

LABOR LEGISLATION DRIVE OPENS

In This Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ELSIE CHUNG LYON, a woman colonel in the Chinese army medical corps, arrives in Seattle on her way to Washington to report to the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China. She tells a questioning reporter: "Health conditions in China are much more serious than people here realize. Tuberculosis and malnutrition are prevalent in the army and among the civilian population."

ON the surface, that isn't much of a story. When we probe beneath the surface, it begins to assume more importance. Because of war, there has been LITTLE PRODUCTION in China for something like ten years. Because of lack of production, THINGS are scarce. Food is a THING. When food is scarce, over a long period of time, tuberculosis and malnutrition flourish. Everything, you see, comes back to PRODUCTION. If we don't produce, we must DO WITHOUT.

THE province of Azerbaijan, in Iran, bobs back into the news today.

You will remember (perhaps) about a year ago Azerbaijan, which had been INFLTRATED by Russians, revolted against Iran and set up what the diplomats call a "semi-autonomous" government, which in the language of everyday life means a government that is more or less free from outside influence—or at least is supposed to be. There seems to be little doubt that what happened then was brought about by infiltrating Russians who moved in and took over.

Now Iranian government troops are reported to be moving in for the purpose of taking Azerbaijan back. It has most of the earmarks of a showdown.

YOU have been reading about "guerrilla" warfare in northern Greece. Probably you have paid little attention to it. What is happening in northern Greece appears to be about what is happening in Azerbaijan. That is to say, communist-minded expansionists from Russian-dominated Yugoslavia and Bulgaria are pouring over into Greece and more or less TAKING OVER.

You don't have to be much of a guesser to jump to the conclusion that Russia is using this device to expand her system throughout the Balkans.

WHERE did Russia get this idea? Well, she MIGHT have got it from reading American history. We used this same device to take over Texas and California from Mexico. After all, you know, Fremont and his 1846 party opened an armed nucleus around which Americans who had infiltrated into Mexican California rallied and took over the country when the time was ripe.

Roughly the same thing happened in Texas. Both were added to the young and rapidly-growing United States of America—wise system was THEN as radical and upsetting to the older nations of the world as the Russian system is now.

HERE is an interesting point: Russia was DIRECTLY concerned in our taking over of California. Alaska was then hers. She had an established settlement in Northern California in the general neighborhood of Fort Bragg. She had a growing commerce with Spanish California. (Part of this commerce was the exchange of ICE from the foot of the Taku glacier for wheat from the hot California valleys which the Russians ground into flour in Sitka and then resold to the California padres, who had no mechanical skills.)

Russia might have thought we were expanding too fast for her safety, and might have decided to fight us here or become too powerful. She didn't. Instead she decided to get out of our way and leave the field to us. She abandoned her settlement on the Northern California coast and later sold Alaska to us.

BEAR in mind that this was Russia of the Czars. Russia of the Czars was as suspicious of the young and then radical American Republic as we of to-

\$240,352,000 Loss Suffered By Coal Miners During Two Strikes This Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—The coal miners are back at work. They lost by the strike. So did the mine owners. So did the country. The following figures come from the government's solid fuels administration, which handles coal mines: In 1946 the average miner lost in wages by his two strikes, \$800.88. The two strikes were: 39 working days in the spring, 15 in the fall. (The spring strike ended 59 days after it began, the fall strike 17.) Since there are about 400,000 miners—and each lost an average of \$800.88 on the two strikes—working days in 1946 was \$240,352,000.

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WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 9) — 48 Min. — 37
Precipitation last 24 hours — .40
Stream year to date — 5.42
Last year — 4.63 Normal — 3.29
Forecast: Mostly fair today and Wednesday.

Sweeping Tax Change Proposed

SALEM, Dec. 10 (AP)—The state tax study commission recommended today that the legislature adopt a sweeping new tax program which would raise \$19,500,000 more in revenues each year, the highlights being recommendations to lower personal income tax exemptions, levy a business tax of 1/2 of 1 per cent, and a band on the property tax for state purposes.

The income tax exemptions for married persons would be reduced from \$1500 to \$1000, while the single exemptions would be cut from \$750 to \$500.

Business Tax
The business tax would be on all forms of business enterprise, and would be levied on total receipts, less the cost of raw materials, goods and services bought from other business.

New Revenue
The added taxes would raise the following new revenues: Personal income tax \$4,000,000, business tax \$7,500,000, liquor sales tax \$4,000,000, parimutuel tax \$1,000,000, alcoholic beverage licenses \$1,000,000, and transfers from highway funds \$2,000,000.

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"The Maples" Offered To City As Park



The corner of Riverside and Main, long the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus S. Moore, has been offered to the city of Klamath Falls as a park through the will of Mrs. Moore, filed last week. The grounds are especially lovely in the early spring with hundreds of daffodils and flower shrubs in bloom. The little house on the right is the office use, originally by the Moore brothers when they operated their various enterprises in early days. To the left, "The Maples," since 1900 owned by the Moore family.

Youth Held By Police

City police early this morning arrested a youth who gave his name as George Chris Fitch of Portland, and told a story of committing three robberies in Portland and Spokane, one of them with a cap pistol which he had in his possession when picked up.

Bowling Alley Safe Looted
A safe at the Recreation bowling alley on Main street was robbed of about \$500 some time before the place was opened for business late yesterday, according to Manager Erle Hamilton.

Grand Jury To Meet Wednesday

The Klamath county grand jury is scheduled to reconvene tomorrow, Wednesday at 10 a. m. for the second half of its December session, after having been recessed for a week.

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Old Moore Homesite May Be Made Into City Park

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L. O. Sisemore Deputy D. A.

L. Orth Sisemore, local lawyer and former Klamath county district attorney, has been appointed deputy district attorney after the county court authorized the office to hire another deputy.

JC's Sponsor Light Contest

Outdoor lighting is being seen here and there throughout Klamath Falls as residents have entered with enthusiasm the first contest here since December, 1941.

New Sugar Stamp Slated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—OPA announced today that a new consumer spare ration stamp for five pounds of sugar will be made valid on January 1, 1947, and will be good through April 30.

Americans Serve With Huk Forces

MANILA, Dec. 10 (AP)—A Filipino military police agent was quoted by Manila newspapers today as saying he had been captured by Hukbalahaps who showed him the strength of their particular unit, including 46 Americans he presumed to be deserters from the U. S. army.

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