

TRUMAN SIGNS FOREIGN AID BILL

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
CONGRESS passes and President Truman signs the \$97 million dollar "stop-gap" aid bill that is the first step in applying the Marshall plan to Western Europe.

WERE moving quickly. Ships loaded with coal and grain are to depart at once for France. If you had a cold and hungry customer whom you were trying to bring back to the point where he could EARN enough to pay his bill, you'd first send him fuel to warm his house and food to keep up his strength.

THE way to earn money is to produce things, to be sold or swapped. To make the French situation healthy, ships loaded with French products (perfume, clothes, etc.) must begin to move TOWARD US as soon as possible.

A HEALTHY world is built upon commerce. Commerce is trade. Trade means exactly what the word says. It is TRADE. Modern man lives and prospers by trading what he produces for what others produce.

THE news wires are busy today with the problems presented by the prickly fact that for all practical purposes Russia's western boundary is now established on the Elbe river.

That means, apparently, that Germany is to be DIVIDED. Its eastern half will remain Russian. Plans are in the making to bring its western half over into the orbit of the western democracies.

It sounds easy, but PROBLEMS are involved. The problems include the fundamental one of making a living by production and trade.

GERMANY has long been the industrial heart of Europe. The Elbe river divides Germany much as the Mississippi river divides the United States, except that directions are reversed.

Germany east of the Elbe is largely agricultural. Germany west of the Elbe is heavily industrial. The industrial western area has provided a market for the foods of the agricultural area. The agricultural east has brought the products of the western factories.

In much the same way, our industrial East has dealt with our agricultural West, and the resulting commerce has been mutually beneficial.

ALL of Europe is divided somewhat similarly by the Elbe river. To the east of it lies a great agricultural region. To the west are manufacturing areas. Europe's internal commerce is based upon this situation.

If we break up this historic commerce without providing a substitute for it, Europe's fundamental economy will be wrecked just as our own is by an impassable barrier on the Mississippi. If Russia refuses to TRADE, the wreckage will be complete.

UNLESS a substitute is provided.

HOW shall we provide the necessary substitute?

Well, as it looks now, we'll have to provide Western Europe with food and AS PAYMENT we shall have to accept Western Europe's manufactures. That would provide the exchange of products without which the modern economy can not function.

Will we stand for that?

Will our manufacturers accept such a situation?

TIME alone can tell.

But if we're going to live and prosper under a TWO-WORLD system, we'd better be THINKING about such things and preparing to adapt ourselves to them.

LUMBER SHIPPING RATE DROP TOLD

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Alaska Transportation Company and the Northland Transportation company announced rate reductions today on shipments of lumber from Alaska to the states. Company officials said the reductions, averaging about \$1.50 a thousand board feet, were expected to assist Alaska lumber mills and stimulate southward movement of lumber.

12 Die In Flaming Crash Of Army Bomber In Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 12 (AP)—Twelve of the 20 crew members of a Jambala B-29 died in the flaming wreckage of the four-motored bomber a few minutes after taking off from Davis-Monthan field last night. Maj. D. D. Burke, public relations officer, announced today.

The casualty list is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin and an army board of inquiry will today begin to probe the cause of the crash.

The base announced that the ship had just taken off from the field and was being watched from the tower. It was within sight of the tower when it crashed in flames.

The announcement said two planes of the 49th squadron of the 2nd bomb group at Davis-Monthan took off shortly after 7 p. m., heavily laden with fuel and bound on a non-stop flight to Vernam field, Jamaica.

One of the ships was slowly gaining altitude when it is believed to have banked in an effort to return

WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 16) 33
Min. (Dec. 16) 21
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.97
Stream year to date 2.87
Forecast: Cloudy.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Klamath Falls, Oregon, Wednesday, December 17, 1947

Armed Men Captured Downtown

Christmas Ship Ball Starts Rolling



Klamath's contributions to the Christmas Ship, which sails the day after Christmas from Seattle, docks at Portland, and continues to Europe with its cargo of food and clothing, will be directed by Fred E. Fleet, right, named local chairman, and Earl Kent, coordinator and representative of the Junior chamber of commerce which is the sponsoring group. (Story on page 3).

Jews Plan Neutrality

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—A Jewish agency leader said today that plans for a Jewish state would provide for Jewish neutrality in any possible world war.

At the same time, another Jewish spokesman pointed out that an "indefinite period of conflict" with anti-partitionist Arabs was envisioned for the new state, and to meet that threat an army of at least 10,000 would have to be maintained. It would mean an initial weekly expenditure of \$500,000, he said.

