

BIG 3 PLAN NEW GERMAN STATE

Federal Aid To Be Sought For Lava Beds Road

TULELAKE, Calif., Dec. 16.—A vigorous campaign for federal-financed construction of two paved approach roads into the Lava Beds national monument was agreed upon at a tri-county meeting of road and tourist promotion enthusiasts at the Sportman's hotel here last night.

The large group decided to work for a paved highway from Staunton's corner, on the west side of Tulelake, into the monument north-east entrance, and for a paved highway from Newell past the petroglyphs and on into the monument from the east side.

It was agreed to consider the two units as one project in the promotion effort, the idea being to develop a paved loop trip into the lava beds.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE foreign ministers conference in London ends in failure—as was generally expected. Out of it comes no peace—only bitter recriminations as to whose was the fault for failure.

WHAT next?

This is about it, on the basis of the news we get this morning: Western Germany (the part occupied by us, the British and the French) will be erected as a NEW NATION. It will probably have a centralized government of its own. It will affiliate with the countries of Western Europe, which we are trying to save for individual freedom and free enterprise by means of the Marshall plan.

Eastern Germany will remain RUSSIAN territory.

WHAT will that mean?

Basically it will mean that the ELBE RIVER IS NOW THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF RUSSIA. A glance at your map will make that clear.

One world is dead, officially. There are now two worlds.

Of these two worlds, Russia will be the leader of one. AMERICA WILL BE THE LEADER OF THE OTHER.

WE common everyday people haven't deliberately willed it that way. If we spoke our secret thoughts, there can be little doubt that we'd prefer to go back to the old mind-our-own-business-let-others-mind-their-way-of-life. That is OUT.

For better or worse, we are committed to play our part in WORLD affairs. Whether we like it or not, we have inherited the mantle that slipped from the shoulders of Britain when World War II weakened her to the point where she can no longer carry the burdens of world leadership.

WILL that be good or bad for you and me?

Well, by way of encouragement in this hour when we stand committed and are perhaps a little terrified by our new responsibilities, we might as well remember that Britain's GOLDEN AGE was the century or more when she ran the world and did a pretty good job of it.

EDWARD O'NEAL, retiring president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, addressing his organization's annual convention in Chicago, says today:

"America stands at the threshold of what can be either its Golden Age or the beginning of its downfall."

He adds:

"We have at our command scientific help and advanced technologies, which, if properly used, are certain to increase vastly the productivity of all enterprises, including agriculture. . . . But we will never reach those heights UNLESS WE ADVANCE AS RAPIDLY IN SOCIAL AND HUMAN RELATIONS AND IN OUR SENSE OF MORAL VALUES AS WE DO IN OUR TECHNOLOGIES."

IN other words, all of our technological progress will get us nowhere unless we can learn how to get along with each other.

HOW are we to do that?

At the risk of repetition to the point of boredom, this writer would like to suggest again that we must first learn the all-important lesson that the principle of the Golden Rule—"Do ye unto others as ye would that others shall do unto you"—if followed by ALL OF US, will pay out in dollars and cents, as well as in moral satisfactions.

Construction inside the monument is a part service responsibility. The distance from Staunton's corner to the monument boundary is about 10 miles, while the Newell approach would be five or six miles in length.

Don Fisher, Lava Beds monument custodian, said that there is federal legislation which would make the two roads eligible for federal highway funds as approach roads to the monument. It was agreed that a tri-county group would carry on the campaign for the road work, with the Tulelake chamber of commerce roads committee, chair-manned by Sam Anderson, heading up the drive. Klamath County chamber of commerce, Alturas chamber, the Tulelake Growers and the new Tulelake homesteaders' group would be other participating groups.

It was brought out that federal funds would not be available for any construction north or east of the Staunton corner. At this point, the east-west road, running directly from Tulelake, intersects the west side road. Gordon Jacobs, Siskiyou county supervisor, told the group that Siskiyou county road department will pave the east-west road "as soon as possible," giving a hard-surface connection to the terminus of the proposed federal project.

