over the airfield in Ljubljana at 3000 meters altitude and circled twice. Despite a call from our fighter planes with international signals and even hand waving for the plane to land, the plane's crew did not heed these calls but attempted to withdraw in the direction of the frontier.

"Only after determined steps were taken by our fighters was the American plance forced to land. The plane contained eight military and two cilivion persons. A detailed inquiry has been ordered. This case reveals the sad fact that certain crews not only wilfully violate Yugoslav sovereignty but just as wilfully refuse to submit to lawful calls from Yugoslav planes."

No U. S. Comment

No comment has come from American sources.

The note of protest, sent by the ministry of foreign affairs to the embassy yesterday, said that "in the period from July 16 to August 8, 172 airplanes flew unauthorized over Yugoslav territory, of which 87 were bombers, 70 fighters and 45 were transports.

It said these flights were taking place despite a letter from the U. S. military attache on August 7 which stated:

"The American government recently issued a circular prohibiting American planes from flying over territory of friendly nations without special permission."

The note added, further: "The government of Yugoslavia most energetically protests against the ceaseless and systematic flights over Yugoslav territory and requests that the United States government without delay undertake energetic measures to prevent any further infringement on Yugoslav state sovereignty on the part of the American military planes."

Fire Destroys Fehlen Store

Cans of food were still exploding amid smouldering ruins late this morning after a 4 a. m. blaze leveled the John Fehlen grocery and meat market at 4707 S. Sixth.

The fire appeared to have started from faulty wiring in the rear of the building and quickly swept through the structure. County, marine and navy fire trucks fought the flames but were unable to bring them under control.

Seven members of the Fehlen family were asleep in their five-room house, attached to the rear of the store, when the fire occureed. They managed to escaped uninjured after the fire awakened them but their home was destroyed.

Fehlen estimated the loss at $35,000. Also ruined by the fire were 310 lockers which, he said, are covered by insurance. There is a partial insurance coverage on the building and stock.

A collection of modern guns valued at $3500 was also burned.

Fenhlen owned the store for approximately 13 years but had been running the grocery and market for the past year only. He plans to rebuild.

Sweden To Publish Report On 'Ghost Rocket' Barrage

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12 (AP) — Swedish military authorities plan to publish within the next few days a communique on an investigation they have been making of the "ghost rockets" that have been streaking daily over Sweden since early July . . leaving little doubt that the country has become an experimental target range.

Official sources have declined to speculate on the source of the mysterious spool shaped missiles, but it is generally believed that the rocket-propelled objects come from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany. Only in a few cases is it known that the missiles actually landed in Sweden.

Between July 9-12 authorities received 300 reports of the missiles and since then reports have poured in daily. Fragments examined by scientists give little in the way of clues, except to indicate the presence of coke and other common materials.

In general the rocket is described as a small object with a flaming tail, which speeds at great height, making little sound. The longest flight of any of the missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 600 miles, as compared with the range of 35 to 45 miles for the first German V-2 bombs.

Swedish newspapers have been cautioned not to publish the names of places where the rockets appear, so that the senders would not be provided with important data.

Klamath County Tax Rates Show Sharp Increase

Tax rates for Klamath county's political subdivisions are sharply higher for 1946-47, with school districts carrying the responsibility for most of the increase.

As announced today by County Assessor Newton Nelson, the Klamath Falls combined millage rate has jumped to 115.4, which is 21.4 mills above last year's rate and an all-time high.

This is approximately a 23 per cent increase, but the percentage gain in the city is exceeded by that in the principal suburban area, where the rate is up 28 per cent. The suburbs, which pay taxes to the county, Klamath Union high school and county elementary district, have a new rate of 54.6 mills, against 42.9 for last year.

No area escaped without a tax increase.

School Districts Up

That part of the various combined levies represented by school districts is substantially higher.

The millage for Klamath Falls elementary schools is up to 30.6 as against 16.9 last year; for Klamath Union high school, 25 against 17.7; for county unit high, 11.4 instead of 8 last year, and for the county unit elementary, 9.3 this year as compared with 4.7 last year.

All of the school districts had elections this year which permitted them to exceed the 6 per cent constitutional limitation. Voting in these elections was extremely light, but those who did vote gave a strong majority in favor of the increase, part of which was for construction items paid for by levy instead of bond issues.

Another factor in rate increases was a drop in assessed values. The overall assessed value in the county for the new year is $31,419,693.34, as new year is $31,418,693.34, as last year. The Klamath Falls values dropped from $9,875,235.31 last year to $9,685,242.18 this year.

