

BRITISH INDUSTRY SHUTS DOWN

In The Day's News

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THESE words are written in Southern California. Over and over down here, you keep saying to yourself that this country is growing like a weed. But that doesn't tell the real story. Weeds have ROOM to grow. They just spread out into the air.

Southern California's burgeoning, swelling population is house-bound. It is like the tiny gourds that farm children used to push into a bottle. It is rapidly reaching the point where something will have to give or growth will have to stop.

WHAT will have to give, of course, is the housing situation—which is bad, and getting worse, rather than better, as new thousands pour in every month and houses FAIL to be built in any considerable number.

AS you drive along the highways and through the cities and towns, you can't fail to be struck by the small number of new houses actually under construction.

Building lots are being readied. In the outskirts everywhere new subdivisions are being opened up. Some of them run for blocks and blocks in every direction, with streets being graded, sewers being laid, utilities being placed, etc.

Everywhere there is PREPARATION for building. Whenever people get together, there is TALK of building.

But when you start to count the new houses, ACTUALLY BEING BUILT, you are amazed at the small number of fingers you have to use to tally up the total.

PLANNING, yes. The people who are GOING to build are as the sands of the seashore. A brick tossed in any direction would hit at least one such and ricochet off into two or three others.

A young architect in one of the small towns within the vast perimeter of the Los Angeles area says ruefully that if the plans of only half of his prospective clients would fall he'd have to burn the midnight oil for eight months in DRAFTING alone—just to get his jobs to the blueprint stage, very, very few have jelled.

UNTIL you begin to talk to people who HAVE BUILT. It looks like a screwball situation. A little actual checking up on what is being got for building money expended clears away some of the fog.

They will show you a house that in the golden days of a nice little cottage for a newly-married couple without children and without expansive ideas. They will look you in the eye and tell you it cost say \$25,000.

They will then show you one maybe a room or two larger and perhaps a trifle more ornate and convey to you in a flat tone of voice the news that it cost \$35,000.

They will usually add that the estimate was considerably smaller, but unexpected delays and material and labor contingencies UPPEDED the final, ready-to-move-into cost.

IT is quite plain that these case histories tend to dampen the enthusiasm of those who are as yet no farther along than the hushing and planning stage. They help to explain the vast number of lots being readied for building and the small number of houses actually taking shape.

THERE was more building down this way at this time last year than now—quite a little more, this writer would say.

At this time last year, money was still just something to be tossed around. All through the war there had been plenty of it, and it was still assumed that it always would be abundant.

People are getting distinctly cagier about money. The way it is tossed about even yet would have shocked us a decade ago, but you can see with half an eye that people are gripping it tighter before letting go of it.

THE lesson of what you see with your eyes and hear with your ears down here is that before the present trickle of building can even begin to assume the proportions of a flood costs will have to come down.

Cocktail Hour Heads For Sky

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10 (AP)—The cocktail hour goes aloft this week.

Pan-American World Airways announced that drinks would be served aboard coppers between here, San Francisco and Hawaii, a service later to be extended to Australia and the Orient.

The company said, however, that the limit was four drinks per customer per flight, but added that at 10,000 feet that was expected to prove sufficiently exhilarating.

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Presidential List May Narrow

Universal Training Fight Seen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Congressional leaders showed new reluctance today to write off universal training as a dead issue.

While every sign still points to the toughest kind of fight ahead, top men on both sides of Capitol hill indicated privately that the outlook may change.

They cite two factors: First, the tremendous personal popularity in congress of Secretary of State Marshall, and, second, possible international developments not now foreseen.

Marshall in his first news conference as a cabinet officer last week listed universal military training as a requirement if this country is to have any real and positive military power to back up its foreign policy.

On the surface his declaration made no deep impression on those who have been outspoken against any plan for peacetime conscription.

A sample check of six senators—three from each major party—disclosed only one, Chairman McNamara (R-S, D.), of the armed services committee, squarely behind the universal training plan. Others either were flatly opposed or suggested compromises that would not interfere with education or jobs of young men.

An earlier check among the house armed services committee indicated similar strong opposition to any compulsory peacetime training.

But leaders who a few weeks ago tended to dismiss the idea as lacking any real chance plainly are adopting a "let's wait and see" attitude.

