

COUNTY RENT CURB PROPOSED

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE are signs and portents in the sky as this is written this morning. In themselves, they are so faint as to be almost imperceptible—like a cloud the size of a man's hand on the far horizon. But they are heavy with meaning.

BRITAIN and France sign a NEW 50-year alliance. They've signed a lot of treaties of alliance over the centuries that are past—always with fingers crossed, each seeking to slither the other. THEN it was imperialistic scheming that lay back of the treaties. NOW it is life or death of the way of life. Frenchmen and Englishmen have known for hundreds of years that is at stake.

BRITAIN this year will reduce the Royal Navy—which for centuries has been the apple of every Briton's eye—by some SIXTY PER CENT. WHY? The answer is as simple as adding two and two and getting four as the answer. The slash will cut Britain's annual bill for her navy from three-quarters of a billion dollars to a little better than ONE quarter of a billion.

WHO will police the oceans from here on? You know who. It will be the old gentleman with the chin whisker and the funny hat. He HAS to.

Why does he have to? The answer to that one is simple, also. The kind of world we want to live in can't operate without a policeman. If Uncle Samuel doesn't do the policing himself, HE will have to submit to being policed by somebody else.

Other than Britain, there is no policeman he is willing to trust.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is in Mexico. He is frankly there on a good will tour. Just as you go around visiting your neighbors and making yourself agreeable when you want and NEED their friendship and their business.

We haven't been TOO GOOD a neighbor of Mexico in the past. A little less than a century ago, by a combination of chicanery and force, we took from her all of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California and parts of Nevada, Utah and Colorado.

As a result, we have got a bad name through all the Western Hemisphere, especially that part of it lying south of the Rio Grande—where we are known as the Colossus of the North and rather generally suspected of carrying a shot-loaded pacifier up our sleeve.

YOU remember the proverb: "Circumstances alter cases." Circumstances are altering our case as to Latin America. Facing the certainty that Russia will control most of Europe and most of Asia, it becomes crystal clear to us that we must have friends throughout all the Western Hemisphere.

THE world is changing. It is up to us to keep up with the changes. Otherwise, like Britain, we will begin to fade out of the leadership picture. We wouldn't like that.

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Eastern States Buried In Snow

House Okays Boys' Camp Proposal

SALEM, March 5 (P)—The Oregon legislature took its first step today toward solving the state's critical juvenile delinquency problem when the house passed and sent to the senate a bill to establish a boys' camp at Timber, in Washington county.

The camp, located at a state-owned former CCC camp, will be for boys between 12 and 18 years old who can be rehabilitated. The boys would be given forestry work, particularly re-seeding part of the Tillamook burn.

The bill carries a \$100,000 appropriation.

Governor Earl Snell recommended that the legislature pass a bill to let counties and cities establish such camps with state financial support, but Rep. O. H. Bengtson, Medford, one of the principal sponsors, said the house social welfare committee didn't think the governor's plan was wise. He said the committee felt that the counties and cities wouldn't do anything about establishing the camps.

He said the camp would relieve overcrowding at the state training school for Woodburn, which eventually will be used for only the toughest problems.

Bengtson said the Timber camp would care for more than 30 boys.

Two Hurt In Auto Wreck

Two Southern Pacific employees were injured, one seriously, when their car struck an icy stretch of highway near the Grass Lake crossing late Tuesday night on a return trip from Dunsmuir, Calif.

In Hillside hospital is Lawrence W. Campbell, 40, 516 Klamath, assistant chief dispatcher for the SP. He has back and chest injuries, the attending physician stated. Driver of the car, Pete Mahoney, about 35, SP truck dispatcher, suffered a bad cut under one eye but refused hospitalization.

It is understood that the car left the highway and landed at the bottom of a steep grade and that Campbell was not moved for quite some time. A Greyhound bus picked the two up at the scene and brought them to Klamath Falls.

Mahoney, recent arrival from Texas, and Campbell had gone to Dunsmuir on business as the dispatcher's office is being moved back to that town from Klamath Falls.

Ellsworth Asks Land Opening

WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—Legislation to reopen Oregon and California railroad grant lands and Coos Bay wagon roads lands to exploration, location, entry and disposition under mining laws has been proposed in the house by Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.).

In another Ellsworth proposal congress was asked to authorize the agriculture and interior departments to exchange jurisdiction over sections of the Oregon and California railroad grant lands in national parks when it would improve administration.

Five-Man Highway Board Proposal Gets Opposition

SALEM, March 5 (P)—Sponsors of the house-approved bill to increase the state highway commission from three to five members told the senate state affairs committee last night that the five-man commission would have a broader view of highway problems and would have closer contact with local highway matters.

