

In The Days News

By FRANK JENKINS
RUSSIA'S Gromyko tells the Russian-American Institute in New York last night that AFTER atomic weapons are OUTLAWED the Soviet Union will agree to international control and inspection.

THAT is interesting. How long afterward? A day? A week? A month? Or at some indefinite date in the future to be set by Russia if, as and when she feels that way?

And what kind of inspection? Will it have teeth? Or can the inspectors be kidded along by the country that is being inspected—shown just what the inspector wants them to see and nothing else?

THESE aren't just cynical nasty cracks. They are thoughtful questions that concern every living human being in the world. They are suggested with particular force right now by the fact that at Yalta and again at Potsdam Russia made agreements and commitments that she hasn't lived up to.

How are we to know that outlawing atomic warfare first and leaving ACTUAL PREVENTION OF IT to a later and indefinite date wouldn't be another case of an agreement made but not kept?

We must remember that as the situation now stands WE have the atomic bomb and nobody else yet has it. We mustn't let ourselves be pushed off to some indefinite time in the future when somebody else has it.

That could spell national death for us. IF the agreement wasn't kept.

WE know by our own experience that an outlawing undesirable things doesn't necessarily prevent them.

There is the slot machine, for example. Oregon and most other states have studied long and hard it. But does the mere passing of a law outlaw the slot machine?

For an answer to that question, USE YOUR EYES.

THAT suggests another very interesting question: Who gets the revenues and the benefits from the slot machines that operate all over the country without warrant of law?

Why, the LAWBREAKERS, of course. In order to carry on a slot machine business you have to be a lawbreaker because operating slot machines as a business means breaking the laws that forbid them.

It follows that the non-enforced laws that forbid slot machines really work out as an invitation to break the law because it's profitable and not too unsafe to do so.

IT would work out in exactly the same way if we outlaw atomic warfare without providing international inspection WITH SHARPLY ENFORCED IT to see to it that NOBODY builds atomic weapons.

WHY does Russia still persist in putting the cart before the horse? These Russians are peculiar. There is always the possibility that they might merely be trying to save their faces. If they could FORCE us to outlaw without providing international inspection, they would get a SHOW of victory which would save their pride.

But on the mere face of it Gromyko's proposal that we outlaw atomic warfare in time will probably get it. Whatever gains more time strengthens Russia and weakens us. The fact causes us to view his proposal with a jaundiced eye.

Merger Bill Showdown Seen Near

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The senate armed services committee awarded a showdown today on the heart of President Truman's army-navy merger plan—whether there should be a single cabinet officer to speak for land, sea and air forces.

Across the capitol, the house expenditures committee sidetracked the unification issue to open hearings on two other, but far less controversial, presidential plans for government reorganization.

Chairman Hoffman (R-Mich.) of the house group was a reporter: "If anyone is blocking army-navy unification, it is President Truman. How does he expect us to get out a unification bill when he sends us a couple of these reorganizations?"

Asked whether he thought that might mean no unification legislation this session, Hoffman replied: "I think we'll get it, all right. But I don't know in what form."

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 21 (AP)—President Truman's personal physician today gave his 94-year-old mother a chance for recovery. If she maintains her present gradual improvement.

Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham said everything depends on Mrs. Martha E. Truman's will to live. The presence of the president at her bedside, he said, has been an important factor in the slight improvement noted in the past 48 hours.

Graham in a news conference in nearby Kansas City, emphasized over and over again that he was "an optimist."

He said the elderly patient had a very tired heart and a generally weak body and that she was fighting a terrific uphill struggle against overwhelming odds.

He said that if the present rate of progress can be maintained for another two days the possibility of the president's return to Washington might even be considered.

President Truman told reporters today that his mother, gravely ill at her home here, was "holding her own" this morning.

Later, Press Secretary Charles G. Ross disclosed that Mrs. Truman asked for wheat cakes this morning.

She explained that William D. Hassett, another secretary, whose home is in Vermont, had sent her some Vermont maple syrup.

"Mr. Hassett has sent her some syrup before and she enjoyed it," Ross said, "so she had wheat cakes in order to enjoy it again."

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Firemen said that there was little chance that the building could be repaired and that it was considered a total loss.

