

# TWO GOP'S JOIN RATION MOVE

## In The Day's News

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A RAINIER national park assistant chief ranger (William J. Butler by name) refuses a \$5000 reward for finding a marine transport plane that had crashed on the mountain. The reward had been offered by parents of marines who lost their lives.

He gets a pay raise of \$126 a year from the interior department (which runs the national parks) and a letter from Secretary Krug that amounts to a citation for courageously handling the situation above and beyond the call of duty.

A WEEK and a half ago a B-29 crashed in the frozen Seward Peninsula area of Alaska. Reconnaissance from the air indicated survivors. Without hesitation, an army doctor and three paratroopers jumped to their aid.

Presumably ALL FOUR DIED in the rescue attempt. The body of one paratrooper has been found and is being brought back to Fairbanks today.

THERE were survivors. Among them were the B-29's pilot and navigator, who set off into the frozen wilderness in the face of practically certain death in an attempt to bring back help for their injured comrades. So far as is now known, both were lost.

WE hear so much about the BAD in human nature these days. Let's not permit ourselves to forget the GOOD AND THE BRAVE, who are as numerous now as ever before in history.

WITH THE CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES, the strength of the Greek regular army is to be increased from 120,000 to 132,000 men, and the manpower of the Greek national guard is to be upped from 20,000 to a total of 50,000.

The increase, according to Greece's premier, constitutes a reply to the help given to communist rebels in Greece by Greece's communist neighbors to the north (Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria chiefs).

NOTE that this boosting of Greek military strength is achieved with the CONSENT of the United States. That will dramatize for you the significant fact that our responsibilities are no longer limited by our national boundaries. Whether we like it or not, the world is our bailiwick now.

MORAL: Since we've acquired world responsibility, we'd better acquire the breadth and the tolerance and the undiminished firmness that must go with such responsibility if we are to finish what we have started.

A DISPATCH from London this morning says: "Responsible quarters here say that Britain is planning a NEW, FIRM, FORMAL WARNING to Greece's northern neighbors against recognizing Marko Vafliades' communist-supported guerrilla government" (in northern Greece).

A British foreign office spokesman declines to confirm or deny the report, but says an announcement can be expected within a few days.

WATCH the British. They are beginning to pull out of their hole.

Britain's production is UP—approximately 20 per cent above pre-war. In spite of scanty food, clothing, housing and fuel, her people are working longer hours. The gap between her exports and her imports is being sharply narrowed.

Records are being broken in nearly every branch of her industry.

DON'T write the British people off your list of hopeful possibilities. Always they have been workers. They still seem to be.

AGREEMENT MANILA, Jan. 6 (AP)—An air agreement between the Philippines and Great Britain will be formally signed tomorrow by Vice President Elpidio Quirino for the Philippines and Minister H. Foulds for Britain.

The agreement, for an indefinite period with a one-year notice of cancellation clause, will provide for flights between Manila and London by planes of the two countries.

Greek Army Strength To Be Increased By 12,000 Men ATHENS, Jan. 6 (AP)—With the consent of the United States, the strength of the Greek army is to be increased by 12,000 men and the manpower of the national guard is to be boosted to 50,000 men, Premier Themistokles Sophoulis announced last night.

The decision, he said, constitutes a reply to the help given communist rebels by Greece's neighbors and is intended to encourage those who defended and liberated Konitsa in the last week of the old year. The announcement was issued after Sophoulis conferred for two hours with Dwight P. Griswold, head of the American aid mission to Greece.

The size of the army thus will be swelled from 120,000 men to 132,000. The present strength of the national guard is 20,000 men, making a total increase of 112,000 men.

WEATHER Max. (Jan. 6) 45 Min. Precipitation last 24 hours Stream year to date Last year 3.74 Normal Forecast: Rain.

# Klamath and News

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## Aid Plan Cost Estimate Junked

### Slayer Says Letter Told Of Shooting

By HALE SCARBROUGH A letter in which he described in detail the death of 43-year-old Marie Franklin was written by Homer Franklin several days before he confessed the slaying orally to his brother here last Saturday, the 34-year-old murder case defendant told reporters here yesterday.

