

YREKA GIRL IDENTIFIED TODAY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE United States today protests "sharply" to the Romanian government against the arbitrary arrest without warrant or charge of hundreds of members of the Romanian political party that opposes communism.

Our note says the arrests "appear to represent a deliberate effort at the suppression or terroristic intimidation of democratic elements" opposing the present communist-dominated regime in Romania.

It adds that "such evident deprivation of the most elemental human rights and fundamental freedoms" conflicts with the terms of the peace treaty signed by the Romanian government and ratified by the United States.

THE protest, of course, is only a gesture. Romania, for all practical purposes, is now a PART OF SOVIET RUSSIA.

AS to Russia and her ultimate objectives in Europe, watch the Suetin-Adriatic line, of which the line of the Elbe river is a part. Recall that in the closing days of the shooting war every time our troops stepped over this line they were yanked back by orders from Washington.

It seems altogether likely that this line was agreed upon at Yalta or elsewhere as the western boundary of Russian influence in Europe and that Russia is moving deviously to make good the agreement.

THERE is another interesting development in the European news. Molotov, Russia's No. 2 man, is to go to Paris to talk over with Bidault of France and Bevin of Britain America's proposal to get hungry and desperate Western Europe back on its feet. On its face, that looks hopeful. Maybe, after all, Russia is going to be decent and helpful.

A wave of optimism has swept the world in the wake of announcement of Molotov's participation in the Paris conference.

PRAVDA (newspaper organ of the Russian communist party) dashes cold water over these hopes this morning.

"No self-respecting European nation could accept the U. S. proposals if acceptance means American interference in the internal affairs of those nations."

It adds that the "business world of the United States is trying through this proposal to help Western Europe to WEAKEN THE RIPENING ECONOMIC CRISIS in America and declares that if American aid to Europe under the new plan is "conditioned on the Greek-Turkish sample" it is doomed to failure.

KEEP in mind that this new plan for helping Western Europe to get back onto its feet puts Russia on the spot. She must either help or hinder. If she HINDERS, it will amount to confession that what Russia really wants is CONTINUED CHAOS because chaos is the soil in which communism flourishes.

SO don't build any high hopes on Molotov's forthcoming trip to Paris. It doesn't necessarily mean anything good.

If your rivals were cooking something up, you'd want to be in the kitchen to see what the broth was going to be. That could easily explain Molotov's participation in the Paris parley.

Keep your fingers crossed for the present.

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WEATHER	
Max. (June 24) 84	Min. 59
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0	
Stream year to date 10.85	
Last year 18.84	Normal 11.77
Forecast: Fair, high clouds.	

Coal Men Talk Terms

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Soft coal operators from the North and West gathered today to discuss terms they might offer to John L. Lewis in an effort to avert an industry-wide mine strike next month.

Even as the producers met, nearly half of the soft coal miners already were idle in what some coal diggers described as a protest against enactment of the Taft-Hartley labor bill.

Further curtailment of operations is due when the miners start a 10-day vacation Friday, three days before the government relinquishes the seized mines to private owners.

Unless the operators and Lewis' United Mine Workers agree on a new contract before the vacation period ends July 7, the pits are likely to stay closed. The miners traditionally have refused to work without a contract.

The contract negotiations broke down several weeks ago in a dispute over Lewis' wage and other demands. Despite the meeting of Northern and Western operators, there was no indication that they had an immediate date with Lewis.

However, Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach or some other government official may seek to bring the two sides together quickly.

Southern coal operators, who have insisted on separate negotiations, were standing by while the northern and western coal men planned their strategy.

Little "Miss X" Identified At Yreka



Flaxen-haired "Miss X," who has been in a Yreka hospital for 10 days recovering from a sadistic beating apparently received at Weed, June 15, has been identified as Mary Jane Meddlin, 2, daughter of Mrs. Laura Lucille Meddlin of Selma, Ore. Hugh Gilreath, Mrs. Meddlin's common law husband, is held in jail at Yreka on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. The top picture, from Associated Press wirephoto, was taken in Grants Pass as State Police Sgt. C. R. Borgman questioned Gilreath about the crime last night. Gilreath admitted abandoning Mary Jane in Weed. The child's mother will be taken to Yreka to face a like charge this afternoon. The two pictures of the little girl were taken in the Siskiyou General hospital by Deputy Sheriff Thorne West.

