

In The News

By FRANK JENKINS
RUSSIA, in a surprise announcement from Moscow, declares her opposition to any "all-embracing" economic program for Europe. The announcement, broadcast from Moscow, turns down the idea of Western Europe getting together to help Russia with financial assistance from America.

Such assistance, Moscow says, would be "unwarranted interference in the affairs of European states."
YOU know how these "conferences" are. They are poker games on an astronomical scale.
Watch this one. It promises a showdown on what Russia really wants. If Moscow rejects flatly this proposal to get Europe back to work, it will be pretty good evidence that Russia's continuing purpose is CHAOS IN EUROPE.

Communism grows lushly in the soil of chaos.
ECONOMICALLY, Russia has everything to gain from the rebuilding of Europe, because she is GLOUSE. She would benefit greatly from the trade that would follow if the peoples of Europe can be started to MAKING THINGS again.
If she refuses to join in such a program, we must be forced to believe that her purposes are political rather than economic.

That is to say, Russia's political purpose would be disclosed as the communication of the world.
FROM Nanking this morning comes word that Chiang Kai-shek and the leaders of his Kuomintang party have pressed on complete mobilization of Nationalist China's manpower and resources to fight the Chinese communists to a finish.
One Nationalist leader is said by the correspondents to have put it this way:
"The action just taken means simply that we are taking off our gloves and really fighting the communists hereafter with no holds barred."

CHINA probably needs peace and rehabilitation as badly as any nation on earth. Her industry is practically ruined. She is swept by an inflation as fantastic as that which wrecked Germany after World War I. Her people are dying by the hundreds of thousands of starvation. Yet she is bracing herself for a last, all-out civil war.
That shows about as clearly as anything can the incompatibility between communism and NON-communism. Apparently, they JUST WON'T MIX.

AT St. Louis, the Mississippi river reaches the highest point in 103 years. With the flood situation severe, the water lapping at the top of the levees, there is a FEARFUL possibility of a major breach. If anything could be calculated to crack the straining dikes, it would be an earthquake.

But, oddly enough, they seem to have HELD—at least so far.
FOR weeks we have been reading of floods in the Mississippi valley. The floods have held back the planting of corn in the river bottoms. The natural expectation has been that the corn crop would be severely reduced. Corn is the big FEED grain. If there is too little corn, there will be a corresponding shortage of finished meat.

Yet the other day the Chicago CORN MARKET BROKE rather sharply. The break in the market indicated belief on the part of buyers that the corn crop will be bigger than has been expected. Floods or no floods can tell.

CUTTING back momentarily to the troubles of Europe, it is not to overlook the French republic and set up a military dictatorship is said to have been nipped in the bud. About the last thing France needs is another revolution, but with conditions as disturbed as they are in Europe, you never can tell what will happen.

A CLOSING word on man's intolerance to man.
An Albanian in the Willamette valley a thief held up a theatre and forced the janitor to open the safe. The safe contained only \$260. In exasperation, the thief tied and gagged the janitor, kicked him in the ribs, and then, with a pistol in his hand, cursed in bitter disappointment.
That is the general spirit of the world today. It explains why the news is uniformly depressing.

Road Problem For Tule Homesteaders Unsolved

The problem of roads for the new homesteaders in the Tulelake area remains unsolved today, with the Modoc county supervisors urging Modoc county to develop the road system and the Modoc supervisors proposing that federal funds, by direct appropriation or from the bureau of reclamation, be used for the purpose.
The new homestead development, as was the case with previous openings, provides right-of-ways for roads, but no provision was made for financing construction on this right-of-way.
Veterans appealed to the supervisors of Modoc county, within which the units are being opened, to need roads to get supplies to their homesteads, transport crops to market, get children to school, get medical aid when necessary, secure mail and proper fire protection.
While there are trails along the right-of-way which are usable in summer time, the Tulelake country gets very wet in winter and concern over the transport situation next winter has brought increasing attention to the problem.
A reclamation official said today that it has never been the custom of the reclamation bureau to provide for construction of roads from the reimbursable reclamation funds, inasmuch as this would be added to the general cost of the project and would have to be repaid by the people on the land. No such provision was made in connection with past openings. The homesteaders

