

ACHESON DOUBTS WAR DANGER



By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, about mid-morning, there is little enough today of what we call BIG news. That is to say, Russia hasn't started shooting anywhere. Talmadge, losing out in the courts, hasn't called out the Georgia militia to hold his gubernatorial job by force.

From the standpoint of the headline writers, this is what we newspaper people call a dull day. (So far.)

BUT there is plenty of significant news. By that, this writer means news that is worth while if you take the trouble to look behind it and figure out what it means.

FOR example:

After a winter of unprecedented snow and cold, the weather has turned warmer in England. It is raining. And thawing. As a result of the thaw, plus the rain, extraordinary floods are following the extraordinary snow and cold.

Rivers are over the banks and STILL RISING in what London dispatches describe as the "worst floods in living memory." The British weather experts, the dispatches add, "reluctantly" forecast rain with a further outlook of more rain.

POOR old Britain. (The "old" is used advisedly. Britain is centuries upon centuries older than we. She is obviously losing her grip on the things that have made her great in the past. Losing one's grip on things is a sure sign of age.)

She has been battered by two world wars, in both of which she fought for survival of her way of life. Fought bravely. Tenaciously. No one can ever forget how Britain stood alone after Dunkerque and the fall of France, bloody but unbowed, and defied the then seemingly irresistible Hitler to do his worst.

It doesn't seem right, after what Britain has been through, that she should be called upon to endure such a winter.

IN the case of injustice, in these modern days, our first thought is to PASS A LAW FOR-BIDDING THE INJUSTICE.

But what good would it do to pass a law declaring a moratorium on bad weather in England?

THE point is that in this life there are some things so big and so fundamental that they can't be handled by the comparatively easy process of passing a law. They just have to be toughed out.

WHEN we get just so deep in trouble, we have to work our way out. We can't wave our way out with a wand.

MAYBE it shouldn't be that way. But it IS that way.

THERE is another of these "significant" stories on the wire this morning. It's what we professional call "feature" story. It comes from Des Moines (Iowa).

The gist of it is that a state representative from Sioux City has a scheme of his own for bringing adjournment of the legislature when the time is ripe. On his desk he keeps a cigar box filled with dirt. Sprouts of wheat, corn and oats are showing green above the surface.

When the corn gets a couple of inches high, the Sioux City man explained to the reporters this morning, "the farmers will become restless and will want to go home."

THAT is to say, these dirt farmer members of the legislature know that there must come a time in Iowa when it is more important to raise corn than to pass laws.

If enough of the right kind of laws isn't passed, injustices may continue. But if enough corn isn't raised, people WILL GO HUNGRY.

HUNGER is the greatest of all injustices. Hungry people can't be fed indefinitely by simply passing a law. Only production of enough food will alleviate hunger.

That is one of the fundamentals. We mustn't get away from fundamentals. If we do, we must suffer.

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Gasoline Price Jump General Here

California Officials Hit Oil Firms

Gasoline prices generally were higher in Klamath Falls today, as other firms followed the lead of Standard of California.

The going price of well-known brands today was 25.8 cents for regular grade, and 27.8 for ethyl. An exception was Union oil, which went up to 28 cents on ethyl. Before the raise, the price was 25 and 27 on the two grades.

Purcase and fuel oils also went up, the usual boost being .07 cents. Kerosene and other petroleum products were higher.

Standard started the price jump on the coast yesterday, stating that it planned to put the money into research for new producing areas. Standard's action drew a hot statement from Governor Earl Warren of California who called it a "plain steal and an insolent disregard for the welfare of the people."

He promised an investigation of oil company earnings.

In California, the oil companies have been fighting an added tax on gasoline to finance a big road building program.

There was no official or concerted protest locally on the gas price rise, but one man connected with an oil company remarked that he felt the upward trend was "going too far."

SACRAMENTO, March 20 (AP)—A counter offensive was under way in the legislature today against gasoline price increases announced by oil companies.

State Senator Chris Jespersen (R), Atascadero, said he will sponsor a constitutional amendment to put the oil companies under the jurisdiction of the state public utilities commission.

Assemblyman George Collins (D), San Francisco, said he will press for passage of his bill to impose a severance tax on oil producing companies.

Jespersen said yesterday, "I desire to congratulate Governor Warren upon his immediate and aggressive action following the announced intention of major oil companies of California to increase the price of gasoline today."

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Welfare Head Asks Leave

Mrs. Altha Urquhart, administrator for the Klamath county public welfare commission, announced today her intention of taking a six-months leave of absence beginning April 1.

In commenting on her leave, Mrs. Urquhart said that she had no definite plans for the period, but was just going to rest. She has been connected with the welfare commission for the past 11 years, most of that time being spent in administrative work.

