

# ARMED MAN KIDNAPPED IN CAPITOL

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
FLASHES from the news of today from Indonesia:  
"Scorched earth" tactics are being used today by Indonesian Republic forces ahead of a determined Dutch army drive to slice Java in two. . . Gasoline is slashed over the houses and towns are set on fire. . . The same tactics are being used in the adjoining big island of Sumatra. . . Dutch army columns are driving ahead. . . Dutch planes are bombing towns.  
It is a familiar picture. In one form or another, we gazed at it for six years. . .

**WHAT lies back of it?**  
Well, a big mistake made by the Dutch some two centuries ago is at the root of the trouble.  
At the root of every tragedy lies a mistake made at some time or other by somebody.  
WHEN Dutchmen found these dream islands centuries ago, they could have gone in as humble newcomers, seeking a share in the idyllic life made possible by a fortunate combination of climate and soil. They could have intermarried with the people, thus becoming INDONESIANS. They could have added their skills to the existing native skills, thus raising standards of living. Thus all could have lived happily together as CITIZENS of one charming land.  
But NO! The white Dutch had to be the MASTER race. They had to give the orders. The brown men of Indonesia had to TAKE the orders. There had to be the old but never happy relationship of master and man.  
The price is now being paid.

THERE is trouble in India. There is trouble in Burma. There is trouble in the Balkans. There is trouble in China, where hundreds of millions live precariously on the borderland of starvation while a few at the top have too much.

THERE is trouble even here in America, where the old free relationship of free men living and working together in an atmosphere of mutual respect for each other's skills and qualities as human beings has been dulled and fogged, thus bringing about even here among us some semblance of the ages-old relationship of master and man.  
Out of this unfortunate fact comes the bulk of our labor troubles. LAW can't cure these troubles. They can be cured only by a better relationship among men who work together.

OUR forefathers, who came here to find a way of life that was impossible in the Old World, had a vision of what MUST BE if men are to live and work together in happiness and contentment.  
They found in time that their vision was rendered, impossible of achievement by the attitude of the ruling classes of England, who used their power as RULERS of the new colonies to enforce in America the old relationship of master and man. So they came in time to the stern conclusion that only by separation from the old country and going it on their own could what they sought be had.  
They headed their Declaration of Independence with these words:  
"We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are CREATED equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these rights are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."  
TO whatever extent we have strayed from that vision of the fundamental longings and RIGHTS of human beings, we have failed to realize to the full the possibilities of our way of life.  
Because of these straying, CONFLICT is arising among us.

THE world is in turmoil and ferment. You need only read and listen to know that. At the root of all the turmoil and the ferment lies the inborn desire of men to live together and work together as FREE COLLABORATORS rather than as masters and men.  
COMMUNISM is hailed by many as the answer.  
Is it?  
Read this AP dispatch from Moscow:  
"The newspaper Izvestia said today that a tremendous grain harvest is assured on 'Gigantic' (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

**DRIVER KILLED**  
SEATTLE, July 23 (AP)—A 22-year-old Boeing aircraft worker, Keith E. Woods, was killed and a girl companion injured last night when their speeding automobile left the highway on a curve and crashed into a tree south of Seattle on the Des Moines highway. The girl, Shirley Andrews, 18, of Seattle, received a skull fracture and a compound leg fracture.

## Four Java Towns In Flames As Dutch Drive Threatens Indonesian Capital

By STANLEY SWINTON  
BATAVIA, Java, July 23 (AP)—Four Java towns were in flames tonight as Indonesian troops retreating on two fronts threatening their capital, adopted scorched earth tactics before a determined Dutch army drive, an Indonesian communique announced.  
Salatiga, important town south of Semarang and astride the highway to the Indonesian capital, Jogyakarta, was burning, the communique said. Armor-supported Dutch in-

## Board Turns Down Bid On North Gate

The highway commission's lowest bid on the work necessary to open up an elaborate new north entrance to Klamath Falls from highway 97 was too high and the offer was rejected. The commission announced yesterday that Babler Construction company of Portland had submitted the low bid of \$391,746, and this morning revealed that the bid was turned down.