Dr. Nahum Goldman, a member of the Jewish agency executive, asserted in an interview that Jewish legal experts, now working on a draft constitution for the Jewish nation, have included a neutrality clause aimed at "eternalizing friendship for all, enmity towards none."

He explained that perpetual neutrality for the new country would be justified on grounds that millions of Jews would still remain scattered throughout the world.

Declaring that the new Jewish nation would seek to join the United Nations as soon as possible, Goldman added that it might even seek to be heard at some future peace conference on Germany.

Surplus Store Has Troubles

PORTLAND, Dec. 17 (AP)—The operators of a new war surplus store here hope today's lull isn't the prelude to a new storm.

Two hours after yesterday's opening the store had turned away nine laundry trucks arriving to "pick up some laundry," two taxis calling for not-existent fares, a real estate agent arriving to close a deal for sale of two houses and an insurance agent ready to write a policy.

A sawdust delivery was averted by the company's phone call for confirmation, but a ton and a half of coal arrived. Then a storage van pulled up, ready to cart the whole store away. In the evening the Volunteers of America sent a truck for just about everything in the place, a laundry truck called and two more real estate agents showed up, one to collect earnest money on a house.

Art Paulson, one of the proprietors, said the place was quiet today. Somebody, he said, seems to have a grudge.

Annual Crop Survey Shows Record Wheat Crop In 1947

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The agriculture department, in its annual summary of 1947 crop production, today reported corn production at 2,400,553,000 bushels and wheat at 1,264,919,000 bushels.

For corn this is a decrease of 46,470,000 bushels from the November estimate of 2,447,029,000 bushels. The revised estimate for last year's record is 3,249,950,000 bushels. The crop averaged 2,639,192,000 for the ten-year (1936-45) period.

For wheat, it is a decrease of 41,842,000 bushels from the November figure of 1,406,761,000 bushels, the largest of record. The revised estimate for last year is 1,152,046,000 bushels. The ten-year average is 653,893,000.

Winter wheat was reported at 1,067,970,000 bushels compared with 1,093,648,000 estimated a month ago, 870,725,000 bushels last year and 890,306,000 for the ten-year average.

All spring wheat was put at 296,949,000 bushels, compared with 311,113,000 last month, 282,321,000 last year and 236,413,000 for the ten-year average.

The Durum wheat crop was estimated at 43,981,000 bushels compared with 43,017,000 a month ago, 35,363,000 last year and 31,847,000 for the ten-year average.

The year's final estimate for other crops compared with last month's estimate, last year's revised figures and the ten-year average, respectively, included:

Oats 1,215,970,000 bushels, 1,231,561,000 last month, 1,497,904,000 last year and 1,161,282,000 for the ten-year average.

Barley 279,182,000, 384,497,000, 262,358,000 and 287,360,000.

Flaxseed 39,763,000, 39,980,000, 22,585,000 and 25,030,000.

Potatoes 384,407,000 bushels, 379,886,000, 484,174,000 and 376,122,000.

The acreage harvested this year and revised figures for last, respectively, for major crops included:

Corn 83,981,000 acres this year and 88,489,000 last year.

Wheat 74,186,000 and 67,075,000.

Winter wheat 54,780,000 and 48,350,000.

Spring wheat 19,406,000 and 18,725,000; durum wheat 2,325,000 and 2,453,000; oats 38,648,000 and 43,127,000.

US To Keep Atom Lead

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Gen. A. G. McNaughton, Canadian member of the United Nations atomic energy commission, predicted today that the United States will maintain its "ascendancy" in the field of atomic energy for 10 years at least.

He declared also that it is "reasonably probable" that there will not be an atomic war "for a while yet," but cautioned that "it would be folly to waste time" in preparing defensive measures.

Gen. McNaughton spoke to the Canadian club of New York on the eve of resumption by the atomic commission at Lake Success of an attempt to find a solution for the world's atomic problems. The commission's working committee will meet tomorrow to plan its work.

School Musical Due Tonight

Klamath Union high school's "Christmas gift to the public" will be presented tonight, Wednesday, and tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the KUHS auditorium.

This is the traditional Christmas program and includes the combined efforts of the music, drama, arts and manual arts departments of the school. There is no charge and is being given for two nights in order to accommodate the big attendance which always fills the auditorium.

Klamath Baseball Incorporated

To Bring Pro Ball To Basin Area

Klamath Baseball, Inc., a community organization which will form and operate a professional baseball club in Klamath Falls, has been granted incorporation for \$100,000 and will enter a team in the Far West class D league next spring.

Other towns represented in the league will be Medford, in Oregon; Redding, Willows, Marysville, Oroville, Vallejo and Santa Rosa, in California. The Far West is an entirely new baseball league being put into the field this coming season.

