

# 'GHOST BOMBS' AROUSE SWEDEN

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THE American people today are OBSERVING the first anniversary of V-J Day. We're not CELEBRATING it. We're not HOPEFUL but we're keeping our fingers crossed.

No one who can remember that far back can fail to be impressed by the difference between today and the first anniversary of Armistice Day—on November 11, 1919.

THIS much is encouraging: In Japan, where we have had SO FAR a reasonably free hand in the administering of the peace, we seem to be making some progress. Maybe—if by heaven-sent good fortune our hands can be LEFT free there—we might be able to rebuild Japan into a peace-wanting rather than a war-mongering country.

THE "peace" in Europe looks like a mess. But at least we haven't been SOLELY responsible for making the mess. There have been too many cooks in the European kitchen. They haven't been able to agree on the recipe. The broth they have made is unpalatable.

BUT the situation in Asia (with which Japan is closely linked) is extremely "iffy." as President Roosevelt used to be fond of saying. There are as many "ifs" in it as there are raisins in a raisin pudding.

RIGHT now, China is the BIG RIP. The Chinese news today is bad. Chiang, in a 5000-word statement, tells the communists what they will have to do or else, and as nearly as can be judged from the always dependable news from China the communists respond with SHOOTING. Today's dispatches report that war is flaming on a wide front.

ON the home political front, Senator LaFollette (junior) is licked in Wisconsin after 21 years in the U. S. senate. His father served for 19 years before him—making a total of 40 years for the LaFollette dynasty.

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## City Council Orders Vote On Manager

The proposal for a city manager form of government in Klamath Falls will be put up to the people for decision November 5. The mayor and city council, meeting in adjourned session with a citizens' committee, last night voted unanimously to place a city manager measure on the next city ballot.

The resolution to be placed before city voters will be in the form of a charter amendment and if passed will give the mayor and council authority to hire a city manager, determine his pay and length of office and define his duties.

A simple majority at the polls is necessary for passage and the measure is planned to go into effect not before July 1, 1947.

If the city manager system is adopted here, there will be no change in the present mayor-council setup. The mayor and council will still be elected as they are now and retain their legislative authority.

The manager will be appointed to fit in between the mayor and council on one hand and the city department heads on the other. His duties are to be advisory, and will have no authority over the departments other than is delegated to him by the council.

As planned, the manager would be a hired coordinator who would keep an eye on all of the city's business and make his reports and recommendations directly to the council. He would not have authority in himself to make any changes in any city department or activity.

It is the belief of the council and advisory citizens' committee that the appointment of a city manager will make for more efficiency in handling expanding city affairs.

No bars are drawn on the selection of a manager. The council reserves the right to hire a man from any part of the country to come in and take the job. The council also has the right to pay him what he is worth.

On its face, as reported in the dispatches, Chiang's statement doesn't sound like unreasonable to us at this great distance—but we must remember, if we are to remain clear-eyed, that such statements are always INTENDED TO SOUND GOOD.

In all such cases, "pretty is as pretty does"—and in this case his statement seems to have started the shooting again.

IF we could build a wall around China and let the Chinese factions shoot it out to the finish, it might be the best solution in the long run. But when a fight starts you never can tell who will hold on to it. ESPECIALLY in the case of nations.

TO this writer, who doesn't live in Wisconsin and has never spent much time there, it seems barely possible that Republican voters of that politically turbulent state may merely have Tired of LaFollettes. Forty years is a long span.

It isn't impossible that they sized the situation up and decided that LaFollette's opponent suits them better. He is a 37-year-old ex-marine with a good military record. Seven years ago, at the age of 30 (before he went to war) he was elected a circuit judge, indicating that the voters who knew him had confidence in him then.

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AS for the Republicans, their success or failure in the immediately upcoming years will depend CHIEFLY on the extent to which they are able to gain the confidence of the general average run of people in this country.

That, in its turn, will depend upon the SINCERITY with which they face the problems of the present and the future.

(This writer is so naive as to believe that sincere leadership is what the general run of people want more than anything else.)

# Klamath Falls and News

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## BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—Aides of Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) said today the veterans administration had informed them that the "Beaumont" tract in Klamath Falls, Ore., has been selected as the site for a 200-bed medical and surgical hospital.

The board of hospitalization and President Truman have approved the site, the aides said. It is 1 1/2 miles from the business center of Klamath Falls. Acquisition of all of the tract except a small portion owned by the California Oregon Power company was authorized.

