

WASH ASKS GRAIN CURB POWERS

FRANK JENKINS
THE news wires today carry one of those little stories that warm the cockles of news editors' hearts. We of the profession term them "freaks," and we like them because they serve as pepper in the hash, making it more palatable to the cash customers.

It starts off:
"The United States may send an expeditionary force of tough alley cats abroad to kill rats pilfering Europe's food reserves."

It ends up with this tongue-in-cheek "punch" paragraph: "Only back alley trawlers would be drafted for the rodent hunting junket. Pedigreed cats aren't wanted—just the toughies."

THE proposal comes from the American Feline Society, whose president read a piece in the London Daily Mirror suggesting more or less facetiously that because there aren't cats enough in Europe the rats are playing hob with stored food supplies. Accepting the challenge, the cat society prelate came up with a scheme to mobilize here an army of a "million healthy and vigorous work cats for rat extermination duties overseas."

As a quickie starter, he added, we ought to rush off a token task force of some 5000 sleek-troop felines to go to work in strategic areas such as docks and warehouses.

IT'S funny, of course. But it has its serious side in that it is a good example of our wanton waving mood. We all know how to put Europe back on its feet without wrecking our own economy. This surfeit method of helping a needy neighbor can be summarized in just three words: "Work like hell." That would turn the trick.

We all know it would turn the trick. But we don't want to do it that way. It is the hard way, and for generations our politicians have been pleading with us NEVER to do anything the hard way. "Just leave it to us," they've been telling us, "and we'll wave the right wand at the right time and everything will be lovely and the goose will hang high and nobody will have to get a callus on his lily-white hands."

For years and years, we've loved it. But all of a sudden our basic American home sense is beginning to hint to us that like the victims of Circe, we're about to be turned into pigs and sent to the slaughter house.

Siren songs are beautiful to listen to, but in time they nearly always lead to something like that.

WHERE following of course, in the footsteps of our progenitors. As far back as we have any record, human beings have sought the "easy" way. Always we've wanted a wand waver.

As a matter of fact, it goes farther back than the written record. The story of Circe the Siren comes from the Odyssey, and the Odyssey goes farther back than the written word—into tradition handed down from father to son.

You will recall, if you haven't forgotten everything you learned in school, that Circe, after leading her listeners along with her siren's song until it was too late for them to turn back, changed them into pigs. But AFTER THAT Odyssey came along with a magic wand herb that had been given to him by Hermes and turned them all back into men again.

No hard, degrading work, you see. Just a bite or so off the magic wand and everything was hotsy-totsy again.

That's the way we still want it.

WEATHER
Max. (Jan. 29) — 49 Min. — 11
Precipitation last 24 hours — .00
Stream year to date — 6.01
Last year — 4.31 Snow — 6.37
Forecast: Cloudy, snow flurries.

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Lumber Workers Get Pay Boost

Republicans Push Tax Cut Measure; Rift Appears In Demo Ranks Over Proposal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The house voted today to consider the \$6,500,000,000 tax-cutting bill under procedure barring any changes. Democrats cried "gag."

The vote was by voice.

The opening of debate quickly developed a wide break in democratic ranks on President Truman's tax proposal. Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), author of the GOP bill, invited democrats to desert the president and help override his expected tax bill vote.

Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) told the house that for democrats to offer the president's \$40 per person tax reducing plan (with a corporation excess profits tax to make up the revenue loss) would be not much more than a piece of foolishness.

While the procedure voted by the house allows no amendments democrats will get one chance to offer a complete substitute for Knutson's bill.

President's proposal hasn't a chance. He proposed that the democrats rally behind a proposal by Rep. Dougherty (D-N.C.) to trim the republican bill from \$6,500,000,000 to around \$4,000,000,000.

Knutson argued the full \$6,500,000,000 is needed to help taxpayers meet the high cost of living.

"Do not be misled again," Knutson told the democrats in a prepared speech leading off debate on the measure.

"If there ever was need to encourage production to combat inflation, it is today."

