

GREEK PLANES SMASH GUERRILLAS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS morning's dispatches tell of heavy shooting in Greece as Greek army planes hammer 2500 "leftist" (communist) guerrillas trapped on the slopes of a mountain while three government brigades close in for a SHOWDOWN battle. Remember Spain? That's how it started there.

DON'T jump to the conclusion that war is imminent. Don't cover up your head and refuse to believe that war could happen. Just keep clear in your mind that these are troubled times.

ANOTHER word of advice—that sounds like pure preaching, and probably is: If you are tempted to do something mean and small and selfish (along the line of "getting mine now and hell with the other guy"), resist the temptation. Troubled times call for heightened patriotism.

STATE SECRETARY MARSHALL today announces that the United States is taking steps to turn over to merchant ships to Turkey as a first move in the program of strengthening the Turkish armed forces.

That is to say, we're going to hold the Turkish outfit if we can.

SIGNIFICANT note: A senate committee on economic preparation this morning listens (at its own invitation) to LEON HENDERSON'S views on wage and price stabilization. Watch it. It's something new.

IN London, the general secretary of the powerful British Transport and General Workers UNION proposes a DRAFT of what he calls "non-productive" workers to fill the manpower gaps in industry that are slowing Britain's economic recovery.

The proposal comes from a union executive and is addressed to a labor government.

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POLITICAL note on the home front: Senator Morse of Oregon again tells his Republican colleagues in congress that "everybody is out of step but me."

IN Salt Lake City, Republican governors, after listening to Secretary of State Marshall, make it plain to the reporters that they will await a specific "blueprint" of his European rebuilding plan before committing their party to full endorsement of economic aid abroad.

Warren of California says that before he offers his unqualified approval he wants to see in black and white the facts justifying such a possibly expensive program.

OUR government is far too secretive about this whole "stop communism" business. It is vague and hazy where it ought to be specific. Things like this can end in shooting. The people, whose sons will have to be shot at if shooting starts, ought to be told in plain and simple words what the score is.

Diplomatic tradition is against such frankness. Common sense, however, is all for it.

THE department of agriculture predicts today that this year's Pacific Northwest wheat crop will come within four per cent of last year's record crop.

It is good news. We say to ourselves: "That might mean more food at lower prices." A dozen years ago we'd have been scared pink at the prospect of a surplus.

Times change.

IT-takes-a-all-kinds-of-people-to-make-a-world-note: A Kentucky woman dies at the age of 57 and leaves a \$1000 legacy to her seven-year-old blind bulldog and cuts her 90-year-old mother off with \$300, explaining in her will that her mother is "too old and in too bad health for anything of mine to do her any good."

Lewis May Take Over As AFL Head

PALO ALTO, Calif., July 16 (AP)—President John P. Shelley of the San Francisco AFL labor council says William Green may retire and be replaced by John L. Lewis as president of the American Federation of Labor at the AFL convention to be held here later this year. He made the statement before the Stanford university business conference yesterday.

Diamond Lake Logs Will Move Over Private Road

Klamath Lake Moulding company of Klamath Falls will build a private logging road to transport logs from the Diamond lake cutting area of the Umpqua national forest to the Southern Pacific railroad at Yamsay siding, and will utilize in part an old Pelican Bay Lumber company road. Beyond the lodge, a few miles of the access road construction will be done by the forest service as part of its bargain with the local firm. The road construction has already started, and log hauling will start around mid-August. From Yamsay siding, the logs will be railed to the company's mill on Upper Klamath lake at Klamath Falls.

WEATHER
Max. (July 15) 80 Min. 50
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Airman year to date .1055
Last year .1189 Normal .1250
Forecast: Fair tonight, partly cloudy Thursday.

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Youngster Drowns In Canal Here

Two-year-old James Francis Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morton of 514 S. Shasta way, was drowned in a diversion canal shortly before 11 o'clock this morning.

The little boy had been playing out in the yard at his home and had wandered away. His mother became alarmed and started a search for the youngster. Neighbors found him in the shallow water of the canal about a half-block from the house. He had been missing for about 40 minutes.

Lee Morton, the lad's father, is an ex-marine and is employed by Weyerhaeuser Timber company. The couple have one other child, a daughter aged nine months.

The drowning was the first in the irrigation canal this summer and brings the total of fatalities this year in Klamath county waters to five.