Jewish Agency Reply Ready

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10 (AP)—The Jewish agency was reported today to have replied to a British plea for help against Jewish underground violence, even as the British at Haifa held some 650 Jews caught trying to enter Palestine without permits.

Leaders of the agency said last night that the reply probably would advise British authorities again that Jews would not turn "informers."

The British a week ago gave the Jewish agency, their advisor in the government of Palestine, and the Jewish national council, administering Jewish affairs, until tomorrow to answer the request for cooperation. The council already has turned down the request.

The unauthorized Jewish immigration yesterday were taken off the 350-ton two-masted schooner Merica of Naples, renamed by them La Negev ("To the South")—and put on the British transport Empire Heywood at Haifa, presumably to be sent to internment on Cyprus. She sailed at midnight.

Violence Flares Over The Signing Of Italian Treaty

PARIS, Feb. 10 (AP)—Italy and four other nations today signed peace treaties with the allies which shear all of treasure and armed power and take territory from all except Bulgaria.

The Italian accord, reducing the fledgling republic to a third rate power, had swift and violent repercussions back home.

A British brigadier was killed in Pola, a naval base ceded under the treaty to Yugoslavia, which signed the pact after months of assertions that she would not do so without title to Trieste. The Yugoslav legation in Rome was stormed.

Angry throngs jeered at the American, Russian and British embassies in Rome and at the home of the constituent assembly which must ratify the treaty. Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza told the assembly that Italy had stipulated that the treaty could be effective only after the assembly approved.

The Romanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian and Finnish treaties were inked formally during an afternoon session in the clock



This map locates the combination subway-bridge recommended for San Francisco bay by a joint army-navy board. Solid line indicates a 6400-foot tube and dotted lines trestles which would be 3600 feet long on the San Francisco side and cover about six miles in the Alameda-Oakland area.

Spud Grade Meet Tonight

Klamath county potato growers will voice their opinions on a proposed new grade for spuds tonight at 8 p. m. in the circuit court room when a hearing is held to determine the extent of the demand for the additional potato grade.

The new grade is being sought somewhere between U. S. No. 1 and U. S. No. 2, according to Walt Jendzjewski, assistant county agent, with the view in mind of obtaining a more equitable price on potatoes which don't quite grade up to U. S. No. 1, and are better than U. S. No. 2.

Jendzjewski pointed out that Colorado had recently adopted a new grade to be known as Colorado Utility. The new Colorado grade is expected to make potato grading below U. S. No. 1 more attractive to buyers.

Two other meetings on the new grade will be held at other potato centers in Oregon.

Klamath Tribe Tops List

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The Klamath tribe of Oregon and northern California is among those listed by Acting Indian Commissioner William Zimmerman as the first that may be made independent, or partly so, of government aid and supervision.

Zimmerman reported yesterday he had suggested to the senate civil service committee a gradual elimination of tribes from supervision but had not made it a formal recommendation.

He also declined to recommend any reduction in appropriations for the Indian office.

No Ruling Made On Lewis Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The supreme court concluded another opinion session today without ruling on the government's contempt case against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

The court will next hand down decisions Monday, February 17.

Gunmen Return Part Of Loot

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—A gasoline station attendant's plea that his family needed money for food softened a pair of gunmen who returned \$9 to their victim early yesterday.

Police said Andrew M. Anderson reported two men cleaned the cash from the station, then emptied his wallet. But when he told them it was needed for his family's food, they returned \$9 of his \$21.

Highway Death Puts End To Stabbing Case Here

Klamath county's fourth traffic fatality since January 1, 1947, was chalked up this week-end with the death of Joseph Johnson, 26-year-old Chilquin resident, who suffered injuries shortly after 6 p. m. Saturday when struck by a car near Beatty. Johnson died at Klamath Valley hospital at 4 a. m. Sunday.

Johnson, a seven-eighth Klamath, was being sought in connection with the 1947 Auto stabbing of Marvin Johnson, 20-year-old Klamath Indian, in a brawl at Chilquin Friday night. Isaac is recovering in Hillsdale hospital from multiple wounds. John Arkell,

special Indian officer, said today from Chilquin that the stabbing case is now closed with Johnson's death.

State police, called to Beatty to investigate the accident, said Johnson was struck by a car operated by Guy Earn Chitwood, Bly garage and service station operator, as Chitwood was driving through Beatty and was on the outskirts en route to his home.