Franklin said he addressed the letter to his deputy sheriff brother, John Franklin, at Portland, not knowing the brother was coming to Klamath Falls. The brother left Portland before receiving the purported missive, coming here on a hunting trip. John Franklin heard his brother's story last Saturday and turned him over to local officers.

If Franklin wrote the revealing letter as he says, it presumably is now in Portland awaiting the return of Deputy Sheriff John Franklin, who left here for home today. Homer Franklin's story indicates that the farmhouse slaying would have come out one way or the other, last week-end, about six weeks after the fatal shooting of November 30.

Mild Appearance Homer Franklin, a mild-appearing, very friendly navy veteran of two wars, is charged with first degree murder. Yesterday afternoon he went through a two-minute arraignment formality in justice court, then talked freely of his marital troubles to newspaper reporters who visited him at the county jail.

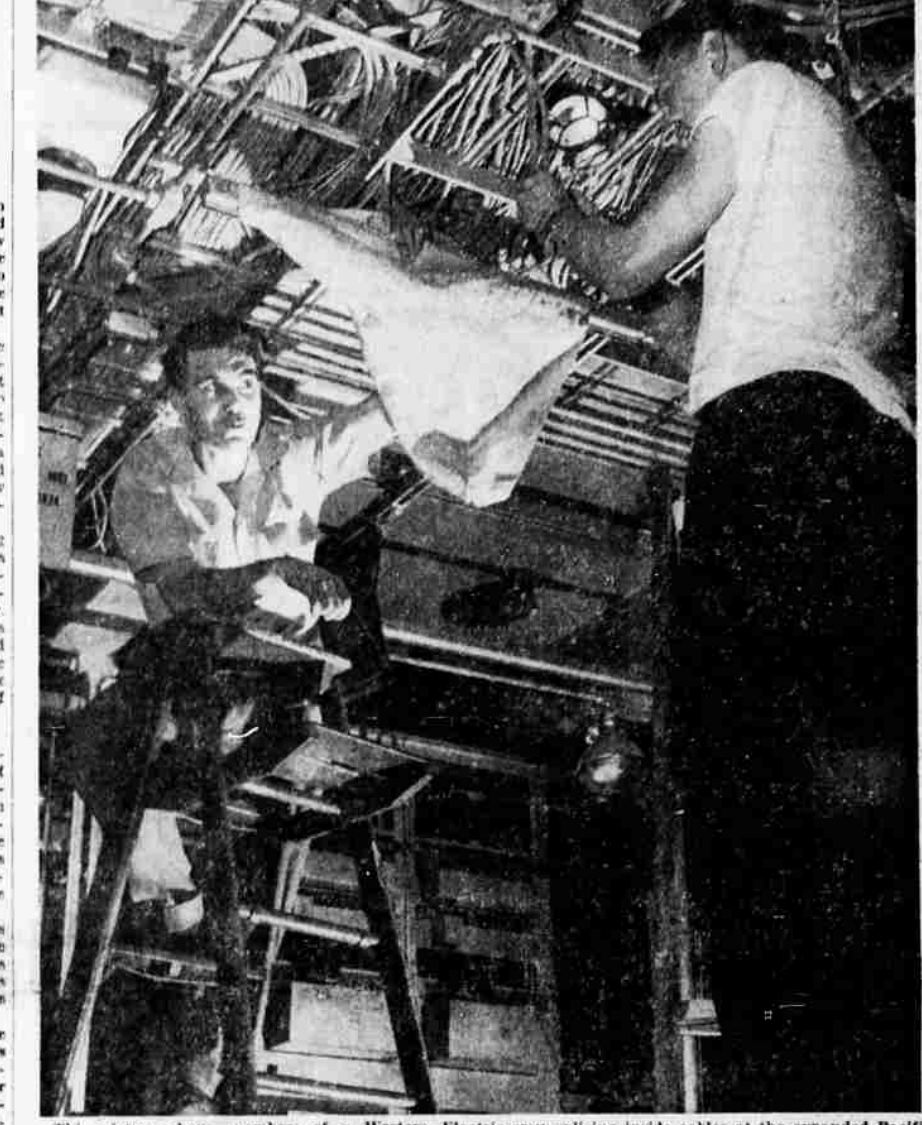
The body of Mrs. Franklin was recovered from its makeshift grave in the back yard of the couple's residence and is now at Ward's funeral home. No burial plans have been made.

