

# "AID OR DRAFT" SAYS ROYAL

**Day's News**  
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## Judge Holds Decision In Murder Case

FROM Berlin this morning comes news of a reported communist plan (identified as "Protocol M") to SMASH THE MARSHALL PLAN and cripple the industrial Ruhr. (The Ruhr is the heart of Western European industry, much as the Detroit-Chicago-Pittsburgh triangle is the heart of American industry.) The plan is said to have the full backing of the Cominform (the general staff of world communism) and the complete support of the Soviet Union. It is supposed to be brought about by mass strikes in key industries.

The "key position" in the plan is said to have been assigned to the German communist party.

It doesn't seem to be just a boogey man rumor. This morning's Berlin dispatches say "there is no inclination in either American or British official quarters to doubt the authenticity of the plan."

WASHINGTON dispatches today tell of the reopening of a wartime American airfield near Tripoli, in North Africa. This field is to be opened with the co-operation of the British.

WHY an American air base in North Africa? The answer is brutally simple—as so many answers are these days. If bad troubles break anywhere in the critical Mediterranean area (which we have taken under our wing under the Truman Doctrine) WE COULDN'T GET THERE IN TIME FROM HERE.

FROM Cairo (Egypt) today there comes this development: "Assad Dagher, chief of the press section of the Arab League (composed of seven Arab countries in the Middle East) told a news conference today that the League has recommended that Arab nations OCCUPY ALL PALESTINE WITH REGULAR ARMIES when the British troops leave."

ASSAD DAGHER adds: "The League will consider it an UNFRIENDLY ACT if an international police force (meaning the military arm of UNITED NATIONS) should be sent to the Holy Land before the British leave." He concludes: "The League council would take steps to meet this emergency."

INDIA'S delegation at Lake Success (UN headquarters) tells the security council of UN this morning that a full scale war with Pakistan may develop unless UN takes measures to halt the fighting in Kashmir.

FROM Nanking in China, comes word that residents of besieged, by the communists HANGKOW, in Manchuria, are HUNGING THEMSELVES to escape death by starvation.

IN such a world background we are approaching our 1948 Presidential campaign. Our attitude has nearly always been (the gravely critical campaign of 1860 was an exception) that a Presidential election is more fun than a household of monkeys.

WE're probably in for a disappointment this time. The necessity to govern our actions by STATESMANSHIP AND PATRIOTISM will be likely to spoil our enjoyment.

NINE KILLED PARENT, Que, Jan. 15 (AP)—Canadian National Railways officials said today that nine persons were killed and 55 injured in the wreckage yesterday of two passenger trains near Wykes in the frozen Northlands.

## WTC Lowers Lumber Price

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 15 (AP)—Fred K. Weyerhaeuser, president of the Weyerhaeuser Sales company, said in a statement that effective today the company was reducing prices on several kinds of lumber used in home building.

Weyerhaeuser said the reductions were made with a view "to do our part in reducing the cost of building and in checking the inflationary trends now threatening our national welfare."

He said the price cuts would average 10 percent at the mills on coast Douglas fir, western hemlock and coast red cedar lumber shipped from Weyerhaeuser affiliated mills to the retail lumber trade.

The reductions, he added, will be maintained for the next 60 days "as long as we believe conditions warrant."

## City Gets Deed To \$3,000,000 Airport



Orville Lee, left, who is assistant administration representative of Portland, has been in town this week to go over final details of the quitclaim deed to the municipal airport, formerly the naval air station, which turns over to the city of Klamath Falls, the field and installing value in excess of \$3,000,000. The deed was signed by Mayor Ed Ostendorf Wednesday morning. With Lee are Ralph Macartney, center, chairman of the airport commission, and Mayor Ostendorf.

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# Herald and News

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## American Officials Study Cominform Plan To Smash Marshall Plan In Europe

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (AP)—British and American officials studied today a reported Cominform scheme—identified as "Protocol M"—for smashing the Marshall plan and crippling the industrial Ruhr. The anti-communist German press, which published the alleged communist program, denounced it as a proposed "putsch."

Details of the plan, first published by the French-licensed newspaper Der Kurier yesterday, said the program, brought to light in Western Germany, would be coordinated by the Cominform—the communist "information agency" set up by communist leaders of nine nations in Poland last fall—and supported fully by the Soviet Union.

There seemed little inclination in either British or American official quarters to doubt the authenticity of the plan. One American official said publication of the plan alone was damaging enough to the communist program in Germany.

An official British statement this morning said "the announcement of the Cominform's plan came from German sources and we have no reason to doubt its authenticity."

## Fir Brings Record Bid

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 (AP)—Demand for lumber brought a new record bid of \$24.52 a thousand feet for Douglas fir in bidding yesterday for Oregon and California timber.