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WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—The government lowered the American flag over more than 2500 soft coal mines today and formally restored the pits to the private owners after 13 months of federal operation.
The contract dispute which prompted federal seizure of the mines May 22, 1946, still was unsettled, however, and another strike at conclusion of the current 10-day vacation July 8 is a definite prospect.
With the government stepping aside as operator, it will be up to the owners themselves to make terms with the miners. If they don't succeed by July 8, the miners are expected to stay home.
No Workers
The government gives back the mines in the same condition it found them 13 months ago—empty of workers.
Forced to step out of the pits at noon with final explosion of the Smith-Connally war labor disputes act, one federal agency thus gets rid of the coal headache but another is ready to tackle the still unsettled contract war between John L. Lewis and the operators.
The coal mines administration folds up with the end of government operation, leaving Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach and his conciliation service the only official connection with the dispute. Schwelienbach will try to mediate a new contract to avert the threat of a full-blown strike eight days hence.



July 1 marks the end of the dog tie-up period in Klamath Falls, and Sherry, a local Great Dane, here demonstrates the exuberance of all Klamath dogs over the prospect of freedom from the leash and the high fence.

Mississippi On Rampage As New Crests Boost River To Record High

ST. LOUIS, June 30 (AP)—The Mississippi river climbed to a new 103-year record here today and U. S. army engineers warned that the battle for two remaining "critical" levees in this area was "far from over" with another crest pouring down from the mouth of the Missouri river.
An 8.1 earthquake at 11:25:14 p. m. (EST) yesterday brought the threat of breaks to waterlogged barriers holding back the river from thousands of acres of rich farmland on the Illinois side but engineers said no levees were reported damaged by the tremors which lasted about five seconds.
Levee Breaks
The Chouteau island levee, guarding 2000 acres across from North St. Louis, broke at two points today but engineers said other barriers would keep water out of the nearby Venice and Granite City industrial areas.
Fresh appeals for volunteers were made by the engineers in their efforts to save dikes south of East St. Louis and 100 miles south at Chester, Ill., while hundreds of persons were evacuated from their homes ahead of the flood.
The river reached 39.3 feet here and Harry F. Wahlgren, chief meteorologist, predicted the stage would be 39.5 water today.
A brief fall was reported by a spokesman for the engineers earlier but the weather bureau page showed the rise was continuing. All-time high here was 41.3 in 1844.
1000 Homeless
At least 1000 persons were homeless in St. Louis and St. Louis county with the Red Cross setting up four temporary shelters to house the victims.
The earthquake added to the tenacious of the situation although it apparently had no connection with the flood. No serious damage was reported. Police said they had one report of a chimney collapsing from the shock of low-blow buildings, hotels and hospitals were shaken by the quake as well as smaller homes.
Railroad yards, warehouses, small factories and homes along the North and South St. Louis waterfront were under water or threatened by the rising river but the main business, industrial and residential areas were on bluffs, away from any effects of high water.

Police Probe Kidnap Theory

OREGON CITY, June 30 (AP)—The mysterious trip of a baby from a West Linn home caused police to investigate a possible kidnaping attempt today.
Marie Bianchi, 13-year-old babysitter, returned to the living room of the Darrell Cornwell house Saturday night to discover the Cornwell's eight-month-old son vanished from the davenport where he had been sleeping.
She screamed, then told police. Officers found the baby face down—but unhurt—in tall grass about 40 feet from the house.
Sgt. E. L. Bacon of the sheriff's office and other officers searched vainly for prints in the area, conjectured that the girl's screams had frightened the intruder into dropping the baby.

