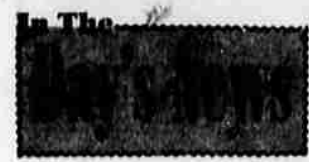


END OF JAP OCCUPATION ASKED



By FRANK JENKINS

IN Portland on Saturday, there was a bankruptcy case. It involved a construction company that had approximately 40 houses under way. Rising costs are said to have been responsible. That is to say, the contractor's COSTS moved up to the point where he was no longer able to pay out.

There have been few bankruptcies in recent years.

COMING events cast their shadows before them.

When we see swallows, we judge that summer is on the way. When long V's of geese, heading south, appear in the sky, we know by past experience that winter is around the corner.

Similarly, the first bankruptcies warn us that the long upswing of costs and prices is nearing its end and that the normal laws of business are beginning to reassert themselves. The first law of business is that if you buy higher than you can sell, and keep it up, you go broke.

THERE is another sign in the Oregon sky.

The state unemployment commission tells us today that in Multnomah, Columbia and Washington counties 25,600 people are unemployed. This figure, the commission predicts, will remain substantially unchanged for the rest of March. It is about 100 less now than it was in January.

There has been a long period during which there has been no unemployment. The signs tell us that this period, too, may be drawing to a close. Unless, that is, more employment is created.

THE way to create more employment is to begin to produce the things that people want and need. If that is to be done, there must be a more dependable relationship between prices and costs. What the economists, using a fancy term, call ENTERPRISERS won't go on making things if the prospects indicate that they are likely to lose money instead of making money doing so.

That is what these signs in the sky are beginning to mean.

HERE is a general summing up of what has been happening: We've been on a long joyride. As wages have got too low to meet rising prices, we've raised wages—in one way and another. As prices have got too low to meet the pressure of rising wages, we've raised prices. It has been a pleasant ride while it lasted. Nobody has had to worry much.

The signs indicate that the joyride is nearing its end. Soon, we're going to have to go back to work. Or take the consequences.

THROUGHOUT the world, where people haven't got back to work, the consequences haven't been pleasant. They won't be pleasant here.

Getting back to work, on sound, time-tested principles, will be the best thing that can happen to us.

ANOTHER question arises today regarding President Truman's new foreign policy, which is spotlighted by what he is doing in the case of Greece and Turkey. In carrying out this new policy, are we or are we not going to BY-PASS United Nations and go ahead on our own?

The question is asked in congress this morning by Senator H. Alexander Smith, of New Jersey, who says he is concerned by any by-passing of UN, and thinks a frank statement of American intentions should be made to the international organization.

THIS is the big issue involved in the President's new foreign policy. Is it vitally necessary to our national safety that we stop Russia now, before she gets too big to handle?

It seems to this insignificant writer that this is a time for a full and frank answer to that pregnant question.

14-Year-Old Boy Held In "Impulse Hanging" Case

ALBANY, N. Y., March 17 (AP)—Carl De Flumer, 14-year-old junior high school pupil, is in Albany county jail today awaiting examination Wednesday on a first degree murder charge in what authorities termed "the impulse" hanging of eight-year-old Robert Wahrman.

The slender, dark-haired De Flumer was arraigned in police court yesterday as his sobbing parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. De Flumer, watched. A plea of innocent to a first degree murder charge is mandatory under state law. The penalty upon conviction could be death in the electric chair.

District Attorney Junior B. Erway said Carl had confessed to the slaying. He said he believed the hanging was the result of "an impulse."

Meanwhile, funeral services

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Four Lakeview Residents Drown

On Saturday Night At McArthur Court



At left, a bit of action in the final state hoop tournament game at McArthur court Saturday night, showing Jerry Thorn (11) of Klamath Falls and Dick Mobley of Marshfield leaping for a ball off the Klamath backboard. Others in the picture: Bussman (P), Coleman (4) and Hoyer (8), all of Klamath. Note ball has swished basket net upwards. At right: Klamath's captain, LeRoy Coleman, receives the second-place trophy. At left, smiling, is Colton Meek, Portland, president of the Oregon High School Athletic Association. Klamath lost the final game, 51-49.