The opponents, who included Sen. Merle Chessman, Astoria, a former highway commissioner, said the bill was a slap at the present commission, and that the present system should not be changed because it is one of the best in the nation.

The bill would provide that two of the commissioners come from eastern Oregon, and three from western Oregon.

Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, Medford, and Rep. Max M. Lindon, Sweet Home, said the state is growing so fast that the

Rebound Action As Pelicans Copped District Hoop Title



An unidentified Klamath player (white uniform) has one hand on the ball but his right to the rebound is being contested by Tom Mottern (13) and Joe Ches (8), both of Medford. The Pelicans won the game last night, 57-37, and along with it the district 4 basketball title. Watching the play are LeRoy Coleman (4), and Fred Ches (10).

Record Crowd Attends Cage Game

By 7 o'clock last night, a full house and a quarter before game time, some 1500 Klamath and Medford basketball fans had pushed their way into the Klamath Union high school gymnasium to see the biggest game of the cage season for the two traditionally rival towns.

The largest throng ever to witness a high school cage game turned out, many were turned away and those who did get into the arena saw the Klamath Pelicans beat the Medford Tigers, 57 to 37.

With the victory went the southern Oregon (district 4) high school title and a slot in the state championship playoffs at Eugene next week.

As basketball games go, last night's contest was particularly sensational. The outcome was the thing. The two teams jockeyed for a few minutes in the first quarter, then the Pelicans slid into the lead and built it up.

By the time the third quarter was finished the game was all over except for the formality of determining a final score, and not even the most rabid Medford fans were holding out any great hope that the Black Tornado would pull out. A 20-point victory was what most fans were expecting at that juncture, and 20 points it was.

League standings as of today give the Pelicans 14 wins and one loss, Medford 12 victories and three losses. One more game, an anti-climax now, remains to be played tonight on the KUHS hardwood.

So next week Wayne Scott, Paul McCall and their 11 point-making charges journey to Eugene to compete with the state's best, including Salem, Eugene, Lebanon, Washington high of Portland. Four straight wins will be needed by the Pelicans to grab the state crown in spousal MacArthur court, so rather than lessening the pressure for the local boys, last night's win was just the beginning. (Full details will be found on the sports page).

Marshall Leaves For Big Four Meeting In Moscow

WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—Secretary of State Marshall left today for the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Moscow, openly expressing doubt that a peace treaty for Germany can be written there.

He forecasts success, however, for a second aim of the momentous gathering—the drafting of a peace agreement for Austria.

Preliminary talks have laid the groundwork for an Austrian accord. But Marshall said the Big Four—France, Russia, Great Britain and the United States—are still in disagreement on the fundamentals of a German treaty.

This preview of the Moscow meeting was given reporters just before Marshall's plane took off at 9:11 a.m. The secretary added in a dictated statement.

Apartment Ruins Probed

To reach a decision regarding the status of the Evans apartment building a five-man board is inspecting the ruins of the burned structure this afternoon.

On the board which will decide whether the building should be left standing and be rebuilt or be condemned and torn down are Leo N. Huls, L. M. Watkins and H. E. Roskamp, contractors, and Sheldon Brumbaugh and Howard Perrin, architects.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf said today that the inspection board is expected to turn in its report and recommendation to the city council at its next meeting Monday night.

The board was appointed following a recommendation by Building Inspector Walter Salisbury and Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose at last Monday's council session. Councilman W. D. Miller, a contractor, was originally appointed to the board but is out of town.

Red Cross Drive Gains Ground

The 1947 Red Cross drive is marching right along with 16 business firms the first to respond in contributions totaling \$1500.

According to Mrs. Lena M. Dennis, executive secretary of the Red Cross, these contributions were made under the firm names and do not include employees.

The 16 to make their early response are, F. W. Woolworth, Union Oil company, Safeway Stores, F. W. Bertram Jewelers, Lorenz company, Big Lakes Box, Baisger Motor, Dick B. Miller, Howard R. Perrin, Curries for Drugs, J. W. Kerns, Home Lumber, Cascade apartment hotel, Ralph L. Smith Lumber company, Rickys Jewelers, Miller's.

WEATHER
Mar. (March 6) — 50 Min. — 50
Precipitation last 24 hours — .00
Year to date — .00
Last year — 10.28 Normal — 8.91
Forecast: Clear today, tonight and tomorrow.

Icy Roads Cause Wreck Of 2 Trucks

Icy roads were attributed to two accidents to Beck's bakery trucks early this week and cargoes of both machines were lost when the cars overturned. Neither driver was injured.

