

JEW'S DEMAND ARABS WITHDRAW

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

RUSSIA today announces "conversion" of her currency.

This is the phrasing of the Moscow dispatch (as passed by the Russian censor): "Soviet Russia is converting her paper rubles in circulation at one-tenth their face value, effective tomorrow."

The dispatch adds that this is being done "as one means of checking inflation which has boosted prices of some goods to 10 or 15 times their pre-war level."

AS nearly as we can gather from the wording of the announcement as given by Soviet officials to the correspondents (we must remember that Russian news is censored) this amounts exactly to what would happen if our government took up your dollars and gave you back dimes.

THIS, of course, is the \$64 question: How would such a scheme work out in practice in the way of WHAT YOU GET IN THINGS in return for your money?

Presumably, this is it:

Since you would have only dimes instead of the dollars you had before, you would be unable to pay the DOLLAR prices existing before the devaluation on your paper money were juggled.

Since you would be UNABLE to pay the dollar prices previously existing, you would have to do without a lot of things unless the prices of the things were reduced. Hence the volume of business would drop sharply unless prices were reduced to correspond with the smaller denominations of the money in circulation.

THAT is how it would have to work here, in a "free" economy. How it will work in Russia can't be said until we know more about how things are done there.

For example, who makes prices in Russia?

Is price-making done freely there by people who have things for sale? Or is it done by the government? Until we can get more light on that side of the subject, we shall be just as much in the dark as we were before.

THERE are some typically Russian angles to the announcement. The decree changing the official value of the ruble singles out "war profiteers" as a target for the program. That is to say, the Kremlin wants us to believe it is cutting war profiteers down to common man size.

It is something to learn officially that there ARE war profiteers in communist Russia. We had been led to believe that such cattle exist ONLY IN THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

Now we are told officially that communist Russia has them.

THE "conversion" dispatch adds cryptically that RATIONING of food and industrial goods is to be abolished at the same time. Nothing is said about prices, other than a vague statement that they are to be "reduced."

Who will do the reducing, and how?

Normally, elimination of rationing would enable those with MORE MONEY to get a larger share of the existing good things of life. And it appears from what we have been told that some people in Russia DO have more money than others.

That, in itself, is shocking.

MOSCOW has been thundering that inflation is a wicked institution that plagues CAPITALIST states. Now we learn that totalitarian Russia has its inflation problems.

If that is true, PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE in Russia, as elsewhere, and Russian human nature works just like other human nature. That, at least, is interesting.

General Clark's Dog Located

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 15 (AP)—Twelve days of freedom were ended today for a seven-month-old cinnamon-colored cocker spaniel named Swift who went AWOL during a stopover here, on his way from New York to Gen. Mark Clark in San Francisco.

Swift was "taken into custody" at the Babcock ranch, six miles east of Colorado Springs, while foraging for breakfast in a pig pen.

The pup was noticeably thinner than when he first escaped from the transient barracks at 15th air force on December 3.

Air force officials wired Clark and the general instructed that Swift, a Christmas gift of New York friends, be turned over to a veterinarian and be shipped by air, or press "as soon as he could travel."

Solon Says Action Needed To Keep Atom Plants Going

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) said today Congress may have to enact some legislation to assure continuous operations at atomic energy installations.

After a closed door session of the senate-house atomic energy committee which he heads, Hickenlooper told newsmen the group considered "the necessity for continuity of operations" at key installations.

There are certain essential plants, he said, "where we can't stand for work stoppages, either by strike or lockout."

WEATHER			
Max. (Dec. 14)	47	Min.	28
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00		
Stream year to date	3.85		
Last year	3.17		
Forecast	Partly cloudy.		

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Big Four Conference Breaks Up

Demos Kill Republican Cost Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Voting solidly, house democrats today smashed a republican drive for sudden passage of a GOP anti-inflation bill. Majority leaders promptly predicted it now will be "impossible" to pass any cost-of-living legislation in the special session.

Although the republicans piled up 292 votes for the bill, 188 against, a two-thirds majority was required for passage under GOP procedure which barred all amendments—requiring that the bill win or lose "as is."

Not a democrat strayed from the ranks, and 26 republicans joined them in opposing the proposed substitute for President Truman's own anti-inflation program.

After the vote, House Republican Leader Hatcher of Indiana told reporters that he regards it impossible to pass any living-cost legislation before the special session adjourns this week. Speaker Martin of Massachusetts agreed it is very doubtful.

Immediately after the vote was announced in the house chamber, a "limited price control bill" sponsored by four cabinet members was made public by Representative Patman (D-Tex.).

He put into the congressional record a letter signed by Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of War, all of whom had signed a "wholesale price control bill" which the republicans had introduced.

Two Indians In Hospital

Two Beatty Indians were brought to Klamath Valley hospital over the week-end for treatment of wounds which are not believed critical.