Indian Held For Knifing

A charge of assault, armed with a dangerous weapon, has been placed against Buford (Bill) Weeks, 31-year-old Klamath Indian, in connection with a knifing fray in which another Indian, Frank Thiefaul, 42, was severely injured.

Weeks was arrested last night by city police after Thiefaul, in Klamath Valley hospital, had signed the complaint against him.

The fight is supposed to have taken place in a back at a wood yard on the lower end of Main street yesterday morning. Thiefaul told officers he had interceded while Weeks was beating his wife, Leatha, with a bottle, and Weeks had turned on him.

Thiefaul received several deep slashes across his back and left arm. Weeks is held in the county jail in lieu of \$2500 bail.

Prison Break Plot Fails

CRESCENT CITY, Calif., July 16 (AP)—All the sawing at the Del Norte county jail was not on the violin. There was a hacksaw obligato. Sheriff Charles W. Glover said last night in announcing that a jail-break plot had been foiled.

Glover said the first indication he had that something was afoot among the 14 prisoners was an unusual amount of violin playing by one of the more musically inclined.

It required 11 days of investigation, he said, before Prisoner Robert R. Chittenden, about 37, admitted being the instigator of a plot to cover up the sawing with music.

Drivers, Shop Men To Bargain

BEND, July 16 (AP)—Representatives of Pacific Trailways drivers and shop men were to meet with company agents today in the first conference aimed at reaching settlement of the strike which has halted Portland to Salt Lake City buses of the company since July 3.

Guy V. Lintner, U. S. conciliation service commissioner, met with them.

The 70 men involved in the dispute ask \$1.00 an hour for a straight 40 hour week for shopmen and 5.85 cents a mile for drivers.

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This 50-gallon oak barrel, evidently used by a prohibition businessman as a storage place for moonshine, was located yesterday under an old house on Hope street. It was fitted with copper tubing and pumping device for easy access to the contents. Owner of the house is A. H. Weatherford, left, and the other man is a federal tax agent, A. T. Fletcher, who was called out for a look at the liquor distribution system.

Governors OK Marshall Plan

SALT LAKE CITY, July 16 (AP)—The national governors' conference resolutions committee approved unanimously today a pledge of support for Secretary of State Marshall's efforts to bring peace and freedom to a weary world.

Members of the committee said the resolution, text of which was withheld pending action of the full conference, was couched in general terms of approval of Marshall's efforts to bring a peaceful settlement of the world's problems.

The Marshall plan of economic rehabilitation for Europe was not specifically mentioned in the pledge, said Gov. Frank Carlson, Kansas, republican, a committee member.

"It is a very sincere resolution of support for the secretary of state," Carlson said. He added that the pledge was directed at backing Marshall's efforts all over the world and not only in Europe.

The resolutions committee also was reported to have approved unanimously a resolution urging congress to clear up the question of state title to offshore ocean territories and similar areas.

Britain May Draft Labor

LONDON, July 16 (AP)—Britain's labor government was confronted today with a controversy-provoking proposal for a peacetime draft of so-called "non-productive" workers to fill the manpower gaps in industry which are slowing the nation's economic recovery.

The explosive suggestion was advanced by Arthur Deakin, general secretary of the powerful transport and general workers union, in a speech directly counter to long-standing union opposition to labor conscription and piece work pay.

"There are thousands of people who ought to be put into productive industry and at once," Deakin declared after asserting that organized labor "must of necessity expect a limited measure of direction."

Many observers believed that Deakin's speech was merely a trial balloon released with the approval of a cautious government seeking the reaction of trade union members, on which its political strength is based.

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In a special message, Mr. Truman outlined a program that embraced also navigation, irrigation, hydro-electric power development and other utilization of water resources. But he said flood control must come first in the light of flood losses on the Missouri and Mississippi this year that may exceed \$500,000,000.

Prohibition Days Recalled By Discovery Of Old Vat

A relic of prohibition days, a 50-gallon storage vat for what apparently was a smooth-working bootlegging business, was unearthed yesterday during the raising of an old frame house on Hope street. About three gallons of booze remained in the vat, but it was about turned to water and no good.

The waterproofed oak barrel, fixed up with a copper tube, petcock and pumping apparatus probably had been in the ground for 25 years. At least it hadn't been touched since 1923.