Economic Meet Slow

PARIS, June 30 (AP)—The foreign ministers of France, Britain and Russia met late today in a critical third session which may decide whether Europe can organize economic and financial aid needed for political and ideological differences.
Informed sources said there was no agreement between Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov on one side and Britain's Ernest Bevin and France's George Bidault on the other concerning the Marshall aid-Europe plan.
These informants predicted a showdown, saying the French and British are pledged to restate their proposals for European economic recovery after week-end disclosure of the Russian view that the task of the conference was merely to decide the amount of financial aid needed from the United States and whether such aid could be obtained under the proposal advanced by Secretary of State Marshall.

Medford Survey Crew Man Killed

CREWATA, Calif., June 30 (AP)—The chain line of a survey crew touched an electric wire at Maple creek, 10 miles east of Eureka, Saturday, and killed Charles Lehmann, Medford, Ore. man.
He was on a survey job for the Pacific Gas and Electric company.
"I thought it out" until Siskiyou and Modoc counties developed road systems to meet the need.
The Modoc board of supervisors has adopted a resolution which states that Modoc has an assessed valuation of less than \$15,000,000 and that over 60 per cent of the county is covered by the Modoc national forest.
"If Modoc county were financially able to construct the necessary highway system, it could not legally do so as the attorney general has ruled that spending county money within federal reclamation projects is illegal, and it will be five years before the veterans will acquire title to their property and be subject to taxation and in a position to deed to Modoc county the necessary rights-of-way," the resolution reads. It adds that the federal supervisors consider "it a federal, rather than a county obligation."
The resolution concludes:
"Resolved, that the board of supervisors of Modoc urge the bureau of reclamation to make available sufficient funds from its budget or any other available source or that congress through a direct appropriation supply the necessary funds to construct an adequate highway system for this project."
Reclamation sources here said there had been a suggestion that the county loan some equipment for veterans who wanted to do some road building on their own, but that nothing definite has come of this plan as yet.

Couple Held For Nevada Police

A couple from Reno, Howard Gordon Sisk, 30, and Elsie Johnson Sisk, 33, are held in the county jail today for return to Nevada where they are wanted on charges of obtaining money by false pretenses.
They were arrested at the Wilma hotel yesterday by Sheriff Lloyd L. Low on request of Reno police. The Reno authorities said they wanted the Sisks for operating a "con" game, and would extradite.
Local Liquor Store To Close
Thursday night, July 3, will be the last chance to do business with the Oregon state liquor store until after the 4th of July holidays. The store will be closed July 4, 5 and 6 for the holiday celebration.
Mail This Paper
Today's paper, including the special pictorial supplement on the rodeo and the cattle country, will be mailed by The Herald and News to any place in the United States for ten cents. Leave your orders at The Herald and News office, Pines at Esplanade.

Two Pendleton Residents Tell Of Mystery Discs

PENDLETON, Ore., June 30 (AP)—Mysterious objects, flying high and fast, were reported today by two Pendleton area residents.
Mrs. Morton Elder, McKay Creek farm wife, reported seeing seven "perfectly round, umbrella-like" objects flying in a northerly direction about 11 p. m. Sunday.
She said the "planes" made a humming noise that resembled the sound of a musical top.
She said they were flying in a perfect wedge-shaped formation at a "very fast" speed. She described them as "white as snow" and "round like a mushroom or an umbrella."
She said there was no sign of a tail on the objects. They were flying "very high."
At the same time, Bill Schueninger, foreman of the Lester King ranch about 15 miles north of Pendleton, reported he saw objects similar to those reported near Mt. Rainier Wednesday by Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Ida., flying businessman.
Schueninger said he saw "planes" the same day. Mr. Arnold reported seeing the so-called "flying discs" whizzing along the Cascade mountains at an estimated 1200 miles an hour.
The objects were so high, Schueninger related, that he was unable to determine their shape but he said they were "weaving in and out of formation" at "an unusual rate of speed."
Arnold reported the objects he saw also were weaving "like the tail of a Chinese kite."