Firemen Beat Call To Fire

City firemen were Johnny-on-the-spot this morning when they got to the fire before they had been called. The fire, a chemical blaze in a cleaning vat at the New Method Cleaning plant, 1453 Esplanade, was spotted by firemen from an upper story window of the station only a few blocks away.

Slight damage was done, the fire department reported.

Firemen were called to extinguish two grass fires Tuesday, one at 4th and Roosevelt and the other on the east edge of town at the city limits.

Constellation Crash Lands

EW YORK, June 25 (AP)—An Air France Constellation plane from Paris buckled this afternoon as it was coming to a stop on a 5000-foot runway at LaGuardia field.

The extent of damage was not ascertained immediately. The accident occurred at 12:09 p. m. PST.

The plane was half way down the runway when it appeared to buckle, and the plane tipped over on one wing.

The two right engines also were reported to have buckled. Crash apparatus was rushed to the scene.

It was reported the plane had 30 passengers on board.

The plane had come into the prevailing southwest wind and had gone about 2000 feet along the runway, which was described as a northeast-southwest runway.

The craft was reported to have left Paris yesterday.

New Trains Due In Fall

The new Shasta daylight trains, scheduled to operate between San Francisco and Portland via Klamath Falls, are expected to be ready for service sometime in the late fall according to Southern Pacific railroad. These diesel-powered all-coach trains are a part of the new streamlined equipment which has been ordered by the railroad company. Total cost of the equipment is expected to reach \$90,000,000.

According to A. T. Mercier, president of the Southern Pacific company, the City of San Francisco, operating between San Francisco and Chicago, will be put on a daily run between the two cities as soon as new equipment becomes available. It now makes three trips a week. Equipment needed to make the City of San Francisco a daily train will cost \$5,000,000.

Italian Head Resigns Post

ROME, June 25 (AP)—Provisional President Enrico de Nicola, 69, sent his resignation to the constituent assembly today.

The resignation came after approximately 6,000,000 members of the communist-dominated general confederation of labor held a nation-wide half hour strike at mid-morning in protest against a series of attacks on Sicilian communist headquarters Sunday.

De Nicola's message, read to a hushed assembly by Speaker Umberto Terracini said his health prevented him from exercising "my functions any longer."

The possibility remained that the assembly might ask De Nicola to serve again. Other candidates mentioned were the three old men of Italian politics, all former premiers: Ivanhoe Bonomi, Francesco Saverio Nitti and Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, last survivor of the Big Four of the first World War.

Phone Books Ready Soon

New telephone directories should be in the mail to subscribers in this area in early July, Charles Seavey, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here, said today. The 1947-48 books are being printed and all indications are that they should be finished by July 1.

The books are about a month behind schedule this year, delayed by the telephone strike several weeks ago. Material could not be given to printers in time to make the usual June 1 date, Seavey explained.

More than 6000 names appear in the new directory, a record number in this section. The figure does not include listings for Merrill, Malin, Tulelake, Bonanza, Bly, and outlying points.

Prince Of Iran Found Today

PARIS, June 25 (AP)—Prince Hamid-reza Pahlavi, younger brother of the Shah of Iran, who disappeared from his New York hotel Monday night, arrived here by plane today and was whisked away to the Iranian legation by an attaché before the 15-year-old lad had time to protest.

Mahmoud Salehi, Iranian consul, said the prince had "run away" from the school he had been attending in the United States and had intended to take the first available plane from Paris to Tehran.

Bee Sting Kills Seattle Woman

SEATTLE, June 25 (AP)—Stung by a wasp, Mrs. Katherine Mosley, 32, died within 15 minutes Tuesday after running from her yard to a neighbor's home, Coroner John P. Brill Jr., reported. The neighbor, Mrs. Edward T. Welch, telephoned a doctor and the fire department but Mrs. Mosley died on her way to the hospital where she was being administered. The death was due to acute pulmonary congestion caused by the poison in the sting, Brill said.

Amnesia Case Identified

YREKA, Calif., June 25—The young woman who was picked up more than two weeks ago at Dunsuir, apparently an amnesia victim, has been tentatively identified as Bonnie Jean Wallace, or Bonny Jean Owsley, 30.

She is held in the Siskiyou General hospital as a mental patient.

