

RED CROSS PLANE SHOT DOWN

In The Day's News

WEATHER

Max. (July 29) 75 Min. 48
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Normal for date 11.15
Last year 14.19 Normal 12.51
Forecast: Clear today and Wednesday.

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By FRANK JENKINS

FRANCE, through her delegate to the United Nations social and economic council, today makes a new appeal to Russia to join in "implementing" the Marshall plan for aid to Europe.

The French delegate (Georges Borja) says distrust between Russia and the Western powers is paralyzing European recovery. Speaking of the Russian contention that the Marshall plan, as it is being worked out with British-French aid, will interfere with national sovereignty, he says: "We hope this attitude will change when distrust disappears."

It will if distrust disappears. But distrust, like a bargain, involves two parties. Up to a year or so ago, we wanted to trust Russia and work with her toward a peaceful, prosperous world.

Now we are AFRAID to.

THERE is fairly good evidence that in the conflict that is arising between communism and the Western idea of democracy Russia is hoping for an economic collapse in the United States.

That hope seems to be one of communism's stand-bys. At any rate, Dr. T. F. Cheng, a member of Chiang Kai-shek's central committee, says in Portland, where he arrived a day or so ago, that China's communists are waiting for a collapse in Nationalist China before attempting to seize power from the central government.

He adds that China is looking forward to a good food harvest this fall and says that if this hope is realized the possibilities of a collapse there will be greatly reduced.

WHEREVER hunger and hopelessness persist, communism has a bright future. It is unfortunate, but still true, that Russia's attitude ever since the shooting stopped looks like deliberate promotion of chaos throughout the non-communist world in the hope that non-communist countries will grasp at communism as drowning people grasp at straws.

Until we can get rid of that suspicion, it will be hard for us to work with Russia.

INTERESTING stories drifting out from the East (as yet unverified) hint that something new and highly significant may be happening in China.

The miners, these reports assert, are turning in and working hard. They are said to be mining more coal in the shorter work week provided by the new contract just signed than in the longer work week under the old contract. There are hopes that this increased output per man may offset the higher wages and thus remove the necessity for higher coal prices.

That is a fascinating prospect. Higher wages FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION are economically sound. Higher wages provide a market for increased production if prices can be kept at a level that people can afford to pay.

Maybe we are finally beginning to turn the corner.

THERE is a lot of talk these days about the Kaiser contract for big cargo-carrying planes. Most of the talk hints at scandal.

Well, there may have been cause for scandal. When money is tossed around.

Council Meeting Slated Tonight

The city's official business was forced to wait until tonight, Tuesday, since only two councilmen turned up for the regular council meeting Monday. Hoping that more of the city dads will be available, Mayor Ed Ostendorf set the council session for 7:30 tonight.

A. F. Conroy and Angus Newton were the only councilmen present. The meeting adjourned soon after 7:30 p. m. since no business can be undertaken on a quorum of members in his hand.



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US Steel To Announce Price Hike

Man Killed In Hit-Run Auto Crash

Joe L. Alvarado, 27-year-old Mexican residing at Merrill, was killed instantly early this morning a half-mile above the city limits of Malin on the Merrill highway in what was evidently a hit-and-run accident. His death brings the 1947 total of traffic fatalities in Klamath county to 10.

Alvarado's badly mangled body was found in the center of the highway at 4:45 a. m. by Leamon Fowler, who was driving toward Malin to work. Fowler called Wilford Dixon, who lived nearby, to watch the body to see that it wasn't disturbed or hit by another car, and went to Malin to call officers.



The nitrate-laden Norwegian freighter Ocean Victory burns in the harbor of Brest, France, today shortly before exploding with a blast which killed at least fifteen persons and injured hundreds. The explosion leveled waterfront buildings and started fires in the heart of the city. (AP wirephoto via radio from Paris).

\$5 Per Ton Boost Made Over Nation

NEW YORK, July 29 (AP)—United States Steel corporation, said it would announce within the next few days steel price advances of about \$5 a ton, Irving S. Olds, chairman, announced today after a directors meeting.

Announcement by the big steel corporation virtually completed the cycle of price increases by the nation's steel producers.

More Increases

Earlier in the day increases were posted by Bethlehem Steel, Inland Steel and Youngstown Sheet & Tube. Over the week-end most other companies announced hikes ranging from \$5 to \$10 a ton on finished products.

Olds said: "The costs of U. S. steel since present delivered prices were named by its subsidiaries around the beginning of this year had actually increased more than \$5 a ton of finished steel, which is the average amount of this price increase."