House Okays Bond Cashing Congress In Fiscal Huddle

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—A house armed services subcommittee today approved legislation to permit the cashing of GI terminal leave bonds to cash them immediately.
The legislation will come before the full committee tomorrow and its approval is expected in time to permit the house action early next week. Republican leaders have tagged the bill for passage.
There are approximately 9,000,000 bonds outstanding, with a face value estimated at \$1,800,000,000.
The treasury has opposed the legislation on the ground it would add to inflationary pressures.
The legislation is not mandatory. It merely allows holders of the bonds to cash them without waiting for the five-year redemption period originally provided.
Both senate and house have passed a stop-gap measure allowing unfinanced agencies to incur expenses in anticipation of their pending appropriations. But there is a question whether they can actually meet their payrolls.
A senate resolution permitting them to make actual expenditures is before the house appropriations committee. Some members of that committee are reluctant to accept it because it permits expenditures at the rate contemplated in the president's budget estimates, which the committee hopes to reduce.
The 11 snagged appropriation bills are the main business before congress as it goes into the last scheduled month of its session.

Second Frost Hits Basin

A third biting frost within the past few days hit Klamath basin crops Saturday night, causing some damage. Leaves on the larger potato plants were pretty well blackened in some fields but stems do not seem to be affected. Walter Jendrzewski, assistant county agent, said today, from reports coming in from farmers.
Some of the later plantings of smaller plants were nipped more heavily, and the frost was pretty general but crops are expected to recover.
A number of fields located in valleys along the edge of the hills where air drainage is good were passed over by the frost and hillside crops had frost protection. The most heavily hit fields were in the open flat country and here even irrigation was not sufficient protection to ward off frost in some cases.
Clover and grain frost damage has not been determined the county agent said, but crops in bloom were probably effected to some extent.
Haying activity throughout the basin is in progress now with cutting still going on and some hay already cut, some in windrows and some baled. The beet acreage in the county looks good. Jendrzewski said, and does not seem to have been hurt by the frost Saturday night.

French Coal Miners In Pits

PARIS, June 30 (AP)—About 90 per cent of France's striking coal miners went back to work today, ending a strike of one week.
The government accepted a compromise proposal on demands for increased pay Saturday.
Most of the men who did not report at the pits this morning were mine railwaymen and administrative employees who receive no benefit under the compromise strike settlement.
La Grande Pastor Declares Mystery Discs Are Signs Of Coming Doom
LA GRANDE, June 30 (AP)—The end of the world is imminent, declared Rev. Lester Carlson, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle church in La Grande, today after "flying saucers" were reported by several persons here.
The strange zooming objects, first reported zipping across Southwestern Washington, are the signs of the second coming of Christ, Rev. Carlson insisted.
He said the millennium would come at any minute.
The discs were reported here by Leland Jones, La Grande high school student, who said his attention was called to them by two Catholic nuns. They were nine, Jones said, and they kept weaving in and out of formation. He estimated their speed to be around 300 miles an hour.
"They looked bright and round, and seemed to have fins," Jones said.
A vapor trail was reported at a very high altitude northwest of La Grande by City Patrolman George Webb yesterday. The patrolman, who viewed the column through binoculars, said the trail was visible for nearly half an hour. It was unlike any vapor trail he had ever seen, Webb said.

WEATHER
Max. (June 30) 74 Min. 41
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 16.55
Last year 13.95 Normal 11.99
Forecast: Clear today, tomorrow.

Threat To Vet Housing Seen By President

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England To Cut Imports

LONDON, June 30 (AP)—The chancellor of the exchequer, Hugh Dalton, announced today that Britain would cut imports of tobacco, gasoline and newsprint during the year beginning tomorrow to conserve her shrinking dollar supply.
In addition, Dalton told the house of commons, he would ask parliament for authority to put an import duty on motion pictures, if necessary, to economize in foreign exchange.
Dalton said a severe shortage of dollars was developing "in almost all parts of the world."
In particular, he added, "our own line of credit under the Anglo-American loan agreement is being drawn upon much more rapidly than we expected. It is our clear duty to take further steps to close the gap between our necessary imports and our exports."