Urgent Need

"If there ever was a need to provide relief to the individual income taxpayer from the oppressive war income taxes which are stifling initiative and preventing business expansion, it is today."

Last year President Truman twice vetoed bills by Knutson, who is chairman of the ways and means committee, to trim taxes \$4,000,000,000 a year. Enough democrats held the party line in congress to uphold the president.

Knutson argued that the president himself has been "amazingly inconsistent" on the tax issue.

Mr. Truman has given every sign that he will veto any measure along the lines of Knutson's. Instead, he has suggested a \$40-a-person "cost of living" tax cut. To balance this, he asked \$3,200,000,000 of new taxes on corporations.

Before the debate began, Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said an income tax cut this year is in the bag.

He conceded it might not be as much as the \$6,500,000,000 provided in the Knutson bill which came up today.

But in the end, Martin told reporters, the republican congress will override a presidential veto of the tax bill we send to the White House.

Oceanside Spud Test Postponed

Oregon's field day at the Oceanside certified potato seed test plots is again postponed, this time indefinitely. Plants were badly damaged by a frost Wednesday night.

Frost again last night was reported from Los Angeles. A report from Oceanside indicates that inspection of test planted potatoes may not be possible for three or four weeks.

Tagging requirements for Oregon certified russet seed have been relaxed to permit immediate tagging for out-of-state sale.

Tagging of certified seed for local use will depend on thorough bin inspections. It will be necessary to examine several hundred tubers for presence of net necrosis.

'Snake-Like' Job Joins Saucers

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—In addition to saucers and a flying man, a "snake-like" object may be skimming through the sky.

Leo C. Bryant, La Grande music teacher, said today he had seen one "about 100 feet long and about the proportions of a pencil. It was traveling due east over the city at about 2000 feet altitude and was going at about the speed of an airplane. It seemed to be made up of disc-like sections—saucers maybe."

\$1,500,000 Slander Suit Filed After Anti-Red Meet

SEATTLE, Jan. 29 (AP)—Testimony by a former woman state legislator that she had been threatened by former Congressman Hugh DeLacy when she announced her intention of leaving the communist party, and the filing of a \$1,500,000 libel and slander suit in connection with previous testimony highlighted developments yesterday as the legislature's un-American activities committee continued its parade of witnesses.

The witness, Mrs. Kathryn Fogg, who once represented the state at a national communist party convention, said DeLacy "put his finger under my nose" at a 1946 picnic and warned:

"Kathryn Fogg, we made you and we'll break you."

She said she also had been threatened by Lou Bass, a communist party officer, that "I couldn't quit the party. He said if I did that they would testify that I was a monger in good standing."

Mrs. Fogg was one of several witnesses who charged DeLacy with being a communist party member or sitting in closed party meetings.

She and others also testified that the party had started gaining control of the Washington pension union and the Washington commonwealth federation in 1938 and never relinquished it.

He Named The Baseball Team



Name of Klamath Falls Far West league baseball team will be the "Pioneers," the sobriquet suggested by Howard Dunn, 4748 S. 6th. Dunn is pictured receiving his \$100 award from KFLW Sportscaster Don Neal at last night's baseball banquet at the Willard. Leading the applause below is Walter Mails. (Story on sports page.)

Irish Stew Issue Enters Whisker Vs. Hemline Battle

SWEET HOME, Jan. 29 (AP)—Bearded plotters of the Order of Whiskerinos, admitted today they are not certain whether they have won the first battle in a war against the low hemline of midday's new skirt fashions.

Wives of some of the stalwart band of 76 have staged a retreat from the kitchen—and left their whisker-sprouting spouses holding pans and dishrags.

The campaign against longer skirts and bustles, that the "Whiskerinos" say were all right for grandmas but lack the eye appeal needed to snag and hold her grandson, started some time ago.

Businessmen and loggers of this community, hearing that lengthening hems were dictated from Paris—declared their independence of foreign fashion tyranny. Taking their cue from patriots of 1776 they recruited 76 revolutionaries and issued a warning.