At 5:30 a.m. Monday a full load of bakery goods was lost at the Mt. Hebron summit when Joe Derrah, 27-year-old driver of the three-quarter ton truck lost control of the machine on the frozen roadbed and overturned in the ditch. Derrah was driving to Yreka, Calif., when the accident occurred. The highway was covered with one foot of snow and deeply rutted with frozen slush, Fred Beck stated.

The second accident occurred at 12:45 p.m. Monday when Robert Byrkit, 25, was driving a half-ton bakery laden truck to Klamath Falls from the north. Byrkit said he was pulling up to stop at Horn's service station when he applied the brakes and one of the wheels slid on the slick pavement and threw him to the left side of the highway where he went into the ditch and overturned.

Both trucks were considerably damaged and towed into a garage here for repairs.

17 Deaths Attributed To Storm

By The Associated Press
Towns in Pennsylvania and upstate New York were isolated and many rural schools were closed by a three-day siege of snowstorms that swept the Great Lakes basin and appeared today to be moving into the north Atlantic.

As much as 40 inches of snow fell in some areas during the storms, which were blamed for 17 deaths—eight in New York state, six in Pennsylvania and three in New England.

Freighter Missing
The freighter Novadoc, last heard from three days ago when she was reported to have left the New England coast had ripped away a cargo hatch, was a possible storm victim. She carried a crew of about 25.

The Portland, Me., lightship, blown four miles off station by a gale and 30-foot seas, was towed to port late yesterday, her anchor missing and her engine out of order.

Eight Buffalo skiers, marooned near Honeoye Falls, N. Y., received food supplies by parachute. The Niagara Falls (N. Y.) Gazette used a helicopter for deliveries to rural subscribers.

A day and a half later, a Pullman carrying 154 passengers finally reached Watertown, N. Y., last night behind three locomotives and a rotary plow.

The tie-up of transportation in upstate New York had cut off milk deliveries for many communities, and curtailment of the New York City supply was threatened.

Hindu-Moslem Riots Continue

LAHORE, India, March 5 (P)—Sikhs and Hindus fought Moslems in the walled section of this capital city of the Punjab again today and the two-day death toll mounted to at least 25.

Troops helped Lahore police, who fired on the rioters several times, in efforts to restore order. Shops were set afire in the Lahore bazaar market. Rioters and the police were reported to have exchanged fire in another sector. A bank in the old city was reported unofficially to have been looted.

Home Secretary A. A. MacDonald, said police picked up 13 bodies by mid-afternoon, in addition to the 13 found yesterday.

Master Tara Singh, a Sikh leader, appealed to a meeting of 4000 Sikhs to adhere to non-violence.

"We haven't got arms for the moment," he said. "If the situation demands it, we will have to change our tactics."

The streets were deserted and shops were closed. Heavy police patrols moved through the quiet streets, armed with rifles and with bayonets fixed.

2 Dead In Plane Crash

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., March 5 (P)—Two California airmen died as a wing snapped from their plane as the pilot tried to pull out of a power dive here yesterday.

CAA Inspector Myles Ruggerberg said they apparently were en route to a landing in the clouds, went into a steep dive, and the effort to level off tore the wing from the ex-army AT-6.

Ruggerberg said the pilot, William Archer Baker, 27, North Sacramento, Calif., was not licensed for instrument flying. He was crashed in the cockpit as the plane hit and his passenger, William C. Peterson, 29, Truckee, Calif., was thrown free.

Residents here heard the plane roaring down through the clouds at high speed.

Rent Increase Gets Approval

WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—Legislation allowing a general 10 per cent increase in rents was approved 3 to 2 today by a senate banking subcommittee.

Senator Buck (R-Del.), chairman of the subcommittee, told reporters the full banking committee probably will consider the proposal tomorrow.

Buck and Republican Senators Cain of Washington and Bricker of Ohio voted for the rent bill while two democrats opposed it, Sparkman of Alabama and Taylor of Idaho.

The measure would continue rent controls through this year, but take their enforcement from OPA and give it to the national housing agency.

Snowdrifts Halt Rail Travel

OTTAWA, Ont., March 5 (P)—Food shortages threatened hundreds of isolated communities today as snowdrifts throttled the rural economy in the southern part of Ontario province.

Whole counties were cut off from normal commerce by rail and road yesterday. Drifts ranging up to 30 feet closed schools, stopped milk and food deliveries and left hundreds of travelers stranded.

Many travelers faced hardship in temporary accommodations after abandoning buses, automobile and trucks. Lonely farm homes and village bus stations had unexpected guests. Even town jails were pressed into service. Entire trains were halted.

