

OREGON BANDITS GRAB \$35,000

In The Day's News

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IN France, as elsewhere, the wage-price spiral, depending on how you look at it, has been causing acute worry. So a few days ago Premier Ramadier decided to do something about it.

His government ("administration") is the word we use in this country. FROZE prices and wages at existing levels. The "freeze" amounted to a denial of pending wage increases—which, Ramadier said, "would lead to skyrocketing prices and ultimate disaster."

Having frozen wages and prices by what amounted to a decree, Ramadier's government asked the French national assembly (corresponding to our congress) for a vote of confidence—which is standard procedure under the European parliamentary system.

THE requested expression of confidence was given by a vote of 360 for to 186 against—practically two to one. The communist members voted against it, unanimously.

Ramadier then acted decisively. He threw the communist members out of his cabinet. (It had been what is called a "coalition" cabinet; that is, it was made up of members of more than one party, like Churchill's war cabinet in Britain.)

All this happened yesterday.

RAMADIER now faces a big job. He must see if he can run France without the aid of the communists and in the face of their bitter and open opposition.

In other words, it is a showdown.

ONE of the members of Ramadier's cabinet, who asks that his name not be used, tells an American correspondent in Paris this morning that he "feels the United States holds the key to success." He adds that in his opinion the United States, by helping FOOD AND FINANCIAL AID to the Ramadier government, can help to "contain" the communists, the ranks of French workers, who are largely dominated by the communists.

"Contain" is a military term meaning to "hold within bounds."

JUST how can we provide this help effectively?

It is rather simple, as such things go, if we are willing to do what is needed. We would provide the money with which to make its policies work. If they are made to work, it will be a demonstration that the capitalist way of life, as practiced in America, is BETTER than the communist way of life, which the members of the French communist party have been trying to force onto France.

IF all this came to pass—that is, if the French workers could be convinced that they are better off by going over to the Russian system—France would be saved from communism.

YOU will note that what this anonymous French cabinet member is proposing to us is practically identical with what we are proposing to do, under the Truman doctrine, in Greece.

ALONG that line, Harold Stassen, just back from a barn-storming tour of Europe in which he talked to a lot of people, including Stalin, says in Washington this morning that he endorses our proposed Greek aid program, but hopes that under it "military expenditures will not be such as to bring about a full-scale civil war in Greece."

Instead, he adds, the United States "should concentrate on attempting to build a stable and prosperous regime in the valleys of Greece which by its very prosperity would weaken the appeal of communism to the Greek mountain guerrillas."

Can we do it? Well, if we can, we may be able to avoid shooting war between the two systems. If we can restrain the shooting long enough, it is possible that capitalism and communism may find a way to get along together in peace.

Phone Tieup May End By Nightfall

NEW YORK, May 5 (AP)—Henry Mayer, counsel for some of the unions of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (ind.), said today there might be a settlement of the nationwide telephone strike "by nightfall."

Simultaneously the NPTW regional strike committee said that a meeting of the national policy committee and the "intensive drive by government officials this afternoon" both "point to an imminent nationwide settlement."

Proposal Reviewed

Mayer, declaring "there might be a settlement by nightfall," said he based his opinion on a statement by officials of the long lines department of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, who reported they would review immediately a federal proposal of a \$5.14 weekly wage increase.

The long lines workers, members of the American Union of Telephone Workers, are a key affiliate of the NPTW, which called out more than 300,000 employees of AT&T and its Bell system companies April 7. Other NPTW members still on strike include employees of the Western Electric company and Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Mayer tempered his statement by saying that a continued impasse in Western Electric negotiations was "a fly in the ointment."

The NPTW topped a 10-point list of demands with a request for a \$12 weekly pay boost. Workers now average \$43.19 weekly.

Other independent unions joined with the NPTW in the nationwide walkout. Among these were four independent New York unions, most of whose 37,000 members returned to work today at the New York Telephone company, the company announced, after accepting a \$4 weekly wage boost last week.

Limitation Hearing Held

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—California friends and foes of the 160-acre limitation lined up before the public land committee today to throw their weight behind a proposal to exempt the central valley reclamation project in California from land-holding restrictions.

The argument is about a provision in the 45-year-old federal reclamation law preventing delivery of water from a federal reclamation project to more than 160 acres of land owned by one individual or corporation.

