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Italian Strike Grows

Taft Blasts Truman Policy While Pledging GOP Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) called President Truman's legislative program the road to "national bankruptcy" and a "totalitarian state" and promised today that the GOP-controlled Congress will never follow it.

Instead, Taft said, the republicans will go ahead with their own program, make every effort to cut government expenses, and "reality cut all taxes and the tax burden and cut them for good."

Taft, a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, went on the radio last night to reply to Mr. Truman's state-of-the-union message which republicans have been calling a "campaign speech" aimed at next fall's elections.

The Ohio senator asserted the president proposes to put the federal government in the role of "Santa Claus" and has offered a program amounting only to "the old

Bank Tie-Up May Spread Over Nation

ROME, Jan. 9 (AP)—A stubborn nine-day-old strike of 60,000 bank workers snarled Italy's complex economy and threatened today to grow into something bigger — perhaps the communists' long-rumored nationwide general strike.

The communist-dominated chambers of labor in Milan and Rome voted full support to the bank workers last night. The Rome chamber declared that it was awaiting only "dispositions from the national organization" — the 6,000,000-member general labor confederation — before taking "concrete action."

Sources in the Italian interior ministry said extraordinary police precautions had been ordered on the basis of information received by the government that "something was in the air." One rightist newspaper mentioned a "plan against Rome."

Paris Plane Crash Kills 15



A rescue worker probes into the wreckage of a Paris-bound Air France DC-4 airliner from Brussels, Belgium, which crashed and burned while coming in for a landing at the Paris Le Bourget air field. Fifteen persons, including three Americans, were killed.

Mystery Of Missing Tie Case Solved

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—Ladies, have you been wondering what became of those "beautiful" neckties you gave hubby for Christmas?

Ross Lee, domestic dry cleaner manager here, thinks he has an answer. He says many of the flashy neckties—some of which needed cleaning—start appearing on his "not called for" list after the holidays.

They are brought in by furtive-eyed men who never return. And Lee never tries to contact the owners because he's certain they signed false names anyway.

He says a few of these "gift" ties—some possibly are birthday ties—appear throughout the year but that the heaviest business is after Christmas.

"You can't blame the men," he concludes, "those ties are pretty horrible."

Up-River Property Hardest Hit

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—The crest of a Willamette river flood that already has cost from \$7,000,000 to \$13,000,000 in damage rolled on toward Portland today.

Clear skies this morning with only a few light showers forecast for tonight told, however, of the flood's approaching end.

It moved past the state capital of Salem early today, closing the main bridge across the river there, putting a little water in the basement of the capitol building, flooding West Salem stores, but causing only minor damage compared with that upriver.

A few hundred families south of Salem previously had moved out of danger to higher ground.

Cleaning Up

Upriver where most of the multi-million-dollar damage—as estimated by army engineers—was done, residents began cleaning up debris as waters receded.

Waters also subsided in the Umpqua, Rogue and other Southern Oregon rivers which flooded under the impact of heavy rains and temperatures that melted mountain snow.

The floods have claimed six lives in their four-day course.

Only minor damage, however, is expected henceforth. The forecast was for the Willamette to flood only low-lying areas around Oregon City and Portland.

A few miles below here the flood will run into the wider Columbia river. There it will get in its last licks tomorrow, backing up the Columbia a foot over flood stage and inundating lowlands around Vancouver, Wash.

Normal Rail Schedule Near

Northbound train movements through Klamath Falls are expected to return to normal tonight at 9:50 o'clock, when northbound No. 16 arrives here from the south.

Movements have been off schedule since Wednesday when high waters of the Sacramento river washed out a 200-foot bridge and considerable track on the SP line at Castle Crags just south of Dunsmuir.

Between 300 and 400 workmen were dispatched to the Castle Crags washout and labored the clock around to make repairs on the bridge and tracks. Crewmen saw passengers and freights moving in order at 9:30 a. m. today. Crew members from Klamath Falls, Eugene and Sacramento continued the mopping up jobs, just as soon as the emergency was met. The Sacramento river was rapidly receding today.