The cask was buried underneath the porch of a small house in back of Alfred H. Weatherford's residence, 2535 Hope. The copper tube inserted in the top of the barrel extended up inside a wall to a single panel.

Pushing aside the panel, the bootlegger could bring to view the money-making end of his investment. The pump would force air into the keg, displacing the moonshine, which would come up the copper tube and pour into a waiting jug.

The old house now belongs to Weatherford, but he doesn't know the identity of the businessman who lived there during the national drought. The house was being torn down when the discovery was made.

Weatherford said that the 50-gallon barrel, coated with tar, was in just as good condition as when it was put in the ground, but the remaining whisky had lost its strength. When the petcock was first opened it gave off a distinctive alcoholic scent that was quickly wafted away on the breeze.

Experts Eye Europe Plan

PARIS, July 16 (AP)—With the visiting foreign ministers on their way home, economic experts of 16 countries settled today to the job of drafting a balance sheet of Europe's resources and requirements under the Marshall plan.

The 16-nation cooperation or steering committee met at the French foreign ministry to lay out a working program for subcommittees on fuel and power, transport, food and agriculture and iron and steel. These subcommittees will be under a five-nation executive committee.

Delegates of western and southern European countries approved the committee setup yesterday in the third plenary session of a four-day conference. They will not meet again until the committees are ready to report, probably in late August or early September.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who was conference chairman, Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister Paul-Henri Spaak and Italian Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza left for home by air today.

Air Service Starts Soon

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—Regular passenger and airmail service connecting Western Oregon communities will be started tomorrow by West Coast airlines feeder routes.

A plane will leave here tomorrow at 10:45 a. m. stopping at McMinnville, Corvallis, Eugene, North Bend and Medford, and return via the same route. A second plane will leave Portland at 4:50 p. m. arriving at Medford at 7:50 p. m. via the same route, returning the next morning.

Low Level Flying Is Cause Of Consternation To Mother Minks

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—A mama mink, it seems, can't tell friendly aircraft from the other kind and has, besides, some mighty screwy ideas about building an air raid shelter.

This may cost the government \$2079 in damages payable to A. J. Sprouffske of Roy, Wash. Sprouffske owned a mink farm a mile and a half from Fort Lewis, where army airplanes did a lot of low level flying during maneuvers in 1939.

Shortage Of Steel Said Near

DETROIT, July 16 (AP)—General Motors Corp. will take a week off from manufacturing passenger cars, starting Monday, because of the steel industry's "disturbed conditions."

GM, which makes roughly half of the nation's automobiles, said its steel supplies were too short to permit full-time operations. It blamed the "coal-mining situation" of early July.

Ultimately 180,000 workers will be laid off from the corporation's assembly lines, a GM spokesman said. The corporation, which employs a total of 265,000 production workers recently reached a weekly output of 30,000 cars.

There were no immediate indications, however, that other major manufacturers of motorcars would follow suit.

Coal Blamed
Wilson specifically mentioned coal mining in his explanation.

"Due to the disturbed conditions in the steel industry, caused by the coal-mining situation during the first two weeks of July," he said, "delivery of steel to General Motors has been reduced to such a low level that all passenger car production will have to be shut down for one week to allow us to accumulate sufficient working inventory."

At the same time Wilson said sheet steel has been "extremely short" since the end of the war. He explained this was "largely due" to strikes in coal, steel and electricity which he said slowed both production and the construction of additional sheet steel making facilities.

General Motors makes Buick, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Cadillac cars.

Park Bus Line To Be Tried

Bus service to Moore park will again be tried this summer according to Louis Soukup, head of the Klamath Bus company. Buses will be run for several Sundays to determine if the demand for bus service warrants the Sunday trips.

Buses will leave 4th and Main at 10 a. m. and running to 6 p. m. They will leave the park each hour on the half hour.

Pelican City and Wocus areas will also receive bus service beginning Friday. Two runs will be made each week on Tuesday and Friday. Buses will leave 4th and Main at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. They will be routed from 4th down Main, out 11th to Oregon avenue, Bienn, Front, Hanks, Lakeport streets, onto U. S. Highway No. 97 to Wocus. From Wocus buses will return to Klamath Falls.

