THOUSANDS JAM GANDHI RITES

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE American Meat Institute (which is a sort of pool of the best brains of America's free enterprise meat industry) tells a congressional committee in Washington this morning that fears of a serious meat shortage are unfounded. The director of the institute's marketing department says:

"The supply of meat per person next spring and summer will be about ONE-HALF AN OUNCE less than last year, but there will be more meat per person during this period than before the war."

That is a fairly flat statement from people who OUGHT to know.

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OUR department of agriculture (a political subdivision of our government) has been telling us that a severe shortage of meat will develop this spring and will grow worse during the summer.

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WHO is right?

Who is wrong?

This writer doesn't know. But this sharp difference of opinion as to how much meat will actually be available for consumption in the United States this year certainly brings out with astonishing clarity our crying need for FACTS as distinguished from propaganda.

When we proceed on cold, hard FACTS, we are on safe ground. When we let ourselves be swayed by propaganda, we take long risks.

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THE Meat Institute, through its marketing director, offers this advice to consumers: "Be more moderate in your demands and exercise restraints. If all of us do this, there will be meat enough at prices most people consider reasonable."

That is good sound advice. If we act on it, we can't be very badly hurt. But what if we DON'T take it? What if we act on the assumption that meat is going to be extremely scarce this spring and still scarcer during the summer—as the department of agriculture tells us?

Well, in that event, we'll all fill our lockers to capacity NOW. When 140 million people start buying meat all at once, it takes a LOT OF MEAT. If everybody starts filling lockers, meat will get SCARCE, even if it isn't scarce now.

To this insignificant writer, the advice to keep our shirts on and buy no more meat than we need to round out an adequate, reasonably-balanced diet sounds like good common sense.

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IF you are a confirmed reader of the advertisements (which contain a vast amount of information as to what is going on in the world), you will be familiar with the American Meat Institute.

It came into being a number of years ago when the food fad of the moment was to AVOID MEAT on the theory that it made you fat, promoted pimples, or the pip, or did various other things to you whose result was to make you less glamorous than you thought you ought to be.

During these faddish years, meat consumption ran down to the point where the meat people, from the stockmen on up, were scared pink. So they formed the American Meat Institute to tackle the job of convincing people that meat is really good, wholesome food. It did its job so well that now we all want meat—or else.

(Especially steaks, which are scarce and high-priced, and therefore highly desirable.)

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THERE is an interesting dispatch from New Delhi (India) this morning. It says:

"Many persons here believe the assassination of Gandhi was the work of UNDERGROUND LEFT-WINGERS who opposed his efforts to halt communal bloodshed."

What does that mean, if true?

Simply this:

These "underground left-wingers" are SEEKING PERSONAL POWER and in order to gain it are ready to shoot down a great and good man who sought to improve the lot of the common people of his country.

Black Market In Meat Looming

Soviet Life Highlights Hearing

SEATTLE, Jan. 31 (AP)—An airplane plant worker, Walter W. Churchill, told the Canwell un-American activities committee today that former U. S. Rep. Hugh DeLacy had urged him in 1938 to join the communist party.

Churchill testified that he was working at odd jobs. He said DeLacy assured him employment at the county-city building and "that I wouldn't be laid off."

He said he told DeLacy, "I'm sorry; I'm not for sale."

Status Clouded

The state legislative committee, its status clouded by superior court action pushed by the Washington Pension union, switched from the investigation of regional affairs to peek at life in Russia. It was given an eye full by Capt. George Levich, late of the Russian navy and now a master in the U. S. merchant marine.

"We never allowed the engineers to pump out the bilge water until we sent a man below to scoop off the fish oil from the top of the water," the captain said, recalling his experiences as master of a Soviet fishing craft.

"It was the only oil we had to go with our black flour dumplings."

He said the people in Russian concentration camps "are crowded together like chickens in a barrel. There is no sanitation at all. The food is mostly black bread and barley gruel."

The Russian pension program, said the captain, is "just propaganda." He told of an engineer who retired on a pension, discovered his 100 rubles per month would buy only a bottle of milk, and went back to work.

Captain Levich said he left Russia in 1944, but gave no particulars on his divorce from the Soviet.