Franklin's statement made to the district attorney and other officials after the slaying was discovered indicated a self-defense motive for the killing, and yesterday's interview amplified that theory. Franklin described his married life as "a hell."

His wife, he said, was frequently intoxicated or doped, would drink until she became virtually insane. She seemed to prefer a type of "black medicine" she bought at a drug store to whiskey, medicine which Franklin described as a sort of sedative for nerves.

Preceding the killing November 30, Franklin said his wife had been intoxicated since last Armistice Day, November 11, when he came to town in his chief petty officer's (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

### Telephone Company Readies Second Exchange Here



This picture shows members of a Western Electric crew splicing inside cables at the expanded Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company plant, where a second exchange will soon be in operation. Breck Sturgell and Eugene Gehrmann, the men in the picture, are working against the ceiling on a job that requires extreme care. When the second exchange is completed in March, the new exchange numbers will be designated by the prefix 2—such as 2-1001. Expanding demand for telephone service here resulted in the establishment of the new exchange. Fifty Western Electric technicians are now on the job installing this equipment.

### U.S. Navy Controls Seas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz says the United States navy holds "undisputed control of the sea" and could establish floating air fields off any shore to attack island areas.

The former chief of naval operations, in a report prepared before he relinquished that post last month and made public today, also predicts the navy of the future will arm its carrier-based planes with atom bombs.

His carrier-based is "relatively deficient" in manpower compared to Central Asia, East Asia or Western Europe, but could win a war nevertheless with superior weapons and naval air-sea strength, he said.

It was coming suddenly within the next several years, he adds, air-sea power would be the only way of quickly hitting back at an enemy. While invasion in some form would be necessary to win the war, it might not be necessary to occupy all of an enemy's territory or capital, Nimitz said.

Meat Shortage Threatens NYC NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Threat of a meat shortage hung over parts of New York City and Long Island suburbs today as 3000 meat cutters were under orders of union leaders not to report for work Friday at plants of five of the largest wholesalers and processors in the metropolitan area.

The action was announced last night by Max Block, president of local 342, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of America (A.M.C.B.W.), who said it was caused by a breakdown in wage-hour negotiations with the plants.

Late Spud Bulletin SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6 (AP)—Potatoes: 6 broken, 8 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Oregon 6 by truck; market, slightly stronger; Idaho Russets No. 1-A, \$4.65-4.70; Deschutes No. 1 bakera \$6.00; Klamath No. 2, \$3.50; commercial \$3.85; No. 1 bakera \$5.50.

### Solons Gird For Battle As Congress Convenes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Congress convened at noon today in a dull-before-the-storm atmosphere. There was no fanfare and only routine formalities in the senate and house. But off the floor the talk was of battles ahead in an election year over weighty domestic and foreign issues.

Traditionally, congress undertakes no business until it receives the president's annual state-of-the-union message. Mr. Truman will deliver that in person at 1:30 p. m. (EST) tomorrow.

It is expected to draw clearly the lines between the White House and the republican-controlled national legislature on many matters. Mr. Truman may give his views—say what he wants—on tax reduction.

White House aides reported President Truman has his message "almost completed." He calls it an unusual session of his cabinet for this afternoon to go over the message with the members.

The gulf which divides the president and the republican-controlled legislature was pointed up perfectly by a new report that Mr. Truman might propose higher taxes on corporation profits in order to leave a margin for low bracket personal income tax relief without cutting total government revenues.