Senators from California, Texas and Colorado jointly sponsored a bill to exempt the privately owned lands of the Central Valley project, the San Luis valley project in Colorado and the valley gravity canal project in Texas.

The committee has allotted six full days to the Central valley phase of the hearing. Witnesses concerned with the Colorado and Texas projects will follow.

Soviet Paper Raps Marshall

MOSCOW, May 5 (AP)—The newspaper Izvestia today accused U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall of making an "incorrect appraisal" of the Moscow foreign ministers' conference in his recent radio address to the American people.

The editorial also criticized John Foster Dulles, republican member of the U. S. delegation to the conference, for "distorting the facts" in his summing up of the conference.

"The question arises," Izvestia went on "as to what caused the secretary to give such an incorrect appraisal of the Moscow session. Apparently the reason is that the position of the American and British representatives during the debates on the German problem was far from trying to create real guarantees of a sound peace and the prevention of aggression."

The editorial asserted that the secretary was obviously trying to create "dissatisfaction" among the American people over the Soviet Union's policy.

WEATHER	
Max. (May 4) 79	Min. 42
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Stream gauge at 11:30	1.15
Last year 11:30	Normal 10.55
Forecast: Fair tonight, Tuesday	

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Greek Loan Supported By Stassen

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, although saying he favors the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid program, declared today it would be a "tragic" mistake for the United States to arm all-out offensive against guerrilla opponents of the present Greek government.

At a news conference where he discussed the program, the former Minnesota governor also termed the general doctrine back of President Truman's policy a negative one.

He said he endorses the aid program in the form approved by the senate but hopes that military expenditures will not be such as to bring about a full scale civil war in Greece.

Instead, Stassen said, the United States should concentrate on attempting to build a stable and prosperous regime in the valleys of Greece which by its very prosperity would weaken the appeal of communism to the mountain guerrillas.

Stassen, an avowed candidate for the 1948 republican presidential nomination, met with reporters after releasing over the week-end the transcript of an interview he had April 9 with Soviet Premier Stalin.

The Russian leader was quoted as saying, among other things, that the USSR "wants to cooperate."

Tanana River Ice Breaks Up

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 5 (AP)—As breathless watchers lined the banks, the Tanana river ice pack broke up with a grinding roar at 5:53 p.m. Saturday, bringing forth to seven lucky guessers participating in the record \$140,000 Nenana pool.

Each of the seven winners, five of whom were from Fairbanks, will receive \$20,000.

It's the year's winners were Alex Miller, Calvin Anderson, Paul Strickland, Olga Miskovich and the "Old Timers' Pool" of Fairbanks, the "Arcade Club" of Anchorage and Lloyd Jaeger of Talkeetna village.

Last year's prizes totaled \$108,000. In Seattle, the "Oldtimers" were listed as Charles Holby, Charles Bettelmeier, Joe Martin, William Bryson, James Ryan, Muriel Dustin, Effie Young, Bernadette Thomas, Cyrus B. Atwell and a Mrs. Larson.

Ellsworth Sees Farm Fund Cut

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) predicted today "severe cuts will be made" by the house appropriations subcommittee in the budget bureau's recommendations for the agriculture department.

He said the effect of these cuts on the West cannot be determined yet but he had appealed to the committee not to cut funds for forest fire protection and for the study and control of insect pests.

He said work on the Willamette river flood control project must be carried on and several partly completed rivers and harbors projects in Southwest Oregon should be finished.

Fisherman Held For Hand Work

ALTURAS, May 5—Oscar G. Boneck of Herlong, Calif., who caught four trout with his hands in Cedar creek near here yesterday, is in justice court at Termo, Calif., tonight.

Boneck is charged with taking fish in an illegal manner and with fishing on a closed stream.

State and federal game officers caught him scooping trout, which had come upstream to spawn out of the low water, with his hands. He had four with him.

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U. S. Disciplinary Barracks Where Inmates Riot



This is an aerial view of the U. S. disciplinary barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kas., where guards quelled a riot by about 800 prisoners. One inmate was dead and seven others injured in the disturbances. Main entrance through wall is in center foreground. Arrow indicates men around door to building entering cell block area. Picture made as rioting was in progress.