Speakers at the meeting urged the east-west road as an early project, not only as an approach connection to the monument, but because of its local importance as a traffic and produce carrier. The other connection with Staunton's corner is the west side road from the state line. Both of these roads are county roads, and the east-west road was given priority status for earlier construction by speakers at the meeting.

It was brought out in the discussion that the Lava Beds monument has suffered in tourist travel for years because of the condition of its approach roads. Fisher said that \$10,000 was made available last summer inside the monument last summer.

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Reds Blame US For Breakup

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—News-papers in the Russian sphere generally blamed the western powers today for the breakdown of the Big Four conference, while most of those in Western Europe turned accusing voices against Moscow.

The Russian newspapers were gloomy. The Russian licensed Tageliche Rundschau in Berlin charged: "Marshall blew up the conference."

Most British editorials accused the Russians of forcing the conference into a deadlock.

The London Daily Worker and L'Humanite of Paris, both communist, streamed: "Marshall breaks up Big Four."

Izvestia of Moscow said the western powers had hamstrung the conference while "trying to lay the responsibility on the Soviet Union."

The Russian news agency Tass said the U. S. and Great Britain "unwittingly exposed themselves in the unbecoming role of forces who are hampering international cooperation."

In Czechoslovakia, on the red fringe of Europe, the first assessment was that the breakdown was serious but not necessarily tragic. The social democratic Pravo Lidu of Prague said, "The forces of peace and cooperation must win out."

WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 16) 32
Min. 10
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream level to date 3.85
Last year 3.48 Normal 3.63
Forecast: Cloudy; snow flurries.

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Jews-Arabs Fight Pitched Battle

Appeal Seen In KF-Reno Stage Battle

Pacific Trailways stage lines will probably appeal a decision just rendered by the Interstate commerce commission approving sale of the Oregon, California and Nevada Stage line, (Klamath to Reno) to the Greyhound Bus company.

William Niskanen, Bend, treasurer and manager of Pacific Trailways, said today that his company's counsel is now studying the ICC decision with a view of appeal, and a definite decision will be reached in a few days.

The battle between the two big companies on this issue has at stake a coast-wide stage line running from northwestern points to San Diego, through Klamath Falls, Reno, Bishop, San Bernardino and other points.

Two Lines Now

At present, this route is served by two lines—the O. C. and N. from Klamath to Reno, and Inland Stages, Inc., running from Reno to San Diego. The merger deal involves both lines. Greyhound has offered to buy them, and Pacific Trailways, opposing the Greyhound proposal, also wants them.

After the first hearing, the ICC examiner favored Trailways, but when the matter went to division 5 of the ICC, it reversed the examiner and approved the Greyhound merger.

Trailways now could appeal to the full ICC, and failing there, could go to the U. S. courts.

Trailways contention is that the Greyhound merger would "extend the Greyhound monopoly" on the Pacific coast, giving it three parallel lines—the coast route, the valley route (Pacific highway), and the inland route by Klamath and Reno.

Trailways further contends that the inland route would be considered as secondary by Greyhound, whereas Trailways would develop it as a major division of its system. Trailways now runs stages as far south as Klamath Falls, by way of Bend, and Greyhound runs through here via Eugene and Weed.

Under terms of the ICC ruling, Pacific Greyhound would pay the O. C. and N. stages \$100,000 and the stockholders of the latter would pay off all indebtedness of the company.

Lakeview Tot Helps Santa



Little Buzie Alger of Lakeview is shown dropping a coin in Santa Claus' kettie at a Salvation Army Christmas stand at Sixth and Main this morning. Buzie came over with his folks for a little Christmas shopping.

Federal Aid To Navajos, Hopis Cut To \$200,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The house appropriations committee recommended today a grant of \$200,000 for direct emergency aid to the Navajo and Hopi Indians—less than one half the amount requested by President Truman.

The committee coupled its recommendation with a contention that conditions of the southwestern tribes are "directly" the result of the shortsighted policies of the bureau of Indian affairs.