Three men held up the cashier of a motion picture theatre in downtown Jerusalem shortly after 9 a. m. and escaped with \$800, touching off a flurry of military activity.

Judge Slumbers Over "Amber"

BOSTON, March 5 (P)—Reading of a few passages of "Forever Amber"—a supposedly naughty novel of a gay beauty of England's 17th century court—put a 66-year-old superior court judge to sleep.

The book is on trial on a charge of "obscenity"—the first test of a new Massachusetts censorship law under which the novel itself, rather than the bookseller or publisher, is answerable.

Asked by defense counsel for the publishers, Macmillan and company, and Boston book merchants, if he read the book, Judge Francis J. Donahue replied yesterday's proceedings:

"I tried to last night and went to sleep after reading 10 minutes."

Krug Mum On Coal Situation

WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—Secretary of Interior Krug, asked about the possibility of a new soft coal strike, told reporters today that he would handle emergencies as they arise.

"We handled one strike all right," Krug added.

Krug, who is boss of the government-leased mines, talked to newsmen upon his return from a tour of the Pacific. He did not elaborate.

The United Mine Workers walked out twice last year. A spring shutdown ended when the government took over the pits and Krug signed a contract with John L. Lewis, UMW chief. Lewis called a truce until April 1 in an autumn walkout after he was cited for contempt of court.

Emergency Bill Asked By Snell

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, March 5 (P)—Governor Earl Snell today submitted a bill to the legislature to enable counties to adopt rent control measures in the event that federal rent controls end.

The bill, which Attorney General George Neuner prepared, would expire on December 31, 1948. The governor said it is an emergency measure to permit counties to hold rents down in event congress fails to re-act federal rent controls.

The governor sent the bill to the house legislation and rules committee for introduction.

County Courts
The bill would set up the county courts as agencies to administer the rent control, and permit the courts to use county emergency funds to administer it and to appoint the necessary employees.

The courts would be allowed to fix rents to conform with the federal system or to the rents which prevailed as of January 1, 1946. If the courts find the rents of that date were abnormal, they could use the rents as of January 1, 1946, as a base.

The county courts would have to end rent controls when the act expires, when the number of vacancies reaches 10 per cent, or when the court finds the emergency has ended, whichever comes first. The bill provides for circuit court appeals from decisions by the county courts, and provides for injunctions for violations.

Maximum penalties for violations would be \$500 fine or two years in prison.

Hope Fades For Skier

NORDEN, Calif., March 5 (P)—Hope for survival of a missing skier in the High Sierra snows faded today and fears increased that he was the victim of an avalanche.

Four army planes, a snow machine and 20 skiers searched without success for Grant E. Cox, 25, army veteran of the Burma jungles.

Cox, a student at Sacramento Junior college, has been missing since Sunday night when he failed to return with a winter sports party at this Sugar Bowl ski resort.

Forest Ranger Max Williamson, directing a ground party of 20 skiers from the Sugar Bowl chalet, said the search was concentrating today on tracks found between here and Ice Lake.

"If this clue turns out to be false, there's not much hope," Williamson said. "The theory that he was 'buried' by an avalanche seems pretty good."

Tracing Wildfowl Flight With Radar May Be Tried

WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—The teenage boy winner of the national science talent search plans to use radar to discover one of nature's great secrets—the "uncanny orientation ability of birds."

Martin Karplus, 16, of West Newton, Mass., said he hopes to enlist the aid of friends at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in seeking the answer to this question:

How are migratory birds able to fly hundreds of miles, with the seasons, and return to a nesting place they enjoyed the previous year?

"This is something that is unsolved," Martin said in an interview last night after receiving the Westinghouse Electric corporation \$2,400 top scholarship prize in a nationwide science contest for senior high school students.

Explaining his project, young Karplus told a reporter:

"I believe that a small radar set, used at night and in fog, will detect bands of birds in flight and show whether they depend upon sight for guiding them in flight, or some other ability."

"If they have the ability to stay on course at night, it indicates they use some other sense than sight."

"Then radar can be used in another way. For instance, it is known that homing pigeons become confused in the vicinity of radar towers. It may be the tower beams which cause the confusion by interfering with a natural 'radar' of the birds' own."

"So I want to shine radar beams upon wild birds in flight and determine if the birds sense it."

"We will be a long way, then, toward learning the secret of bird flight."

Vera Demere, of Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., the winner of the grand prize for girls, has specialized in genetics, the study of heredity. At 16, she already has had experience as a full-time biological laboratory assistant and assistant to Prof. Theodosius Dobzhansky, Columbia university geneticist.