Sunburn Season In Full Swing

Warm sunshine and only a hint of a cooling breeze led many Klamath people out of town Sunday with sunburns and aching muscles today.

Fishermen headed for their favorite streams, and a few of the hardier outdoorsmen went swimming in the still cold lakes in the county. Most people still took off in the family automobile for a day in the outdoors.

Sunday afternoon's maximum temperature of 75 degrees was somewhat cooler than recent days. The mercury at noon today stood at 73, bearing out the weatherman's forecast of Monday afternoon temperatures in the high 70's or low 80's.

Wounded Man Not Located

The taxicab which was stolen Saturday morning and recovered after a city police officer fired two shots at the retreating thief out on the Midland road, is still sitting in back of the city hall to be used as evidence, but the man who stole the car has not been located.

Believed to have been slightly wounded by one of Sgt. Paul Robertson's shots, the man was the object of an intensive search over town Saturday, but the hunt cooled off during the week-end.

The man was last seen on Main street early Saturday morning, after he had been brought into town by a Miller Island district rancher, who did not know of the shooting and search. He was tentatively identified as Johnny Young, 35, a ranch hand.

Assessor Job Still Vacant

The county court still has made no move toward appointing a successor to Newton B. Nelson, whose resignation from the office of tax assessor becomes effective July 1.

Judge U. E. Reeder said today that the court still was undecided as to whether an appointment could be made for the full three and a half years of Nelson's unexpired term, or just for the period until the 1948 general election.

He said that the court would ask District Attorney Clarence Humber for a legal opinion on that angle.

Judge Reeder did not disclose the names of any possible applicants for the job which will pay \$275 a month after July 1.

Teen-Age Car Thieves Held

Two teen-age boys, 13 and 14 years old, are held in juvenile custody here today after admitting the theft of two cars, one of which they drove from Eugene to Klamath Falls and abandoned and wrecked near Keno.

The youths were picked up by a city police officer back of Whitman's drug store last night, and the younger lad had in his possession a loaded .22-cal. pistol when searched, according to juvenile officials. There homes are in Eugene.

He said that he had taken the pistol from a house near the McKenzie river bridge, and had also taken a Luger pistol, but had thrown it away.

Klamath Boy Dies In Pool

Douglas Martin Collman, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin S. Collman of the Old Fort road, was drowned Sunday morning when he toppled into the swimming pool at the residence of State Senator Earl Newbury in Ashland.

Douglas and his brother and sister, Ronald and Ronella, were visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Ella E. Stephenson, formerly of this city, when the tragedy occurred.

The children's parents arrived from Klamath Falls shortly after Douglas was missed at 9:30 a. m. and his body was discovered in the pool at 1:45 p. m., following a search of several hours. The Stephenson home is close by the Newbury residence. It is understood that members of the family looked in the pool earlier in the search but did not see the child's body. Lyndell Newbury discovered Douglas later.

The child was born here August 14, 1942. In addition to his parents, brother and sister, Douglas is survived by his grandparents, Mrs. Clara Collman and John H. Collman, both of this city, and Mrs. Stephenson of Ashland. The body was returned to Klamath Falls and final rites will be announced Tuesday by the Earl Whitlock Funeral home.

Car Crash Proves Fatal

GRANTS PASS, May 5 (AP)—William Akers Jr., 23, of Cave Junction, died in the Josephine General hospital here early today as the result of injuries sustained 24 hours earlier near his home city when an automobile is said to have struck a bridge abutment and hurled down a 20-foot embankment.

Roy McLean, 22, of Kerby, a victim of the same crash is in the hospital here with a broken leg, multiple lacerations and possible internal injuries.

Three others suffered lesser hurts.

Phone Suit Court Hearing Tuesday

PORTLAND, May 5 (AP)—Officials of the United Telephone Employees of Oregon have been ordered to appear in court tomorrow for a hearing in which four union members will ask an injunction against the Oregon phone strike.

The four members of the union filed suit, charging the strike vote was improperly taken and asked either an injunction or an order requiring a new strike vote.

Ex-Convict Charged With Murder Of Deputy Sheriff

LOS ANGELES, May 5 (AP)—Louis Franklin Smith, 29, an ex-convict from Everett, Wash., charged with murdering a Nevada deputy sheriff last Tuesday, was in custody today, held for federal and Sierra county, California, authorities.