Officer Bellini said that Tupper, 35, has severe face and scalp lacerations inflicted by a knife, and several cuts on his arm. His condition is said to be fairly good. Tupper was admitted to the hospital early Sunday morning, brought in by Indian Service Officer Leo Bellini.

Mack George, 52, was admitted Saturday with a gunshot wound in his shoulder.

Officer Bellini said that Tupper would not tell who had used the knife on him. He had a bad scar over his left eye and one of his ears was nearly severed.

George's injury was believed to have been self-inflicted accidentally while he was cleaning a 22 calibre rifle.

3-Year-Old To Be On Dimes Poster

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Three-year-old Terry Tullos, who was stricken with poliomyelitis before he learned to walk, has been chosen as the 1948 March of Dimes campaign poster child, symbolizing the victims of polio.

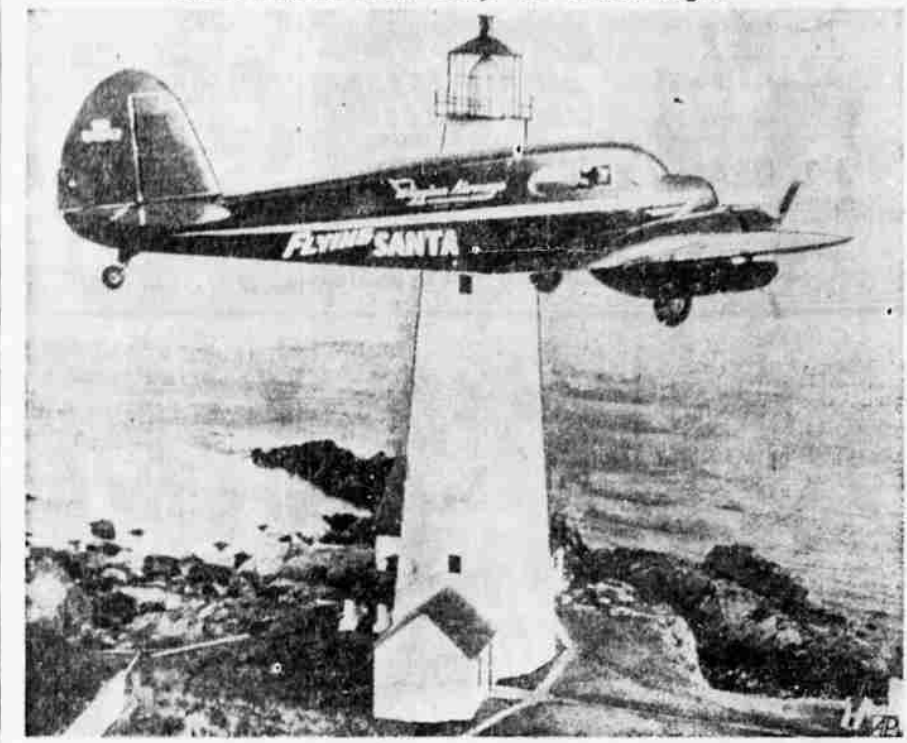
Basel O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced yesterday that the golden-haired boy, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Tullos, of Laurel, Miss., has been picked as the youngest child ever to appear on the poster.

Freight Cars Burn After Derailing

STANFORD, Mont., Dec. 15 (AP)—Thirty-two cars of a 67-car freight train were damaged last night when they burst into flames after a derailment one mile east of here.

Great Northern railroad officials who began an investigation today, said it might take two days to clear the wreckage from the tracks. Traffic was routed over Milwaukee Road tracks between Great Falls and Lewiston. No one was injured.

Stork Makes First "Stop" At Oldest Light



Edward Rowe Snow, New England's "Flying Santa" circles Boston Light, oldest American lighthouse, to drop his first package to the keeper, Leo F. Gracie. Snow plans to drop packages to lighthouse keepers and their children at stations along the coast from Canada to Florida this season.

Truman Aid Talk Slated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—President Truman told congressional leaders today he will have a message for congress this week on long-range European recovery aid.

This assures that the legislators will have the message for study during their vacation between the end of the current special session and the opening of the regular session January 6. Plans are to adjourn the special session Friday.

Both republican and democratic leaders were called to the White House to hear Mr. Truman's plans. The president's "to" with the group lasted but 15 minutes.

Those attending said no date was mentioned when the message would go to the capitol. But Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters later the message is "practically complete" and that it would go to congress soon.

Leaving the parley, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), presiding officer of the senate, told reporters: "The president wanted to notify us he will have his message on long-range recovery ready for submission this week."

"He wanted to know our adjournment plan because he wants to submit the message before we leave."

