

GUNMAN ADMITS STICK-UP PLOT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, the army's new Boeing-built bomber XB-47 sits on the runway at the air force base at Moses Lake, in Eastern Washington. It has just hopped over the Cascade range on its first flight.

A dispatch this morning says: "The thrust power of jet engines roughly equivalent to 42,000 horses lies ready for use today by two young pilots testing the new Stratojet."

THE XB-47 is cautiously described as "potentially the most powerful plane in the world." This claim is made for it.

"It should carry a 10-ton bomb load at 500 miles an hour, or FASTER. Because of its speed and ability to COME BACK FROM MISSIONS FAST, a crew of only three is needed."

WE tell ourselves we are not interested in war planes these days. We are eager to ESCAPE from all such thoughts. So far as most of us are concerned, the XB-47 is just another story in the paper. Here is a chilling thought: WHAT IF IT BECAME A CASE OF WHO GOT THERE FIRST WITH THE ATOM BOMB?

In that event, the XB-47 could become the biggest thing in the lives of all of us.

IT is hard to believe that the world could come to such a pass. STILL, it must have been hard for the people of an earlier century to realize that Genghis Khan meant business. Or Attila. Or NAPOLEON.

But they DID.

The bones of their victims whitened vast areas of that part of the earth that AGAIN is a trouble center.

THAT is indeed a chilling thought. Here, for the long pull, is a more consoling one:

Genghis Khan was STOPPED. Attila was STOPPED. Napoleon was STOPPED.

THAT suggests this further thought:

IF the weird, the unthinkable, the "impossible" should come to be and communist Russia should embark upon a career of world conquest, RUSSIA COULD BE STOPPED and the democratic way of life could be saved.

But it couldn't be done by waving wands. Genghis Khan and Attila and Napoleon weren't stopped that way. They were stopped by men who were willing to pay whatever price was necessary to save a way of life they loved and believed in.

GREAT issues turn sometimes upon small events.

Napoleon was the master artilleryman of his time. It was his inspired use of his cannon that often saved the day for him when the issue of battle hung upon a thread. Victor Hugo says of him that he liked to use his artillery like a pistol in the hand, swinging it now here, now there, as the fortunes of battle shifted.

It was this he planned to fight at Waterloo. But IT RAINED the night before. Napoleon's artillery bogged down in the mud. He couldn't shift it as he wanted to, and heeded to.

Waterloo was lost, and so ended Napoleon.

ALONG that line, there is an interesting little story on the wires this morning.

It relates that tomorrow the first of TEN railroad trains will leave Le Havre to begin distribution throughout France of 4000 tons of "friendship train" food DONATED by the people of the United States.

FRANCE is right now the KEY nation of the world in the plans of communism. If France goes red, that would shift the whole balance of world power in RUSSIA'S FAVOR. We might then become the WEAKER power in a two-power world.

These trains loaded with food, DONATED by the generous people of America MIGHT so inspire the impressionable and emotional French that they would be steered to RESIST COMMUNISM SUCCESSFULLY, thus turning the red tide and saving the day for freedom of the individual.

WEATHER		
Max. (Dec. 17)	41	Min. 25
Precipitation last 24 hours, trace		
Stream year to date	2.90	
Last year 3.38	Normal 3.75	
Forecast: cloudy, showers.		

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Enterprise Tract Sale Reported

Arabs Lay Siege To Gates Of Jerusalem; Jew Killed In Attempt To Break Out

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18 (AP)—Arabs cordoning Jerusalem's Jaffa gate today captured and killed a 20-year-old Jew who tried to slip through the Arab quarter to reinforce Jews garrisoning the old city's Hebrew quarter.

Police said the Jew's bullet-riddled body was found near St. Stephen's gate several hours after his capture. A short time later a 16-year-old Arab boy was shot to death in the same area by assailants officially listed as "unknowns."

These deaths brought to 206 the toll of fatalities in the Holy Land since Jewish-Arab strife broke out there 17 days ago following the United Nations decision to partition Palestine.

A new Arab threat to wage a war to the finish against the partition plan darkened the shadows lying over Palestine on the eve of the Christmas season.

The Arab league proclaimed in Cairo last night, at the close of a long conference of leaders of the seven Arab states, its intention to fight to the end against the United Nations decision to split the Holy Land into separate Arab and Jewish states.