A couple and a truck were badly damaged yesterday afternoon in an accident at the Reclamation-Division intersection, and Mrs. Ruby Uley, 19, 4717 Freida, driver of the coupe, was later booked at the city police station for having no driver's license in her possession and released for an appearance in court late today.

The driver of the truck was Vernon D. Wallace, 35, employee of Tutts Furnace company. Police said that Wallace was going north on Division and Mrs. Uley's car was moving east on Reclamation, and the parties attempted to stop at the intersection.

The truck had the right of way, police said. The two vehicles crashed and the truck rolled over and came to rest against a telephone pole about 50 feet away. The coupe stayed on its wheels. Neither of the drivers was injured, but both machines had to be towed away by wreckers.

Two Weyerhaeuser Camp 4 woodsmen were in hospital Tuesday from injuries, both received from falling limbs. Admitted by ambulance late in the afternoon at Hillside hospital was A. F. Curry, 56, timber faller, who suffered head injuries when struck while working in the woods. His condition was reported fair today.

Late Tuesday night Albert T. McManis was admitted to Hillside due to back injuries also suffered when struck by a falling limb. His condition was said to be good this afternoon. Both men reside at Camp 4.

Third woods accident was reported when Jack Davis, 37, Adin, Calif., employee of the Lovens Logging company, was struck by a knot which caused painful injury to his eye. He entered the hospital Wednesday afternoon.

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Sheridan said Pinson reported he handed Rondeau a gun, hoping to load his arms with the weapons and then run away, but instead opened fire and fled.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R-Wis.) told the house today that Russia "has its eyes on Alaska" and "if we are not careful a Pearl Harbor is a possibility" there.

He called on military experts to "map out a plan of defense for Alaska."

Moreover, the Wisconsin member said the communists are preparing to take over the canal zone "at the proper time."

There is ample evidence, he said, "of increased Russian air activity over Alaska, and that's not 'just for fun' as he added."

"We can stop communism in the western hemisphere by acting courageously now. Time is truly of the essence. Let it not be said of this congress that it has been derelict in its duty."

For Alaska, Smith proposed this plan of action:

1. Immediate recruitment of military personnel.

2. A campaign to induce civilians to migrate to Alaska to develop its natural resources.

3. Improvement of rail and truck facilities to the area. "This means the construction of two or three hard-surfaced roads and the maintenance of a modern railroad."

4. Increased and improved air and coast artillery facilities. "Fighter and bomber plane bases are indispensable. We must have the best."

5. Development of adequate naval bases, implemented by a strong air arm and undersea craft.

6. Maintenance of advanced technological stations equipped with powerful radar facilities.

7. Statedhood for Alaska. "This is vitally needed for defense purposes."

Mercury Hits 82 In Klamath

Klamath people found it hard to concentrate on work as the basin area experienced another day of summer weather. The temperature soared to 82 degrees at 1:30 p. m.

At 11:30 a. m. today the CAA weather station reported the temperature at 77, well above the reading of 73 at the same time Monday. CA reported 82 degrees at 1:30 p. m.

The season high in the Klamath country was recorded on May 1 when the mercury skyrocketed to an unseasonal 87 in the midst of a Pacific coast heat wave.

The weatherman added an optimistic note for lovers of warm weather with a forecast of "fair and warm" Thursday.

Seven Die In Plane Crash

CHIAMPAIN, Ill., May 21 (AP)—Two top flying officers and five other soldiers were killed last night when a B-25 crashed in a cornfield during a violent thunderstorm, the army announced today.

The dead included Col. Raymond E. O'Neill, 52, a 30-year army veteran of both wars and AAF balloon expert, and Col. George A. Whalley, 45, who had served in the army since 1925 and headed the mobile training unit at Chanute field, near Chanpaing.

O'Neill, who was a brigadier general in World War II, commanded Chanute field from 1940 to 1944 and later was executive officer. He was born in Port Townsend, Wash. Whalley was a native of Texas.

Their ship was bound for Chanute field from Chanute, Mo., at the time of the crash last night. The army did not make public the names of the other five victims pending notification of next of kin.

Chinese City Surrounded

NANKING, May 21 (AP)—Besieged Changchun, capital of Manchuria, is now completely encircled by Chinese communist forces, nationalist dispatches reported today.