Soviets Ask Reparations

MOSCOW, March 17 (AP)—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov demanded of the foreign ministers' conference today a 20-year reparation payment plan by which Germany would pay the Soviet Union \$10,000,000,000.

Molotov asked for a four-power control of the Ruhr and immediate cancellation of the American-British zonal fusion.

The Russian diplomat demanded also the removal from Germany of capital goods such as factories for reparations, a division of German assets held abroad and reparations from current production. He said the 20-year payment period should date from the signing of the Potsdam agreement in 1945.

Molotov said the agreed level of German production in steel should be raised from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 tons annually to provide for reparations payment.

Blast On Boat Kills Crewman

COOS BAY, March 17 (AP)—Two unexplained explosions aboard the fishing boat Louhelen Saturday killed J. L. Castle, Portland, and injured three others on the outbound craft.

The coast guard picked up two survivors and K. C. Short, Charleston fisherman, rescued a third. All were hospitalized with serious burns. The boat caught fire and the scarred and empty hull drifted onto the beach.

The injured: Henry A. Foley, 57, Newport, owner of the craft; Herman Anderson, 54, and Palmer K. Albertson, 27, Coquille.

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Hundreds of Klamathites Travel To Eugene Tourney

A steady stream of cars returned to Klamath Falls from Eugene Sunday where an estimated 800 Klamathites watched Saturday night's championship game between the Pelicans and Marshfield high.

One section of big McArthur court was reserved for KUHS students, many of whom saw both the Friday and Saturday night games. The Pep Peppers and the Klamath Knights wore the traditional red and white garb and the cheer leaders were also in the KUHS colors.

No accidents marred the return trip as perfect weather ruled over the week-end.

Noticed in the big crowd of Klamath folks and sprinkled in other sections of the court where foresighted people had reserved seats for the "big game," were many former Klamath Falls residents, now living in the valley, and several score University of Oregon and Oregon State college students who cheered the Pelican hoopers from their home town.

At no time during the championship tilt did Klamath let down in support of the Pelicans and there were tears observed in the eyes of many KUHS youngsters who had high hopes that the Pelicans would bring home the trophy.

A number of Klamath folks congratulated Big Bill Borchert, coach of the Marshfield high team which won the state championship. Borchert is well known here. His wife is the former Kay Dunbar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Hauger, 1540 Pacific Terrace. Borchert spent several years in the navy and during that time Mrs. Borchert and their daughter, Sandra, remained at the Hauger home. Sandra is here now so that her parents could be in Eugene during the tournament. Hauger was among those from home who saw the game.

Play by play reporting on the tournament games in which the Pelicans played Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, was given by Don Neal of KFLW, The Herald and News radio station, and there were thousands of listeners during the tournament period. Saturday night's bridge games went by the board as folks went in to hear the final game of the series.

Through the courtesy of KUGN, Eugene, a technician, microphone and transmitter were supplied for the use of the KFLW sportscaster in bringing the game to home folks.

British Lift Martial Law

JERUSALEM, March 17 (AP)—The Palestine government lifted martial law today after 15 days of British army rule, officially reported imposed to check violence by the Jewish underground, over sections of the Holy Land.

Some 25,000 of Jerusalem's Jews welcomed the end at noon (2 a. m. PST) in a virtual holiday spirit. They thronged to the edges of the wire-garred military zone an hour before hand to await release. Police had combed their homes for terrorist suspects during the martial law period.

Martial law had cut off some 250,000 Jews from the rest of Palestine. The government proclaimed some success in the hunt for armed Jewish opponents of Britain's mandate policies, but violence continued last night.

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Jobless Figure Remains Level

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Planes Search Missing Boat

HONOLULU, March 17 (AP)—Nine aircraft prepared to take off from Midway today to search anew for 12 men missing in a lifeboat—and feared beyond the reach of planes—while 22 other crewmen of the broken tanker Fort Dearborn rode out lashing seas halfway between Midway and Pearl Harbor.

Late reports from the navy command ship Eldorado, escorting the tanker's stern section, said the half-ship with the 22 men aboard was "steaming ahead safely, with stern to sea and wind," and with the storm subsiding.