"As passions and selfish interests have prevailed in the United Nations and closed the doors of right and justice in the face of the Arabs," the proclamation said, "they are determined to enter the battle into which they are forced and will carry it to its victorious end by the will of God."

The end of the Cairo meeting—attended by officials from Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Trans-Jordan and Yemen—was followed by a declaration from Nuri el Said Pasha, chief member of the Iraq delegation to the United Nations, assailing the United States and Russia, for their support of partition.

He accused the United States of violating a pledge not to bring pressure on other nations to support partition.

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Four judges will take on the task of judging Christmas outdoor lighting entries and this will be accomplished Sunday and Monday nights. Judges are Earl Redman, George Dimbat, Dick Maguire and O. E. "Tommy" Thompson.

The grand award of \$25 will be presented to the sweepstakes winner, gift of California Oregon Power company. There are eight districts competing and 10 gift certificates will be given to the other seven winners by Leach Service, George Conner, Fyock and Moon, Swan Lake Moulding, Cascade Electric, 623 Pine; Garcelon's, and Jewel and Gift Shop. Awards will be made at the community tree, December 23.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest is asked to contact the chamber of commerce as this will facilitate work of the judges.

Highlight of the week is the community Christmas tree on Modoc field, the program that night, Tuesday, December 23, and the distribution of candy to children. The tree is up and decorations are on hand. The candy and fruit has been bagged with more than 600 sacks ready for Santa Claus to give out at the close of the evening.

On top of this ambitious program, the Junior chamber of commerce is the sponsoring group of the Christmas Ship, and all donations of money or cases of canned goods will be heartily accepted. Money may be left in Mayor Ed Ostendorf's office at the city hall, and canned goods at the Salvation Army on Klamath avenue.

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Disposes Of Interests



Charles Wood Eberlein, above, Klamath Falls pioneer long active in land development in this area, has sold the Enterprise Land and Investment company to Walter Beane, Harold Crane, Burge Mason and Roland Wright, who plan an aggressive development program for the 240 acres in the immediate south and suburban areas. The above picture was made a few years ago showing Mr. Eberlein beside a sign on a street in Mills addition named for him. He and the Enterprise company have been closely linked with development of the community.

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USBK Work To Be Pushed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—An official memorandum telling reclamation bureau officials working on the Central valley project in California to push work to the utmost and that more funds would be forthcoming if needed was read into the record today of a senate subcommittee on interior department appropriations.

The memorandum signed by Robert S. Calland, assistant regional reclamation director at Sacramento, Calif., said the secretary of the interior and the reclamation commissioner "are insistent that 1948 (current) funds be spent early in the (fisc) year, by January 1 (1948) if possible."

The memorandum was put into the record by Senator Gordon (R-Ore.), active chairman, who said all efforts to locate Calland to testify have been fruitless. Gordon said Calland had been ordered to be present at the hearing but officials here said he had been unable to get an airplane reservation.

Some members of congress have accused reclamation bureau officials of rushing construction on reclamation projects to exhaust appropriations made last spring by congress and thus force it to give the bureau more money or have the projects closed down.

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Local Men To Develop Big Area

Purchase of the Enterprise Land and Investment company from Charles Wood Eberlein, including some 270 acres of land on the edge of corporate Klamath Falls which they plan to develop for industrial, business and residential purposes, was announced today by a group of four well-known Klamath men.

The new owners are Harold Crane, prominent lumberman; Walter Beane, head of the Klamath Iron Works; Burge Mason Sr., who has served as an official of the Big Lakes Box company for many years, and Roland Wright, local real estate man.

Four Tracts
Real estate involved in the large transaction includes four major tracts immediately east and south of the city, where extensive development is already under way. The decision of the new owners to acquire this property, at a consideration running into six figures, is regarded as indicative of a strong faith in the growth of Klamath Falls and its vicinity. Aggressive development plans on the part of the purchasers are already shaping up.

The four tracts are:
1. A 76-acre piece adjoining the government can—on the east, lying in the neighborhood of the well-known Syd Evans property northeast of the city limits. The new highway route runs through the center of this tract, which is expected to develop as a residential area.

2. Fifty-one acres around the Tower theatre in the South Sixth street area, which is planned for commercial development. Plans for this tract include development of 80-foot streets to insure parking space for businesses locating there.