The work to be done is 1.92 miles of grading, surfacing and paving on the stretch which would open up a wide entrance to town from the north and eliminate the present winding route followed by highway 97. The proposed route, already staked out, would cut off from the present 97 route just above the city limits, follow the Southern Pacific tracks into town, come down Alameda to Esplanade and follow Esplanade into the business district.

By its rejection of the Babler company bid, the highway commission opened the way for a further call for bids later but undoubtedly has delayed work on the project for several months.

**Green Light**  
The green light was flashed on one big Klamath county project by the commission however, by the acceptance of a \$769,233 bid from the Rogers Brothers Construction company, Portland, for grading, surfacing and oiling of the Chiloquin cut-off on highway 97.  
That job calls for finishing work on 25.9 miles of road from Lobert junction to the east diamond lake road junction with the Dalles-California highway, eliminating the dangerous S.W. mountain grade of the present highway route.

In another action today the commission announced that it had rejected a bid by the Rogers Brothers Construction company, Portland, for grading, surfacing and oiling of the Chiloquin cut-off on highway 97.

**CIO Official Declared Red**  
WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted Harold Roland Christoffel, Milwaukee CIO leader, on charges that he committed perjury in telling a congressional committee that he was not a member of the communist party.  
Christoffel testified before the house labor committee last March. He was president of the United Auto Workers local No. 248 at a time when Allis-Chalmers plants in the Milwaukee area were shut down by a protracted strike.  
The indictment said that Christoffel, under oath, "categorically denied" any affiliation with communists or the communist party. Nevertheless, the grand jury report said, he "was then a member of the communist party and had been such member for several years, thereby committing perjury in telling a congressional committee that he was not a member of the Communist Political Association."

## Erie Has Big Flood Damage

ERIE, Pa., July 23 (AP)—Householders, merchants and industries today were offered use of the city's resources in cleaning up after record-breaking rains which left more than 100 homeless and caused damage estimated at well over \$1,000,000.  
City employees disposed disinfectants and lime to all seeking aid in restoring flooded basements. Firemen were kept busy hosing out flood debris in home, stores and factories.  
Scores of families evacuated yesterday during the height of the unprecedented nine inch rains were asked by city officials to stay with relatives or remain in the hastily arranged city hall annex quarters until all danger of disease is eliminated.  
City officials said the worst damage was to stock in stores, air conditioning and heating systems, and equipment and supplies in factories.

## 18 Hurt As Bolt Hits Streetcar

PITTSBURGH, July 23 (AP)—A shaft of lightning which blasted a gaping hole through the top of a crowded trolley car during the height of the traffic rush hour yesterday injured 18 persons, two seriously.  
Glare-blinded passengers screamed and tried to battle their way out of the smoke-filled car. Two women were trampled.

## 'Quislings' Land At Vigo, Spain

OSLO, Norway, July 23 (AP)—The Norwegian foreign office said today that eight "Quislings" fleeing Norwegian justice had landed at Vigo, Spain, after three weeks aboard the 80-foot yacht Solbris.  
The Norwegian charge d'affaires in Madrid has been ordered to act, probably to demand that the men be handed over to Norway.

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Judge W. Betty Ann Lynn, 20 (above), had her \$350 a week contract approved by Judge Frank G. Swain of Los Angeles, with a little warning on the side. "You'd better look out," the judge warned. "With such a salary as this, some young fellow will come along and marry you." Her firm contract is a seven year agreement graduating to \$3500 a week. —AP wirephoto

## Mill Mishap Kills Worker

William Mose Williams, 29, of 241 E. Main, was killed Tuesday when he fell into a conveyor chain at the Ewauna Box company mill, his body torn to shreds.  
Williams reported shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday, entering the mill with Asa Barker, edgeman, preparing to start work on the night shift at his job as edger helper. When the mill started at 4:30, Williams had disappeared.