Traffic has been normal from Portland but these trains have been held at Dunsmuir, and traffic from the south has been held at Gerber. SP officials here said that despite the pile-up of both passenger and freight trains, the movements were going out rapidly and everything should be "under control" by tonight.

Bank Theft Nets \$114,000

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9 (AP)—Four unmasked armed men held up a mid-town New Orleans bank today and its president, A. P. Inaborn, said they escaped with \$114,000 in cash.

The men forced their way into the bank five minutes before opening time, slugged a negro janitor into unconsciousness and herded some 25 employees into locked rooms. They then forced the bank manager to unlock the vault.

Detective Joseph Tardo said the men took \$60,000 from one section of the vault, and an estimated \$54,000 from other parts of the safe and from the teller cages. Bank officials are still checking to determine the exact amount.

The negro porter, Joseph L. Thomas, admitted the four men while he was letting early customers into the bank about 8:30 o'clock.

The bandits immediately ushered eight women employees into one locker room and about six men into another. They then turned to the manager, forcing him to open the vault.

After scoping up all the cash and silver in sight they escaped in a waiting automobile, which, one witness said, bore a license plate which resembled those on state-owned cars.

Mercury Skids To 22 Here

The mercury skidded to 22 degrees in the early morning hours today, and left a frosty coat of white on top well saturated ground.

Maximum temperature yesterday was 46 degrees. There was no precipitation in the past 24 hours.

All of Oregon's major highways were open today after three days of serious closures caused by floods throughout Western Oregon. The highway commission said seven routes are still closed. They are both Albany-Corvallis highways, the Woodburn-Estacada, Cascade, North Gantlan, Bellevue-Hopewell and Wilsonville ferry routes. There were many sections of one-way traffic over Western Oregon today because of slides and construction. Mountain roads were icy but well sanded.

The 9 a. m. commission report included the following information of interest to residents of this section of Oregon:

Odele lake, Willamette highway—15 degrees, clear, icy but sanded.

Greensprings highway—pavement frosty but sanded.

Sun mountain, The Dalles-California highway—10 degrees, clear, 28 inches roadside snow, few icy spots.

Willamette highway—one-way traffic east of Lowell.

Ford Facing Damage Suit

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—Henry Ford 2nd, the Ford Motor company, the Dearborn Motors corporation and seven other officers and directors of the companies were named defendants in a \$251,000,000 damage suit filed yesterday in federal court by Harry Ferguson, Irish-born farm machinery inventor.

The suit charged that the defendants infringed on patents by copying the Ferguson line of farm tractors and violated anti-trust legislation by conspiring to drive the plaintiff's firm, Harry Ferguson, Inc. of Detroit, out of business.

In a statement at Detroit, Henry Ford 2nd described the complaint as "ridiculous" and "full of untruths." He said Ford officials would be "very happy to meet all of the allegations... at the proper time and place."

The complaint involved one of the largest amounts ever sought in a civil action here. The suit estimated capital value of the Ferguson company at \$80,000,000 and said action of the defendants impeded profitable operation of the company.

Butter, Eggs Price Drops

Housewives facing the new year with grim determination to hold to a well balanced budget in the face of increasing prices, were rewarded this morning with word that butter and eggs dropped on the wholesale market.

Butter went down two cents following the January 2 increase to 88 cents. Today the wholesale price stood at 86 cents which made it around 92 to 95 on the retail market.

Eggs topped three cents on the dozen, wholesale. They were marked at 72 1/2 cents for large AA's, 70 1/2 cents on medium AA's. Eggs were selling five to six cents higher at the stores.

Milk held firm.

British Troops Clash With Arab Army In Border Battle

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (AP)—Jewish sources said British troops clashed today with 300 volunteers of an "Arab people's army" which crossed the border from Syria and attacked a Jewish settlement in upper Galilee.