Seattle Man Shoots Wife

SEATTLE, Jan. 31 (AP)—Tony Phillips, 38, was killed and 32-year-old Grace DeCaney wounded today in a shooting at a downtown hotel.

Detective Paul Foster said the woman's husband, Cef DeCaney, 45, gave himself up to custody at the home of an attorney. Foster quoted DeCaney as saying, "I guess I lost my head. I have been unable to work the last three weeks because I have had to stay at home and take care of the children."

DeCaney was held without charge as an investigation began.

The shooting occurred about 9 a. m. in the city's south end. The victim's assailant fled in an automobile and police radio and sheriff's and state patrol cars began searching for him.

DeCaney's wife, Grace, was taken to a hospital with a wound in the abdomen.

Policewomen went to the DeCaney address and took three small children they found there for safekeeping.

U. S. Athletes March At Olympic Opening

Preceded by a flagbearer with the Stars and Stripes, members of the U. S. Olympic team march through St. Moritz, Switzerland, at the opening of the 1948 winter Olympic games. The U. S. had one of the largest delegations—92 men and women.

Demo Aid Seen For Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) claimed today enough democrats will support his $6,500,000,000 tax cut bill to pass it 2 to 1.

After two days of sizzling debate, the vote was set for Monday. The house did not meet today.

Meanwhile, democratic leaders polished up a substitute bill which would hold the income tax reduction to about $4,000,000,000. It would tax corporation profits $3,200,000,000 to make up most of the revenue loss.

All the democrats hope for is a good showing. The substitute has no chance.

In the senate, though, even the republicans admit the $6,500,000,000 slash provided by the Knutson bill will be trimmed. This will be a bid for democratic help to override the expected presidential veto by the necessary two-thirds majority.

The republican measure would raise individual exemptions from $500 to $600, let married couples in all states split their income for tax reporting purposes, and cut taxes besides by percentages ranging from 30 per cent in the lowest income brackets to 10 per cent in the highest.

Search For Plane Widens

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 31 (AP)—Some 30 planes combed the stormy Atlantic around Bermuda today in a widening search for a British airliner missing with 29 persons aboard, including a British World War II leader.

Rescue planes already have scoured over 68,000 square miles in quest of the four-engined Star Tiger of the British South American Airways. Veteran fliers called the search mission the greatest ever conducted from Bermuda.

The plane last was heard from yesterday when it was 440 miles northeast of Bermuda.

An airplane official said the ship carried 23 passengers and six crewmen. One passenger was Sir Arthur Coningham, retired British air marshal and hero of the North African air war. The pilot was Capt. David Colby, of England.

Rescue pilots said flying conditions were "far from ideal." They reported seas between 30 and 40 feet high. Clouds hampered visibility.

(In London the British ministry of civil aviation said the aircraft was "presumed lost.")

Klamath Soldier Reported Killed

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31 (AP) — The army yesterday identified two soldiers killed when a towing cable slipped from a chock and backlashed across the deck of the mine planter Spurgin.

They were Staff Sgt. Ed Schultz, 38, Klamath Falls, Ore., and Staff Sgt. Emil N. Shebesta, 41, Bethel, O. The accident occurred Thursday. Both men were attached to the mine detachment at Fort Baker, Calif.

Opera Star Is Fight Arena Hit

SARASOTA, Fla., Jan. 31 (AP)—A Metropolitan Opera soprano, Helen Jepson, stepped between the ropes into the white glare of a boxing ring last night and made a hit.

She appeared in concert before a standing room only crowd of 1500 music lovers who displaced the usual fight fans in the American Legion coliseum.

Miss Jepson had to use the impromptu concert hall as a result of the ban placed on the municipal auditorium by the Tampa local of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) last November.

Miss Jepson is a member of the Artists guild, but her accompanist is a member of the Musicians' union. The ring was banked with flowers for her appearance.

WU Strike Threat Ends

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The threat of a nationwide Western Union telegraph strike has ended.

Forty-five thousand telegraphers voted to accept a raise of 8 cents an hour, effective April 1, 1948. This was announced today by Adolph Brungs, president of the Western Union division of the Commercial Telegraphers union, AFL.

Brungs said merely that the agreement was ratified in local meetings by "the necessary majority." About three-fourths of the 45,000 belong to the CTU and the rest to two local AFL affiliates.

