

WOMAN DIES IN OREGON FLOOD

In The Day's News

ON the troubled Balkan front (where the Greek-Turk phase of our new check-communist foreign policy first took Moscow in the eye) communists seek to buy the Hungarian-American Oil company, owned by Americans (principally Standard Oil).

The American owners turn down the offer. This morning's dispatches say it is likely that the new Hungarian communist regime will NATIONALIZE the operation. (That is to say, take it over by the government.)

IN Bulgaria, the communist-dominated government arrests the leader of the opposition to communism. We and the British protest—on the grounds that such business isn't democratic.

This morning Bulgaria's communist premier asserts that the arrest of the anti-communist is "purely a Bulgarian HOME question—which is another way of saying that it is none of the business of the United States and Great Britain."

THE point is that affairs in the Balkans appear to be approaching a showdown. It will be worth watching. While you're at it, watch also Italy and France, which are teetering on the fence, with their local communists doing everything they can to push them over on the communist side.

ON the home front, a Republican wins a hotly contested congressional election in Washington, called to fill a vacancy caused by death. The new Republican wins by a smaller majority than was given in 1946 to his Republican predecessor.

Both sides are making claims based on the results. The Democrats say it is a sign of waning popularity of Republican doctrine. The Republicans retort that they WON by a majority that is at least safe.

THE conflicting claims, of course, look forward to 1948, which now occupies the exclusive attention of all politicians. Everybody is looking for a sign in the sky that will forecast the result.

This writer, who is no politician and makes no claim to being a prophet, has an idea that 1948 isn't in the bag for anybody, and won't be until 1948—probably quite late in 1948.

What the people want is GOOD GOVERNMENT, with a maximum of results for the people, who pay the freight, and a minimum of professional politics. When the time comes, they will make up their minds on the basis of the record so far.

The time isn't yet here.

THIS interesting but not too important side issue of the Washington election is being noisily fought out today:

Was the defeated Democrat (a man named Savage) a Truman man or a Wallace man?

The point is that if he was a Truman man his defeat this time by only 1500 votes as contrasted with his loss of the 1946 election (Savage ran then also) by some 7000 votes indicates a theoretical rise in the popularity of Truman.

WALLACE himself is cagey about it. (Savage, you see, was defeated. Since he was defeated, it behooves Wallace to minimize any support he might have given. The first law of professional politics is to lose is bad business to back a loser.)

So Wallace hedges. He says this morning:

"Foreign policy was not an issue in the Washington campaign. Savage was a candidate of the Democratic administration, which put money into his campaign. Some members of the administration felt that Savage was a man to support on the same platform with Mr. Savage, but when I spoke in Washington I SUPPORTED his candidacy."

If Savage had won, you may be quite sure Wallace would have taken credit for having a part in it. That, also, is one of the rules of professional politics.

IF you are a careful reader of history, you will recall that there was a time when learned theologians disputed angrily as to how many angels could stand upon the point of a needle.

The post-mortems on this Washington election indicate that modern politicians indulge in the same sort of hair-splitting.

DOUGLAS RETURNS

WASHINGTON, June 9 (AP)—Justice Douglas of the supreme court today returned to the bench after a six-day absence due to an attack of pneumonia.

Petition To Force A Vote On Cigaret Tax Circulated

A petition to force a vote on the 2-cent per package cigarette tax passed during the last legislative session is now being circulated in Klamath Falls, as well as in other cities in Oregon.

The legislature this spring passed the cigarette levy as one of its alternatives to failure of the proposed sales tax, and if the petitions now making the rounds are successful in getting the required number—both that matter and the sales tax will come up for a vote October 7.

If the petitions fail, the cigarette tax goes into effect July 5, to run for two years or until the legislature was referred to the people by the legislature and can go into effect only if passed by the voters October 7.

The petitions here were originated by Robert A. Bradlee, Portland wholesale tobacco dealer. Printed forms for only 400 names were passed out in Klamath Falls and all have been filled.

Main opposition to the cigarette tax is coming from tobacco wholesalers, who object not only to the 2-cent hike in a package of smokes,

WEATHER
Max. (June 9) 67 Min. 40
Precipitation, midnight, Saturday, to midnight, Sunday, 1.00
Normal, June 9, 1947, 1.00
Last year 12.63 Normal 11.54
Forecast: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Miners Walk Out To Protest

Moslem Vote Calls For New Nation

NEW DELHI, June 9 (AP)—The Moslem league voted tonight to make Moslem India a new nation during a tumultuous session in which police turned tear gas on opponents of the league who broke into the meeting.