The identification was made by the California state bureau of identification by fingerprints. Prints taken at Yreka matched a set taken at San Diego over a year ago when a woman who gave her name as Bonnie Jean Wallace was given a 30-day suspended sentence on a drunk charge.

At that time she said that she was a native of Louisville, Ky. At Yreka the woman has given her name as Jean Lange, and appears unable to recognize the other names.

The woman was picked up at Dunsuir, Saturday, May 31, wandering about the streets in an erratic manner. She was cradling a pair of shoes in her arms as though fondling a baby.

Search For Boy's Body Called Off

Search of Lost river near Merrill was called off yesterday afternoon for the body of 8-year-old Gerald Dickinson, who is believed to have drowned in the river Monday.

Six boats with dragging equipment combed the bottom of the river yesterday without success. The boy was a son of Mrs. Thomas Watson of Merrill. Searchers were hampered by clams on the bottom of the river and by brush and willows.

Vessel, About To Sail For Far East, Burns At New York Docks

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 25 (AP)—Fire spread through two holds of the U. S. President Lines' 10,780-ton cargo ship, the SS Marine Flier, today as longshoremen loaded the vessel for sailing Friday to the Far East.

A heavy pall of blue-gray smoke rose from the ship and drifted across the Hudson river over downtown Manhattan. Two coast guard boats including the fireboat, Sauk, the New York City fireboat John Harvey, 10 railroad tugboats, and 13 fire companies joined in subduing the blaze that broke out at 11:10 a. m. (EDT), and was not under control until an hour and a half later.

When Jersey City firemen arrived at the scene they were told that eight longshoremen had been trapped in No. 2 hold of the Marine Flier, Fire Chief Frank J. Ertle said. He added that the report was soon discounted when firemen, wearing masks, went down into the hold and found no evidence of anyone being trapped.

Origin of the fire, Police Captain Patrick Flanagan said, and a damage estimate were not immediately determined.

Flanagan said the fire, in a hold containing ammonia sulphide, caused fumes and intense heat that hampered the work of firemen.

The Marine Flier had been scheduled to sail Friday with general cargo to the Far East. It arrived several days ago from the Orient.

B-29's Leave For Tokyo

FAIRFIELD, Calif., June 25 (AP)—Nine B-29s and their escorting C-54 "mother ships" headed toward Tokyo from Fairfield-Suisun army air base today and an August 1 attempt to make a one-stop flight from the Japanese capitol to Washington.

The aircraft, carrying 180 men and maintenance parts and equipment, left the air transport command base last night, arriving earlier in the day from their home station at Ft. Worth, Tex.

Barbers Point air field, on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands, was their first stop after leaving here. Fuel tanks are scheduled to Kwajalein and Guam en route to Japan.

The August 1-Air Force Day—flight will have Anchorage, Alaska, as refueling point.

Highway Work Slated Soon

Work is slated to start July 7 on construction of the lower Klamath lake secondary highway connecting U. S. highway 97 with the South End basin area, contractor said today. F. L. Somers, contractor, said today that he hopes to have the job finished by early November.

Cost of construction is estimated at \$169,750 for the 7.01 miles of roadway, which will be surfaced with bituminous macadam.

The state highway office expects Paul Jones, formerly of the division office of engineers at Bend, to be in charge of the work. The improved highway will give Tulelake and South End people a good southbound route of travel, making it unnecessary to come to Klamath Falls before going south.

Spiraling Meat Prices May Lead To Return Of Control

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, said today a threatening meat shortage may make it necessary to restore price controls, but Senator Taft (R-Ohio) commented: "Not a chance."

O'Neal expressed his views at a hearing by a senate-house committee headed by Taft. This group—the joint congressional committee on the economic report—is seeking information on how to stabilize the economy.

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) developed O'Neal's opinions about meat prospects. The senator noted that floods in the Midwest are seriously damaging the corn crop and said this will lead to a shortage of meat and possibly start a new wage-price spiral.

"What are we going to do?" O'Mahoney asked. "Does it mean we are going to have to go back to price control?"

O'Neal said, "We may have to go back."

But Taft told reporters later "there is not a chance" of restoring price controls.

"We can control prices somewhat," he said, "by controlling exports."

O'Neal urged that congress enact additional labor legislation "to deal adequately with labor-management relations, but he did not specify what he believes is needed beyond the new Taft-Hartley law.