3. Fifty-five acres just south of the Oregon, California and Eastern Railway, on Washburn way, which will be developed as warehouse and industrial property. One hundred foot streets, with 50-foot lots 150 feet deep are planned there.

4. Some 85 acres at Washburn way and LaVerne, in the neighborhood of the Great Northern roundhouse and the O'Connor livestock operations, scheduled as business and industrial property.

Wright, who has been a Klamath Falls resident for 20 years, will handle sales of real estate from the Enterprise tracts. Wright said he plans to be in California until about February 1.

Eberlein, pioneer Klamath Falls resident with a colorful background as a newspaperman, railroad land supervisor and manager, owned the Enterprise Land and Investment company in its entirety.

After several years of handling the land resources of several large railroads, Eberlein came here in 1905 and acquired "the 1800-acre Mitchell ranch just outside Klamath Falls. He then organized the syndicate that later became the Enterprise Land and Investment company. Through this corporation Mills addition was platted and sold (it was named after an employee). Eberlein gave the right-of-way for the government canal, presented right-of-way for the widening of South (Continued on Page 1, Column 1)

Senate Kills Ration Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The senate today batted down a democratic proposal to grant President Truman "mandatory" authority to require industry to parcel out scarce cost-of-living commodities.

The senate defeated an amendment by Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) to a three-point anti-inflation bill sponsored by Senator Taft (R-Ohio). The action may result in democratic opposition which could prevent passage of the measure in the special session of congress.

The vote against Barkley's amendment was 47 to 32. The Taft bill would authorize the president to consult with industry on voluntary agreements designed to hold prices in line under temporary suspension of the anti-trust laws.

Barkley wanted to give Mr. Truman power to issue orders and regulations which would compel such agreements.

Taft opposed Barkley's amendment on the ground it would "change the entire nature" of his bill and "impose compulsory controls over all industry."

Careless Riding Leads To Court

SEATTLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—One of man's oldest modes of transportation—the horse—still is battling to survive the automobile, believes N. F. Morris Jr.

He filed suit in superior court yesterday to collect \$260.20 damages resulting to his car when struck by a negligent rider and a horse.

The accident occurred September 9, 1945, Morris asserted, when Don Morris (no relative) "allowed the horse he was riding" to run into the automobile on the Redmond-Fall City highway.

C Of C Sets Aside Money For Survey

Klamath chamber of commerce directors have voted favorably on a proposal to set aside \$4000 of the community advertising and development fund for aiding the financing of a comprehensive economic, traffic and recreation development survey of Klamath county.

The action was taken following proposals last week from the Greater Klamath Falls association that such a survey be undertaken through financing by the chamber, Klamath county, and the city of Klamath Falls. The chamber's directors did not finally commit the money, but set it aside and authorized appointment of a committee to work with city and county representatives in planning the survey program.

A meeting will be held on Monday with representatives of a California firm which makes surveys of the type suggested here.

Coal Pension Demand Out

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Soft coal operators were reported today to turn today a demand by John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers chief, for a \$100-a-month pension for miners over 60 with 20 years' service.

A mine operators' representative who gave this report to newsmen said the idea of a pension has some support within the industry but a major stumbling block is a method by which such payments could be made from the miners' welfare fund.

The three trustees of that fund, now amounting to about \$50,000,000, scheduled a meeting today but refused to discuss in advance the Lewis proposal or the operators' reply. Lewis is said to have asked the operators for a decision by December 31.

Lewis is the UMW's representative on the board. The operators' member is Ezra Van Horn of Cleveland, executive secretary of the Ohio Producers' association and chairman of the joint negotiating conferences between the union and operators. The third member is Thomas Murray, New York financier.

The mine owners' representative, who asked not to be identified by name, said major question is whether the welfare fund could be used to finance a pension plan on the scale proposed by Lewis without infringing on provisions for the fund's administration.

Baldy Now Challenger
LEBANON, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP)—Baldy, the man-pulling horse from Waterloo, Ore., has challenged—through his owner—the strongest man Portland's Multnomah Athletic club can produce for another tug-of-war.

Baldy confounded the slide-rule experts last Saturday by holding Chester Fitzwater from a reclining position. Some still think it was a fluke, although Fitzwater said he had accepted the decision as final.