These informants said two settlers were injured in a two-hour battle with the Arabs in the first large attack by forces from across the Syrian frontier. The informants speculated whether the Arabs were led by Fawzi Kawkaji, one of the chiefs of the Palestine Arab revolt of 1936.

Jewish sources said the Arabs arrived in trucks and, before attacking Kfar Zaid, a collective settlement named for the American philanthropist, Henrietta Zaid, struck at the nearby settlement of Dan and blew up a water pipeline.

New deaths by violence in the Holy Land brought to 643 the toll since partition was announced.

In Jerusalem, British soldiers, behind police armored cars, took four truckloads of supplies into the old wall city, where 1500 Jews have been besieged by Arabs since New Year's day.

The Stern gang, extreme group of the Jewish underground, issued a statement telling foreign correspondents they "forfeited their privileges of immunity" by carrying identification cards from the Arab higher executive.

Turkey Gets Four US Subs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Four of the navy's powerful fleet-type submarines are being supplied to Turkey as part of the United States program to strengthen that country against Soviet Russia.

The navy made the announcement today. Rep. Vinson (D) later told reporters that six submarines also will be transferred to Greece, where government forces are battling guerrillas along the borders of her northern, communist neighbors.

Delivery of the 1500-ton undersea vessels to Turkey will be completed some time in April, along with the transfer of eight motor mine sweepers, one net laying vessel, one gasoline tanker and one repair vessel.

This is the latest in a series of American moves to reinforce Greece and Turkey and generally bolster the position of the western powers in the Eastern Mediterranean, a target of Soviet interests.

The navy has about 180 submarines in its operating and reserve fleets. Russia is reputed to have an even larger undersea force—possibly as many as 250.

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License Tag Fines Given

Despite continued warning, there were motorists in Klamath county driving around without their 1948 license plates or evidences of application. Two arrests were made yesterday and those who fell into the hands of the law paid \$5.00 fines in justice court. Others were expected in court at 2 p. m. this afternoon.

State police warned for the last time today that plates or applications were to be in full view.

The total number of applications at the license bureau in the courthouse had reached 5950 at 11 a. m. this morning. The demand was tapering off, however, and the great majority of Klamath drivers was thought to be in order.

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Eugene Hammer Killer Sentenced

EUGENE, Jan. 9 (AP)—Clarence Eubank, 61, was sentenced to the "rest of his natural life" in the state penitentiary here today by Judge G. F. Skipworth in Lane county circuit court.

Eubank, who beat 45-year-old Eva Sather over the head with a hammer in a drunken brawl in the shack in which they lived, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. The victim, removed to a hospital after the beating last 5-mday night, died a few hours later.

Garney Walker, a former husband of the victim who was held in jail as a material witness, was released following the sentence.

Freak Accident Nips Fingers

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9 (AP)—Eight-year-old Donald Neil is nursing a couple of frostbitten fingers today—all because of a bottle of soda pop.

The youngster stuck his hand through an opening in a dispensing machine at a church recreation center last night and then couldn't get his fingers out again.

Several groups tried to free Donald without success. Police and firemen finally pried the metal top off the machine.

The boy's hand had been in the machine so long by that time, however, that its cooling device had nipped his fingers badly enough to require treatment at Germantown hospital.

Pedestrians Do Their Best—!

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 9 (AP)—Alfred Schrier, 21, was hurrying to catch a bus when he was struck by an automobile.

He was knocked to the pavement and a crowd quickly gathered. He struggled to get up but several pairs of hands restrained him. "Don't move," chorused several voices. "You may have a broken back or something." Helpful onlookers swathed him in a blanket. Sirens screamed. Police arrived. The crowd got bigger. Finally an ambulance picked Schrier up and rushed him to Hollywood receiving hospital.

There he was thoroughly examined. The diagnosis: A sprained thumb.

"Flying Saucer" Blamed In Death

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 9 (AP)—Luminous objects in the sky and reported by some observers to be "flying saucers" or discs, have been reported over Kentucky and adjoining states and are blamed for the death of an airplane pilot who was following one of them.

