

14 ARABS DIE IN NEW BATTLE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 THE Rome general strike, after holding frightened, needy Italian workers away from their jobs for two days, is called off by the communists, who CLAIM VICTORY. Premier de Gasperi's government denounces the "victory" claim as "without foundation."

Today's dispatches report the situation in Rome as "back to normal, with the ending of the strike; jeep loads of riot police are circulating throughout the city, but are finding no trouble."

It seems a fair conclusion that the strike failed to accomplish its real purpose, which was to upset the existing (anti-communist) government, thus giving the reds the opportunity to seize by force the leadership which they have been unable to gain by means of the ballot.

THERE is other possibly interesting evidence that these communist-inspired strikes in France and Italy may have been acutely disappointing to their inspirers.

In London, at the foreign ministers conference, Molotov blows his top. He charges that the western powers are "profiting on German exports" by buying up German firms, piling up economic obligations on Germany, trying to perpetuate the division of Germany.

All this, he declares, is "part of a strategic scheme to convert the western zones into a basis for an attack on the 'DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES' of Europe."

(IN the Marxist dictionary, a "democratic" country is a COMMUNIST country. It follows, therefore, that the only democratic countries are those included within the communist Russian bloc. All others, in the red jargon, are "fascist.")

IN trying to figure out WHY Molotov suddenly blew his top (he has been as mild as dishwater so far throughout the current session of the conference of foreign ministers) let's apply the well-known Missouri technique for finding a lost mule—that is, let's try to imagine what we'd do if we were a mule that was skipping out.

What would you do if you were an upper-bracket communist, scheming for a world revolution that would put limitless power within your hands without even having to go to war to get it, and you got a nasty setback in two of the key countries that you were expecting to fall into your lap?

YOU MIGHT blow up.

THE "authorities" (those who have "inside" sources of information) have been telling us for some time that when Molotov and Vishinski become particularly vituperative they are TALKING TO THE RUSSIANS rather than to us.

In the present situation, that seems to make a certain sort of sense. The home folk Russians must have been led to believe that both Italy and France were duck soup for communism. The way it has been told to them, the oppressed "liberals" in both nations have been just on the point of rising in their democratic might and seizing the reins from the hands of the wicked "fascists." Then come these twin jolts in Paris and Rome.

It could be that Molotov is dancing the war dance and beating the war drum in order to divert the minds of the faithful away from the nasty socks on the button that communism has taken in France and Italy within the past few days.

ON our part, of course, we mustn't jump to the rosy conclusion that everything is lovely, with the goose hanging high, in Italy and France. That isn't true. What has happened there can be at best only a hopeful straw in a high, cold wind. Frenchmen and Italians are still hungry and cold. Most of them are still bitter as they gaze upon the fat, sleek black marketeers who are

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WEATHER
 Max. (Dec. 13) 45 Min. 18
 Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0
 Stream year to date 2.82
 Last year 3.42 Normal 3.39
 Forecast cloudy.

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Strike Claim Denied

GOP Senators Keep Secret Own Anti-Inflation Slate Which Leaders Agree Upon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Republican senators agreed today on a 10-point anti-inflation program aimed at curbing the cost of living through voluntary action combined with some government controls.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the republican senate conference withheld details of the program until Senator Taft of Ohio can complete redrafting a statement agreed upon at a four-hour session of all the GOP senators.

The statement was said to call for the speedy enactment by congress of legislation setting up procedure for agreements by business and agricultural interests to parcel out scarce cost of living items.

It was reported to contain several of the proposals laid down in President Truman's 10-point program submitted at the opening of the special session of congress, such as export controls.

Millikin said the statement, which Taft promised to have ready later in the day, was approved unanimously, so far as it could see, by more than 25 republican senators present.

Taft explained that the statement, as revised, will be sent over for action by house republicans. He expressed hope the house members can agree on it and thus make it a general republican program.

Millikin said the conference made "some change in theory and many changes in language" in a previous statement drafted for its consideration by the senate republican policy committee, which Taft heads.

Taft showed reporters a typewritten copy on which changes had been inked in on nearly every line, but refused to let them read it.

"Most of the four hours of this conference has been spent in drafting language expressing the republican view and it must be presented in exactly that language," the Ohio senator said in declining to summarize the statement.

Prior to the senate republican group's action, the house banking committee took action on a separate report. It said it has not closed the door on the president's anti-inflation program but it contended some of his proposals might lead to "distortions" and "diversions."

County Sets Zone Group

A nine-man county planning and zoning commission has been appointed by the county court and a measure may be inserted in the May primary election ballot asking the voters to give the commission authority to go ahead with work setting up zones and building regulations in the suburban regions of the county.

The commission was set up in accordance with two laws passed by the recent state legislature, but approval of the county voters is necessary to allow the commission to function.

Work of the committee would be to zone the county for future building, require building permits as is done inside the city limits and propose land-use regulations. The particular area which this commission probably would work in is the "fringe" districts just outside the Klamath Falls city limits.