The wives replied that sort of freedom was fine for men, and continued to buy 'em longer. They brought home "Gibson" blouses, skirts of tent-like proportions and chattered of bustles and other bits of yesteryear attire.

The patriots decided it was time for action. A council of war on what the wives disliked most about men brought a vote for bustles. What kind? Any kind! Someone asked how long? And it probably was Cliff Cannon who thought of letting them grow until St. Patrick's Day—March 17.

Under \$30 penalty for shaving, the "Whiskerinos" now boast more brands of chin chops than ever bothered any one of their grandmothers in her day. Mutton chops, van dykes, side burns, Lincoln's, prophet types and trimmed and unkempt varieties are in verdant glory.

Right now, however, the initial victory—the retreat of the wives from the kitchen—is not so glorious. The husbands celebrated by cooking Irish stew, in honor of the patron saint of their war, but Irish stew, and Irish stew and more Irish stew in prospect has taken the gusto from the celebration.

Waterfront War Rages In Swatow

HONG KONG, Jan. 29 (AP)—Chinese press dispatches today reported a battle royal among rival waterfront factions at Swatow with the workers using home-made hand grenades, iron bars and stones.

A considerable number were reported injured. The fighting grew out of a dispute between transportation coolies and warehouse workers over trespassing the other's territory.

The city's entire police force took two hours to quell the outbreak, the dispatches said. Swatow is about 180 miles northeast of Hong Kong.

Bomb Explodes—At Long Last

SUNNYSIDE, Wash., Jan. 29 (AP)—A 50-pound navy skip bomb which had been rolled down a steep hill, loaded into a truck, placed on a dining room table and then moved outside, finally exploded yesterday—but with a navy bomb expert on hand to supervise the detonation.

Deputy Sheriff Ralph Kuhns said the bomb, dropped intact on the Zillah bombing range during the war, was found by two boys, Warren Everett and Lloyd Kollwitz.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 (AP) (USDA)—Potatoes: 9 broken, 14 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Oregon 7; market steady; Klamath Russets No. 1-A, 1.45; Idahos 1-A, 1.45.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP) (USDA)—Potatoes: 16 broken, 17 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 4, Oregon 1, Idaho 5, Utah 5, by truck 10; market slightly stronger; Idaho Russets No. 1-A, \$4.90-5.00.

7 1/2 Cent Up Given 4000 AFL Group

A 7 1/2 cents-an-hour wage increase for 4000 lumber and logging workers in the area covered by the Klamath Basin district council of the AFL was agreed upon today by negotiators for the union and employers represented by the Fine Industrial Relations committee, Inc.

The new scale, if accepted by the local unions and individual employers, will make the basic wages in logging and sawmills \$1.37 1/2, and in box factories, \$1.35.

Recommendations of the negotiators were forwarded today by both the local district council office of the union and the PIRC. K. A. Gordon headed the union negotiators, and C. L. Irving represented the PIRC in the discussion, which has been going on since early January.

Effective January 1

Under the negotiators' agreement, the wage increase would be effective as of January 1. The increase would be paid only to employees on the payroll on the date the recommendation is accepted by the local union and the individual employer, and workers hired subsequent to that time. The manner of application of the wage increase to piece workers will be handled by local negotiations.

Ordinarily, recommendations by negotiators in such cases are accepted. The increases cover workers in Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Rogue river valley, Weed, Yreka, Sprague River, and some of the operations at Alturas and Canby.

The boosts amount to 60 cents per day per worker. They total up around \$2400 a year for the entire group.

Funeral Ship Sinks At Last

BOSTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The army funeral ship Joseph V. Connolly went adrift from a low line today off Cape Race, Nfld., and sank, the coast guard reported today. The ship, previously ravaged by fire, was under tow for New York.

The coast guard said the towing hawser slipped off a towing drum on the commercial tug Curb. Almost immediately, the coast guard said, the Connolly disappeared from the cutter Acushnet's radar scope. The Acushnet was accompanying the Curb.

