

# SENATE DOUBLES DEFENSE COST

In The Day's News

WEATHER  
Max. (Jan. 27) 41 Min. 16  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream flow in delta 6.01  
Last year 4.19 Normal 6.28  
Forecast: Fair.

## The Herald and News

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# OVS Students Get Housing Okay

By FRANK JENKINS  
THE other day in Sofia, Georgi Dimitroff, communist premier of Bulgaria, delivered himself of a statement to the effect that "the Eastern European nations in the Soviet orbit intend to form a federation of states as ALLIES to Russia when the time is ripe."

This morning Pravda, official Moscow organ of the communist party, lets go with a counter statement on the same subject. It says: "The editors of Pravda consider that these countries stand in need of NOT a problematical and far-fetched federation . . . nor do they need a customs union. What they need is consolidation and defense of their independence and sovereignty by mobilization and organization of internal DEMOCRATIC forces."

WORDS are great stuff—especially double-jointed diplomatic words. This country-town writer has no idea as to what is in the wind but suspects that maybe these little Eastern European countries would like to run their own shebang as independent ALLIES of Russia, whereas Pravda is telling them they are GOING to be run by the COMMUNIST PARTY, which is controlled from Moscow.

Anyway, it's a fairly safe rule that when the big shots at the top begin to use fancy words trouble is in store for the wistful LITTLE people at the bottom of the heap.

UP in Washington, the legislature has a committee on un-American activities. It is meeting in Seattle this week and is putting the bee on alleged communists. Those upon whom the bee is placed are howling like wounded wolves about invasion of their constitutional rights.

Again this insignificant writer finds himself confused. He has little use for people who go around with brass bands, witch-hunting for communists and telling people in effect to "behold what a good American I AM."

On the other hand, he has no respect for fuzzy-minded folks who stand on their "constitutional" rights and refuse for publication to say whether they are communists or not.

If communism is worth a tinker's dam as a movement for the establishment and preservation of fundamental human rights, its followers ought to be PROUD of their affiliation with it.

FROM Washington this morning comes this optimistic word: "Republican members of the house ways and means committee said today that taxes can be cut \$6,300,000,000 (six billion, 300 million dollars) and the government can still pay \$11,000,000,000 (11 billion dollars) on the national debt in the next two years."

IT sounds good—wonderfully good. If we could cut taxes and begin to pay off our debt at a substantial rate, we could get prices down to something like reason.

But before throwing your hat so high it may be carried off by the wind, remember that this is the BEGINNING of a campaign year.

UP in St. Helens (Oregon), they have a butcher war. It started when a new meat shop cut the price of hamburger as a device to get new customers started through the door and the existing shops met the new entrant's price and went him one better.

The ruckus has now reached the point where one establishment is giving away big slices of ham and paying the customer ten cents to carry it home.

ABSURD? Certainly! But it does point out for us what competition can do when it gets going. If you'll stop long enough to think, you'll probably come to the conclusion that free competition, even when it does occasionally go to silly lengths, is better for the general run of us than monopoly, either by private interests or by the STATE.

PROTEST  
NEWPORT, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Newport chamber of commerce joined the Yachats chamber today in protesting the state highway commission's decision to sell some of the beach sand at Yachats.

RUM MONEY  
SALEM, Jan. 28 (AP)—The state department today distributed \$62,077 in liquor privilege tax money to counties and cities, the amount having been collected in the last quarter of 1947.

Loretta Young's Story Of European Trip "Shocker"  
By BARTON D. PATTIE  
LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Hollywood screen star Loretta Young's observations about her recent trip to London hit the front pages today. The reaction generally was shocked, but restrained: "Loretta, how could you!"



These are the Mountain View "boxcar" apartments which in the future will house Oregon Vocational school students. They are located at the end of Main street and this picture was taken looking down Chiloquin avenue. The apartments are of frame and composition construction and were designed as temporary dwellings three years ago.

### Fire Razes Keno Garage

A fire believed to have been started by a vagrant spark from an arc-welding outfit yesterday afternoon completely razed the Keno garage on the west end of Keno community.

The one-story frame building burned to the ground in less than an hour. Owner Joe DeGrande managed to save a truck he was working on inside the shop and a few tools and items of equipment, but most of his equipment and stock of the garage went up in smoke.

DeGrande estimated the damage at "close to \$4000." The shop's stock included new tires, tubes, some spare parts, barrels of oil, containers of grease, a spare motor and the like.

DeGrande said he was welding on the truck when a spark apparently fell through the floor of the shop and ignited an oil-soaked timber below. The fire spread rapidly under the flooring of the garage and was too far gone to fight when first noticed.

Keno community does not have any fire-fighting equipment, so the blaze consumed the garage building without hindrance. A county fire truck made the run out but arrived too late to be of assistance. State police shot holes in oil drums to avoid explosion.

The shop was built by DeGrande 13 months ago. He said he had some insurance on the place and would rebuild.

### Second Degree Murder Charge Filed In Shooting

Five more indictments and two not true bills were brought in by the county grand jury late yesterday afternoon, after a one day session, and the jury recessed until March 30.

Principal of the indictments was that of 31-year-old James Elza Wyatt for second degree murder. Wyatt is charged with fatally wounding Robert Theodore Melas with a 22 rifle at a railroad jungle shanty last Friday.

William Jackson Easter, California avenue grocer, was named in an indictment charging assault, armed with a dangerous weapon. He is accused of shooting and slightly wounding Dick Gaskins at the store several weeks ago.

The other true bills were returned against 30-year-old Archie DeWitt, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and John Creighton, for obtaining money and property by false pretenses.