An analysis of the Klamath Falls combined tax levy, as given today by Nelson, shows

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Combined Levies

Mileage Rates	'46-47	'45-46
Klamath Falls	115.4	94
Bonanza	66.2	57.6
Chiloquin	65.3	54.6
Malin	98.9	93.6
Merrill	69.0	63.0
1-U2	75.9	55.1
CU-U2*	54.6	42.9
1-CUH	62.3	45.4
CU-CUH	41.0	33.2
MRFD	45.0	37.2
MPD	51.0	45.5
MRFD-MPD	55.0	49.5

*—Main suburban area.

Legend
1—Klamath Falls elementary.
CU—County Unit elementary.
U2—Klamath Union high school.
CUH—County Unit high school.
MRFD—Merrill rural fire district.
MPD—Malin park district.

More Precinct Aspirants File

With the deadline for filing, 5 o'clock this afternoon, drawing near, several more candidates for membership in the county democratic and republican central committees have been received at the county clerk's office, and more are expected just before the closing hour.

Recent filings include seven republicans and seven democrats, bringing the total of republicans to nine and the democrats to 15 who are having their names placed on the fall ballot for committee posts.

Latest republican candidates include: Edward John Hanley, route 2, Pine Grove precinct; Mary Smith, 311 E. Main, precinct 20; Malcolm Epley, 604 N. 7th, precinct 6; William Lorenz, Chiloquin, West Chiloquin precinct, and William Bray, Chiloquin, East Chiloquin precinct.

Recent democrat filings include: Agnes LaLonde, 723 Upham, precinct 30; James Wissenback, route 3, Algoma precinct; Mrs. James Wissenback, route 3, Algoma precinct; Chet L. Langslet, Lakeshore drive, Pelican Bay precinct; Ethel King, 1750 Gary, South Shasta precinct; M. G. King, 1750 Gary, South Shasta precinct, and M. D. Kious, 1540 Martin, precinct 15.

Indian Nabbed In Auto Crash

Grover Cleveland Edecker, 28-year-old Indian, is held in jail on a triple traffic count gowing out of an accident Saturday afternoon in which two persons were slightly injured.

Mrs. L. L. Shaw, 1975 Painter, and four-year-old son Tommy, received cuts and bruises when the Lincoln Zephyr driven by Edecker crashed into the side of their car at 6th and Pine, knocking the Shaw vehicle over onto the sidewalk.

Mrs. Shaw reported that Edecker's car was traveling about 50 miles an hour when it ran past a stop sign and smashed into her auto. Both vehicles were extensively damaged.

City police arrested Edecker on a charge of reckless driving, having no operator's license and running a stop sign, and turned him over to justice court where Judge J. A. Mahoney set bail at $535 cash.

The owner of the car driven by Edecker, Ernie Decker, also an Indian, was fined $10 in police court this morning for allowing an unlicensed person to drive his car, and $40 for possession of intoxicating liquor.

At the Eberlein and Division intersection Sunday morning a collision left two cars badly damaged, sent Cleo Clifton Long, 48, of 235 E. Main, into traffic court where he paid a $15 fine for failure to yield the right of way.

Long's 1935 pickup truck was involved in a crack-up with a 1941 Dodge sedan driven by C. S. Edison, 42, of 2417 Eberlein, in which Long was slightly injured.

Truman Decides Not To Seize Case Plant

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) The White House said today President Truman has decided against seizure of the struck J. I. Case plants at Racine, Wis.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said that "after much deliberation" the president had decided that seizure of the plants would "not be in the public interest."

Byrnes Said 'Insulting' To Soviets

PARIS, Aug. 12 (AP)—Soviet Delegate A. Y. Vishinsky declared today that a ruling of Secretary of State Byrnes at the peace conference was "an infraction of all rules and an insult to the Soviet Union."

Byrnes had taken over chairmanship of the conference under the rotation plan and Vishinsky took exception to the chairman's ruling that he would recognize only Yugoslavia at today's session to answer Italy's plea for a softened peace.

The Soviet delegate took the floor after the Yugoslav Delegate Edvard Kardelj had delivered a 5000-word speech charging that Italy still harbors an aggressor's spirit.

"There must be no infringement of the right of freedom of speech," said Vishinsky in insisting that the conference be opened to a general debate on Italy's plea. "I consider this infringement as an insult to the Soviet Union."

Full Debate Wanted

"I insist that this insult not be maintained and that full debate be opened," he continued.

Byrnes said he would recognize Yugoslavia today to answer the Italian plea for softened treaty terms—and only Yugoslavia in view of a previous conference decision that general debate on the cases of the former enemy countries would be reserved to a later date.

The right to speak had been granted to Yugoslavia Saturday, during the chairmanship of France's Georges Bidault.

Byrnes' ruling immediately drew fire from Soviet Delegate A. Y. Vishinsky. He said the Soviet wanted debate to open immediately on the Italian declaration, and that each delegation had the right to speak.