Police Do Big Business

City police did a booming business of arrests over the week-end, 34 of them, all involving autos or liquor.
Out on 8. 6th there were six arrests made for speeding, with the following results:
Rowland F. Coff, 5634 Cottage, posted \$10 bail; Francis M. Lootens, 312 Lowell, posted \$20; W. B. Galloway Jr., 3440 Boardman, posted \$5; Pete M. Stride, 1019 McKinley, put up \$10; Lloyd E. Samson, 5201 Miller, posted \$5, and Joe E. Green, 1618 Nimitz, put up \$25 for speeding and for having no operator's license.
Ralph Melvin Duell, 527 Upham, posted \$5 for a violation of the basic rule on Main, and Robert Blair, Dorris, put up \$10 for a like offense on East Main.
John D. Champlin, 701 California, posted \$5 bail on a charge of failing to yield the right of way. He was involved in a minor accident with a car driven by A. H. Sinclair, 219 Pine, at Walnut and 5th, Saturday.
Robert Harrington, 21, 1778 Elva, was fined \$10 for the alternative of 50 days in jail for drunk driving after he was arrested at 6th and Walnut early this morning. William Harrington, 48, was fined \$10 on a drunk south and Darrell Harrington, 19, was fined \$10 for being drunk and another \$50 for disorderly conduct.
The latter fine was suspended. James Bennington, 21, 5059 Bryant, was arrested this morning on a warrant charging reckless driving.

Petitions To Be Circulated

When the state bill regarding lighting districts becomes effective July 5, the initial step in determining the extent of interest in lighting S. 6th street will be taken. Petitions will be circulated in order to find out what areas of the street will join the proposed district.
The action from the viaduct to Altamont drive has indicated a strong desire to join, and the area from Altamont to the canal is expected to favor the plan. No indication has been made known from property owners in the sector beyond the viaduct to Main street.
The lights which have been set up for some time on the south side of the street from Altamont to Washington way, are not yet operating because the necessary transformers, ordered a year ago, have not been delivered.

Mexican Held In Robbery

Maximiliano Garcia Mireles, 41-year-old Mexican national, is held in the county jail today for the theft of baggage from a Southern Pacific passenger train, and an SP special officer said that larceny charges would be filed against the man.
Mireles is accused of taking three suitcases from a train which he got off No. 16 last Saturday night at Chinchincho. He was arrested coming into town last night on a freight, still in possession of the suitcases.
The Mexican was placed in the city jail last night and taken to the county lockup this morning.

Merrill Woman Injured In Wreck

Mrs. Beth Johnson, 36, of Merrill, was slightly injured early of Saturday night in an auto accident on S. 6th, when a car driven by Walter E. Johnson of Merrill was struck by a vehicle operated by Albert McCabe of Medford.
Johnson reported to city police that he was turning to drive into a filling station when hit by the approaching car. Mrs. Johnson was taken to a doctor's office for treatment.

Youthful Hopefuls Turn Out For Baseball School

Approximately 25 young hopefuls turned out to Recreation Dept. at 10 o'clock this morning for the first day of the four-day baseball school being conducted here by the New York Yankees. Boys from as far away as the 100-year-old Dunsmuir were working along with the local lads.
Instruction in throwing and batting was first on the docket this morning, handled by John Cantrell, baseball coach of the Santa Clara college, who also coached the infielders. The boys were then sent out to receive instruction in the fundamentals of playing in the different positions.
Sylvester Johnson, former big league pitcher and present Washington-Oregon scout for the Yankees, handles aspiring pitchers while Bob Hatjo, baseball mentor at Bellevue prep school, San Jose, instructs outfielders.
Batting and infield practice wound up the day for the boys, and after today, practice will be topped off with a game, to see how the boys react under pressure and really give the scouts an idea of what they can do.
The three coaches expressed satisfaction at the turnout this morning, and said that the initial attendance compared very favorably with that of some of the other towns in which the schools have been conducted. More are expected to sign as the school progresses.
Several boys from last year's Pelican baseball squad are working out, among them Ed Whitney, promising young pitcher and Wilbur Elliott and Pat Williams, both



The job of putting up a new plate glass window at Klamath Billiards was the main concern of George Allensworth as the 9 o'clock special shutter elicited this morning.