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 7 broken, 15 unbroken cars on track; California 9, Idaho 11, Oregon 1, Utah 1 arrived; 8 cars arrived by truck. Market: Deschutes Russets No. 1-A 4.15-25; Klamath Long Whites 1-A 4.00.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 14 broken, 37 unbroken cars on track; California 9, Idaho 11, Oregon 1, Utah 1 arrived; 8 cars arrived by truck. Market: Deschutes Russets No. 1-A 4.10-15; Klamath Long Whites 1-A 4.00.

Washington Men Up For CAB Job

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Russell C. Barlow of Tacoma, Wash., was recommended today to President Truman for appointment to a vacancy on the civil aeronautics board.

The recommendation was made by two republican senators, Cordon of Oregon and Cain of Washington, a call at the White House.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of Clarence M. Young, a republican, to become manager of the city of Los Angeles airports.

Cordon and Cain told reporters the president did not commit himself.

Stork Works Overtime--- Delivers Triplets Here

Triplets—two girls and a boy arriving within nine minutes of each other—were greeted by the Frank Shepard family, 2331 Radcliffe, late Saturday afternoon. Mother and infants were reported doing nicely at Klamath Valley hospital.

The first baby to arrive has been named Cherie May. She weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces. The time was 5:10 p. m. Second on the scene was the boy, Daniel Guy, tipping hospital scales at 6 pounds 10 ounces and entering the world at 5:18 p. m. Next came the second little girl, a 4 pounds 5 1/2 ounce baby, Cheryl Gale. Her premiere appearance was written down at 5:19 p. m.

Father of the triplets, thought to be the first born in Klamath county, is credit manager of The California Oregon Power company. There are two other boys in the family, Gerald, 15, and Robert 2, Shepard came here 10 years ago from Superior, Wis., and took over duties as credit manager at Copco two years ago. Prior to that time he was chief meter reader with the firm.

Congratulations were engulfing Shepard and his wife today, and Shepard's office said he was on vacation for a time. There are "three or four sets of twins" on Shepard's side, he said Saturday as he patiently awaited the arrival of his little family. His maternal grandmother was the mother of twins. Dr. F. Cecil Adams delivered the trio but it wasn't a surprise. Triplets had been anticipated by Mrs. Shepard for quite some time.

Although this is the first set of triplets thought born here, quadruplets were born a number of years ago. None survived, however.

Solon Asks Price Freeze

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) introduced Monday a bill to "freeze" prices of all commodities at levels which prevailed at the close of business last Saturday.

This legislation if enacted, Capehart told the senate, would remain on the statute books through May 1, but President Truman could lift the freeze meanwhile if he found such action warranted.

Noting that congress has acted to give Europe stop gap aid while it debates the Marshall plan for long range assistance abroad, Capehart added:

"Now let us give interim aid in the United States while we carefully consider the long range needs of our economic system."

The bill also would prohibit sale of used cars at prices in excess of those for new automobiles. Violators would be subject to a \$5000 fine and a two-year jail term.

Horse Sends Man Plunging In Mud Moments After Tug-Of-War Gets Under Way; 2000 Attend Affair

WATERLOO, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Big Baldy was back at the outs bin today, victor over mere man in a tug-of-war in which the logging horse sent a husky Irishman sprawling in the mud within seconds.

Chester Fitzwater, Lebanon 230-pounder who aimed to lie on his back for three minutes while the horse tugged at the opposite end of a 300-foot rope, was in the air and bowling over spectators almost as soon as the 1900-pound horse had eased the slack from the rope.

The battle of Waterloo, which grew from a rural argument, drew some 2000 Valley folk to this village Saturday. A lot of them—an estimated \$30,000 was wagered—thought the man would win.

They had it all figured out scientifically. The angle of pull, they argued, would be so small that the horse couldn't exert enough force to lift the man. And they had a physics professor's statement to prove it. But what happened? Fitzwater, his feet braced against a heavy plank, remained down only a moment. As the horse stepped ahead, the rope tightened, pulled at the hook attached to Fitzwater's belt. Fitzwater lurched into the air, knocked over a photographer and some spectators, and crashed into the mud. At the other end of the rope the horse had barely strained.

It may be an age of science, but the folks that live in Waterloo are going back to the horse.

Cheerful



Screen Actress Madge Meredith cheerfully embraces her mother, Mrs. Frank Massow, after she was found guilty in Los Angeles of five felony charges for the kidnapping of her former manager, Nicholas Gianacis. The actress told cameramen, "It's all a mistake. I'm innocent."

Pirates Loot Chinese Ship

HONG KONG, Dec. 15 (AP)—Pirates boarded the 4532-ton Dutch passenger ship Van Heutz, robbed the passengers of cash and jewelry valued at hundreds of thousands of Hong Kong dollars and escaped in commandeered junks today after temporarily holding the captain hostage.