A strike in December was averted when Mediation Director Cyrus S. Ching appointed a fact finding board. It has not made its recommendations, but meantime Ching had asked the parties to talk some more. They did, and readied the eight-cent settlement.

Driver Hurt In Smash-Up

A car crashed into a parked truck on the Chiloquin cut-off of highway 97 early last night, injuring the driver, Richard O'Donovan of Chiloquin, state police reported today.

The accident was reported by Rogers Construction company, the firm which holds the contract on the cut-off. The truck, owned by L. F. Corey, Rogers' employe, was parked at the side of the highway with both ends marked by flares. Corey said he located a broken transmission housing unit on the truck shortly after 7 o'clock and he had to leave the truck. O'Donovan received facial cuts but was not hospitalized. His car was badly damaged.

Questions Out, Safe Already Open

CHICAGO, Jan. 31 (AP)—Raymond Pozulp, 26, manager of the Cherry Meat Packers, insisted to two gunmen that he did not know the combination of the safe. They argued as four other employes listened.

Apparently convinced Pozulp did not know the combination, the two started to leave. One gunman stopped and yanked at the safe door. It was unlocked.

21 Dead In Plane Wrecks

DIGNE, France, Jan. 31 (AP)—Discovery of 12 bodies in the wreckage of an air force transport today brought to 21 the total known dead in two United States airplane crashes in Southern France.

Reports reached here that searchers had found the bodies of three American women, five children and four crewmen where the first plane fell. The crash occurred near a village in the French Alps. The craft was a C-47.

The second plane, a B-17 Flying Fortress, went down and exploded on a search for the transport. Police said one man in its crew of 10 survived.

Both planes struck within a 20-mile radius of Digne, which is about 75 miles northeast of Marseille.

The twin-engined transport had been missing since Tuesday on a flight from Istres airbase, near Marseille, to Udine, Italy. It was taking the women and children toward Trieste to join their husbands and fathers, servicemen.

Mine Cave-In Kills Three

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 31 (CP)—Buried under tons of rock, three miners died in the Britannia mine, at Britannia Beach, 40 miles north of here, late last night.

The dead: Julian Krill, Vancouver; Erwin G. Bucker, Buffalo, N. Y., and William N. Natrafowany, Fork River, Man.

A fourth member of the four-man crew escaped by inches as the cave-in, believed caused by a fault in the rock over the heads of the men, crashed into the stope where they were drilling.

Bodies of the victims were taken from the rock-filled stope this morning after a rescue crew had worked throughout the night.

It was estimated 100 tons of rock fell on the victims, bringing instant death.

The mine is operated by the Britannia Mining and Smelting company.

Lumber Wage Boost Okayed

A wage increase of 7½ cents an hour has been negotiated for 2500 lumber and sawmill union members (AFL) in the Northern California district council, it was disclosed here today at the office of the pine industrial relations committee.

PIRC represented employers and Roy Walker, Susanville, headed negotiators for the unionists. The increase, effective as of January 1, must now be approved by individual members of PIRC and locals of the union.

Employes of 15 companies are involved. The operations are in the Alturas - Susanville - Westwood - Feather River - Upper Sacramento area.

The increase is the same as that negotiated this week for 4000 employes in the Klamath basin district council area.

Officials Scoff At Shortage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Two meat industry representatives said today black market operators are already preparing for a return of meat rationing.

R. J. Eggert, speaking for the American Meat Institute, told a senate banking subcommittee that fears of a serious meat shortage are unfounded and said:

"We have had reports at the institute offices that black market operators are trying to buy back plants they sold after the war. Prices were so high that just the anticipation (of rationing) has stirred up a lot of interest."

Chairman Flanders (R-Vt.) of the subcommittee read into the record similar testimony from Jay C. Hormel, chairman of the board of the George A. Hormel and company meat packing firm at Austin, Minn.

Hormel's letter said in part:

Negotiations On

"Already we find potential black market operators negotiating for facilities and for livestock supplies."

R. J. Hawes, a cattle grower in Owyhee county, Idaho, speaking for the Idaho Cattlemen's association, declared that meat rationing "would hinder and disrupt rather than improve the distribution of meat."