The Eldorado said the men reported the bulkhead still intact and the stern seaworthy, despite battering by 45-knot winds and high seas, which had prevented their rescue.

Ten other Fort Dearborn crewmen, taken from the almost-awash bow section, were safely aboard the liner General W. H. Gordon, bound for San Francisco.

If the missing Fort Dearborn lifeboat, unsighted since put out last Wednesday, has drifted at the same rate as bow and stern it now is virtually beyond reach of land-based search planes, the spokesman acknowledged.

Marshall And Stalin To Meet

MOSCOW, March 17 (AP)—The foreign ministers council convened for its seventh session today amid expectations that Prime Minister Stalin and U. S. Secretary of State Marshall soon would have a far-reaching effect on Soviet-American relations.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was reported to have drafted a letter to Soviet Minister V. M. Molotov rejecting Molotov's proposal for a special conference on China. Bevin took a stand similar to Marshall's but in addition it was reported to have stressed that Britain viewed the Chinese matter as primarily between the United States and Russia.

Some diplomats said Bevin's reported letter showed a British trend toward a secondary role in issues on which she could gracefully seek a neutral line.

POTATOES

LOS ANGELES, March 17 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 16 broken, 48 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Calif., 5 Idaho 31, Ore. 1, Nev. 1, Utah 6; 2 cars arrived by truck; market steady; Idaho russets No. 1 size A 3.50.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 9 broken, 21 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Ore. 2, Calif. 7, Idaho 4, Nev. 5, Florida 1; 2 cars arrived by truck; market slightly stronger; Idaho russets No. 1 size A 3.50-75; Deschutes russets No. 1 size A 3.65-75.

Warm Weather Brings Fire Threat

PORTLAND, March 17 (AP)—Oregon's warm weather brought on an unseasonal danger here today—brush fires.

Two broke out over the week-end, one burning 100 acres south of Portland and endangering a suburban development before being controlled.

WEATHER

Max. (Mar. 16) 52 Min. 35
Precipitation last 24 hours .50
Stream level to date 5.50
Last year 10.00 Normal 8.50
Forecast: Mostly clear today, tonight and Tuesday.

Irish Celebrate With Wearing Of The Green Today

Wherever two Irishmen got together today, they were slapping each other on the back and giving voice to "The Wearing of the Green."

Today, Monday, is St. Patrick's Day and the Irish throughout the world pinned shamrocks in their lapels and boasted emerald green ties. Even the kids at school entered into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, with the girls wearing green ribbons in their curls and the boys pinning a bit of green to their sweaters.

The Irish always dance the Saturday nearest St. Patrick's Day and there was quite a celebration in these parts over the week-end.

In New York City an estimated 80,000 sons and daughters of The Emerald Isle paraded down Fifth avenue today as that city paid its annual tribute to St. Patrick. In Dublin, Ireland, there was a shortage of shamrocks. Winter snows which have covered the island for many weeks were responsible. Sprigs sold for half a crown (50 cents), compared to the usual price of three pence (five cents). According to Dublin sources, the holiday was observed quietly. Saloons closed. There was a scarcity of whiskey this week—but no shortage of the Irish national drink, "stout."

Collier Bill Support Given

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 17 (AP)—Dual sessions were again the order of the day as the California legislature today resumed the regular fifty-seventh general session after a constitutional recess which lasted 40 days.

Still under way is the extraordinary session which the governor called to modernize and expand the state's road system.

In 28 legislative days not a highway bill was enacted, but the \$2,800,000 Collier committee measure was passed by the senate and its supporters have the floor today at the assembly revenue and taxation committee hearing to make their case.

Although the superhighway program seemed mired in a controversy between the two houses, some of its proponents have expressed the belief it can move ahead by compromise, possibly by trimming the proposed two-cent gasoline tax to a cent or a cent and a half and taking lesser increases in the truck, diesel fuel and other road user taxes.

The reconvening of the regular sessions means the highway program will no longer have the exclusive attention of the lawmakers.

Mayor Injured In Airport Fall

Head injuries sustained when he fell into a drainage pit at the airport Sunday today confined Mayor Ed Ostendorf to his home, 519 Pacific Terrace, where he is recovering satisfactorily.