'Russian Poker' Fatal To Seaman

ST. PETERS, Pa., Aug. 12 (AP) A 19-year-old merchant marine staked his life in a game of "Russian poker" yesterday and drew a losing hand.

The victim was John D. Baldwin of Pottstown, Pa.

In "Russian poker" a single bullet is placed in the chamber of a pistol. The "player" spins the chamber, points the gun at his head and pulls the trigger. The weight of the bullet is supposed to carry it past the hammer of the gun as the chamber revolves.

Chester County Deputy Coroner Jack Manship issued a certificate of accidental death. He said the youth was sitting on the porch of his grandmother's home here showing friends how the game was played.

Pageant Calendar

All pageant dancers rehearsing with Mrs. Eve Benson, Tuesday and Friday, are asked to meet at Roosevelt school 9:45 a. m. for transportation to the fairgrounds. Dancers living outside of Klamath Falls should go directly to the fairgrounds for the 10 a. m. rehearsal.

This Guide Knows His Washington

Representative Lowell Stockman (R.-Ore.) who says he has very little to do now that congress has adjourned, has assumed a new role—that of guiding sightseers through the capitol. He is holding down the job for a constituent who is out of town. Shown here on the steps of the capitol, he is conducting one of his tours.

Body Snatchers Lose Out Again

SUTTON, England, Aug. 1 (AP) When they buried James Gibson, a London merchant, 200 years ago, body snatchers were numerous and active in England and his daughter feared her father's remains would be taken.

To prevent this she set up a fund for an annual inspection of the tomb to determine that the bones remained unmolested, with a robed choir boy carrying the key to the tomb on a velvet cushion while church officials peered and prayed.

They looked in Gibson's tomb again today. He was still there.

Phone Cables Broken Again

The telephone cables for the southern suburban area are out again, Medford repair crews are in Klamath Falls again and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is unhappy—again.

Telephone service was disrupted early this morning for the second time within a month when a fire at Fehlen's gocery, 4707 S. 6th, destroyed 120 feet of the two S. 6th street cables. About 800 telephones in that area were cut off for approximately six hours, but service was restored to all but 135 telephones by 10 a. m.

Charles Seavy, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of the telephone company, indicated that service to the 135 lines east of Homedale and along the Merrill road would not be restored until late Friday evening.

Long distance lines also affected included Lakeview, Bonanza, Bly, Merrill and Tulelake. These lines were functioning again by 10 a. m.

A three-man repair crew from Medford, complete with cable, arrived in Klamath Falls this morning to begin work.

Previously, on July 17, the S. 6th cable was accidentally cut by a construction employe laying a sewer pipe. Approximately 1000 phones were put out of commission at that time and repair crews were called in from Medford.

Strike Blocks Foreign News

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—An embargo on all international press messages, voted by the American Communications association (CIO), became effective at 2 p. m. (EDT) today. Officials of Western Union, Mackay radio and RCA communications, etc., said their wires had moved no press dispatches since that hour.

Movement of foreign press messages, both incoming and outgoing, was halted as 2000 members of the ACA joined in a sympathy move with 300 striking employes of Press Wireless, Inc.

RCA said hundreds of operators stopped sending and receiving messages as the deadline for the embargo arrived.

Government business, personal messages and ordinary commercial traffic were not to be effected, Lawrence Kelly, international vice president of ACA's radio and cable, said earlier today.

In New York, the Associated Press reported its normal flow of incoming news over regular channels was continuing. Outgoing AP dispatches to South America also were uninterrupted but dispatches from New York to London, routed via Western Union, were stopped.

U. S. Japs Urged To Aid Homeland

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12 (AP) U. S. citizens of Japanese ancestry can help Japan remodel its nation by exerting pressure to establish democracy, Col. Elliott Thorpe, commander of the Monterey, Calif., intelligence school, said at a banquet honoring 70 nisei veterans and six Gold Star mothers.

"The Japanese people are realists," the officer told the 300 guests. "They don't apologize for the past, but they are turning to America now and saying 'If you have something better, we'll take it.' If we don't give them something better they will take something else."

Portland Livestock Marks Broken Again

PORTLAND, Aug. 12 (AP) — All-time north Portland livestock market records were broken today when a load of choice 1157-pound fed steers sold for $22.00 per hundredweight.

The previous high, $21.50, was paid last Thursday.

Dealers To Profit From Ceiling Hike

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) OPA today raised retail price ceilings on new automobiles an average of 7.3 per cent—first part of the increase required by the new price control law.

The increase, effective immediately on all models, meets a requirement that OPA restore the peacetime profit margins of auto dealers.

On four-door sedans—the only examples cited by OPA—today's increases range from $63 on a Chevrolet Fleetmaster to $293 on a Cadillac.