First known of the accident was about five minutes later when the motor operating the conveyor blew a fuse and stopped. The chain runs from the outside of the mill, taking fuel from the hog to the boiler room and on to the fuel house.  
Workers investigated and found fragments of Williams' mangled body and clothing along the path of the chain. Dr. George Adler, county coroner, and city police were summoned immediately and together with company officials conducted an investigation.

They report that no satisfactory solution to the cause of the tragedy was determined, but they surmise that Williams went outside the mill near the conveyor and apparently became caught in it. In order to reach the chain, located outside the mill, it would have been necessary for him to leave his regular job inside. There were no witnesses.  
Williams had worked at Ewauna less than a month, and for some time previously had been employed on the staff of Hillside hospital.

## Rosecrans Field Has Huge Fire

ST JOSEPH, Mo., July 23 (AP)—Fire razed the main hangar at Rosecrans field early today, destroyed a warehouse and two DC-4 airplanes, causing damage estimated at \$1,394,000.  
The fire, which started in an electric motor in an overhead door in the hangar, was discovered by a guard, George Billey. He said he sounded an electric siren alarm and then ran to the airport fire department.

## Bonneville Line Projects Favored

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—The senate appropriations committee approved today funds for three Bonneville administration transmission lines.  
The lines and amounts: Eugene-Reedsport, \$961,300 and contract authorization for \$368,000, and Reedsport-Cobscook Bay, \$79,000.  
All of these items were eliminated from the interior department appropriation bill in a conference on objection of the house conferees. They were added to a supplemental appropriation bill today on motion of Senator Cordon (R-Ore.)  
Elimination of the three lines from the interior bill resulted in Cordon and Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) blaming each other for that action.

## Jap Deaths In Rains Reach 32

TOKYO, July 23 (AP)—Delayed reports of torrential rains last week today raised to 32 the death toll on Honshu and Shikoku islands. Widespread damage was reported to farm crops and water-front installations.  
Kyodo news service reported, 12 dead in Akita prefecture in northwest Honshu, where rail lines were washed out in numerous places.

## Climbers Seek Wreck Of Lost Plane On Rainier

SEATTLE, July 23 (AP)—A picked mountain climbing party faced a dangerous climb to the precipitous, crevasse-packed 10,000-foot level of Mt. Rainier today to check on what may be the wreckage of the marine corps transport plane which vanished with 32 men aboard on a San Diego-Seattle flight last December 10.  
Thirteenth naval district headquarters reported the "tentative" identification of the wreckage by Assistant Chief Ranger Bill Butler, on Tahoma glacier on the mountain's southwest face.  
Butler reported that he sighted through field glasses from a high ridge late Monday a plane's bucket seat, a piece of a plane's metal "skin" and what appeared to be another piece of wreckage.  
A preliminary party, led by Butler, moved out of Longmire this morning to establish a base camp as far up the mountain slope as can be reached by horse. The main party

to go promptly on final authorization.  
Major phases of the program include:  
1. Enlarge the Lost river diversion channel from 1200 second feet capacity to about 2000 second feet. This will assure diversion of more water during flood periods to prevent discharge into Tulelake which might endanger lands in that area.  
2. Straighten and improve the Lost river channel in Poe and Langell valleys.  
3. Improve the channel from the lower diversion dam on Lost river, near Merrill, into the Tulelake area.  
4. Strengthen dikes around Tulelake.  
Best said that it appears certain there will be at least a partial opening of homesteads on Coppeck bay in 1948. The area includes about 125 units, and drains and laterals are now under construction.  
The program as outlined does not include construction of Boundary dam, which has been considered as a part of the flood protection and water conservation scheme in the basin. Whether Boundary dam, the site of which is on Upper Lost river, will later be embraced in the program is uncertain.  
Best indicated that much of the work, which is classified as flood protection, may be done under non-reimbursable financing.  
The USBR manager spent about two weeks in Washington.