The Beaumont site lies back of Pacific Terrace on the hill, and is owned partially by Howard Perrin and partially by Dr. E. D. Johnson. Coppo's lower reservoir is in the northeast corner of the site.

This location was favored by a site board here several months ago. Engineers on the board indicated that time construction of the hospital probably would not start before 1947.

## President Offers Plan For Palestine Partition

LONDON, Aug. 14 (AP)—A foreign office spokesman said tonight that Prime Minister Attlee had received President Truman's communication on the proposed plan for dividing strife-torn Palestine into a four-zone federal state.

The contents of the Truman communication were not disclosed, but authoritative sources reported that it proposed an 1800-square-mile Jewish zone, as compared with the 1500-square-mile area projected by a British-American cabinet committee of experts, and also called for more powers for the zone in controlling its own immigration.

The British cabinet heard reports from the chiefs of the army, air force and navy of a tense situation in the Holy Land today and agreed, an authoritative source said, to stick to its present course "however much the position deteriorates."

## Man On 84th Day Of 100-Day Fast

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14 (AP)—On the 84th day of a projected 100-day fast, Claude L. Baxter, 41, left home early today after a neighborly card game with his wife and two friends, and was being hunted by police and sheriff's deputies.

Baxter has been subsisting largely on wine, and Mrs. Baxter blamed his departure on an overdose.

"I'm afraid he has cracked up," she told a reporter. "Yes, of course, I want him to come home."

She said he had told deputies she had been nagging him, and this she denied.

"I was against his idea," she said, "but when it became plain he was determined to go through with it, I cooperated in every way. Mr. Baxter naturally isn't himself after 84 days without food."

## Centennial Ad Now Available

Bumper strips advertising the Klamath Centennial can now be obtained by motorists for their cars at any Klamath Falls service station. The strips have been distributed by the Junior chamber of commerce as part of its plan to promote the Centennial celebration.

Approximately 5000 of the paper banners have been sent to 17 towns in Oregon and cards have been given to Klamath taxi companies and to trucking companies who travel throughout the state.

Window placards, numbering 2000, have been sent throughout the state by the Centennial committee.

R. H. Dunbar reported that the Centennial pageant has been underwritten to the extent of \$20,000 instead of the original \$15,000.

## 'Clean-Up' Drive Begun By Chamber

An intensive city-wide clean-up program was launched today through a chamber of commerce clean-up committee and co-operating organizations.

Nick Long, head of the Merchants association and member of the chamber board, announced the plan at a chamber directors meeting. He said it would be pushed on the following lines:

1. Clean up all alleys and ask merchants to pick up refuse when they sweep front walks, instead of sweeping into the street.
2. Place 48 disposal cans in the business district. The 20-30 club has agreed to undertake this project, which will cost about \$1800.
3. Clean up residential and outlying districts, with the help of school children and Boy Scouts.
4. Beautify Pacific Terrace strips and other show places in town.

Open Containers Hit  
Long said it had been agreed to make a determined effort to get all business houses to dispense with open garbage and rubbish containers in alleys.

Open containers are held largely responsible for deplorable conditions of business district alleys.

This is a campaign in which everybody should participate," said Long. "It is not confined to business houses. It needs to be spread throughout the residential districts. It will be relatively simple to make Klamath Falls a cleaner city if there will be general public co-operation."

Co-operating organizations include the 20-30 club, public health association, Junior chamber, Business and Professional Womens club, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Boy Scouts and Sororities.

Long will be interviewed on KFLW tonight at 7:30, on the clean-up program.

## Police Pursue Crash Inquiry

State police are continuing their investigation of the automobile accident near Merrill Monday which fatally injured Joseph Pelland of this city.

The accident happened when the Pelland car was struck in the rear by a car driven by Raymond A. Porterfield of Dorris, early Monday morning. It has not been established whether the Pelland car was moving or parked at the time, police say.

No additional information has been learned except that the turtleneck on the rear of the Pelland car was open at the time of the accident. Mrs. Pelland, in the car with her husband, was not seriously injured. Porterfield was unhurt.

Porterfield has stated, according to police, that he did not see the Pelland car in time to stop before hitting it.

Pelland died of internal injuries at Hillside hospital Tuesday.