Chitwood told officers he did not see the man until Johnson was not more than 10 feet away. He appeared to be "trotting in the middle of the road," Chitwood told officers, and ran into the left front of the car. Johnson's body was hurled against the windshield and carried for some 70 feet when the Chitwood car, a pick-up, ran into a borrow pit. Johnson fell from the machine, unconscious. He was rushed to the hospital but he failed to regain consciousness before his death.

A passenger in the Chitwood machine, Arlin Emmitt Fears, Ivory Pine company employee, was the only witness.

Arkell said he thought Johnson might have been attempting to reach Garnerville, Nev., where his wife and two children now live. He had not been seen since the Friday night stabbing. Eye witnesses told Arkell that Johnson wielded the knife which sent Isaac to the hospital.

Johnson's body is at Ward's. He was the son of Edward Johnson, Klamath Indian, who lived his entire life on the reservation. Both parents are dead.

Chitwood was exonerated of blame in connection with Johnson's death but officers charged the Bly resident with inadequate foot brakes.

Pomona Votes For Sales Tax

Klamath County Pomona grange at its meeting Saturday went on record asking the state grange to reverse its stand against the sales tax, and to come out in favor of such a tax for this state.

The action was taken after considerable debate, and the vote was reported better than two to one in favor of the motion.

"Pants Burglar" Moves Operations

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—The "pants burglar" who started his career in West Linn last week has moved on to Oswego.

He crept into the home of Dr. T. E. Rudd in the early morning, carried out the doctor's trousers and Mrs. Rudd's purse. The trousers, pockets emptied, and the empty purse were found later in the yard.

WEATHER

Max. (Feb. 9) 40 Min. 31

Precipitation last 24 hours .00

Stream year to date .479

Normal 7.06 Last year .961

Forecast: Rain Tuesday.

Seeks Guard



Jack Kyle Perry, 34-year-old Klamath Falls man held in the Siskiyou county jail at Yreka, Calif., following his arrest here by state police January 29.

sought a guard from Siskiyou officials when he told them he feared an attempt would be made on his life. Perry, who has admitted to four counts in connection with the attempted rape of a 17-year-old Klamath Union high school girl, slashed his wrists and forearms in the Yreka jail Friday afternoon but was sufficiently recovered Saturday morning to appear in superior court. His arms were bandaged and he appeared shaken, witnesses said. Perry told officers that he was extremely nervous after inmates of the jail had described various Yreka lynchings and also said a "Klamath man" was trying to get thrown into jail in order "to get" Perry for the attack. Perry has indicated he would enter a plea of guilty to all charges in court Monday afternoon.

Vandenberg told a Grand Rapids news conference in advance of his speech to the Michigan state republican convention Saturday that he is not a candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, doesn't expect to be and has no wish to be. He added, however, that a man would be "entirely numb if he were insensitive to the compliment the suggestion implies."

Portal Case To High Court

DETROIT, Feb. 10 (AP)—With the blessings of Federal District Judge Frank A. Picard, the multi-billion dollar portal dispute appeared destined today to return to congress and the supreme court for final settlement.

Labor attorneys planned to carry Judge Picard's decision dismissing the Mt. Clemens Pottery Co. case to the nation's highest court and maintained it would have little or no bearing on hundreds of other portal suits on file in other districts.

Spokesmen for American industry, from which some \$4,800,000,000 is sought in portal claims, generally commended the ruling. Many felt, however, that revision of the fair labor standards (wage-hour) act still was "urgent."

Filipino Stabs Three On Train

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 10 (AP)—Detectives shot and wounded a Filipino in the lounge car of the Southern Pacific westbound train Limited here early today after he slashed three passengers with a knife.

The Filipino had terrorized the occupants of the car before it stopped in nearby Mesa, Ariz., and Phoenix police were asked to meet the train.

Detective Sgt. Clem Hoyt reported that officers entered each end of the car, and as the Filipino saw them he screamed and began slashing. Detectives Charles Heyser and Harry Roberts fired and wounded him in the left shoulder and left side.

Wounded by the Filipino's knife were Chief Petty Officer Jennings Stone, San Francisco, Goldie Hoffman, 61, Detroit, and Harvey Montgomery, 24, Shafter, Calif.

Arnall Speaks To LA Audience

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10 (AP)—Before an audience heavily sprinkled with police detectives, former Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia appeared last night as a forum speaker after a radio commentator broadcast a report that he would be the target of an assassination attempt.