Man Confesses Leaving Tot But Denies Beating

By HALE SCARBROUGH
A sudden break in the mystery of little "Miss X," coming from Grants Pass last night, identified the child who has spent the past 10 days in a hospital at Yreka recovering from a brutal beating, as Mary Jane Meddlin, aged 2.

Hugh Gilreath, 25-year-old Selma, Ore., millworker, is held in the Siskiyou county jail today on open charges. He has admitted abandoning the child in Weed June 15, but denied the beating.

The child's mother, Gilreath's common law wife, is held in what officers called "protective custody" at Selma, 20 miles from Grants Pass.

Formal charges of assault with intent to commit murder were filed against Gilreath and the tot's mother at Yreka, and Deputy Sheriff Thorne West and Mrs. Lucille Meddlin. She will be taken to the hospital and confronted with the child this afternoon.

Yreka sources said that feeling is running strong against Gilreath there and officers are considering taking him to another jail for safe keeping. The 25-year-old man could not even be placed in a common cell when he was brought to the Siskiyou jail this morning on protest of other prisoners.

Last night Gilreath was arrested by Oregon state police at Selma, where he works and taken to Grants Pass where he was questioned by Siskiyou Deputy Sheriff Thorne West and Weed Police Chief Dan Bennett.

Soviets Kill Hopes For Cooperation

LONDON, June 25 (AP)—Pravda, the communist party organ in Russia, dashed cold water today on the warm, friendly feeling which has encompassed Europe since the Soviet Union accepted last Sunday a British-French invitation to talk about the Marshall aid-Europe plan.

With Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov reportedly scheduled to leave tomorrow for Paris, where the three-power talks will get under way Friday, Pravda said no self-respecting European nation could accept the Marshall proposals if acceptance meant American interference in the internal affairs of those nations.

It said the business world of the United States was trying through the Marshall program, "to weaken the ripening economic crisis" in America, and declared that if American aid to Europe under the plan is "conditioned on the Greek-Turkish sample" it was doomed to failure.

Conference Continued
U. S. Undersecretary of State William L. Clayton continued his conferences on world economic affairs with Prime Minister Attlee, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the board of trade, U. S. Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas also attended talks today.

One high British government source said Britain would defer final decision on cutting her buying program in the United States "at least until the fall scope possibilities of the Marshall aid-Europe plan emerge."

This apparently was in answer to previous reports that Washington was expressing "concern" that such curtailment might amount to discrimination against American goods, which is prohibited under the terms of the loan agreement of 1946.

Woman Juror Beaten Up

SANTA ANA, Calif., June 25 (AP)—A woman juror in the Overall Jacoby deaths case was beaten up by an unidentified intruder who broke into her house today. Her assailant was quoted by an authoritative police source as saying: "The hell all you'll get if you vote the girl guilty."

The reference apparently was to Louise Overall, 18-year-old heiress on trial with her boy friend, George Gollum, 21, in the slayings of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overall.

The second day of testimony-taking in the trial was delayed as Mrs. Ovon Putnam, red-haired, 22-year-old wife of a shipyard worker, and Superior Judge Kenneth E. Morrison were closed for a conference.

There have been repeated requests from the prosecution that the jury—obtained after a month's questioning—be locked up for duration of the trial. Court sources predicted that the Putnam incident would bring a renewed demand.

Under California law, such an incident must be reported first to the trial judge, and law officers would not be quoted officially.

Lakeview Gun Wielder Draws Four Year Sentence

LAKEVIEW, June 25—Melvin Storey, 26, gun wielder in a spectacular shooting fray on the Mendocino northeast of here last Thursday morning, was sentenced to serve four years in the Oregon state prison yesterday after a grand jury had returned three indictments against him charging assault with intent to kill.

Storey, pleading guilty to one indictment, accused himself of trying to kill Rudolph Minor, Circuit Judge Charles Combs withheld action on the other two true bills, which charged that Storey tried to kill his wife, Arleen, and William Minor.

All three of the indictments were returned yesterday. The Lake County grand jury was called in principle to hear the case against Storey, who had been held in jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail since Thursday.

The incident which climaxed in the shooting spree was believed by officers to be a spotlight deer hunt,



Dorothy and Patsy Heath had just crossed East Main street at Orchard with this load of groceries when the 9 o'clock photog caught this picture with their dog Tippy. The Heath girls are the daughters of Leo Heath, 2432 Orchard.

9 o'clock Special