Paratrooper's Body Found FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 6 (AP)—The body of one of three paratroopers who jumped to the aid of six B-29 crash survivors on the icy Seward peninsula December 27 was being brought here by plane today for memorial services in the Ladd field chapel.

The victim, First Sgt. Santhell London of Kinta, Okla., was found Sunday frozen to death near the wreckage of the big bomber. Still missing are the other paratroopers and a Ladd field doctor who made the midnight jump in 30-below-zero weather, and the B-29's pilot and navigator, Lt. Vern H. Arnett and Frederick Shetzl. All are feared dead, but an intensive search by planes and dog teams is being continued.

### Proposal Offered By Vandenberg

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The administration took some—but not all—of the opposition heat off the Marshall plan today by junking the \$17,000,000,000 cost estimate for long range economic aid to Europe.

Suggested by Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) of the senate foreign relations committee, the action was generally hailed in congress as removing one major stumbling block toward approval of a four-year recovery program.

However, Senator Millikin of Colorado, who heads the conference of all republican senators, made it plain that many in his party want still other changes made.

Sane Project Speaking on a radio program sponsored by the republican national committee last night, Millikin predicted eventual approval of a "sane" foreign assistance project. But he told his listeners:

"A decent regard for what is in the hearts of the American people requires that the aid shall not imperil our own economy and shall be of a nature that will help our friends abroad help themselves."

In announcing the administration's decision to drop the request for authority to spend up to \$17,000,000,000 toward the recovery of 16 Western European nations outside the communist orbit, Vandenberg said there is no change in the \$6,800,000,000 estimate for the first 15 months of the Marshall plan's operation. And he told a news conference this figure may lead to "a hell of a lot of trouble" in congress.

Declaring that help must depend on European nations helping themselves, the Michigan senator said the action "recognizes the reality that it is impossible to anticipate what is the condition of the world."

Nevertheless, he said, he favors a four-year commitment of aid, without any fixed amount.

### Lamarre Says He's Guilty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Bleriot H. Lamarre, 35, indicted recently with Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, pleaded guilty in U. S. district court here today to three charges of perjury.

At the request of his attorney, Robert C. Kneec of Dayton, O., sentencing of Lamarre was deferred pending a report from the probation officer.

The maximum penalty for each count is 10 years in prison. Meyers, retired air force procurement officer, is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow on three charges of perjury and three charges of inducing Lamarre to commit perjury.

Lamarre, who had been scheduled to appear with Meyers tomorrow, showed up a day early and arranged to enter his plea today. His appearance before Federal Judge David A. Pine required only a few minutes. "I plead guilty," Lamarre said, after the charge had been read. The clerk then pointed out that there were three counts in the indictment, and Judge Pine asked him if he pleaded guilty to each. "I do," the blonde, slim defendant replied.

### Rain Erases Basin Snow; More Slated

The Klamath basin, whipped by a 12-hour snowstorm Sunday, was virtually clear of snow today as rain washed away the fall and left slush and puddles of water instead.

Unseasonable weather, with a temperature reading of 50 degrees at noon today, coupled with warm nights, gave more than a hint of spring today. It was 42 degrees last night, at the minimum reading. Grass along the government canal on Alameda showed quite a bit of green this morning as the snow melted and the moisture soaked into the ground. Early shrubs were showing buds.

Precipitation the past 24 hours totaled .68 of an inch, double that of the previous 24 hours when the moisture was measured at .04.

The state of Oregon was drenched today but this meant that highways were in good condition with rain clearing the snow from the Cascade mountain passes. The commission warned of flood danger, however, with heavy rains expected west of the Cascades.

At Odell lake on the Willamette pass, the temperature was 35 degrees at 9 a. m., raining hard following a night of rain, and spots of packed snow east of the tunnel were turning to slush. There is 52 inches of roadside snow.

Sun mountain pass on The Dalles-California highway, the temperature was also 35 degrees, raining, pavement bare, with 32 inches of roadside snow. It was 34 degrees this morning on the Greensprings highway, raining and pavement bare.