## Baseball Scores

NATIONAL			
	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	6	9	1
Chicago	4	9	1
Pollet and Garagiola; Borowoy, Chipman (6), Bauers (8) and Livingston.			
AMERICAN			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	4	12	2
Brooklyn	8	13	0
Budnick, Voiselle (4), Thompson (7), Gee (8) and Cooper; Head, Casey (4), Behrman (5), and Edwards, Anderson (8).			
	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	2	10	0
Pittsburgh	3	5	0
Malloy and Mueller; Strincevich and Baker.			
	R.	H.	E.
Boston	3	10	0
Philadelphia	1	4	2
Hughson and H. Wagner; Fowler and Rosar.			
	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	6	15	2
Hutchinson and Swift; Gassaway, Krakauskas (6), Embree (9) and Hegan.			

## Street Dance

An impromptu Centennial parade down Main street will precede the street dance to be held tonight at Bal-siger's corner at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged and everyone is invited to attend the first Centennial event.

## 'Ghost Bomb' Over Sweden



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## Coffee Prices Upped By OPA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—OPA today authorized immediate retail price increases on coffee, ranging from 10 to 13 cents a pound.

The increase results from: 1. Cancellation of an important subsidy of 3 cents a pound. The subsidy was discontinued when the price control law lapsed July 1.

2. An increase of about 2 cents a pound authorized for importers June 28. This increase had not been passed on to retail levels.

3. A further increase of about 3 cents a pound in importers' ceilings authorized today as an inducement to increase coffee importation.

The amount of the retail increase will vary depending upon method of distribution of coffee, OPA said.

The agency authorized an increase of 19 cents a pound for processors of roasted coffee, coffee compounds, soluble coffee and soluble coffee products.

OPA said that wholesalers and retailers, including retail wagon route sellers, may apply their regular percentage markups to the new, higher cost of coffee.

## Man Flies Ocean For Fireman Quiz

PORTLAND, Aug. 14 (AP)—Sgt. James A. Shaw is going to be pretty annoyed if he didn't pass the test.

The Milwaukee man, ambitious to become a city fireman, heard just before his discharge in Tokyo that the firemen's examination would be given in Portland August 13.

After several frantic tries, he finally got priority on a plane leaving Tokyo last Saturday; flew to Portland on the last plane out of San Francisco Monday; and arrived here a couple of hours ahead of the morning examination.

Now he has to wait to see whether he passed.

## Heating Plant Deal Complete

The Consumers Heating company officially took over the Klamath Heating company, 320 Klamath, Wednesday, when transactions for the change of property were completed.

Following the transfer, G. C. Lorenz, president of the company, announced the appointment of John Merryman as general manager for the plant. Merryman, who arrived in Klamath Falls Wednesday morning, will assume his duties immediately.

He is a graduate of the University of Washington where he specialized in technical engineering. He has had 14 years of experience in operating central heating plants in Washington similar to the Klamath Falls plant. Besides spending some time during the war with the army engineers in Hawaii, he was in Klamath Falls in the fall of 1944, where he served as mechanical engineer in connection with the installation of the central heating plant at the naval air station. He comes here from the consulting engineer's office in Spokane.

A contract for a complete overhaul and repair of present

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## President Signs 5c Airmail Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation reducing the domestic airmail rate from 8 to 5 cents an ounce, effective October 1.

Simultaneously Postmaster General Hannegan issued an order setting an air mail postage rate of 5 cents an ounce between all U. S. territory and members of the armed forces abroad. The existing rate is 6 cents a half ounce.

The new domestic rate makes 5-cent airmail postage applicable to all U. S. territory and involves reductions on present rates ranging as high as 90 cents an ounce.

## Truman And Staff Cast Kudos And Make Lofty Resolutions On V-J Anniversary

By The Associated Press  
Without formal pause, the nation joyfully yet prayerfully observed the first anniversary today of victory in World War II.

One year to the day after he proclaimed Japan's unconditional surrender, President Truman asked Americans to dedicate this first "Victory Day" to prayer and high resolve that:

1. "The cause of justice, freedom, peace and international goodwill should be advanced with undiminished and unremitting efforts, inspired by the valor of our heroes of the armed services."
2. "While military men and others were paying tribute to the men who fought and died to bring the war to its conclusion, Mr. Truman's reconversion director toted up the balance sheet to see what a year of peace has meant to the home front."
3. "In a statement last night, John R. Steelman recalled these four objectives of a year ago and out-

lined the "record of progress we have made."

Jobs for all those willing and able to work: "We have reached substantially full employment and have created nearly five million new jobs in the process. Now we face the task of consolidating these gains by ever-increasing production and employment opportunities."