The league council voted almost unanimously to accept the independence plan under which Moslem areas will be permitted to establish an independent state of Pakistan after a preliminary period as a British dominion.

Within five minutes after the vote, four Khaksars, from a band of Moslems opposed to the Moslem league which M. A. Jinnah heads, broke into the session in the Imperial hotel.

Minutes later, after police broke up the melee, a wounded man was hauled screaming from the assembly hall.

Several league guardsmen who acted as traffic patrolmen were cut and wounded. One said he was stabbed in the face by a Khaksar, one of a group who had noisily demonstrated in front of the hotel during the meeting in opposition to acceptance of Pakistan.

Guardsmen surrounded Jinnah and said the knife-wielding Khaksars had not harmed him.

More than 300 members of the council were in the room when the assailants burst in, pursued by a dozen policemen firing tear gas.

2 Die In Bus-Auto Smashup

SPANGLE, Wash., June 9 (AP)—Two persons were killed and eight injured near here yesterday when a Greyhound bus and a passenger car collided at the top of a small hill.

The dead, both of whom were riding in the car, were identified as Robert Cole of St. John, Wash., and Eugene E. Nelson of Rosalia, Wash.

Andrew J. Calhoun, 22, of Rosalia, and Bill Schaffer, 20, of St. John, who were also passengers in the car, were the most seriously injured. Calhoun is in a local hospital suffering from a fractured skull, possible leg fractures and a crushed hand and wrist. Schaffer received severe head and facial cuts.

The six other persons injured, all of whom were bus passengers, include: Betty Jones, 19, of Boise, Idaho; possible skull fracture and back injury; W. E. Jones, 49, of Walla Walla, Wash.; possible skull fracture and deep scalp cuts.

Mrs. Margie Ebert, 45, of Walla Walla, shock; Coral Hardin, 22, of Spokane; back injuries.

Mrs. Myrtle Stone, Richmond, Calif.; possible rib fractures. Dr. J. A. Harkness, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, injured shoulder.

The bus, which was tipped over on its side in a ditch, was en route to Spokane from Pendleton, Ore.

State patrol officers said the accident was a virtual head-on collision and that the car had been demolished.

Mrs. W. A. Belan, of 833 26th street, Richmond, Calif., sought information concerning the Greyhound bus wreck at Spangle, Wash., 18 miles south of Spokane, in which her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Stone, 63, died. Richmond was among the injured.

The Belans received word of the accident Sunday and left immediately for Spokane where Mrs. Stone is being treated. Their car was laid up here for repairs and Mrs. Belan was a visitor at The Herald and News office seeking word of the condition of hospital victims. They continued north later today.

but to the amount of work involved for them.

The state's way to collect this tax would be to sell every pack of cigarettes at two cents each. The tobacco men would have to put the stamps on each pack of cigarettes. For that work the wholesalers would be paid 30 cents per case. There are 50 cartons of cigarettes in a case, or 500 packs. They would be paid 30 cents for stamping 500 packs of cigarettes.

Tobacco men protest that the 30 cents isn't enough to pay for the work. Other states using the same system pay from 40 to 60 cents for the job.

Wholesale cigarette prices in Klamath Falls now are \$1.34 per carton in case lots, or \$1.37 per carton in smaller lots. There is no state or city tax here, but the federal tax amounts to about 60 cents per carton of 10 packs, or over 50 per cent of the wholesale price.

Retail prices here in town vary from 14 to 20 cents a pack, in the popular brands. If the state's cigarette tax goes into effect the minimum retail price will jump to 16 cents, as the tax is passed along from wholesaler to retailer and from retailer to the smoker.

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Des Moines River Floods Ottumwa, Iowa



Flood waters of the Des Moines river sweep through Ottumwa, Ia., even before the crest of the flood had been reached. This is an alluvial of the intersection of Church and Davis streets. Ottumwa is a city of 22,000 population.

Joseph Stukel, Klamath Basin Pioneer, Dies Sunday

Joseph Stukel, 73, a native of Linkville and member of a pioneer Klamath family, died Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the home of his daughter, Goldie, Mrs. J. B. Kidwell, near Ashland. Final rites will be announced by the Earl Whitlock Funeral home.

Mr. Stukel, who boasted that he was born in Linkville, lived in three counties and never moved out of the home. He was the son of Steve and Deliah Perdue Stukel who came to this section during the Modoc war years of 1872-73. Joseph Stukel was born here in 1874. His father had holdings in the Hot Springs district but moved to the Merrill section where his homestead was situated at the foot of what is commonly known as Stukel mountain. Scott McKendree now owns that property.