The committee had been asked to approve \$450,000 (thousands) for direct relief of Navajos and Hopis in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The money to be expended under terms of legislation passed yesterday by congress and sent to the White House.

The Indian bureau had estimated the \$450,000 would allow \$20 a month for individuals on relief for those in family groups. The committee said its recommendation would provide a little over \$10 per person in addition to amounts already being paid. It added:

"It appears to the committee, after studying the situation, that this allowance, coupled with the distribution of surplus stocks of potatoes and other food supplies available to the bureau, will be adequate to meet the need."

As to the Indian bureau, the committee said in its report on the third supplemental appropriation bill:

"The condition in which these people are now living is not one of their own making, but is directly the result of the shortsighted policies of the bureau of Indian affairs."

Mrs. Fowler Hurt In Wreck

News of an automobile accident which sent Mrs. John Fowler to a hospital in La Mesa, Tex., last Saturday, was received here Monday night by Calvin Raney, assistant manager of the Klamath Valley Lumber company. Extent of Mrs. Fowler's injuries was not learned.

John Fowler, manager of the lumber company, with his wife and small daughter Janet, left Klamath Falls on November 15 for a vacation which included a cruise from New Orleans. They were en route home when the accident occurred. Tentative arrangements are being discussed to bring Mrs. Fowler home by aerial ambulance.

The Fowlers reside at 915 Pacific Terrace.

Mountain Passes Still Snow Filled

Motorists planning to leave the Klamath basin late today or tomorrow night by Calvin Raney, assistant manager of the Klamath Valley Lumber company. Extent of Mrs. Fowler's injuries was not learned.

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Higher Pay Or Else - Say WU Men

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (AP)—A spokesman for the AFL Western Union telegraphers declared today that "we're going to march right down the line for our wage demands—else we'll strike."

W. Lee Cooney, general president of the Southwestern unit of the telegraphers, told a reporter the union would not modify its demands for a 15 per cent an hour wage boost.

Cooney's statement was made as the union prepared to sit down with representatives of management and the U. S. conciliation service in an effort to head off a strike set for December 23.

Said Hal R. Swann, general president of the union of 45,000 workers: "We've got to stick to our demands for a 15 cent hourly wage boost since the company has refused to make a counter proposal. We will walk out of any meeting after their start if the company offers no proposal to settle the current dispute."

Holy Land Death Toll Set At 253

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (AP)—Hagana headquarters at Tel Aviv reported today that a Hagana force had surrounded a uniformed and "heavily armed" band of Arabs at Yarkona, five miles north of Petah Tikva, and that a pitched battle was taking place.

A spokesman for the Jewish defense forces said the Arab band, which he described as "a large force," was believed to be a scouting party from the Arab village of Tul-karm.

The Arabs were first observed north of Tel Aviv and were pursued northward by Hagana fighters, finally taking refuge in several abandoned houses on the outskirts of Yarkona.

Two Hurt In Auto Wreck

An Arizona car, northbound, was wrecked at 10 o'clock this morning between Cres-Dell lodge and Odell lake on the Willamette highway, and the two occupants were moved early this afternoon to Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene for treatment. Details of the accident were not available but it is thought the car struck an icy spot in the highway and overturned.

Driver of the car, Mrs. L. E. H. Huber of Phoenix, was moved from the scene to Oakridge, W. J. Nolan of Cres-Dell lodge brought Huber to the resort where he was reported suffering from painful shoulder, leg and rib injuries. The extent of Mrs. Huber's injuries was not learned. The Professional Ambulance service from Klamath Falls was called north to move the accident victims. State police from this area were investigating.

Huber, about 60, is president of the Fire Companies Adjustment Bureau, Inc., with headquarters in San Francisco. The Hubers were en route to Seattle to visit a son, Dr. Howard Purcell.

Death Toll

An official announcement said three Arabs and one Jew wounded in previous incidents died today, boosting the Holy Land death toll to 253 since the decision to partition Palestine on November 29. The death toll for the entire Middle East stood at 374.

In the Yarkona fight, which opened the 17th consecutive day of Arab-Jewish blood-letting, Hagana said the "larger part" of the Arab band had been "destroyed."