Capt. Thomas F. Mantell Jr., 25, of Louisville, a veteran of the army air forces in World War II, crashed near Franklin, Ky., late Wednesday when his plane exploded in midair.

At headquarters of the Kentucky air national guard of which Mantell was an officer, Capt. R. L. Tyler, operations officer, said an investigation was being conducted. Capt. Tyler said facts revealed so far indicate that Mantell flew too high in his pursuit of the sky rover and became unconscious.

Vapor Plugs Said Cause Of Crash

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 9 (AP)—Co-Pilot Raymond Eick of the charter plane which crashed near here, killing 18 persons and injuring nine, said "vapor plugs"—the formation of vapor from gasoline similar to an air bubble—hampered operation of the twin engines on the fatal flight.

Eick's statement was made from his hospital bed last night shortly after rescue workers returned with the body of the eighteenth victim.

Costly Fire Razes N. Y. Pier



Smoke billows skyward from pier 8 in Brooklyn as a fireboat pours water into the five-alarm blast which destroyed the pier and damaged the freighter Rio Parana. Flames aboard the ship were extinguished after the vessel was towed into mid-stream in the East River. Policemen estimated damage to pier and its cargo at \$1,500,000.

Police Eye Diamond Ring As New Clue In Slaying

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The ring, said to contain one large diamond and 22 other stones in a platinum setting, is now in the hands of state police. Homer Franklin has admitted taking the ring from his wife's finger before he buried her in their backyard December 2.

He sold the ring, valued at around \$1000, for a reported \$75 a few days after the slaying, at a second hand shop on S. 6th. The ring was recovered by police at the shop. Sheriff Lloyd Low said that Marie Franklin's statement was that he

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9 (AP) (USDA) — Potatoes: 10 broken, 4 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 1, Oregon 3; market firm; Klamath Russets No. 2-A, 3.50; No. 1 bakers \$4.25; Idaho Russets No. 1-A, \$4.75.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 (AP) (USDA) Potatoes: 14 broken, 26 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 3, Oregon 2, Idaho 14, Utah 3, by truck 30; market firm to slightly stronger on White Rose, steady on Russets; Idaho Russets No. 1-A, \$4.65-4.75; Klamath Russets No. 1-A \$5.00.

Strike Ties Up Singapore Docks

SINGAPORE, Jan. 9 (AP)—About 6000 stevedores and harbor employees struck today and tied up Singapore harbor, which is crowded with some 35 ocean-going vessels.

The stevedores demand a free extra meal daily, triple pay for overtime during the second half of the night shift, no payment of wages in arrears except in the presence of a union official, and a "victory bonus" of an unspecified amount to mark the end of the war with Japan.

Seven-Year-Old Recovering In Bend Hospital After Dramatic Rescue From Flood-Isolated Area

BEND, Jan. 9 (AP)—Seven-year-old Betty Coles was in a hospital here today, recovering from pneumonia, after a dramatic rescue from the flood-isolated North Santiam country.

A physician gave her "a very good chance" to recover from double lobar pneumonia.

She was isolated with two other families when the North Santiam river washed out a swinging bridge at Detroit Wednesday.

Detroit residents yesterday saw her mother frantically waving across the swollen river.

William Crowell, Detroit, at once began crossing the river on the two cables left from the washed-out bridge. Others swung behind him, 100 feet across the canyon, their feet moving cautiously on a lower cable, their hands gripping the other wire a few feet higher. The lower cable was barely a foot over the water in the center of the river.

Once across, they bundled the child in a stretcher, carried her two miles to a cable car crossing, and from there took her in an automobile to Bend. Her mother accompanied her.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. "Bill" Coles. The father now is working at the Hanford project in Richland, Wash.

Assisting in the rescue were U. S. engineers and forest service men and Detroit residents led by Forest Ranger S. T. Moore and Bill Murray.

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