Chief E. Raymond Cato of the California highway patrol, said Smith admitted killing Deputy Sheriff Earl Griffith and wounding Deputy Tom Labert in gunfire on the Reno-Susannah highway a mile inside the California-Nevada state line.

The deputies were shot while they were investigating an automobile parked on the highway.

Last night Sheriff Ray Root of Washoe county, Nevada, said Dist. Atty. Alfred R. Lowery of Sierra county, Calif., had filed murder charges against Smith at Downieville, Sierra county seat.

Luckless Driver Hits Police Car

Crashing into a car is one thing, but smacking a state police officer's machine broadside is another!

In the county jail, with time to think it over, is Leslie Jacob Fatkhe, 35, 1144 Homedale, who hit a state police patrol car near the government canal at Summers lane and S. 6th at midnight Sunday, just after officers flagged the driver down as he approached from town.

Fatkhe is alleged to have struck the machine and sped away, doing not enough damage to the state car to prevent successful pursuit. He was lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$800 cash bail and slated to appear today in justice court to answer two charges—driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and failure to stop at the scene of an accident.

Clue Followed In Plane Hunt

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 5 (AP)—The search for the missing trans-Canada airliner and its 15 passengers and crewmen entered its seventh day today amid reports that an aircraft was sighted "flying low over Georgia straits" shortly after the missing plane disappeared last Monday night.

A TCA spokesman said a number of Gabriola Island residents reported seeing a plane flying "very low" in a southeasterly direction along the strait. He said search officials placed "considerable confidence" in the report.

Gabriola Island is five miles off Nanaimo, on Vancouver island, and due west of Vancouver.

No reason was given for the delay in reporting the plane to search headquarters.

Searching aircraft yesterday combined a 12,000 square mile pattern along the coast of the region without sighting any clue to the plane's whereabouts.

Portland Stores Quit Smash Plan

MULTNOMAH, Ore., May 5 (AP)—Stores here abandoned today the "Newbury plan" of reducing prices ten per cent.

James Wilcock, owner of a food market, largest of the group of suburban Portland stores, said trade had lagged over the week-end and that volume would have had to be doubled to off-set the price cut for the grocery line.

Others reported trade increases during the week long experiment, but said they believed the profit losses were not justified.

Four Youths Held On Car Strip Count

Four young men were lodged in the county jail shortly before noon today, accused of stripping a car, after they were spotted by the owner of the auto.

The youths are Carl Daniel Shaver, 21; Newton James Lewis, 20; Russell Burton Hicks, 18; and Lewis Ray Heaven, 17.

According to Sheriff Lloyd L. Low the youths were surprised while in the act of taking the accessories off a car belong to Price Beeler, attendant at the Pine street service station. Beeler said that he had been in a slight accident Saturday night and had left his car parked near Klamath View auto courts on the Ashland highway.

Get License Number

About 5 a. m. Sunday several youths were seen working over the parked car, but drove away in another car before they could be caught. Their license number was given to Beeler and yesterday afternoon he happened to spot the boys and their car downtown.

They got away after a chase down Main street.

Then this morning three of the youths made the mistake of driving up in front of the service station where Beeler was working. He called the sheriff's office and the boys were arrested. At the jail they implicated the fourth youth, Hicks.

Everything taken from Beeler's car was found with the exception of a screwdriver.

CAA Asks Airport Funds

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—The civil aeronautics administration is asking congress to authorize \$65,000,000 for airport development during the fiscal year 1948 which starts July 1, 1947.

The house appropriations committee, however, recommended only \$32,500,000 of this sum.

CAA officials told the subcommittee that the \$65,000,000 requested would have been spent this year.

For allocation to the states, \$43,500,000; for work in the territories \$35,000,000; to be allocated at the discretion of the CAA; for engineering administration and supervision of the program, \$3,500,000.

If authorized by congress, the \$65,000,000 would be apportioned to the states including: Idaho, \$73,364; Oregon, \$861,484; Washington, \$782,577; Alaska, \$1,662,500.