A. H. Elston, director of criminal investigation, announced that the vessel was looted and controlled by the pirates for about 15 hours after it was about four hours out of Hong Kong yesterday on a trip to Swatow, Chinese port about 180 miles north-east of here.

The vessel returned today to Hong Kong and Elston questioned crew members and passengers. They estimated the pirates numbered about 25.

Apparently some of the raiders boarded the ship here disguised as passengers and had a rendezvous with confederates at Bus boy. They took over the ship at sunset and searched it from bow to stern, holding the captain and officers in the ship's motorboat. At Chi Leng point, the pirates left the vessel in the junks and permitted the captain to row back to the ship.

State Drops Hospital Plan

SALEM, Dec. 15 (AP)—The state board of control today abandoned plans to take over Camp White hospital near Medford for use as a state mental hospital.

The board's action came after Attorney General George Neuner ruled the board has no authority to use the hospital for that purpose, and the board said it must be bound by Neuner's opinion.

The federal government had offered the hospital to the state free of cost, provided the state use it for educational or health purposes for 25 years, and if the state agreed to turn it back to the government in the event of a national emergency.

Neuner pointed out a constitutional provision that no institution can be located outside of Marion county without a vote of the people. He also noted that the 1947 law, which authorizes the board to take over the hospital, carries no appropriation, so the board would have no funds to maintain it. Neuner also said the state emergency board could not use its funds to maintain the hospital.

The 1947 legislature passed a bill directing the board to acquire the hospital, but it was vetoed by the late Governor Earl Snell who, with other members of the board of control, said it would not make a suitable place to house mental patients.

Attacks On Trains Lead To Decision

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15 (AP)—Jewish leaders called upon the Palestine government today to order the immediate evacuation from Palestine of all trans-Jordan Arab Legion troops, a detachment of which yesterday machinegunned a truck convoy near Tel Aviv, killing 14 Jews and wounding 15 others.

The Arab Legion forces, which are officered by Britons, are on loan to the Palestine government for police duty in the Holy Land.

Demands for withdrawal of the forces coincided with a grenade attack on a truckload of Arab Legion troops near the Mustapha police barracks in Jerusalem. One soldier was injured in the bombing.

A spokesman for Hagana declared that "failure of the British to evacuate these foreign troops will be considered a British provocation against the Jewish defense forces."

3 Attacks

A Jewish agency official, who also demanded withdrawal of the Arab Legion, said legionnaires had attacked Jews in at least three places yesterday.

He complained that highway security control was "completely ineffective" through Palestine and suggested that food convoys be led and followed by armored cars "as they were during the Arab revolt of 1936-39."

The official said that 1700 Jewish settlement police had been engaged in convoy duty but that they were traveling in open cars and "form an open invitation to massacre."

Eighteen armored cars allotted to the settlement police are now in storage and the government "will not permit their use," he declared.

"The government is conducting a systematic campaign to disarm us," the agency spokesman asserted. "Overland transport throughout Palestine—already badly disrupted by the convoys—has been further demoralized by the convoys in Jerusalem and other cities. It is the Holy Land that has begun to feel the pinch of broken communication resulting from 16 days of bitter communal strife that has claimed 242 lives."

More Snow In Prospect

The weatherman predicted more snow in the mountains tonight, but Oregon highways were in good winter driving condition today, the state highway commission reported.

There is packed snow on the higher elevation stretches but curves are well sanded.

The minimum temperature here this morning was 28 degrees, maximum Sunday, 42. At Odell lake on the Willamette highway, the temperature was 30 degrees, skies were overcast, two inches of new snow with 24 inches of roadside snow. Ice exists on the road for 21 miles across the summit. Sighting operations are reported.

Icy spots on Sun mountain pass of the Dalles-California highway were also being sanded today. Four inches of new snow fell on the pass, bringing roadside snow to a 14-inch depth. Some shady spots on the Greensprings highway were reported frosty early today but a warm sun this morning was expected to dispel the frost by early afternoon. The road is well sanded.

Steers Set New Record At Sale

PORTLAND, Dec. 15 (AP)—Thirty head of 1968 and 1969 pound experimentally fed steers raised at the Idaho experimental station sold for an all-time high of \$30 a hundredweight at the North Portland livestock market today.

The previous record price for steers here was \$28—that price, too, paid for Idaho experimental station steers.

Two other highs were established at the market here today: \$26.50 for heifers and \$30 for vealers. The record prices until now had been, respectively, \$26 and \$29.

When Tomorrow's Train Stopped Here



Here is the General Motors' Train of Tomorrow parked at the Klamath Falls Southern Pacific station Saturday. Hundreds of Klamath people viewed the train from the station platform, but were not permitted inside. (See editorial column.) Note the domes on the cars behind the engine.

8 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

WASH. CHRISTMAS SEALS