### Rare Tree Seeds Found

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 28 (AP)—Seeds of a tree—believed extinct for one hundred million years—have arrived at Harvard's Arnold arboretum and soon will be shipped to botanical gardens in the United States and England.

Up to two years ago the meta-sequoi, a type of fir tree, was known only from fossil remains. The first living specimen was found in February, 1946, by Chinese explorers in a remote valley of Central China.

The seeds were obtained later by an arboretum expedition which located 100 more meta-sequoias, described as more than 100 feet high with seven- and one-half-foot trunks. Although cone-bearing, the tree loses its leaves in winter.

### Steelworkers Eye Pay Boost

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28 (AP)—The CIO United Steelworkers announced today its 170-man wage policy committee has been called to meet here February 18 "to prepare a program to lay before the steel industry calling for an increase in wages."

It was the first definite announcement that the union will seek a "third round" of post-war wage boosts. It did not indicate just how much more money would be sought.

The union's contracts run to April 1949, but provision was made for the wage section to be re-opened by request on April 1, 1948.

### Search On For Missing Plane

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 28 (AP)—All U. S. air force rescue agencies were ordered tonight to hunt a missing C-47 transport plane which had three American women and five children aboard.

The American craft also carried a crew of four. It was lost soon after leaving Istres, France, Tuesday morning for Udine, Italy. The passengers were dependents of U. S. servicemen and were en route to the Trieste occupation area.

Air force officials said they feared the plane had fallen into the Mediterranean.

Bulletins  
FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 28 (AP)—Thirty-three persons were believed to have perished today as a chartered airliner crashed in the Diablo section of the Coast range near here. There were no survivors.

### Meat Market Pays You To Take It Away

ST. HELENS, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—The three-way butchers' war here has reached the stage where one of the competitors is giving away \$1 a pound slices of ham and handing the customer a dime to carry them home.

That is the offer of Jack Sappington, whose new shop three weeks ago started the price war that has been a bonanza to budget worried housewives in a widening area.

Furthermore, the new entry in the meat retailing field here was happy to deliver the ham, but wouldn't send a dime on such orders. "I just pay to have it carried away. If you want it delivered you will have to take it for nothing," he told one customer.

So far Sappington has used up 25 to 30 hams and figures the hams weighed 12 to 14 pounds each.

Last week the free-for-all competition bidding brought free hamburger from Sappington's competitors, plus free delivery. Other meats are sold—but at prices that are attracting buyers from as far as Portland.

What the next move will be is anybody's guess—and even the three competitors won't venture any suggestions.

### GM Facing T-H Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the national labor relations board, today charged General Motors corporation with an unfair labor practice under the Taft-Hartley law. He alleged it refused to bargain with the CIO auto workers union on an insurance plan.

Denham's complaint to the NLRB was based on charges brought by the union January 22.

A hearing was set for February 10. NLRB officials said the formal complaint clears the way for Denham to seek a court order for General Motors to stop the alleged unfair labor practice.

Denham charged GM with (1) refusal to bargain on a union proposal for an insurance plan, and (2) attempting to compel GM's 250,000 workers to accept a company-arranged insurance plan.

The complaint said the CIO-UAW has tried for several years to win an agreement on an insurance plan giving workers payments for sickness, accident, medical or surgical treatment, hospitalization or death.

### Icebound Town Hears Navy News

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28 (AP)—The navy, using the only communication with ice-bound Camden, Ark., transmitted an Associated Press news report to the Evening News there yesterday.

Other communications between Camden and the outside world were broken off by the heavy layer of sleet and ice deposited by today's storm.

The single communication line was maintained by shortwave radio through the eighth naval district reserve transmitter.

The Camden paper also used the circuit to transmit news of the city's plight to the Associated Press bureau at Little Rock.

### \$16 Billion Asked For Coming Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—The nation may be asked to spend as much as \$16,500,000,000 for defense next year if friction with Russia continues, senators disclosed today.

This would be 50 per cent more than President Truman has asked in his peacetime record budget for the 12 months beginning July 1.

The estimate of future military needs came from members of the senate armed services committee after a closed door conference with the high command yesterday.

Haste Needed  
They said Gen. Eisenhower, retiring army chief of staff, and other top ranking generals and admirals advised that the army, navy and air force must be brought up to date quickly.

Gen. Eisenhower and others in the high command were said to have told the senators yesterday the way they think the next war will be fought.

It may begin, they were quoted as saying, with an aerial attack on the United States using the atom bomb.

This was one of the reasons given for having a large reserve of trained men to take over ruined cities and man essential industries.

The United States was described as needing 1,000,000 trained men to occupy and guard the outlying air bases from which it would launch its aerial counterattack upon the enemy.

### Big Tax Slash Held Possible

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Republican members of the house ways and means committee said today taxes can be cut \$6,300,000,000 and the government still pay \$11,000,000,000 on the national debt in the next two fiscal years.

The 15 GOP members made that declaration when formally reporting to the house that the committee has approved Rep. Knutson's (R-Minn.) tax-slashing bill.

They said their calculation is based on a planned \$3,000,000,000 cut in President Truman's \$39,700,000,000 budget.

The 19 committee Democrats filed a statement saying the republican-backed bill presents a "threat of deficit spending for fiscal year 1949, and a substantial risk to our fiscal solvency, national security and fulfillment of our international responsibilities."

House debate on the election year tax battle will begin tomorrow. A vote is set for Monday.

### Folsom Files For President

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 28 (AP)—The South had a man today who would like to be president—Gov. James E. Folsom of Alabama.

Folsom, 39-year-old former insurance man from the small, mid-Alabama town of Cullman, announced yesterday he was a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.



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