More rain throughout the state, including the Klamath basin, was the Wednesday forecast from the weather man.

The California Oregon Power company reported no outages due to the rain, and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company advised no additional cable worries but moisture had caused isolated cases of trouble. Crews continued to work today. The Lakeshore line was repaired late yesterday after a second interruption of service over the week-end.

### Weather Cause Of Temblors

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—The whole North American continent has had a bad case of jitters for the past two weeks—and it has nothing to do with holiday celebrating.

The shaking of the earth is weather palsy—"microseisms" in scientific language—says Father Joseph J. Lynch, Fordham university's earthquake expert.

"It's probably the worst it's been in history," the seismologist said last night. "There's been a sustained vibration of the whole continent for two weeks."

Father Lynch, whose earthquake recording instruments have been on a binge, explained that the continual rockings of the earth are caused by heavy storm conditions and weather changes.

"We don't know just what causes these reactions on the earth," he said. "Somehow, the air disturbances produce a rhythmic movement of the ground."

### Mystery Deepens Around Disappearance Of Kleppen

The mystery of the disappearance of 30-year-old Milton Kleppen from Merrill 10 months ago is becoming one of the most puzzling enigmas in the state, and a youthful kidnaper now in jail at Crescent City, Calif., is being looked at with some suspicion. He may know something that he hasn't told.

Kleppen, an ex-soldier from Blair Wis., had married a Merrill girl and purchased a small ranch near Merrill from his wife's family, getting a GI loan on the place. He lived on the ranch for a year and paid off part of the loan, apparently prospering, but in March of last year he disappeared.

### Poultryless Days Called Off For Good

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Proposals to set up meat rationing machinery on a stand-by basis won the endorsement today of Senators Ives (R-N.Y.) and Murray (D-Mont.).

While the meat issue slumbered, President Truman's cabinet food committee decided to eliminate eggless Thursdays after this week but to continue its appeal for meatless Tuesdays.

James A. Stillwell, food conservation director, announced that this step is being taken because of a seasonal increase in the supply of eggs.

Supply Down Stillwell noted on behalf of the cabinet food committee that the supply of livestock, on the other hand, is diminishing. The committee took the stand that for this reason it is imperative that meatless Tuesdays be continued even though meat may be offered in non-cooperating restaurants and hotels.

The meatless and eggless days, along with poultryless days, were inaugurated last October to save grain for relief shipments abroad. Poultryless Thursdays were abandoned in November.

The agriculture department has predicted a meat shortage will develop in the spring. With this in mind, Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) plans to introduce legislation which would authorize the department to make plans for meat rationing.

Under Flanders' proposal, still another act of congress would be required to put rationing into effect. The bill being drafted by Flanders contemplates no price controls on meat. Ives said he was glad that measure by calling "would curtail production" of meat.

### Distillers Look For Out

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The Schenley Distillers corporation is "discussing with lawyers" legal action to test the law limiting the amount of grain that distillers may use in making liquor, Vice President Thomas Casey said today.

"We are discussing a lot of things," Casey added to a reporter. Asked if one or more suits are being considered, he said that they are.

Casey said both the constitutionality of the law, and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson's order allocating grain, were under discussion.

### Flirtation Gets Highest Praise

LONDON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Flirts got a kind word today from Dr. Marjorie Tait, organizing secretary of the London Union of Mixed Clubs and girls clubs.

Speaking at a conference on family relations, she said: "There is no more civilizing influence in the life of the boy and girl growing up through adolescence than adequate opportunities for flirtation because flirtation, properly done, is part of the art of living."

### Road Closures To Be Talked

The matter of closing off several streets in Chelsea and Opportunity additions north of the city limits if the highway entrance north is improved will come up at a meeting of highway officials and property owners called for Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the courthouse.

Wally Hector, county engineer, said that he had been discussing the proposition of closing off some streets for the highway project, and had met with considerable opposition from property owners. The highway department, if the north entrance to town on the highway is improved and widened to four lanes, would like to eliminate as many cross-streets as possible for better traffic control.



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