On a Plymouth deluxe and a Ford deluxe the increase is $73, while on a Buick series 40 the price hike is $96 and on a Chrysler Royal $99.

Practice Outlawed

Dealers' profit margins had been cut by OPA to prevent the full amount on increases previously granted manufacturers from behind passed on to the public. Congress outlawed this cost absorption practice.

Still another increase under the new law will be put into effect soon. Opa officials estimated to reporters this may amount to about 5 per cent to offset restoration of dealers' pre-war handling charges, which also have been trimmed by OPA.

Today's increase was the fourth general price hike above 1942 auto ceilings granted since last November. The first covered production cost increases up to last fall, the second wage increases early this year, and the third higher parts and materials costs resulting from the steel price boost last February.

OPA made no official estimate of the total average increase to date over 1942 ceilings, but an official said it probably is in excess of 15 per cent.

Militia Quota Up For City

Reorganization of Oregon's national guard was announced by Brigadier General Thomas E. Rilea, state adjutant general, last week, with five new units being allocated to Klamath Falls.

Allocated to Klamath are the Hq. & Hq. Battery, 965th Field Artillery battalion with a strength of 130 men; medical detachment of the 965th with 10 men; service battery of the 965th with 60 men and "B" battery of the same unit with a strength of 82 men. Fifth outfit for the roster is "C" battery of the 675th AAA battalion with a strength of 115 men.

This marks an increase of 277 men over the peace time level of the national guard for Klamath Falls. Prior to the reorganization there were two coast artillery batteries here with a strength of 60 men in each. State figures show an increase from 6092 men to 12,049 men now allocated.

Baseball Scores

BROOKLYN, Aug. 12 (AP) — The Brooklyn Dodgers came up with three runs in the seventh inning today to overcome a 2-0 New York lead and nose out the Giants, 3-2. The victory enabled the Dodgers to retain their one point National league margin over the runner-up St. Louis Cardinals who defeated the Chicago Cubs.

	R	H	E
New York	2	8	1
Brooklyn	3	9	0

Trinkle, Koslo (7) and Cooper; V. Lombardi, Branca (8) and Edwards, Anderson (8).

St. Louis	5	9	0
Chicago	0	3	2

Brazle and Garagiola; Passeau, Kush (3) and Livingston.

Cincinnati	2	7	1
Pittsburgh	3	11	0

Heusser, Blackwell (7) and Mueller; Bahr and Lopez.

Them Whiskers Is False!

Lawrence Clark, better known as State Line Shorty, was prosecuting attorney at the Merrill whiskerino court Saturday afternoon, and is shown here pointing an accusing finger at Ed Crawford, Merrill business man, who showed up with a set of demountable sideburns. Left to right in the picture: Fred Belden, Merrill old-timer; Crawford; Bob Barry, judge; Clark, the prosecutor, and T. W. Jones, defense attorney. Merrill volunteer firemen acted as vigilantes, bringing victims in in Dolan's paddy wagon, shown in the picture. Merrill Moose later conducted court, with Jim Caughron acting as magistrate. Fines, totaling more than $200, will finance Merrill's entry into the centennial parade August 22.

62-Year-Old Housekeeper Denies Murders By Poison

MADISON, Ind., Aug. 12 (AP) Saying again and again "as God is my judge, I am innocent," 62-year-old Lottie (Tot) Lockman called her lawyer today to the Jefferson county jail cell where she is held on charges of murder and attempted murder and gave him permission to order exhumation of the body of her husband, Frank Lockman.

Authorities previously had announced further exhumations were planned after State Toxicologist Dr. R. N. Harger reported last night he found mercury in the remains of Mrs. Minnie McConnell, who employed Mrs. Lockman as housekeeper.

Mrs. Lockman was arrested on a murder warrant, after Dr. Harger reported finding the mercury in Mrs. McConnell's remains. The woman had already been charged with attempting to murder a daughter-in-law of Mrs. McConnell, and had been free on bond.

Coroner Sidney E. Heigh said that he planned to exhume the bodies of the following persons, all of whom had been under the care of Mrs. Lockman in the last years of their lives: "Uncle Fred" Giddings, a retired farmer who died at the age of 90; Mrs. Hattie Calhoun, a recluse; Frank Lockman, blacksmith husband of the housekeeper, and his brother, Wallace Lockman.

Dr. Harger's report said that "nearly a grain of mercury was found in the liver and kidneys" of Mrs. Minnie McConnell.

"The figures are typical of mercury poisoning. While they are typical I am delaying final decision until the pathologist completes his report."

Coroner Haigh said the mercury found "was sufficient to warrant Mrs. Lockman's arrest."

Mrs. Lockman was re-arrested by State Detective Graham Tevis.

"What is it this time?" she asked.

"Murder," Tevis replied.

"That's an awful thing," Mrs. Lockman said.