Who will succeed Mrs. Urquhart during her leave is not yet known, although it is expected that someone will be appointed to the temporary post soon.

Local Women To Join Broadcast

Mrs. Avis McConnell, manager of the Pelican cafe, and Mrs. Lucille Warner, assistant manager, will be guests on the Breakfast Club hour, heard over KFLW Monday through Friday from 8 to 9 a. m., the morning of March 27, as guests of Swift and company at Chicago.

Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Warner will leave Friday over the new Great Northern Streamliner for Chicago to attend the National Restaurant Owners association convention. They will return by way of New Orleans and Los Angeles, arriving here on April 2.



These three little girls, lolling in the grass on Conger avenue, epitomize spring fever which has hit more than one Klamathite as the sun bore down as high as 75 degrees the past week. Left to right, Rebecca "Becky" Solis, her sister, Christine, or "Chris," and little Karen Hanley.

House Okays Highway Funds

SALEM, March 20 (AP)—Bills increasing the counties' and cities' share of highway revenues from 20.7 to 32.5 per cent were passed by the house today and sent to the senate, while the senate approved 18 to 11 and sent to the house a bill changing Oregon from a common-law to a community property state.

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RC Drive Tops \$10,000

The 1947 American Red Cross campaign now in its third week reached a total today of approximately \$10,000. At this stage of the drive Klamath Falls is falling behind on a percentage basis in comparison to other communities in the state of Oregon.

Frank Sexton, fund chairman, urged all business people to co-operate with the local Red Cross solicitors in the solicitation of their employees.

In the industrial plants the Ewauna Sub-local 612, CIO, was the first to turn in a complete return for their employees in the 1947 campaign. A total of \$357.50 was collected under the leadership of Joe Abner, shop steward, and Dorothy Howard, Emma Barnes, Paul Pfeifferle and Clifford Woods.

Motor Age Loses To Stork, Again

The motor age lost to the stork—who has actually been around a lot longer—when a baby boy arrived to Mrs. Preston McCurdy of Tulelake as the McCurdy car was tearing along S. 6th street at 6 o'clock last night en route to Klamath Valley hospital.

Mrs. McCurdy had made three previous trips to the hospital but all were false alarms. Last evening the stork quit playing pranks and went about his business seriously. The child, first born to the McCurdys, weighed in at 7 pounds 15 ounces according to the hospital and is as fit as a fiddle. Mrs. McCurdy is also doing nicely. Driver of the car was the new arrival's papa, and with Mrs. McCurdy in the back seat was her mother, Mrs. O. C. Pitts.

62 Jap Camp Buildings Go To Klamath Potato Growers

Sixty-two buildings at the old Jap camp at Newell have been allocated to the Klamath Potato Growers' association. It was learned here today in an unofficial release which came through from the United States bureau of reclamation Wednesday night. The order was placed March 5.

This is the second grant given the association, an order placed last October for 40 buildings was filled earlier this year. A second order is going in on April 1, and at the present time 60 buildings are requested. Any grower interested in obtaining

one of the buildings to be used to house farm labor, should get his order in immediately. Orders may be filed in the county agent's office and must be accompanied by \$100 earnest money as assurance that grounds will be left in good shape and the buildings moved when stated. The full amount is refunded when requirements are carried out.

Granting the buildings to growers means improved living facilities for farm laborers and will probably be an incentive for better and more permanent labor during the coming harvest season.

Demand for farm labor is not yet strong but has picked up somewhat during the past two weeks of good weather. It is expected to strengthen around April 1 and continue in intensity through the harvest period. General farming and planting, now done principally through machinery operations, has not created the demand which will arise when more work is done manually. It was pointed out by the county agent's office.

Ag Man Meets Homesteaders

Oran Commons, Modoc county representative of the agriculture conservation association, met with Tule lake homesteaders at Newell Wednesday to determine how many homesteaders are interested in putting in potatoes this year.

As many of the homesteaders are not in the area at the present, having left for their homes to prepare the final move onto their Tule lake units, no decision was reached.

Commons will be at the settlement specialists office on April 7, the deadline date on potato allotments to homesteaders only, under the ACA program.

Portlander Gets New Treatment

Carl A. Peters of Portland found it not to do as the Portlanders do. City police officers Wednesday afternoon spied Peters taking a parking ticket from the windshield of his car, glance at it, then nonchalantly toss it away.

When the officers stopped him he said that he had only done what he was used to doing in Portland. He was taken to the police station where he paid his fine.

WEATHER	
Max. (Mar. 19) — 65	Min. — 42
Precipitation last 24 hours — .30	
Stream year to date — 3.99	
Last year — 11.83	Normal — 8.71
Forecast: Clear tonight, increasing cloudiness Friday.	