## 1948 Openings Appear Sure As Klamath Project Flood Control Plans Advance

Plans for added flood protection and the opening of additional homestead units on Coppeck bay in the Tulelake area in 1948 appeared on their way to approval today following the return from Washington of Ray Best, district manager of the reclamation bureau here.  
Best said that the Klamath program as recommended was approved in Washington, and that the details will now be submitted by the regional office to the chief engineer and chief of the hydrology division at Denver for a final check. If that is given, the work will proceed immediately.  
Meantime, surveys are going ahead in order to have the program ready

## Trailways Strike Over

Pacific Trailways buses, idled by strike of drivers and shop workers since July 3, were rolling again today between Portland and Salt Lake City, and the first Trailways bus to reach Klamath Falls after the work stoppage was halted is due in at 10:45 tonight, from Bend.  
A joint statement on a tentative strike settlement, pending approval of AFL union members, came from the company and the union officials who said that failure of full agreement would put the issues into arbitration.  
Drivers were seeking a wage adjustment, shop men a wage increase for a shorter work week.  
All the company's routes in central Oregon and Idaho will be operating on schedule by tomorrow. The first bus slated to leave Klamath Falls will pull out for Bend at 8 a. m. tomorrow.

## 5 Navy Airmen Die In Crash

SEATTLE, July 23 (AP)—Five naval airmen attached to the fleet air wing at Whidby Island were killed about 10 o'clock last night when a four-motored PB4Y plane crashed while making a night landing, authorities of fleet air wing four announced today.  
The plane caught fire after crashing but the bodies of the two officers and three enlisted men aboard were recovered, navy officers said. The cause of the crash has not yet been determined.  
Names will be released when next of kin are notified.  
An investigation is being conducted by a board of naval officers.  
The plane was "in the landing groove" about two and one-half miles from the runway when the accident occurred.  
"It simply spun in," witnesses said. "The weather was clear so that did not figure as a probable cause," a navy spokesman said.

## Poland's Relief Fund Cancelled

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—The state department announced today that Poland's share of the \$350,000,000 American foreign relief program has been cancelled.  
The action was taken on the recommendation of Col. R. H. Harrison, a special assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, who made a survey of Poland's minimum food needs for Secretary of State Marshall.  
Harrison reported that "grain and other foods are available to meet the minimum food needs of the Polish people generally for the balance of this calendar year."

## Teardrop Auto Coming Out Soon

LOS ANGELES, July 23 (AP)—After more than four years of almost constant experimenting, Gary Davis, president of the Davis Motor Car Co., said today he plans to go into mass production "by the end of the year" on a tricycle type, highly streamlined teardrop-shaped automobile.  
The new car, he said, will represent the combined skills of 154 aircraft designers and technicians who gambled 15,000 hours of their time on a double or nothing basis.

**WEATHER**  
Max. (July 23) 83 Min. 48  
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00  
Stream year to date 18.55  
Last year 18.57 Normal 12.16  
Forecast: Partly cloudy.



President I. R. Soekarno of the Republic of Indonesia has declared he will lead a guerrilla band against the Dutch. Today, his capital was under threat.

## Berlin Blast Kills Eight

BERLIN, July 23 (AP)—An explosion demolished a wing of German police headquarters in the Russian zone of Berlin today, killing eight Germans and injuring nine.  
One of the dead was Walter Budde, head of the Berlin police bomb disposal section.  
A British control commission statement said investigations had established that Budde and three civilian workers arrived at police headquarters at 7:45 a. m. carrying two large boxes. Budde told guards teller mines, due for disposal, were in the crates which were placed in the bomb disposal squad armory.  
The explosion occurred at 8:20 while the group still was there. Immediately afterward, the area was sealed off by a strong police guard.  
The building is a five-story structure.