Earlier, the Acushnet said, it was noted heavy seas were flooding the Connolly's after hatches. A whole gale was blowing and heavy snow squalls were prevailing when the Connolly disappeared, the coast guard said.

Police Check On Runaways

Three teen-age boys were reported by police to have run away from their homes here last night and are believed to be heading for Portland to join the coast guard.

Two of the youths are 16 years old, the other 15. One left a note to his parents saying he was fed up with school.

Wednesday afternoon Sheriff Lloyd Low and Deputy Juvenile Officer Faye Blackmer located a 17-year-old girl who had left home and was walking toward Lake Harriet up the Lake of the Woods road for a solitary camping trip.

The girl was equipped with a hunting knife and one match, scarcely enough gear for a camp at the snow-bound lake. She was returned home.

Used Car Men Swing To Right

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29 (AP)—Philadelphia used car dealers got together and voted thumbs down on such trade names as "More Money Max," "The Smiling Irishman," and "Top Dollar Joe."

Names like that, the dealers solemnly agreed in a resolution last night, are not in keeping with the industry's "desire to maintain a dignified attitude in its transactions with the public."

MISTAKE

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—Patrolman John Hatch stepped from the jail building last night carrying a number of arrest slips and a letter to be mailed.

When he returned to the record bureau he had the letter—but not the arrest slips clerks were waiting to file.

A post office employe retrieved the records from the corner mail box.

Stanford Prexy Dies In Gotham

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—Dr. Donald B. Treddler, 53, president of Stanford University at Palo Alto, Calif., died last night in his suite at a mid-Manhattan hotel.

Police attributed the educator's death to natural causes. The body was removed to the Bellevue hospital morgue and a medical examiner said it would be determined today whether an autopsy would be performed.

Dr. Treddler arrived in New York last Friday to attend a meeting of the Association of American Universities' policy committee of which he is chairman. He had planned to go from here to Washington and return to California on February 9.

No End Seen To St. Helens Meat Battle

ST. HELENS, Jan. 29 (AP)—New "bargains" were promised by butchers here for the week-end as the meat price war rounded out its fourth week with no end in sight.

Ernie Peterson, partner of a store that opened January 2 and who claims to have forced prices downward, said, "We're making money."

Jack Sappington, who offered free ham earlier this week, said he couldn't see any end to the price slash spiral. He added he would just as soon stop the major loss leader items, however. His specials yesterday featured three pounds of hamburger for \$1.

His stiffest competitor yesterday was offering pork roasts at 45 cents a pound, pork loin at 55, sirloin and rump beef roasts at 49 and round steak at 59.

Other market operators, not enthused about the price cutting wave, agreed it was still in full swing.

There are nine meat markets in the city.

Buyers started flocking into the Columbia river community, 25 miles from Portland, last week-end when the war was in its third sensational week.

Peterson said his shop was buying animals from farmers and having them custom slaughtered. This, he explained, permitted the price drop at a profit.

"We're doing all right," he added, "with the volume we're getting we're making money. This can keep up a long time and we won't complain."

Mercury Hits Seasonal Low

Overcast skies, following on the heels of a seasonal low record of 11 degrees above zero chalked up this morning by the U. S. weatherman, brought a frore to Klamath brows which have been serene and slightly smug this past few weeks as the basin has basked in unusual January sun.

The barometer at noon today showed a steady but not drastic drop for the past 24 hours but was leveling off. In the meantime the forecast was for "cloudy weather, snow flurries tonight but clearing Friday."

The Oregon state highway commission reported the first snow in two weeks is expected to fall tonight in mountain passes, with rain expected on other routes.

Ski enthusiasts are hoping for snow at Crater Lake national park where skiing has been poor the past two week-ends. Only a fresh fall of snow to cover the ice encrusted trails and slopes, would make skiing possible this week-end, rangers reported.

GM Insurance Plan Blocked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Federal Judge John Bright today issued a temporary restraining order in New York City barring General Motors corporation from putting an employee insurance plan into effect on February 1.

The court's action was announced here by the national labor relations board.