"This increase in steel prices is made necessary by substantially higher employment costs; the mounting costs of raw materials—such as scrap, tin, lead, zinc, copper and palm oil, which are important ingredients in the manufacture of steel; the increased costs of goods and services which these subsidiaries must purchase in order to carry on their business; and the substantially greater cost of replacing worn out facilities. As an illustration of recent higher costs, the price of scrap has advanced more than \$10 a ton in the two months."

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Plane Crash Kills Nine

EGLIN FIELD, Fla., July 29 (AP)—Nine crew members of a four engine bomber were killed today when their plane crashed near Valparaiso, Fla., soon after taking off from Eglin field. Capt. Robert Gaughan, Eglin field public relations officer, reported.

Another crew member was seriously injured, and another escaped injury, Captain Gaughan said.

Names of the victims were withheld pending identification of next of kin.

The plane was on a training flight when it crashed, Captain Gaughan reported, shortly after 8 a. m. Central Standard Time.

Chinese Rap Foreign Aid

NANKING, July 29 (AP)—Representatives of the Democratic league told Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer today that the Chinese people are bitterly opposed to any foreign assistance which would likely prolong the civil war "whether it comes from the United States or the Soviets."

Lo Lung-chi, league spokesman, told Wedemeyer after a conference with Wedemeyer's American fact-finding mission that he was convinced the investigation was impartial "but we are more interested in what happens after they return to Washington."

Conferences were also held with representatives of the Young China party and with independents. A spokesman for the fact-finding mission said that "important information" about the Chinese situation is being contributed by unofficial sources and that it complements or supplements information from Chinese and American officials.

French Ask Cooperation

LAKE SUCCESS, July 29 (AP)—France made a new appeal to Russia today to join in implementing the Marshall plan.

The appeal was made by French Delegate Georges Boris as the United Nations economic and social council launched a general debate on the economic commission for Europe.

Boris said distrust between Russia and the western powers was paralyzing European economic recovery. He blamed the failure of the recent three power conference in Paris on this distrust and urged that the big powers make every effort to develop "freedom from distrust."

Speaking of Russia's contentions that the British-French plan of implementing the Marshall plan would interfere with national sovereignties, Boris said: "We hope the attitude will change when distrust disappears."

Local Man Hurt In Auto Wreck

Jerry O. Tresser, operator of the Klamath Auto and Body Works, was painfully injured in an automobile accident over the week-end and is confined to a bed in a Redding hospital with a broken leg, broken collarbone and dislocated hip.

Word reaching here indicated that Tresser had been driving south and picked up a hitchhiker between Dunsmuir and Redding, and that the hitchhiker was driving and Tresser was asleep in the back seat of his car.

The driver was unfamiliar with the road and the car went over rounding a curve.

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Runaway Horse Vs. Iron Horse

PHILADELPHIA, July 29 (AP)—A pair of happy-go-lucky dobbies ran away from their South Philadelphia stable today and for several hours carried on a private feud with the iron horse.

The two horses decided the grass growing between the ties of the Baltimore and Ohio and Reading railroad tracks on Swanson street made for pretty good eating.

While freight trains waited, two policemen finally succeeded in leading the troublemakers back home.

Spud Support Prices Higher

PORTLAND, July 29 (AP)—Support prices for Oregon 1947 late crop potatoes were listed today by the state committee of the U. S. production and marketing administration at 40 to 80 cents a bushel higher than last year.

The rates in 32 counties, for U. S. No. 1 grade, f.o.b. cars, are: September, \$2.40; October, \$2.50; November, \$2.70; December, \$2.90; January, \$3.10.

Rates for Malheur, Baker, Wallowa and Union counties are 20 cents a bushel lower.

She's 'Miss Oregon'



JoAnn Amorde, 26, blonde blue-eyed Roseburg, Ore., grade school teacher, was crowned "Miss Oregon" as that state's first entry in the annual Miss America contest. (AP Wirephoto)

Dutch Ships Blamed For Air Attack

BATAVIA, Java, July 29 (AP)—The Indonesian republican radio said a transport plane bearing Red Cross medical supplies was shot down tonight by two Dutch fighter planes and that nine persons, including at least three British citizens, were killed.

The broadcast, identifying the plane as an Indian Dakota, said the pilot, former RAF Wing Commander Constantine, and the copilot, former RAF Squadron Leader Hazelhurst, both were killed. It said Constantine's wife was found dead in the plane, a machinegun bullet through her head.

Crashed In Flames

The broadcast said Dutch fighters opened fire as the transport was circling Jogjakarta for a landing, and that the transport crashed in flames.

An Indonesian named Abdul Gani was the lone survivor. He was quoted as saying the attack was a complete surprise and that he saved himself at the last minute by jumping. The broadcast said the Dutch consul general at Singapore had cleared the plane's cargo of medicines.