Other Jewish sources said the oft-broken water pipeline to the Negev (southern desert) had been sabotaged again during the night.

In Cairo, the premiers and foreign ministers of the seven Arab states prepared to wind up their "war conference" tonight and said they would issue a statement at the close of the meeting.

Soviet Banks Open Today To Start Ruble Conversion

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP)—Russia's banks and stores opened today to orderly early morning crowds and began the well-organized exchange of new rubles for old and the sale of food, clothing and other unrationed items at lower prices.

The government newspaper Izvestia acclaimed the occasion with an editorial declaring:

"Money reform as the abolition of rationing are ardently approved by all our great people. The Soviet people see in the historical measures of the communist party and the government a way toward the further strengthening of the Soviet State and new growth of the people's welfare."

Izvestia asserted that the "cheering news on money reform and the abolition of rationing has affected all our lives like a holiday."

"Packed meetings at plants, factories and collective farms," the paper said, "became powerful demonstrations of affection and devotedness on the part of the workers, peasants and intellectuals to the Bolshevik party and the Soviet government."

"Money reformation in the country answers the interests of the state and the people. One will live better and more cheerfully, and our mighty Soviet Union will prosper even more."

Izvestia said the new developments would place large new responsibilities on Soviet trade and machinery.

"It is the duty of workers in industry and the makers of consumer goods to satisfy the requirements of Soviet citizens and satisfy them exemplarily," the paper said. "Soviet industry is producing an enormous amount of commodities and there will be more coming. Our new ruble is a full value ruble. The job now is to organize properly Soviet culture and Soviet trade."

Western Area To Be Independent

By The Associated Press

The United States, Great Britain and France started tentative plans today for an economic consolidation of Western Germany following the sudden collapse of the conference of foreign ministers in London.

The industrial potential of the western zone of Germany may be of major import to the recovery of Europe.

While Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was en route to Moscow, diplomatic sources in London said U. S. Secretary of State Marshall would start the first of a series of western power discussions on the unification of the western reich with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

The breakdown of the Big Four talks ruled out any four-power organization of all Germany in the immediate future.

Work Starts

Marshall was understood to have put his advisors on German affairs to work at once drafting recommendations which he might hand to Bidault as tentative plans for merging the French zone of Germany with the American and British zones. He will dine tonight with Bidault, who said France would accept a merger if it were profitable.

Some U. S. diplomats thought it possible that Marshall, Bidault and Ernest Bevin, British foreign minister, would discuss the matter.

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Strode Named Police Judge

Howard C. Strode was sworn in as police judge at Monday night's council meeting following the acceptance of the resignation of Harold T. Franey.

Franey has been on a 30-day leave of absence from the judge's post, while Strode filled in as judge pro tem. Franey has been with the city as building inspector and then police judge for the past eight years.

His resignation was given to the council several weeks ago, but it was rejected in favor of a leave of absence. Councilmen hoped to retain Franey and felt that during his leave, a solution could be worked out if he decided not to continue the job.

He returned Monday from a trip through Oregon and California, and will announce future plans soon.

Klamath Union High School Students Prepare For Annual Christmas Gift To The Public



This impressive picture will give Klamath music lovers an idea of the KUHS students' annual "Christmas gift to the public," to be presented Wednesday and Thursday nights in the school auditorium. The program, starting promptly at 8 o'clock, includes 215 voices, with some 50 members from the drama department taking part in a pantomime of living pictures. Andy Loney Jr., director of music education in the city schools, said this year's "Christmas gift" is the most ambitious ever undertaken from points of mass production and beauty. Music is simpler and more effective than that of last year's program and is expected to have far more appeal to the public. The choir will sing continuously during the cantata, and Colleen Crewell is the soloist with Lee Overen of the drama department, narrator. The 50-piece high school orchestra will open the program, which is the combined effort of the music, art, manual arts and drama departments of the school. Credit also goes to the stage crew, wardrobe mistresses, electricians, ushers and many others. There is no charge for the two-night production.

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

MERRY CHRISTMAS