Robert N. Denham, the board's general counsel, requested the order, contending that GM had failed to bargain on the insurance plan with the CIO Auto Workers union. Denham charged this was an unfair labor practice.

Judge Bright gave GM until February 3 to say why it should not be barred permanently on the plan. A hearing will be held then to determine whether a permanent injunction should be granted.

Denham told the court that GM was attempting to place its own insurance plan into effect without bargaining with the union as the firm had agreed to do in its present contract.

France Vetoes Franc Recall

PARIS, Jan. 29 (AP)—A government bill to confiscate francs from black marketeers was rejected by the national assembly's finance commission today.

Premier Robert Schuman's government sought to withdraw all 5000 franc notes in circulation, and apparently to confiscate those obtained illegitimately.

The bill was rejected when the finance commission failed to give it a majority approval. The vote was a tie, 20-20.

The government demanded a second reading. The bill will go to the national assembly with an unfavorable report if the commission maintains its stand on the second reading.

British-Iraq Crisis Has Foreign Office In Dither

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Britain's government worriedly eyed the Middle East today, fearful of a crisis in their relations with the Arab states.

Officials conceded that recent riots in Baghdad reflected a serious British miscalculation of popular Arab opinion. The riots were in protest against a revised British-Iraq treaty of alliance.

Some informants said the British may try to retrieve last ground by proposing slight modification of the treaty, which was signed January 1. It has not been ratified. The government of Premier Salih Bey El Jabur, which negotiated the revision, quit Tuesday.

The treaty would permit British troops to enter Iraq in event of war and would allow the British to use Iraqi airfields.

There was some hope that a new Iraq government might be formed which would be able to convince the people the treaty is in their best interests.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had expressed hope the British-Iraq treaty would be one of a system of alliances to form a British-Arab bulwark against the spread of communism in the Middle East.

But the trigger-quick temper of the Arabian man-on-the-street provides a touchy problem.

An illustration of Arab nationalism was given in London yesterday by an unidentified trans-Jordan official. He said:

"If the people of the Mideast had to choose between being Arabs under communism and being subjects of a foreign imperialism, whether British or American imperialism, unquestioningly they would select communism."

A Moscow radio commentator heard in London gave the Soviet reaction to the Iraq question. The broadcast said the Arabs regard the treaty as a direct menace to national interests and an attempt "of the imperialists to continue their old colonial policy of enslavement of the peoples of Asia and Africa."

In Baghdad, former Premier Salih Bey El Jabur was reliably reported to have fled the city. A secret police informant said he had gone to Hills, 60 miles south of Baghdad, to the tribes of his father-in-law. Crowds marched through Baghdad, crying for his head.

Distiller's Ration Ends Saturday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today to extend until October 31 his power to control use of grain, saying the present shortage "jeopardizes the national security."

In a special message to congress, Mr. Truman recommended that his authority over grain be extended under the second war powers act "with respect to allocation and inventory control of grain for the production of ethyl alcohol regardless of the use to which the product is to be put."

The message was read to the house. The senate was not in session.

AFL Moves Against Reds

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 29 (AP)—The AFL executive council gave every indication today it meant to take advantage of anti-Soviet activity around the world by setting up a rival labor organization to freeze out the Russians.

The Soviet trade unions are members of the World Federation of Trade Unions, in which the CIO also is a participant, along with representatives of labor groups in a score of other nations. The AFL never would join, asserting the WFTU is "communist dominated" because of overwhelming numbers.

A three-man committee within the council is working on a new policy statement which might go so far as to scuttle the AFL's traditional opposition to universal military training, and reverse its historic stand on the theory that U. S. youth must be drilled for defense. The committee plans to report Friday.

President William Green told his news conference here yesterday that in addition to the organization of an inter-American federation of labor among 17 nations in this hemisphere, the AFL planned to appeal to labor groups in Europe, Asia and elsewhere to rival the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU).

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Mr. Truman called attention to congress to the gravity of "a critical shortage of grain which threatens to become even more serious during the next few months."

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