Steve Stukel, a native of Austria, and his wife Deliah, a native of Douglas county, sold their interests and moved to Merrill. Mrs. Stukel died June 24, 1934, several years after the death of her husband.

Joseph Stukel attended the old Gale school, one mile north and two miles east of Merrill on the Robert C. Anderson homestead. He married Millie Booth, daughter of the Shannon Booths, early day pioneers, and Mrs. Stukel preceded him in death several years ago.

Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stukel, only one is now alive. She is Mrs. Amy Paxton of Billings, Mont. Her brothers and sisters were Joseph, Steve, Fred, Ollie and Minnie.

For a time many years ago, Joseph Stukel operated butcher shops at Merrill and Chiloquin. He farmed most of his life and four years ago moved to the Kidwell home. In addition to his daughter, Mrs. Kidwell, survivors are one son, Charles, Dorris, Calif., and Mrs. Paxton, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The cabinet officer spoke at Reed college commencement ceremonies when he received an honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Krug drew attention to the dwindling raw material supplies of the nation and said exploitation of the country's "mental wealth" and conservation must replace earlier exploitation of natural wealth.

"Conservation of the residue of the legacy of natural wealth means the difference between a prosperous and secure nation and the decline of physical and economic strength," Krug said.

Dorr Named OVS Manager

SALEM, June 9 (AP)—Henry Dorr, business manager of the state tuberculosis hospital here for 10 years, today was appointed business manager of the Oregon Vocational school at the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks. O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, said today.

Dorr will take over the job June 23. Winston D. Purvine, superintendent of the school, will report next Monday to supervise remodeling. Paulson said the school would open about July 15.

Paulson said heads of the various divisions of the school would be announced in two or three weeks.

Lie Detector Test Planned

MASSILLON, O., June 9 (AP)—Assistant Stark County Prosecutor W. Bernard Rodgers said today a man who volunteered for a lie detector test would be given the test late today in connection with the deaths of two baby girls at City hospital.

Rodgers, newly assigned to the case by the county prosecutor, said a "merely routine" test would be made in Cleveland, after funeral services for the two victims.

Fiji Publisher Vacations In US

OAKLAND, Calif., June 9 (AP)—Alport Barker, publisher of the Fiji Times Herald and chairman of the Fiji Islands Development Board, arrived yesterday aboard an Australian National Airways plane en route to Vancouver, B. C., to visit relatives. He was accompanied by his wife, Evelyn.

Ship, Plane Try Rescue

SEATTLE, June 9 (AP)—A coast guard amphibious plane and the cutter Bonham raced to a convoy of UNRRA fishing vessels off the Oregon coast today where a cook aboard the motor vessel, the Michigan, had a severe case of acute appendicitis.

The Bonham left Coos bay under forced draft for the convoy's position, 150 miles to the west. The cook was identified here as Carl M. Ross, Seattle. The five ships, last of 36 built on Puget sound for UNRRA, left here Thursday for Shanghai.

The coast guard here said that if the plane was unable to land beside the ship in the rough weather, the Bonham would take him aboard.

Shock Kills Mill Worker

LAKEVIEW, Ore., June 9—Carl Jack Pugh, 25, was killed Saturday afternoon at the Fremont sawmill when he touched the wiring of a running motor while putting a belt on a machine.

Pugh was knocked out by a heavy charge of electricity. He was rushed to a local hospital but died in a few minutes.

The industrial accident victim was married and is survived by his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pugh of Lakeview, two sisters and three brothers. One sister, Mrs. Ida May Storey, lives at Sprague River.

Funeral services were held here Monday.

More Sugar To Be Allocated

WASHINGTON, June 9 (AP)—The agriculture department proposed today that an additional 15 pounds of sugar per person be allocated this year exclusively for home canning instead of lifting household rationing immediately.

James H. Marshall, chief of the sugar branch, told the house banking committee that sugar supplies are still not sufficient to meet all demands and that removal of household controls might "make rationing ineffective for small industrial users."

If wholesalers and retailers were not required to collect sugar stamps from housewives, he said, the government would have no way of policing their sugar sales to small bakeries, candy makers and others.

The department fears, he asserted, that some household users might have less sugar in a "wholly uncontrolled market" than under "liberalized rationing."

"If we did not have that fear there would be no basis for rationing," he said.

Lightning Bolt Knocks Riders Out Of Saddles, Kills Two Horses

TACOMA, June 9 (AP)—A lightning bolt near Horseshoe lake, between Gig Harbor and Bremerton, knocked two riders from their horses here yesterday, stunning the riders, killing the horses and forcing postponement of a rodeo.