A steadily rising standard of living: "The yearly production rate of goods and services for civilian use has increased more than \$30,000,000,000." Total construction and production of some goods has quadrupled. Total income payments to individuals equal or exceed the wartime peak.

Stabilization of our economy: "We have successfully avoided the deflation which threatened when war plants closed, but inflation remains a constant threat."

Increased opportunities for farmers and businessmen: "Al-

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## Airport Fees Win Approval

The Oregon state aviation council, representing airport men from all over the state, has passed favorably on the schedule of rates and charges set up by the city for the Klamath Falls airport.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf said today.

The council, meeting in Eugene last Friday, was presented a complete statement of the local charges and they were agreed upon as fair by the various city and airport representatives at the meeting.

Some individual aircraft operators did not agree with certain of the charges, the mayor said, but it was the consensus of the group that the overall list was fair, and they will be published in a bulletin for all airports to be gotten out by the council.

At the meeting, which Mayor Ostendorf attended in place of Cliff Dunn of the airport commission, it was pointed out that one of every 78 people in Oregon is a pilot or student pilot, and one person of every 1583 in the state owns a plane.

## Pageant Calendar

Episode 5 will meet for rehearsal Friday, 8 p. m.  
Episode 2 will meet at 3 p. m. Saturday and a leader rehearsal will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. These meetings will be at the fairgrounds.

All pageant dancers who have registered at Centennial headquarters but have not reported for placement are asked to report to the Eye-Benson dance studio no later than Thursday at 11 a. m.

Orchestra rehearsal at 8 p. m. tonight.

## Stores To Close During Parade

Klamath Merchants association has voted for store closure on the morning of August 22 during the Centennial parade.

In general, closure will be from 10:30 until noon.

The merchants have also put up \$500 as their share of the cost of decorating downtown streets, part of South Sixth street, and the entrance to the fairgrounds, for the celebration.



Robert M. LaFollette

## Polio Epidemic Still Rampant

By The Associated Press  
Infantile paralysis was reported on the wane today in some states but health officials said it was yet too early to tell if the worst wave of the disease since 1916 had reached its peak.

While the disease appeared abating in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Ohio and Florida, the picture remained dark in Minnesota, Mississippi, Colorado and other scattered areas.

With no letup in sight, Minneapolis school authorities were making a survey to determine if the opening of the fall term of school, set for Sept. 3, should be delayed, and cancellation of the state fair starting Aug. 24 was being considered.

Postponement of school openings also was being considered in four Mississippi counties where polio is epidemic. The state has 144 cases compared with 20 a year ago.

Colorado reported the most extensive outbreak in its history, 337 cases. Hospitals lacked sufficient beds to care for the victims.

## Ex-Marine Tops LaFollette In Bid For Wisconsin Seat

By The Associated Press  
Senator Robert M. LaFollette, whom Wisconsin voters sent to the U. S. senate for 21 straight years, conceded defeat today in his effort for another six year term, as a republican.

Joseph R. McCarthy, 37 year-old ex-marine, toppled LaFollette on nearly complete returns from yesterday's republican primary election.

The outcome means that for the first time in more than 40 years, the state will not be represented in the senate by LaFollette, father and son.

LaFollette had turned to the republican party for nomination to succeed himself, after 12 years under the progressive party banner.

However, the republican state organization threw its support to McCarthy, former gunner of a marine dive bomber squadron. McCarthy was elected circuit judge at 30 to become the youngest person ever chosen for such a post in Wisconsin.

LaFollette, whose progressive party organization voted to dissolve a year ago last March, had staked his prestige on the outcome of the primary. He said he would not run as an independent if he failed to receive the nomination.

LaFollette was elected as a republican in 1925 when he ran for the unexpired term of his

father, the late "Fighting Bob," at the age of 30.

He was reelected in 1928 as a republican but split with the party early in the new deal to support much of the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration's program. He won in 1934 and 1940 as a progressive.

McCarthy called him an isolationist and challenged him to debate the issue, but the senator said he would stand on his record.

## Motorist Finds Gasoline Lights

It's bad enough to run out of gasoline at any time, but Wayne Emerich, 234 Hillside, was having a streak of unusually bad luck last Wednesday morning when his motor went dry.

Not only was it midnight, but as he was carrying a one-gallon can of gasoline to his car, he ignited the can with a cigarette. The fire department was called to extinguish the blaze and Emerich was taken to the Klamath Valley hospital for treatment for burns on his hands and left leg.

He was released later this morning in "fairly good condition," according to hospital attendants.

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