The mayor, the airport commission and the airport manager were on an inspection tour of buildings at the field which the city hopes to acquire from the war assets administration. The men were checking over the old administration building. The drainage pit is situated off the side of a small room inside the structure which has no lighting facilities. Mayor Ed Ostendorf slipped into the 5 or 6-foot pit in the dark, apparently striking his head on a pump at the bottom. The accident occurred at 10:30 a. m.

Ostendorf was given immediate medical attention and brought to town. His condition today is said to be good, but he will be at home for a few days. He is suffering from gashes on the head.

Army Banishes Shoulder Patch

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The army is banishing all but a few of the unit shoulder patches of World War II.

The changes, it said, "are the result of an effort to decrease individual arm or service consciousness and foster an increased ground forces esprit de corps."

The announcement added that sleeve insignia or small non-divisional units—including airborne, armored, amphibious and similar organizations—would disappear, leaving only patches for divisions, corps, armies or the army ground forces.

Truman Nominates Clay For General

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, commander of U. S. forces in Europe, for the temporary rank of full general.

Mr. Truman also nominated Maj. Gen. Clarence Ralph Huebner, Clay's chief of staff, to be a lieutenant general.

Both officers hold the permanent rank of brigadier general.

MacArthur Criticizes "Blockade"

TOKYO, March 17 (AP)—General MacArthur today advocated an early end of the military occupation of Japan and elimination of allied headquarters' position under a formal peace treaty on which negotiations should begin "as soon as possible."

"Control and guidance" of Japanese democratization should then continue under supervision of the United Nations, MacArthur told correspondents in his first on-the-record press conference since early in the war.

No Time Set

He declined to specify when he thought peace negotiations should begin, but indicated he believed it should be within a matter of months at the longest. He likewise declined to speculate on the probable length of additional supervision.

MacArthur said Japan, having renounced war, is depending upon "the advanced spirituality of the world to protect it from undue aggression" and that: "If the United Nations are ever to succeed, this is the most favorable opportunity it has ever had. . . . If the United Nations cannot provide these mild controls, it cannot meet any challenge."

The Japanese, said MacArthur, would consider United Nations control "protective rather than repressive. It could continue as long as it was munificent."

Economic Blockade

He said Japan was under a continuing economic blockade. "Economic warfare, along those lines still is as bitter here as when guns were firing. . . . No weapon, not even the atom bomb, is as deadly in its final effect as economic warfare."

Japan "has got to be allowed to trade with the world," he went on. "We've got to take it out of the hands of the government and put it in the hands of private traders."

MacArthur said Japan was "thoroughly exhausted" economically at the end of the war and that "all she had left was men."

"Even under strictest rationing," Japan is not producing enough to satisfy her needs. The difference must be filled by the allies. If we keep this economic blockade up, more and more will we have to support this country."

\$7000 Given In RC Drive

The Red Cross drive now entering the third week has reached approximately 30 per cent of its quota of \$25,000. At Monday noon, March 17, approximately \$7,000 had been turned in to the local Red Cross headquarters, according to Mrs. Lena M. Dennis, local executive secretary to the Red Cross.

The first of the several rural communities to report was Chilquin, Ft. Klamath, and Midland, all of whom were over their quota.

All business firms are urged to contact their employees as soon as possible. If you haven't been contacted by a Red Cross representative, mail your contribution in to the local Red Cross headquarters.

Brazilian Rebels Capture Town

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 17 (AP)—The Brazilian news agency Aspress reported today that Paraguayan rebels had captured Piedra Juan Caballero, capital of the province of Amambay on the Brazilian border, and scored other successes in the ten-day uprising.

The same dispatches said the rebels had taken the stronghold of Pense Harnica, and released about 1,000 officers interned there by Paraguayan President Higinio Morinigo. Among them was listed Col. Alfredo Galeano, one of the leaders of the garrison at Concepcion, where the revolt erupted.

Legislature Hears Grange Opposition To Sales Tax

SALEM, March 17 (AP)—The proposed 30 per cent tax on slot machines, pinball games and punchboards was tabled again without debate today by the house assessment and taxation committee, as the committee heard grange and labor arguments against the 3 per cent sales tax bill.

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