Undersecretary Notes Perils In Greek Collapse

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Undersecretary of State Acheson expressed conviction today that American intervention in Greece and Turkey to block the spread of communism will not "lead to war."

That question was raised by Rep. Mansfield (D-Mont.) as the house foreign affairs committee questioned Acheson on President Truman's program to send money, material and military missions to the two Mediterranean countries.

Acheson hesitated for a moment and then solemnly declared: "I was going to say—no possibility that it would lead to war." He paused again, then added: "I don't think it could lead to war. By strengthening the forces of democracy and freedom, you do a great deal to eliminate the friction between great powers."

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Senate Vote Heavy For Labor Bills

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM, March 20 (AP)—The question of restricting labor unions was solely up to the Oregon house of representatives today after the senate's overwhelming endorsement of bills to provide secret elections to determine if labor disputes exist and to ban secondary boycotts, hot cargo actions and jurisdictional disputes.

The house also has before it proposed constitutional amendments to ban the closed shop and to require labor unions to incorporate.

Late Action

The senate passed its two labor bills yesterday after more than two hours of debate. The labor-union election bill was approved 26 to 4, and the other measure 25 to 5.

Voting against both bills were Senators Thomas R. Mahoney, Lew Wallace and Walter J. Pearson, all of Portland; and Allan Carson, Salem. Senator William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, voted against the secondary boycott measure.

Sponsors of the two bills charged labor with illegally coercing employers to sign closed shop agreements, while the opponents citing Governor Snell's request that the legislature do not enact labor legislation this session, said the bills are not needed because Oregon has industrial peace.

State Asks Street Closing

The Oregon state highway department has asked that the city and county close all but two streets crossing the site of the proposed north entrance route into Klamath Falls before actual construction gets under way.

The planning commission will present such a recommendation to the city council and the county court. Streets in the city limits which would be closed should the recommendation be approved, are those from 1st avenue to Esplanade, with the exception of Portland, and outside the city boundaries all streets in Chelsea and Opportunity additions except for Quarry street.

Closing the cross streets is considered a necessary safety factor by the highway department and the planning commission. The highway department has advised that arrangements for closing the streets must be made before contracts can be let or construction started.

Coos Bay Mayor Declares Holiday

COOS BAY, March 20 (AP)—Marshfield high school won this city's first state basketball championship and the city will take due recognition of it Friday.

Mayor R. M. McKeown plans a proclamation setting the day aside for the team. Stores will be asked to close early. There also will be a parade, a rally, a dinner and a dance.

Flooding Rivers Spread Destruction Over Britain

LONDON, March 20 (AP)—Thousands of soldiers, civilians, police and German war prisoners fought a losing battle today to hold back overflowing rivers that already had spread destruction and misery through scores of towns and villages. Aid was on the way to stricken communities.

Two army amphibians sped toward the mining village of Bentley near Doncaster in northern England, where a telegraphed SOS said last night 1000 persons had been trapped without food for more than 24 hours.

"Position desperate," E. Whitely, chairman of the Bentley urban district council, wired Evelyn Walkden, member of parliament for the area. Whitely said small boats could not get through churning waters of the Don river surrounding the town and added: "Power-driven boats essential for food distribution and evacuation of people." Walkden arranged for army help.

Rivers throughout the industrial midlands were over their banks and still rising in the worst floods in living memory, and the air ministry reluctantly forecast rain with a "further outlook" of still more rain.

In parts of 34 of England's 40 counties, thousands were being evacuated to crowded refuge centers.

17-Year-Old Co-Ed Held In Blast Death Of Parents

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 20 (AP)—A 17-year-old coed and her 21-year-old boy friend were held today on bookings of murder in the explosion deaths of her parents aboard a yacht, but District Attorney James L. Davis said, "there is a definite question whether any complaint will be issued in the case."

Concluding an interview with the girl, the district attorney—who would be called upon to prosecute any charge issued against the pair—said: "She made certain statements which officers are now checking. If they check out as she said, I think the results would be very favorable to her."

The girl, blond, mink-coated, Boule Louise Overell, a freshman at the University of Southern California, and George Record Gollum, 21, were booked yesterday after Sheriff James Musick and Police Chief R. R. Hodgkinson of Newport Beach said they found 38 sticks of dynamite and a time clock aboard the shattered 47-foot yacht of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Overell of Flintridge, exclusive Pasadena suburb.

She and Gollum, husky, bespectacled student, denied any connection with the death in previous questioning. Asked if his statement regarding Miss Overell, popular member of the junior set, applied also to Gollum, Davis declared: "I believe they are either in or out of this jointly."