A radio speaker who identified himself as Peter Bascliff, a former British army colonel, gave what he said was an eye witness account:

"I saw a solitary transport plane approaching. It circled at low altitude with landing gear down. Suddenly from the east two fighter planes approached. They were modern and fast and they could not have been other than Dutch. There were four bursts of fire. Then silence. I heard the transport plane crash. At 8 p. m. Prime Minister Sjarifoeddin called me. He took me to the hospital. There I learned first hand the plane had been privately owned and totally unarmed. It carried two tons of medical supplies. Radio Malaya previously announced it was coming. Even the Dutch radio at Batavia said the plane would arrive with these supplies."

Miss Oregon Honor Guest

ROSEBURG, July 29 (AP)—Miss Oregon was to be the guest of honor at two receptions in this area today as civic boosters and residents turned out to welcome home Miss JoAnn Amorde, the 20-year-old blue-eyed blonde who won the state title at Seaside.

The Sutherland grade school teacher wore the banner of the city of Roseburg in the state's first Miss Oregon contest that takes her to Atlantic City in September to compete for the national title.

Roseburg's Paul Bunyan club members will escort her from the airport to the city, where Mayor Albert G. Fiegel will present the keys of the city. Later another reception at Sutherland will welcome her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Amorde.

UN To Vote On Balkan Watch

LAKE SUCCESS, July 29 (AP)—The United Nations security council agreed to begin voting late today on a United States proposal to set up a watch commission over the Balkans.

The council concluded discussion on the Balkan problem shortly before lunch, thus paving the way toward a climax of a month-long fight between the United States and Russia.

With Russia maintaining a 24-hour silence, a majority of the council members expressed approval of a U. S. proposal that the proposed commission be composed of eleven members.

Whether the Soviet Union would inject the veto on this part of the American resolution was still a matter of conjecture.

Throughout the morning session Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko worked busily on a speech.

Medford Fire Claims Settled

MEDFORD, July 29 (AP)—An out-of-court settlement of five damage suits by Medford firms against the American Fruit Growers, Inc., resulting from the industrial section fire here last summer, was reported today.

Amounts of the settlements were not disclosed, but the original damage claims totaled \$420,081.

The firms, and the individual claims, were: Monarch Seed and Feed Co., \$85,131; Portland Lumber Co., \$100,059; Sherman-Williams Co., \$3245; Maurice Spats of Crystal Springs Packing Co., \$115,940; V. J. Namitz of Medford Milling Co., \$116,306.

Robber Asks Bankruptcy

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29 (AP)—Bank robber Richard A. Numer, now serving the 12th year of his 25-year sentence at Alcatraz prison, wants federal court to declare him bankrupt and make Warden James A. Johnston pay him \$4 cents.

The warden, Numer's complaint says, is holding his only assets, the 54 cents, 80 paint brushes and 30 tubes of colors, for a fracas causing \$75 damage to isolation cell block D.

He asked the court to wipe out the damage claim against him in the bankruptcy action and said his assets were not subject to bankruptcy seizure.

He was sentenced to 45 years for a bank robbery in Tennessee, and his sentence was reduced to 25 years.

Fishermen Halt Duster With Ease

OMAHA, July 29 (AP)—A fisherman annoyed by a DDT-spraying plane flying low over nearby Carter lake, downed the plane—by heaving a beer can into its propeller.

Pilot Larry Anderson of Kansas City had no trouble landing the plane at the nearby municipal airport, but repair of the propeller "cost us five hours' flying," H. A. Hershfield of Aerial Crop Service, said.

Price Up For Book Of 1947 Laws

SALEM, July 29 (AP)—The state printing board decided today to charge \$4.35 for each copy of the laws passed by the 1947 legislature. The books will be distributed within two weeks.

The price two years ago was \$3, and before that was \$1.25.

The board raised the price because of increased printing costs, and because the book, which weighs 4½ pounds, is the heaviest in history, as the 1947 legislature passed a record number of new laws.

Strange Death Mangles Boy

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 29 (AP)—Seven-year-old Frank Goddard, on his way to the movies in an old jalopy, met death in a way the movies probably never have produced.

As he sat in the rumble seat of James Mitchell's machine yesterday, with the six-year-old Mitchell boy with him, the rusty metal flooring gave way.

Frank's clothing caught on the whirling drive shaft. Before Mitchell could stop the car, Frank was dead—badly mangled.

Mitchell, hysterical, was taken to a hospital. His son escaped harm.

First License Plates Arrive

SALEM, July 29 (AP)—The first shipment of Oregon's 1948 motor vehicle license plates was received by the state department today.

The plates have red numerals on aluminum background. This year's plates are black on aluminum.

There were 50,000 plates in the first shipment. They are made by Irwin-Hodson company, Portland, which has made the Oregon plates for many years.