The sale also was the first in several years in which all tracts offered were sold, resulting in aggregate bids of \$618,817.75 for the 77,834,000 board feet in 29 tracts in nine Western Oregon counties. Bids were 11.6 per cent above appraisal value.

The previous high bid for O-C timber was \$22 on Ponderosa pine. Average stumpage prices bid were \$8.87 a thousand for Douglas fir, \$15.74 for sugar pine and \$12.82 for Ponderosa pine.

The new record bid was by Jones Lumber corporation, Portland, for 675,000 feet in Clackamas county. Other successful bidders included: Douglas County Lumber company and Roseburg Lumber company, Roseburg; Rex Clement, Philomath; EK Lumber company and Southern Oregon Sugar Pine corporation, Medford; Gardiner Lumber company, Gardiner; Gram Lumber corporation, Grants Creek; Spalding and Son, Myrtle Pass; Willamette Valley Lumber company, Dallas.

## Ellis To Run For Senate Presidency

SALEM, Jan. 15 (AP)—State Senator Rex Ellis, Pendleton mining and insurance man, announced here today he would run for the presidency of the 1949 senate.

The only other announced candidate is Senator Angus Gibson, Junction City, although Senator William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, has indicated he would run.

Ellis has represented Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties in the upper house continuously since 1937, being one of the veteran members.

He ran for congress in 1940, has lived in Pendleton since 1919, and has affairs connected in republican party ranks.

## Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Potatoes: 15 broken, 13 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Calif. 4, Nevada 1, Idaho 1, Oregon 1; market slightly weaker; Klamath Russets No. 1-A \$4.70-75.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (AP)—Potatoes: 19 broken, 42 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Calif. 8, Idaho 12, Utah 1; 7 cars arrived by truck; market slightly weaker; no sugar reported.

## Bandits Mistake Car; Arrested

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 (AP)—Two young gunmen thought a sheriff's car was mistaken like a taxi, and that was a mistake.



## Pel Stars Honored

Two outstanding players of the 1947 Pelican football team were honored last night when football awards voted them by their Klamath Union high school teammates. Coach Ed Ryan made the presentation during the Lions club gridiron banquet at the Willard. The top picture shows Lester Foster, senior guard, getting his trophy as "outstanding lineman" of the squad from Ryan, and the latter is Tommy Edwards, senior halfback, voted the "most inspirational" Pelican player. Both boys are considered fine college football prospects. More than 200 gridiron fans jammed the hotel banquet room last night to hear the guest speaker of the evening, Jim Aiken, head football coach at the University of Oregon.

## Republicans Veto Truman Tax Plan In Favor Of Own

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Republicans today pasted a "file and forget" tag on President Truman's proposal for a "cost of living" cut in income taxes balanced by a new excess profits tax on corporations.

With even key congressional Democrats showing little enthusiasm for the White House plan, the majority leadership signaled by Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) to reduce income taxes \$5,600,000,000 a year, mainly on a percentage basis.

The house ways and means committee, which Knutson heads was summoned to take up his bill tomorrow.

## Doctors Fear For Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15 (AP)—Mahandas K. Gandhi, in the third day of his fast for communal peace in India, was too weak today to attend his usual prayer meeting, and his doctors expressed concern over his loss of weight. The four physicians attending the aged spiritual leader issued this bulletin:

"Today is the third day of Mahandas Gandhi's fast. He is naturally losing weight; weakness has considerably increased. He had to be carried out to the bathroom in an arm chair this morning. His voice is feeble.

"We once again appeal to his friends and the public not to seek interviews or dashes." (Darshan means his public appearance, which Hindus consider holy.)

Gandhi last night exhibited deep worry over a new massacre in Moslem Pakistan.

A large crowd of refugees from the Punjab shouted "Let Gandhi die!" and broke up the Sikh temple procession near the Sikh temple in the old city. The procession was to have terminated at Birla house, where Gandhi is staying. Only a handful of the Sikhs reached Gandhi house, where they were told Gandhi was too ill to see them.

## Red Ships Warn Off Rescuers

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (AP)—A Japanese ship officer was quoted in Tokyo newspapers today as declaring two Russian patrol vessels leveled deck guns at non-Soviet rescue craft which offered assistance to the foundering Russian ship Dvina last week.

The officer, the first mate of the Choun Maru, gave his account to Japanese newsmen in Kushiro, Hokkaido, where the Dvina was towed by a Russian ship. The mate's name was not given.

## GOP's Plan Big Relief Fund Slash

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Secretary of the Army Royal told senators today that the alternative to a European recovery plan may be drafting men for military service.

Royal made the statement to the senate foreign relations committee today in response to questions from Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and Senator Lodge (R-Mass.).