Islands Call Tax Excessive

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—Hawaii, optimistic over its chances to become the 49th state, hopes for more trade with the mainland and relief from an "excessive" tax burden, Dean D. Sellers, Hawaii newspaperman, said today.

Sellers, vice president and general manager of the Hilo Tribune-Herald, said the islands "pay more taxes than 14 states in the union—about \$170,000,000 yearly. . . we get all the knooks that the states get and can say nothing about it."

An Oregon native, who formerly published the Grants Pass Bulletin, Sellers is here surveying printing plants. His paper plans to construct a new building.

Medford Miner Hurt By Rock

MEDFORD, July 16 (AP)—James F. Hall, 67, was in the hospital here today after an eight-man crew worked in relays to carry him from his mountain mine where a 400-pound boulder fell and fractured his leg.

The crew carried him one and a half miles down the rugged mountainside yesterday.

Self Defense Fund In Will

PHILADELPHIA, July 16 (AP)—The grandson of the late Morris Altman is going to know how to defend himself—with his fists.

In his will, Altman left \$500 in trust "for the physical training of my grandson, John A. Burchick, from the time he reaches his 12th birthday until he reaches college, due emphasis to be given to the manly art of self-defense."

Britain Asks US To Assume More German Expense

LONDON, July 16 (AP)—Authoritative Whitehall sources, expressing support for latest Washington proposals for a self-supporting Germany, said today Britain would ask the United States to take over a greater share of the cost of feeding and running the economically fused British and American occupation zones.

The British request is expected to be placed before the U. S. government late this week or early next week when the two countries' top-most experts on Germany meet in Washington to discuss aspects of the economic and political future of Germany, the informants said.

An additional financial burden of between \$250,000,000 and \$350,000,000 will have to be shouldered by American taxpayers over the next two years if the U. S. government agrees to take on this new commitment, it was estimated.

Banking Laws Baffle Lady

NEW YORK, July 16 (AP)—Statuesque Lady Iris Mountbatten O'Malley, 27, who like King George VI of Great Britain is a great grandchild of Queen Victoria, appeared tonight court last night in a check case which she said arose from her misunderstanding of American banking practices.

Lady Iris, who came to this country last October and said she has entered publicity work, was arrested by police at the apartment of a friend on a Washington, D. C. warrant accusing her of issuing a worthless check for \$88.95 in payment for two dresses. After arraignment, conducted privately before Chief Magistrate Edgar Bromberger, she was released in custody of Sir Francis Evans, British consul general here, for a hearing next Tuesday.

The reddish blonde Englishwoman told police she did not know that it was an offense to issue a check without sufficient funds in the bank to cover it, and that in England the bank would communicate with the person writing such a check and direct that the overdraft be covered.

Woman Lost On Abert Rim

LAKEVIEW, July 16—Searching parties are combing the Abert rim area, 20 miles northeast of Lakeview, for Mrs. Virgil Striplin of Lakeview who has been reported missing since Tuesday night. Mrs. Striplin was fishing Tuesday afternoon on Little Honey creek, and failed to return to her camp on Mud creek.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Elliot and Tom Martin of the state police were out searching last night but failed to locate Mrs. Striplin. Sheriff Henry Casiday flew to the camp this morning to arrange for trucks to take horses of the sheriff's posse into the area so that the posse can join in the search.

Mrs. Striplin was camped with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armer and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keene.

Sleepwalker Sleeps Right On

SEATTLE, July 16 (AP)—At 4 a. m. today, a police patrol car loud-speaker blasted most of the neighborhood at 21st avenue south and Atlantic St. out of bed with the news that Dennis McGee, 3, was lost and asked if anyone had seen him.

About the only one who slept through the racket was Dennis, on aavenport at a nearby home. Wearing only the top of a pajama suit, he crawled out of his own bed late last night and went to the neighbors', 200 yards away.

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Crash Fatal For Crop Duster

OLYMPIA, July 16 (AP)—Donald B. Redhead, 24, died last night as a result of injuries suffered Monday when the small plane he was flying crashed on a farm southeast of here while he was dusting potatoes. He is survived by his widow and a four-month-old child of Lake Grove, Ore., and his parents of Portland.

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Nine o'clock may be coffee time for some, just another hour to others, but to this young man—Terry Richert—it's one of the happiest times of the day. He sits in his high chair then, king of all he surveys, and works diligently on his bottle of milk.