## Phone Hearing On At Merrill

Officials of the Columbia Utilities company are seeking an increase in telephone rates this afternoon in a hearing before a representative of the public utilities commissioner in Merrill.  
The increased rates that the company is seeking would affect patrons in Merrill, Malin, Bonanza and Lorella.  
The hearing, scheduled for 1:30 p. m. in the Merrill community hall, was open to anyone interested in appearing before the PUC, and reasons why the increase is wanted by the company were to be explained. If granted, telephone costs will be jumped in accordance with the type of telephone service provided.  
Appearing before the PUC on behalf of the utilities company are E. R. Hood, D. O. Hood and John W. Kirby.

## Russia Rejects Japan Treaty Plan

LONDON, July 23 (AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight that Soviet Russia "cannot agree" to accept a United States invitation to join with 11 powers in discussing a Japanese peace treaty Aug. 19 in Washington.  
The broadcast, heard here by the Soviet monitor, said Russia delivered a note to Washington yesterday charging the United States had acted in a "unilateral manner" and declaring that preliminary work on drafting a Japanese treaty should be undertaken by the council of foreign ministers.

## Coahuila Governor Declared Suicide

SALTILLO, Mexico, July 23 (AP)—Ignacio Gopepe Davila, 43, governor of Coahuila state, was found shot to death last night in his home.  
An announcement from Gopepe Davila's secretary said the governor "shot himself in the right temple."  
The state legislature last night appointed Vincente A. Valerio, president of the state supreme court, acting governor.

## New Pack Peas Show Price Drop

PORTLAND, July 23 (AP)—Canners' price lists to wholesalers for new pack peas are about 5 to 20 per cent lower than a year ago, trade sources reported today.  
Fancy grades are about 10 cents a case lower than last year, while extra-standard and standards are down about 35 cents a case.

## Arrest Made Just After Truman Visit

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Police today arrested a man armed with a pistol in the capitol just five minutes after President Truman made a surprise visit to the senate.  
Edward F. McGinnis, senate sergeant at arms, said the man identified himself as Clifford R. H. Spires, 39, of Augusta, Ga.

Spires was arrested by two capitol policemen in the men's wash-room on the first floor of the capitol's senate wing. The senate floor, where Mr. Truman addressed the senate, is up one flight.  
He told reporters it is "quite apparent" that the simultaneous presence of Mr. Truman and Spires in the capitol was "purely coincidental."

**Ex-Army Man**  
McGinnis said Spires had served 17 months in the army and had been a patient at a veterans hospital in Augusta.  
Police Privates Lorain Crump and Paul G. Shelby arrested Spires.  
Crump told reporters that he saw Spires in the washroom and noticed a gun in his hip pocket.  
Spires was weaving "as though he had been drinking," Crump said.  
Crump called Shelby, who asked Spires whether he had a permit to carry a gun.

The two officers said Spires denied that he was carrying a gun, but they searched him and found a .25 caliber automatic.  
**Questioned**  
The arrest was made at about 2:15 p. m. (EDT). Mr. Truman had left the capitol about five minutes earlier.  
Spires was taken to the police guard room in the nearby senate office building, where he was questioned by police officials, secret service men, and McGinnis.

## Legion Wants UN Overhaul

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Calling the security council a "perpetually hung jury," the American Legion today proposed an overhaul of the United Nations charter to boost the Big Five veto and set up a "tyranny-proof" world police force.  
Climaxing a year of study, the Legion's recommendations were forwarded in a letter to each member of congress with this acknowledgment:  
"It may not be possible or expedient to attempt to bring about changes now, but we believe they suggest a goal which must be attained in order that the United Nations becomes fully effective."

## 11 Germans Die In Rail Accident

HAMBURG, Germany, July 23 (AP)—Eleven Germans were killed and 12 injured today in a railroad accident on the South Elbe bridge.  
The victims were clinging to the outside steps of an overcrowded passenger train bound for Hannover and were pulled from their positions by a train passing in the opposite direction. Some of the bodies were mangled beyond recognition.



Moving day is always a scene of confusion, and this morning just such a scene caught the nine o'clock photographer's eye as he drove past the Dorothea Meyers home on North Eleventh street.