Fred Pope, member of the county court, said that the court probably would call for a vote on the May ballot "should the county court be authorized to enact zoning and land-use regulations."

If that is approved, the planning commission can start to function.

Appointed to the commission were Verlin Moore, Hazel, temporary chairman; Scott Warren, Alameda; Henry Ward, Altamont district; Jerry Sizemore, Fert Klamath; Harry Obenchain, Bly; Dick Hensel, Malin; E. C. Lemler, Merrill; N. H. Hansen, Lenox addition; and Jesse Drew, Hildebrande.

Yule Lighting Deadline Set

Deadline for judging entries in the annual Christmas lighting contest has been set for the early evening of December 21. Al Longe, Jaycee chairman, stated today. No entries will be judged after this time and no home-owners will be permitted to ask for re-judging after December 21 through additional embellishments of their display.

Earl Redman, George Dimbat and Dick Maguire will judge the displays and they will be assisted by sub-committees from the various zones. A list of prizes will be published next week.

The city has been laid out in five zones which will be number 1 to 5; zones 6 and 7 in the suburban areas north and south of the railroad tracks, zone 8, Lindley heights on to Weyerhaeuser.

A card or phone call to the chamber of commerce station that the home-owner desires to enter the contest, will be appreciated by the committee. Awards will be presented at the community program on Modoc field December 23.

Ice Crust Covers Crater Lake Snow

A thin, icy crust covers 43 inches of packed snow at Crater Lake national park and the Saturday morning snow was favorable toward week-end skiing prospects.

Roads in the park were said to be very slick and no cars will be permitted to travel beyond Annie Spring without chains, rangers said this morning. Minimum temperature this morning was 24, the maximum Friday, 46. Both the lunch counter and ski tow will be in operation Sunday. A big crowd was expected in the park Sunday with skiing conditions as good as they are today.

When Chest Went Over Top

This picture was taken at yesterday's report luncheon with the final blackboard notation showing the Klamath Community Chest over its \$66,000 goal. Co-Chairman Ken Klahn of the drive is marking the board. Board Chairman Arnold Gralapp at left, and Malcolm Epley, drive co-chairman, is at right.



Communist Victory Is Held False

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The republican measure is slated for house consideration Monday.

As the report was filed, republican senators prepared to review a cost of living statement submitted by Senator Taft (R-Ohio). Senators who saw the preliminary draft said that it too left a loophole through which the GOP could fall back on its proposed voluntary methods fall to halt rising prices.

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Big Pull Due Today

WATERLOO, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—It's the showdown today for man vs. horse in a \$5000 tug-of-war that is drawing farmers from miles around in this Western Oregon farming community.

The horse is 12-year-old Baldy, a 1900-pound plow animal, who trained on carrots. The man is Chester Fitzpatrick, 225-pound red-head Irishman, who trained in a pool hall.

They will get at opposite ends of a 300-foot rope at 2 p. m. and begin tugging. That is, the horse will. It will be his job to try to pull the Irishman upright.

The 57 Fitzpatrick will lie down, and it's no reflection on the Irish. In that so-called position, he will place the rope in an angle variously estimated from 1 to 7 degrees.

The horse will have three minutes to pull Fitzpatrick erect, tie the rope from him, or cause him to change position. Then an estimated \$5,000, awarded in small bets by the farmers hereabouts will change hands—probably in less than three minutes.

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Daley's companion, Capt. Andrew Barry, said, told him that after shooting John Kuesis and abducting four men in the garage, they drove to Brookfield where they shot John Kuesis' brother, Nick, and Frank Baker, 17, and pushed their bodies from the car.

Nick, not seriously wounded, telephoned police.

Later, Barry said the gunmen told him, they shot and killed Emil Schmikal, 18, and a youth identified as James Alex and dumped their bodies into a ditch in suburban MeCook and Hodgkins. Baker, Schmikal and Alex were reported by police to have been employees in Nick Kuesis' garage.

Police Lt. John McNamara said that the shootings started after three gunmen appeared at the Kuesis garage last night and argued with John Kuesis over an automobile repair bill.

McNamara said John Kuesis, who was the father of five children, had beaten Daley recently and that they had been on unfriendly terms for the last several weeks after Kuesis had appeared as a witness against Daley during his trial on a robbery charge.

Police said John Kuesis, as well as Daley, had police records dating back several years.

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9 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

"Wanna Buy A Ring, Duck?"



Lucille Caldwell, clerk in Rickys jewelry store, shows a diamond ring to a strange customer. This duck wandered into the store without coercion at 2:30 p. m. Friday, taking his place among the crowds of Christmas shoppers.