Reds Out Of French Rule

By ROBERT C. WILSON

PARIS, May 5 (AP)—A member of the cabinet said today the "Truman doctrine" had been an important factor in Premier Paul Ramadier's decision to force the communists out of the French government.

The communists were dropped from the coalition cabinet last night after the government won a 360 to 186 vote of confidence over wage-freezing policies in the national assembly, with the communist members dissenting. This marked the first time France has had a government without the extreme left in it since the liberation, except for the 30-day Blum cabinet last December.

The cabinet member, who asked that his name not be used, said today he felt the United States held the key to the success or failure of the experiment to govern with the labor-dominated communists in opposition. He expressed belief the United States by sending food and financial help to the Ramadier government could help contain discontent in the ranks of French workers.

Demonstrates New Radar



Howard Hughes, west coast industrialist, sits in the pilot's compartment of a plane in which a new, simple light radar instrument (arrow) has been installed. The inexpensive instrument warns the pilot by a bright red light and a horn the instant the plane comes too close to the ground or any building, mountain or other obstacle. Hughes demonstrated the instrument at Culver City, Calif.

Pair Hold Up Young Bank At Oakland

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 5 (AP)—Two gunmen held up the E. G. Young and company bank at Oakland, Ore., today and fled with all currency and silver in the cash drawers and the vault. Bank officials said the amount was between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

The men sped out of town northward. An alarm was broadcast within minutes and state police blocked off all roads leading from the area. Oakland is a town of approximately 500, located 15 miles north of Roseburg.

State police said the men fled in a 1940 or 1941 black Chevrolet coach or coupe.

One was described as 35 years old, from 5 feet 6 to 8 inches in height, dark complexioned and with a slight accent. He wore a mask and accepted the money into a black leather case.

The other was described as between 28 and 30 years old, 5 feet 5 to 10 inches in height, weighing 155 pounds. He had long, curly black hair with prominent sideburns, and wore a gun belt, holster and carried a revolver.

Both wore dark suits and gloves, police said.

The bank was a member of the federal reserve system and the FBI entered the case at once, dispatching agents to the scene.

No Words

Employees and two customers were forced by the bandits to line up facing a rear wall while E. G. Young, manager, was compelled to deliver bank money. No words were spoken by the bandits, who used hand motions to carry out the robbery.

Employees in the bank were the manager, Thomas Carson, cashier, One McCord, Isabel Crist, Bill Wegner, clerks, and the two customers were O. L. Sutherland and Ralph Thrift.

Today's holdup recalls a similar robbery, June 20, 1934, when funds of the bank were taken at gun's point by Stanley G. Rayson of San Francisco. A posse trailed Rayson's car, overtaking it at Rice hill, where he was captured in a dense thicket.

Four Drivers Face Charges

It was a field day for state police who picked up four alleged drunk drivers over the week-end.

LeRoy Spears, 35, 4332 Shasta way, posted \$150 bail following his arrest at 7:15 Saturday near state police quarters on Alhambra drive on complaint of a second motorist.

Spears bailed out of the county jail and is slated to appear later in justice court. Harold Spencer, 32, 625 Adams, arrested at 8:30 p. m. Saturday on Highway 66, also posted \$150 bail. He will answer the charge in justice court this afternoon, Monday.

Willard Carl Kroger, arrested for drunk driving Friday night and paid a fine of \$107.50 plus \$5.00 for no operator's license in justice court Saturday.

The fourth arrest involved Leslie Jacob Fatkhe, 35, 1144 Homedale, picked up Sunday at midnight.

UN To Talk Global Police

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 5 (AP)—The United Nations security council will open debate this week on organization of a global police force, taking as a basis the widely split report of its military staff committee.

UN officials said the council session would be held Wednesday or Thursday.

The long-awaited summary from the Big Five committee, made public over the week-end after 15 months of secret meetings, showed Russia opposing more than a third of the general principles laid down for the international force.

Admirals and generals from the United States, Russia, Britain, Canada and France, sitting as representatives of their respective chiefs of staff, were able to concur on 25 points, but most of these were copied from the charter or stated in broad terms.



Yards of dirt either out of the mouth of the scoop into the Graham Brothers truck as the 9 o'clock lensman witnessed the above scene at that hour this morning. Stepping into his truck is Herbert Graham, one of the brothers.