The riders, Lester Hahn, 17, and Shirley Case, 18, both of Port Orchard, were riding toward the rodeo which they planned to enter at Horseshoe lake when the bolt struck. Hahn was knocked unconscious and Miss Case badly dazed as the force of the lightning knocked them from their mounts. The horses were hurled against a tree in such a fashion they had to be pried loose. The saddles apparently received the main force of the bolt.

Miss Case walked a mile to a farmhouse to obtain help for her unconscious companion, who was later reported in good condition. He suffered from flesh burns in the neck and back and his hair was singed.

Rodeo officials, informed of the accident, decided to postpone the show.

Move Lacks Union Okeh, Says Leader

UNIONTOWN, Pa., June 9 (AP)—Protests over a labor-curling bill passed by congress today were blamed for a spreading walkout of bituminous coal miners which already had idled nearly 10,000 diggers in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Some 6000 miners quit work or voted to quit work over the week-end and today they were joined by an additional 2000 miners in the rich coal producing fields of Fayette, Greene and Washington counties.

Unauthorized William Hynes, president of United Mine Workers, district 4, embracing the Uniontown coal fields, declared the walkouts "unauthorized."

"The only thing I know is that the miners are protesting the labor bill," Hynes said.

The district UMW head said he understood a number of miners' meetings are scheduled for today but declined to say whether these would spread or halt the work stoppages.

At Washington, the Hartley-Taft labor bill, which would restrict strikes in essential industries and provides new mediation machinery, was expected to reach President Truman for action in a few days.

14 Mines Down

Fourteen mines were shut down, West Virginia captive pits owned by large steel companies—U. S. Steel corporation, Weirton Steel, Jones and Laughlin and Republic Steel.

The walkouts came just three weeks before the miners begin a 10-day vacation called for officially under their government contract and a month before a general strike threat.

The government must return the mine to private operation July 1, but the vacation, beginning June 27, would delay any strike until July 7.

Meanwhile, the last of the contract negotiations with the United Mine Workers, led by Chief John L. Lewis and the operators broke down last week.

Brief interludes of sunshine between showers made Klamath folk wistful today as the rain, so welcome a week ago, became too much of a good thing. In the past 12 days, 2.68 inches of rain have fallen in Klamath Falls with a forecast of partly cloudy and occasional showers Tuesday promising to add still more to the rainfall figure.

Rain continued to be general throughout the state, with another heavy downpour reported from the Lakeview area this morning. Farmers are beginning to hope for at least a few days of sunshine to dry the soggy, wet ground and enable them to continue spring farm work.

A few crops in the Klamath country are at a standstill because of too much moisture, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson, but so far, the rain is still welcome from the agricultural standpoint.

A total of 32 of an inch of precipitation was recorded by The California Oregon Power company over the week-end.

Armed Jews Kidnap Britons

JERUSALEM, June 9 (AP)—A British police sergeant and a British police constable were kidnapped from a swimming pool at Ramat Gan near Tel Aviv tonight by 12 armed Jews. It was officially confirmed.

The 12 entered the pool and ordered the policemen to "come with us." One resisted and struck on the head. A woman was injured by a small bomb tossed into the water.

Authorities associated the kidnapping with the Jerusalem trial of five members of the underground organization Irgun Zvai Leumi, accused in connection with the liberation of prisoners at Acre prison May 4. It was recalled that Irgun had threatened reprisals "when danger of death sentences against our soldiers is in sight."

Earlier, British military authorities announced a fake bomb warning, telephoned to Arab legion headquarters in Haifa last night, had resulted in the removal of nearly 100 children from a nearby convent as a safety measure.

Shrine Sirens Rouse Klamath

Sirens whining in Klamath Falls Sunday afternoon were part of the special equipment of a train passing through here, carrying Shriners home to San Francisco from the national convention at Atlantic City.

Newspaper office and the radio stations received calls from many persons who heard the sirens and were mystified about their exact location and purpose.

Southern Pacific confirmed that it was just the Islam temple Shriners having a bit of fun.

Trygve Lie Criticized By Jew Agency

LAKE SUCCESS, June 9 (AP)—The Jewish Agency for Palestine charged today that Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations, had "gone outside and beyond the scope of his functions" in circulating a British note on immigration into the Holy Land.

The agency asked that Lie circulate its protest to the 55 member nations just as he did with the British note.