No untoward incident occurred, and after the program the police escorted him to an airport where he caught a plane for Fresno.

Quake Toll

TOKYO, Feb. 10 (AP)—The earthquake and tidal wave which hit Japan December 21 took 1354 lives and destroyed 28,310 homes the home ministry's final tabulation showed today. The number left homeless was placed at 230,268.

4 Million Idled By Fuel Lack

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The gravest fuel famine in British history closed down more than half the kingdom's industry today, throwing more than 4,000,000 workers into idleness and restoring the wholesale dole.

Prime Minister Attlee said he could not forecast how soon the industrial crisis would end, and indicated spring might come before homes in the affected areas could return to normal power consumption. The homes, many of them dependent in part on electricity for heat, had to forego the use of electricity for five hours daily beginning today while industries in 38 of the 64 English and Welsh counties had to suspend operating entirely.

Industry First

"As soon as there are reasonable stocks (of coal) at the power stations," Attlee told the house of commons, "the first step must be to restore power for industry."

Winston Churchill, leader of the parliamentary opposition, joined Attlee in an appeal for popular support of the government's drastic orders, but challenged the prime minister to debate tonight the underlying reasons for them. The labor party leaders, in a stormy scene, agreed to the debate.

On the stock exchange industrial shares fell 20 to 60 cents, but there was no panic and the reaction there failed to bear out some quarters' preening expressions of gloom.

Briton Killed In Pola Riot

ROME, Feb. 10 (AP)—A British officer, Brig. R. W. M. De Winton, was shot to death by a woman today in Pola, an international Adriatic port and naval base awarded to Yugoslavia in the Italian peace treaty, British military officials said.

A mass evacuation of 28,000 of the 35,000 Italians in Pola was under way.

While Italian police and troops stood with machine-guns and rifles in increased strength before the American and British embassies, crowds of Italians, angered by the peace treaty awarding Pola and part of Venezia Giulia to Yugoslavia, demonstrated before the Yugoslav legation and demanded that its flag be pulled down.

Italians hammered against a legation door. A Yugoslav soldier guard fired a burst through the door with an automatic rifle. Josip Deffrancecki, press attache of the legation, said no one was hit. He said Italian police officials later arrived and demanded that arms be surrendered.

The police also asked that the Yugoslav flag be brought down, because "it was dangerous to fly it." The request was refused.

Death Toll In Dance Hall 81

BERLIN, Feb. 10 (AP)—Rescuers, working in near-zero temperatures, today had recovered 81 bodies from the ruins of the Karlstadt dance hall, razed by fire at the height of a Saturday night costume ball. Another 39 persons were in hospitals.

Capt. Frank Wallen, British fire chief, said he did not expect the death toll to climb much higher.

A check of British rosters showed seven soldiers missing, the British provost marshal's office said. Four British soldiers were hospitalized with burns.

Meanwhile German authorities were attempting to identify the bodies. Only three of the 81 have so far been identified, they said.

Edison Day

SALEM, Feb. 10 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today designated tomorrow as Thomas A. Edison day, the 100th anniversary of Edison's birth.

Entry List For "Oscar" Awards Names 10 Nominees

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 10 (AP)—The entry list for the annual race to filmdom's highest peak, the "Oscar Derby," was complete today—its 10 nominees for leading actor and actress awards including three former winners.

Best actor—Frederic March, "The Best Years of Our Lives"; Laurence Olivier, "Henry V"; Larry Parks, "The Jolson Story"; Gregory Peck, "The Yearling"; and James Stewart, "It's a Wonderful Life."

Best actress—Olivia DeHavilland, "To Each His Own"; Celia Johnson, "Brief Encounter"; Jennifer Jones, "Duel in the Sun"; Rosalind Russell, "Sister Kenny"; and Jane Wyman, "The Yearling."

Best picture—"The Best Years of Our Lives," "Henry V," "It's a Wonderful Life," "The Razor's Edge" and "The Yearling."

Best supporting actor—Ethel Barrymore, "The Spiral Staircase"; Anne Baxter, "The Razor's Edge"; Lillian Gish, "Duel in the Sun"; Flora Robson, "Saragatoga Trunk"; and Gal. Sondergaard, "Anna and the King of Siam."