Lawrence Morley, chairman of the Lebanon general fund committee, said today he had forwarded to Multnomah Athletic club the formal challenge from R. W. Wallace, owner of 1900-pound Baldy. He added that the fund committee would arrange the contest for any suitable site, but suggested the state fair grounds at Salem.

James J. Richardson, MAC manager, said the challenge, when received, would be referred to Joe Loprinzi, in charge of the club's weight lifting department, and "whatever he decides is fine with us."

Tax Slashing Bill Proposed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—A \$5,000,000,000 (billion) income tax cutting bill which would strike 7,400,000 low income and elderly persons from the tax rolls was introduced today by Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.).

For the 47,000,000 other taxpayers the measure, referred to by its author as "veto proof," proposes tax reductions ranging from 58 per cent in the lowest bracket to 10 per cent on higher incomes.

Knutson, chairman of the tax-writing house ways and means committee, said he expects the bill to be the first major business when congress reconvenes in January. The reductions would be retroactive to January 1.

They would slash tax revenues by \$1,800,000,000 more than the \$4,000,000,000 Knutson measure which President Truman twice killed with vetoes earlier this year.

Indian School Cost Study To Be On Eight Point Plan

An eight-point tentative plan as a basis for further study of the Klamath Indian school tuition problem was accepted yesterday by a committee from the reservation during a meeting with county school officials here, and will be used in the committee's report back to the Indian tribal council.

The plan merely incorporates some ideas for solving the Indian schooling cost problem and itself has no effect. The committee accepted it simply as a starting platform for further study.

The problem is to rectify inequities in the cost of education generally in Klamath county, and the amount received by the county as tuition for Indian pupils. The general cost now is \$1.01 per student per day, while the county school system has been getting a much lower figure in Indian tuition, by contract between the state and Indian service.

At yesterday's session, three of the reservation committee members, Dice Crane, Boyd Jackson and Jesse Lee Kirk, advanced the opinion that the Indians should pay more for their education. They did not want the Klamath tribe to be considered in the light of not paying its own way.

Most of the points in the proposed plan refer to a law which would have to be enacted by congress, but first it would have to be approved by the Indians in general council.

Points in the plan are:
1—Payment of the full per capita cost of Indian education.
2—Congress be asked to pass a statute on the subject and lift the Klamath tribe's children out of the present low-rate contract between the state and Indian service.
3—Congress modify the act concerning the powers of tribal officers so there will be no question of the jurisdiction of the local juvenile court in compulsory school attendance.
4—Tribal members who are Klamath county school district taxpayers be exempt from tuition payments, so as to avoid dual taxation for the schools.
5—Tribal not to be charged for past tuition considered due.
6—County school board estimate the probable future costs of schooling, so the Indian committee will have the facts.
7—Since future claims for tuition must be audited, which takes time, have the statute authorize advance payments each school year of a percentage of the estimated cost of Indian education. The balance to be paid upon completion of the audit.
8—Submission of a proposed budget for the ensuing year by the county school board to the Indians, the budget figured as to the prospective Indian school enrollment.

Confession Also Covers Safe Prowl

Larry Sherman, 24-year-old Brooklyn gunman arrested on Main street yesterday morning, admitted planning to stick up the cashier's office at Dick Reeder's men's clothing store and had even purchased a small leather slippers shaving kit he was going to stuff the money in, Police Chief Orville Hamilton said today.

Sherman, under questioning, also admitted cracking the safe at the Klamath Valley hospital office December 3, and is held in the county jail on a charge involving that crime. The charge is burglary, not in a dwelling, and Sherman's bail is set at \$2500 cash.

Late yesterday he was arraigned in justice court and waived a preliminary hearing. He told Judge J. A. Mahoney he was "washed up" and ready to be sentenced.

Now On Parole
But Sherman, whose real name is Solomon Rosenberg, probably will not stand up for sentence until after January 1. Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg is not in town this week, and officers are waiting for an FBI check on the man's past.

Sherman has admitted being on parole from New York state penitentiary for car theft.

Chief Hamilton said that Sherman, who used to work at Klamath Valley hospital as an orderly, readily admitted the safe burglary, saying that he worked on the safe for nearly an hour in the early morning of December 3. That job netted Sherman \$326 in cash and checks.