On May 29, Lie transmitted to all UN members the British note asking them to discourage "any illegal activity which is likely to increase the difficulty of finding a solution of the Palestine problem." The note also asked the nations to take precautions against "illegal" immigration.

The commission was making last-minute preparations for its departure for Jerusalem.

Truck Wrecked At Barclay

One person was hospitalized and another suffered minor hurts in a truck-car accident late Sunday afternoon at Barclay springs on highway 97, 14 miles north of Klamath Falls.

In Hillsdale hospital is Clarence Bilibrey, 43, of Turlock, Calif., driver of the truck which was north bound when it went out of control during a driving rain storm and, according to state police, struck a south bound coupe operated by E. O. Smiley of Sacramento.

While police were investigating the crash a moving van, traveling south, jackknifed on the highway in an effort to avoid striking the wrecked coupe and the van plunged into the bank. Richard August Malone of Seattle, driver of the van, suffered a bad cut over the eye. Neither Smiley, coupe operator, nor his two companions, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miller of Sacramento, were injured.

The big truck took off from the highway to the left, careened over rocks and finally came to a stop against a tree where it was demolished. The cab overturned and Bilibrey, sufficiently injured to be given treatment at Hillsdale. Hospital authorities said he would be released some time today.

The coupe and moving van were damaged considerably and both machines were towed into Klamath Falls garages.

State police said highway 97 was blocked at the Barclay springs point for a period of 30 minutes before the wreckage could be cleared.

Three Killed In Auto Crash

UMATILLA, June 9 (AP)—A honeymooning Portland couple and a woman passenger in a second automobile were killed near here yesterday when two cars skidded on a wet highway and crashed.

State Police Officer Harold Forsyth identified the newly-married couple as John Arthur Traven, 37, route 2 box 43, Portland, and his bride, Mary Elizabeth Ruth Traven, 32, and the third victim was Mrs. Sarah Blair East, 51, Salt Lake City.

The officer said the Travens were traveling eastward, possibly bound for Mrs. Traven's home in Duluth, Minn., and the East car in the opposite direction on highway 730 between here and Irrigon.

Roy Henry East, husband of one of the victims, was in the Pendleton hospital. He suffered a fractured leg and other injuries.

The Travens were married in Portland Saturday morning.

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Stunt Jumper Critically Ill

SEATTLE, June 9 (AP)—Howard C. (Pop) Whittier, 59, stunt jumper at an airshow in nearby Kent, was in a critical condition today in a Seattle hospital after making an apparently perfect delayed jump yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Ernie Criss said Whittier jumped at 3500 feet, pulled the ripcord at 1500 feet and made a "soft" landing, but was unconscious when reached by a ground crew. He regained consciousness briefly but could recall nothing about the jump.

Hospital attendants said there were no bruises or lacerations on Whittier's body. Sheriff's officers were attempting to contact his wife, who they said was in San Francisco.

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Eight Feet Of Water Hits Camp

THE DALLES, Ore., June 9 (AP)—Survivors of a canyon flash flood that drowned at least one woman and left more than 100 homeless worked with Red Cross officials today to salvage their belongings.

An eight-foot wall of water burst over four harvest camps Saturday during a storm that caused an estimated million-dollar loss to the Hood River valley's rich fruit orchards.

Shelter Provided Shelter, clothing and food has been provided in civic halls for the families since the water washed down the narrow canyon without warning, carrying away tents, trailers and trucks. More than 50 persons saved themselves by clinging to debris, fence wires or climbing trees.

Michael Yalup, Toppensh, Wash., told of his 80-year-old wife being swept out of their tent. Her body was found a mile below the camp. He said the water was above the tent ridge pole before he fully realized what was happening. He clung to a fence wire.

Children Saved T. C. Duncan, Baker, Ore., had time to reach his truck and rescue his children. He said the flood swept away a truck and an automobile like wooden blocks.

Two orchard owners, R. F. Brace and Hubert Woods, were credited with saving Delorene George, 7, as she was swept by the water to the brink of a 30-foot drop in the canyon floor. Her father, Timothy George, who is blind, and Mrs. George, were taken to a hospital.

The flood struck the camps at the height of a hail and rain storm which fruit growers estimated cost them more than \$1,000,000 in damage to cherry, pear and apple crops in the rich fruit belt.

Some cherry growers near Hood River reported their cherries so damaged that they would not even attempt to pick the crop. Hailstones which weighed up to three-quarters of an inch battered pear and apple trees.

The storm's fury was vented chiefly on the orchards, but the town of Hood River suffered some damage. The roof of the Bartol garage collapsed, a large show window broke, basements flooded, and telephone and power service was interrupted.

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