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BASKETBALL

Pelican Court — Saturday, 7:30 P. M. Probable Starting Lineups (First Game)

Astoria	Pos.	Oregon City	
14 Korpela	F.	Hoffman	11
15 Morse	F.	Sanetel	12
8 Logue	C.	W. Van Pelt	14
12 Kittilson	G.	Spieß	7
17 Svanen	G.	Schniabe	3
Astoria reserves: 10—Hansen; 16—Franciscovich; 11—Erickson; 19—Simonson; 13—Fransen. Oregon City reserves: 4—Cook; 6—Snook; 9—Ruby; 10—Ruminski; 13—C. Van Pelt.			

(Second Game)

Klamath	Pos.	Grant	
3 Kennett	F.	Rivenburgh	16
5 Barnes	F.	Ferrell	14
15 Daves	C.	Hall	11
10 Lust	C.	Marineau	13
8 Zarosinski	G.	Croley	12
Klamath reserves: 4—Stringham; 7—Edwards; 12—Elliott; 13—Whitney; 20—Targerson; 6—Brightman; 9—Dorman. Grant reserves: 5—Patterson; 9—Bonowitz; 6—Hays; 8—Keller; 3—Dickey.			

Christmas Spirit Sends Duck On Shopping Spree

Over the river and through the wood came a duck. It put down on Main street at 7th, early yesterday afternoon, threaded its way purposefully through traffic, hopped up onto the curb and went into Rickys Jewellers.

He was assisted up onto a counter by a courteous clerk and shown a diamond ring.

The duck identified as a canvas-back did not act wild or frightened, but only slightly dazed by the glitter around him. Some of the amazed customers in the shop supposed the bird may have hit a wire in flying too low over the city.

Ricky's service extended to giving the bird a lift down to the river where he took off happily to join his comrades, his Christmas window shopping over.

Lamm Estate Tops Million

Final appraisal of the estate of the late W. E. Lamm, pioneer lumberman of this area, set the value of Mr. Lamm's holdings at \$1,662,722.23, making it probably the largest estate ever probated in Klamath county.

Mr. Lamm died September 23 at the age of 61 and the bulk of his estate was left by will to his wife, Mrs. Alice McCourt Lamm.

Appraisers were G. C. Lorenz, Mitchell Tilston and Sam Rife.

The inventory of the estate includes \$158,000 in a checking account in a San Francisco bank; \$206,223 in interest-bearing U. S. treasury bonds; 1500 shares of capital stock in the Deschutes Lumber company with a market value of \$829,245; 2870 shares in the Lamm Lumber company worth \$200,900, and 173 shares of stock in the Oehlco Lumber company worth \$86,500. The appraisal did not include insurance.

Las Vegas Business Off

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 13 (AP)—Marriages and divorces, important commerce in this busy town, are falling off from the high levels of the war-time years, County Clerk Gertrude Moore reported today.

The all-time high for marriages was reached in January, 1942, when 219 licenses were granted during the month. This receded to 1612 in January of this year, and so far in 1947 the monthly average has been only about 1750.

Divorces reached their high water mark in January, 1946, when 642 were granted, Miss Moore said. They steadily tapered off and in October only 275 divorces were issued.

It's still big business here, though. The clerk estimated that the average person establishing residence for a divorce spends about \$1000 during the six weeks, and the average newlywed couple leaves about \$150 in town, she said.

Gas Price To Be Boosted

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—A new round of price increases for gasoline and other petroleum products is expected in oil circles to get under way next week.

Initial move in that direction so far as the east coast states are concerned was taken today by Standard Oil of New York, which advanced motor gasoline, aviation gasoline, home heating oils, light diesel oil and kerosene by nine-tenths of a cent a gallon. Heavy fuel oil was upped 38 cents a barrel.

In other marketing areas, Standard Oil of Ohio and Standard Oil of Indiana, serving mid-western and other interior states, advanced their products last week by larger amounts. Other firms operating in other sections are expected to follow suit by the middle of next week but whether the increase will be uniform or not was unknown in eastern oil circles.

Nimitz To Quit Monday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who is retiring Monday as chief of naval operations, said farewell to President Truman today.

He shook hands with everyone in the White House lobby including reporters and guards. He said he will leave Monday for the Pacific coast where he will visit a married daughter at San Diego, Calif.

"I will have an office in the 12th naval district at San Francisco where I can be reached," Nimitz said.

He displayed a silver cigarette case given him by his associates on which names of several were engraved, including that of President Truman.

Admiral Louis M. Denfield will take over Nimitz' post as chief of naval operations.

Bandit Picks On Broke Victim

DETROIT, Dec. 13 (AP)—A bandit who tried to rob Wayne Ruggles, a 50-cent man in the red, the intended victim told police today.

Ruggles, 30, reported a man was lying on the floor of his car when he got in last night, and ordered him to "get going." He said he drove until his gasoline tank was nearly empty, and told the bandit he had no money to refill it.

The bandit furnished half a dollar for gasoline and let Ruggles drive a few more miles before demanding his wallet. Ruggles produced it empty. The disgusted holdup man gave up.

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