He also admitted passing at least five bad checks around town, two to the Falls Appliance where he rented the car in which he was captured yesterday.

Sherman was the chief suspect in the hospital burglary and was questioned by police several times concerning it.

Loaded Pistol
Yesterday morning, on a tip that he planned a holdup, police were watching Sherman and arrested him in the car at 10th and Main. The Brooklyn native was armed with a .45 calibre Colt pistol, fully loaded.

He was willing to talk at the police station, and Chief Hamilton said he told officers he had intended to stick up Dick Reeder's office. The store makes a practice of cashing pay checks and Sherman probably figured on getting a tidy sum of money there from that source and Christmas business. He had purchased the shaving kit at Montgomery Ward, a few minutes before he was arrested.

Wheat Crop Drop Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The agriculture department today forecast the winter wheat crop to be harvested next summer at 838,705,000 bushels.

This is a decrease of 228,295,000 bushels from the 1947 winter wheat crop of 1,067,000,000 bushels.

No forecast was made for the spring wheat crop inasmuch as it will not be planted until next spring.

However, assuming an average spring wheat crop of about 236,000,000 bushels, total wheat production next year would be 1,074,705,000 bushels compared with this year's record of 1,264,919,000 bushels.

On the other hand, assuming a spring wheat crop equalling this year's 311,000,000, the total crop would be 1,149,705,000 bushels.

Today's winter wheat estimate was based on the indicated acreage planted to the crop, the condition of the crop as of December 1 and an appraisal of soil moisture conditions to date and other factors affecting the yield per acre. The estimate assumes normal weather for the rest of the crop season.

Marshall On Way Home

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall took off at 5:10 p. m. (12:10 p. m. Eastern Standard Time) today for a flight back to Washington from London, the scene of the latest Big Four foreign ministers conference.

The secretary was accompanied by the U. S. ambassador to London, Lewis W. Douglas, who had been a close adviser to the American delegation at the conference.

The departure of Douglas revived recent reports in London that he may be slated to assume some important post in the administration of the Marshall plan to aid the economic recovery of Western European states.

Marshall's plane, the "Sacred Cow" formerly used by President Truman, departed after darkness had fallen. Fog and drizzle covered Southern England. The plane was expected to reach Washington at 9 a. m. EST tomorrow.

Restoration Of Foreign Aid Funds Up To Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The administration planned on the senate today its hopes of restoring house cuts in foreign aid funds.

There was no immediate indication, however, what that chamber would do about either: (a) the \$38,000,000 slice carved out of the \$597,000,000 winter relief program for France, Italy and Austria or (b) the \$260,000,000 slash in the \$490,000,000 asked by the army to meet emergency occupation costs abroad.

Chairman Bridges (R-N.H.) of the senate appropriations committee announced immediately after the house stamped its voice vote approval on the reductions late yesterday that his group would meet to consider the action this afternoon (hour unset).

His only comment to newsmen was that his personal belief is that some funds should be provided for aid to China on the theory that it is futile to halt communism in Europe and allow it to spread in Asia.

That was the theme of a parade of witnesses before Bridges' committee yesterday. But the administration has yet to suggest a definite program for helping that country.

Zoning Plan To Be Talked

County zoning as proposed by the county court, what the new law would mean to the suburbs and the Suburban league's policy regarding it will be discussed Friday at 8 p. m. when the league will meet at Shasta school.

Sentiment in the suburbs has been strongly opposed to any proposal to zone the area, a league spokesman said today. It has been felt that suburban residents would have little or no voice in the administration of the law effecting this area more than any other in the county.

It was the enactment of the zoning law by the legislature that caused agitation last spring toward forming a municipality of the southern suburbs.

Friday's meeting will be doubly important as election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. The election was postponed from the last meeting. All members of the league are urged to attend and interested persons are invited as guests.

Worker Breaks Back Today

Dean E. Augustus, 32-year-old woods camp employee, suffered a broken back early this morning when he was struck by a log while working with Ned Putnam logging operations in the Swan Lake country 20 miles from Oleno.

The Professional Ambulance Service was called at 9:45 and drove to Oleno where a pickup from the woods met the ambulance and escorted it over a logging road toward the camp. The ambulance met a logging truck carrying the injured man toward the highway and the transfer was made. Augustus lives at Kenos. He was admitted shortly before noon to Hillside hospital.

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