The army recovery plan yesterday that unless the recovery plan is accepted, the army and its budget will have to be "measurably and immediately" increased.

Asked how this can be accomplished, Royal said either through an increase in voluntary enlistments, which he said is doubtful, or "some method of selective service."

Only Draft Left If we assume that voluntary enlistments have not produced as many men as necessary, that leaves only the draft, Lodge commented.

Royal replied that this is correct. In other words, Lodge said, we have the alternative of the foreign recovery plan, or "else going back to the draft."

Royal said this is the "logical conclusion" unless some ways can be found through increased compensation or some other means.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal, meanwhile, told the house-foreign affairs committee the recovery program cannot be construed as "a threat against any nation."

Senator Ball (R-Minn.) predicted congress will make a "sizeable" cut in the \$6,800,000,000 asked by the administration for the first 15 months of operation.

Ball said he thinks most republican lawmakers share this view despite insistence that the amount is a "precipitous" figure.

Criticizing what he termed a cabinet officer's effort to assume a "mantle of infallibility," Ball, a member of the senate foreign relations committee, told reporters it is generally conceded that Marshall "is a good soldier."

"But," Ball added, "his infallibility as an international strategist might be questioned in view of the fact that he was one of the top advisers in the Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam (Big Three) conferences, where many of the blunders which have contributed to the present international crisis were made."

Ball said he hopes the state department will submit "more specific projects designed to increase Europe's production of coal, steel, food and transportation."

## Weather Here Stays Warm

Pussywillows were turning out and no wonder—with a maximum of the past 24 hours of 46 degrees despite the 19 minimum registered between 6:30 and 7:30 a. m. today.

Clear, bright days have been on the weatherman's menu the past week with more of the same forecast. Klamath folks who have been reveling in unseasonable warmth and sunshine since early January.

It was cold elsewhere in the state with a minus 2-degree temperature reported on the Weston-Elgin highway in the only below zero reading but other sections said it was cold. It was 22 at Odell lake where packed snow and ice exist from Salt Creek tunnel to Odell butte; 13 degrees on the Greensprings highway, and 10 degrees above on Sun mountain.

## Petrillo May Face T-H Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Rep. Hartley (R-N. J.) declared today that even if the Lea act won't work against James C. Petrillo, "I'm satisfied that the Taft-Hartley bill will."

Congress passed the Lea act expressly to prevent Petrillo from requiring radio stations to employ more members of his American Federation of Musicians than the stations say they need.

Federal Judge J. Walter LaBue acquitted Petrillo in Chicago yesterday of a charge that he violated the act by trying to force a radio station to hire three extra phonograph record librarians.

One section of the Taft-Hartley act says it is an unfair labor practice for a union to make an employer pay, or try to make him pay, for services which are not performed or not to be performed.

If that does not fill the bill, Hartley said, congress should put unions under the anti-trust laws.

## Blast Rips Chair Plant

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—An explosion blew out the north wall of a furniture company building today, dumping furniture into a street and trapping an undetermined number of persons in the wreckage.

Two persons were injured and were taken to Henrotin hospital.

The four-story building at 619 N. La Salle street was occupied by the Provus Brothers Furniture company. Four floors of the building collapsed into Ontario street.

## Truman To Ask Oil Conservation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The interior department said today that President Truman within the next 24 hours is expected to direct rigorous conservation of petroleum supplies by all government agencies to help relieve the critical fuel shortage.

Secretary of Interior Krug, meanwhile, called upon the public for an immediate 16 per cent reduction in the use of gasoline, fuel oil and natural gas.

Max W. Ball, director of the interior department's oil and gas division, made the statement about the expected White House directive.

## March Of Dimes Drive Starts In County Today

Today marked the start of the 1948 March of Dimes campaign in Klamath county and throughout the nation. An office has been established, contacts are being made and workers are campaigning to make this year's polio drive surpass the 1947 goal of \$8000.

One-half of the total donation will remain in Klamath county, and the rest will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to be used for research and epidemic insurance, such as in case of polio epidemics, such as in one in Idaho this year, the insurance fund is available to the insured communities for their fight against the disease.

The Klamath county chapter's office has been set up in the lobby of the Willard hotel, with Doris Thompson, secretary. The telephone number is 7224.

Letters containing tickets to the January 31 dance, climax of the drive, will be mailed to over 5000 county people. Volunteers are needed to help stuff envelopes with

## Joseph Daniels Dies At 85

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 15 (AP)—Joseph Daniels, Raleigh publisher, died at 1:25 p. m. today. He was 85 years old.

The former secretary of the navy and one-time ambassador to Mexico had been confined to his bed since January 4 when he developed bronchitis.

Complications followed and pneumonia set in. Hope for his recovery had been abandoned early this week, but the vitality with which he clung to life amazed his physicians.



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