Government troops, however, were credited with reentering Kunchuling, 36 miles to the southwest. Fighting was reported in the streets.

Archaeological Survey Slated

CHILLOQUIN, May 21—An archaeological survey of the Upper Klamath lake region will be conducted this summer under the direction of Dr. L. S. Cressman, director of the anthropology department of the University of Oregon. University students will make up the members of the field crew.

The group is expected to arrive June 5, working until July 25, in an effort to correlate and interpret the artifacts in relation to the story of human life in an earlier period. Cressman led a similar group in the Lower Klamath basin seven years ago.

Permission of the Klamath Indian tribe was sought by the field crew early this spring, first in February and again in April, according to Superintendent B. G. Courtwright. Permission falls under an act of congress which was granted, however, a tribe later learned that sections in which the crew wished to dig involved bureau of reclamation land, ranches owned individually by both whites and Indians, and by timber operators. Dr. Cressman was advised of this fact and permission apparently granted by the individuals as the field trip is definitely slated.

Soldier Out Of Prison

KANSAS CITY, May 21 (AP)—Frederick W. Wade, Tacoma, Wash., shovel and axe are packed in a car charged with stripping a year court martial sentence. "Just wants to get home as fast as possible," his attorney said today.

Wade, who was released yesterday from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., accompanied his attorney, Richard T. Brewster, to Fort Leavenworth today, seeking reinstatement in the army so he can receive an honorable discharge and back pay.

Brewster, former army major, defended the 30-year-old private through two courts martial in Germany where Wade was charged with rape.

Wade has a wife and three-year-old daughter in Tacoma. His release was ordered by Federal District Judge Arthur H. Patterson, who held that the soldier had been placed in double jeopardy in that he had faced trial before two courts martial on the same charge.

United Air Lines Eyes New Route WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—United Airlines hopes to begin operating DC-6 planes between Denver and Los Angeles by September if permitted to purchase the route from Western Airlines, W. A. Patterson, president of the company, said today.

Grand Jury Indicts Nagel

The result of yesterday's speedy five and one-half hour grand jury session was a one indictment, returned against the Portland preacher, William Henry Nagel, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Nagel's bail remains at \$2500, and he is still in Portland awaiting further appearance in court here. The next step will be the assignment of another judge to take the bench for this case, as Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg has signed an order disqualifying himself.

It was Judge Vandenberg who took Nagel into custody 10 days ago, a short time after the 40-year-old man admittedly performed an act of lewd conduct in the presence of a 10-year-old girl on High street.

The chief justice of the Oregon supreme court has been requested to assign another judge to the case. Nagel has employed John Mowry, Portland attorney, to defend him.

The grand jury returned two not true bills after its short session, and thereby released two men from the county jail.

Thomas Arthur Blanchard and Hubert Lewis Vawter were cleared of charges of armed robbery, and Virgil Burnett was cleared of a car theft charge. Vawter, a San Quentin escapee, has already been returned to California authorities, but Blanchard and Burnett had been held in jail until yesterday afternoon.

This morning Judge Vandenberg signed an order holding the grand jury, which was empaneled last December, over for the June term of court, another six months. The jurymen are Howard Barnhisel, foreman, A. W. Macken, Fred Hellbrommer, Robert Adams, Jack McKerrlie, Ed Gowen and William Clark.

Starting today in circuit court was the criminal trial of Richard Carl Shuter, indicted several months ago for malicious destruction of personal property, but at noon today a trial jury had not been chosen. A. C. Yaden is representing Shuter, who has been free on Saturday afternoon Raymond Heavilin, 17, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail for larceny from an auto. He was one of four young men arrested for stripping a car several days ago, and the other three were released on suspended sentences after one day in jail.

Publisher Dictates Own Obituary ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., May 21 (AP)—William Greenwood Naylor, 73, retired business representative of Newspaper Enterprise association and former editor and publisher, called his wife to his bedside Sunday and dictated, by death, William Greenwood Naylor, known as the bard of Skaneateles, for the last 20 years a devotee of horticulture, died at his home today. He died yesterday.

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Col. Powell was discharged from Madigan General hospital at Tacoma, Wash., May 13. Rumors persisted today that he had reached a high Tuesday just before Col. Powell called here to have mail telephone calls come into The Herald and News from friends checking on the rumor.

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