The Klamath team will be solely owned and operated by the stockholders of Klamath Baseball, Inc., and will not be an affiliate or farm club of any major league team. A working agreement with the Philadelphia club of the National league will do nothing more than furnish talent to the local club.

One of the first items of business for the new corporation will be to build a modern, lighted baseball park in or near Klamath Falls, and several locations are now being eyed for that purpose.

Proceeds from sale of stock in the corporation, at a nominal value of \$25 a share, will go to pay for the park and to finance the original cost of fielding a baseball team before any money from gate receipts or concessions come in. Any profits from the venture will be turned back to the stockholders in the form of dividends.

As in any public venture, the success of the baseball plan depends on the backing it receives from the public, and a meeting of baseball enthusiasts is called for Friday, 7:30 p. m., at the Veterans Memorial hall.

Expediter



President Truman has nominated T. E. Woods (above) to be housing expediter. Woods, a resident of Illinois, has been serving as acting expediter since the resignation of Frank Creedon on October 21.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The house tentatively upheld today its appropriations committee's \$88,000,000 cut in the administration's \$597,000,000 emergency foreign aid program.

The voice vote decision was subject to a possible later roll call vote.

Rejected was an amendment by Representative Javits (R-N.Y.) to restore \$26,000,000 of the cut, \$20,000,000 for France and \$6,000,000 for Italy.

The house is debating an appropriation measure to supply the money for the program approved in principle last week.

Aides disclosed in mid-forenoon that the bill was signed at 9:20 a. m. in the president's office without ceremony.

Only members of the president's staff witnessed the signing.

Yesterday Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters a special ceremony was planned to emphasize the importance of the measure.

NO CEREMONY

But Ross told reporters today that the president found it impossible to arrange a ceremonial signing because of the difficulty of getting to the White House at one time all of those who had a major part in the passage of the legislation.

The announcement that the measure had been signed came as the house went back to debating the \$88,000,000 cut in appropriations committee recommended in the program.

It was part of a 26 per cent trimming the committee made in producing a \$772,726,000 measure to finance foreign aid and army occupation costs.

Submarine Gadget Tried

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—An American submarine remained under water off New England recently for "a couple of weeks" and could have stayed there much longer, Rear Admiral Charles W. Styer revealed today.

The craft was equipped with a "Snorkel," or breather tube, copied from captured German U-boats.

The British admiral recently announced that one of its submarines equipped with a similar breather tube had submerged for several weeks.

"There's no trick in staying down with a Snorkel tube," Styer, assistant chief of naval operations, said in an interview. "The only limit on how long you can stay down is the fuel supply."

Details of German submarine inventions are known to all nations now, including Russia.

Anderson To Face Hearing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Senate republicans decided today that Secretary of Agriculture Anderson should be ordered to appear before a senate committee with all information he has on grain and other commodity trading.

The announcement was made by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the republican policy committee, after a hastily called meeting of the committee.

Taft told reporters that the meeting was called at the request of the appropriations committee to consider Anderson's refusal to make public any information unless authorized to do so by joint congressional resolution.

In a letter to Chairman Bridges (R-N.H.) of the appropriations committee, Anderson suggested yesterday that congress adopt a joint resolution "and thereby legalize the action which I shall then be glad to take."

"I have consulted President Truman," Anderson said, "and am confident that he will approve a joint resolution of congress to effectuate my suggestion that names of traders be made available."

Mercury Skids To 22 Below Zero

DENVER, Dec. 17 (AP)—The mercury slid to 22 degrees below zero early today at Fraser, Colo., which made it the coldest spot in the United States, the federal weather bureau reported.

Fraser is in the mountains about 50 miles west of Denver, near the Moffat railroad tunnel and the Berthoud pass ski area along the continental divide.

Santa's Helpers At Klamath's Christmas Bureau

Volunteer workers will be busy as beavers from now until Christmas at the recently established Christmas Bureau which serves as a clearing house of gift-giving during the coming holiday season. The Christmas Bureau is sponsored by the Youth Council and designed to distribute gifts so that all needy families are served. Mrs. S. B. Hopkins is chairman of the volunteer workers. Seated, right, Wanda Shaw, and around the table, Carolyn Collier, Mrs. Lloyd Young, Mrs. Hopkins, Dorothea Ellingson, standing front, and Mrs. Marion Houghaling, matron of the juvenile home, who is also assisting the workers. The Christmas Bureau is located in the basement of the Klamath county health unit, and gifts of canned foods in tins, only, candy, toys and clean clothing, are acceptable. Toys are especially needed for children in the 8 to 12 age group.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS SEALS