In discounting meat shortage talk Eggert said:

"The supply of meat per person next spring and summer will be about one-half an ounce less than last year, but there will be more meat per person during this period than before the war."

The agriculture department has forecast that a severe shortage will develop in the spring and grow worse during the summer.

The subcommittee is considering a bill by Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) which would let the government get ready for meat rationing. It would be up to congress to decide whether to put the program into effect later.

"Meat rationing will not work, but would only create black markets and discourage production so that the supply of meat into 1949 would be even shorter," Eggert said in his prepared statement.

As an alternative, he suggested that consumers "be more moderate in their demands and exercise restraints." He added:

"If all of us do this, there will be enough meat at prices most people consider reasonable."

Demos Propose New Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP) — House democrats will offer a substitute tax cut bill raising everybody's exemption $200.

A group agreed to it today in the office of Democratic Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas.

The proposal will come up Monday when the house is scheduled to vote on the republican bill which would grant an extra $100 exemption, and lower tax rates 10 to 30 per cent.

Both bills would allow husbands and wives to split income for tax purposes to keep the rate down.

The democrats estimate their program would cut income taxes $4,000,000,000. They propose to make up all but $800,000,000 of it by an excess profits tax on corporations. The republicans figure their tax cut at $6,500,000,000 and offer no offsetting increases elsewhere.

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), author of the GOP bill, claimed enough democrats will support his bill to pass it 2 to 1.

The democratic substitute appears to have no chance. The minority hopes for a good showing.

Reservation Change Hinted

An officially unconfirmed report was received today that B. H. Bitnely has been appointed superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, succeeding B. G. Courtright.

The information came in a private wire from Washington, D. C., but all offices were closed and no further details or confirmation could be obtained. At Klamath Agency, Courtright said he had not heard of it.

Courtright is presently on leave, and there have been reports that a change is pending in the superintendency. Nothing is known here about Bitnely.

Will Run Again

JOHN REBER

Reber To Run For Court

John Reber, county commissioner from Malin for two four-year terms, will be a candidate for the post again he announced yesterday afternoon.

Reber will have his name put on the May 21 primary ballot for the republican nomination. It appears certain that even though there is no contest in the primary, there will be one in the November general voting.

Pat Kilby said earlier yesterday he would seek the democratic nomination for commissioner. The two are the only persons mentioned for the one position on the county court coming vacant this year.

Two other office holders—Glenn Terrill and Dr. George H. Adler—both said this week they were still undecided whether to try again. Terrill is county tax assessor, having been appointed by the county court for a short term, while Dr. Adler for many years has been county coroner.

No Skiing At Crater Lake

Skis can remain in moth balls over the week-end as far as Crater Lake park is concerned, rangers advised this morning.

A bare half-inch of snow has fallen in three weeks, park service employes reported, the half-inch falling on a thick, icy crust last Thursday night. Rangers said they did not advise skiing under present conditions and that trails were exceptionally poor for this time of the year.

There were 18 consecutive clear days in the park prior to last Thursday, which was overcast. Friday and today, Saturday, have been clear and the forecast is for continued fair weather. This month is a record maker in park history for consecutive clear January days.

One accident was reported in the park this past week when Mrs. Wayne Howe, wife of Ranger Howe, fell near the park employes' ski tow and tore the ligaments in the right knee. She was moved to Klamath Falls for medical care but is now at home. The accident occurred last Monday. A good attendance of out-of-state cars was reported from headquarters this week.

Douglas Fir Bid Sets New Record

ROSEBURG, Jan. 31 (AP)—The record price of $24.50 a thousand board feet for Douglas county fir featured the Umpqua National forest timber auction here yesterday.

Successful bidder was the Robert Dollar company of Glendale with an offer of $164,850 for more than 7,000,000 board feet of timber. The company bid appraised prices on other species of timber in the tract, located on Applegate creek, 35 miles east of Glendale.

One other bidder took part, the Fir Manufacturing company of Myrtle Creek, which offered $24 a thousand for Douglas fir. Its total bid was $163,838.

M. M. Nelson, forest supervisor, said the successful bid was 104 per cent higher than the appraised value of $80,460.

Huge Pyre Attended By Son

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31 (AP) — The frail body of Mohandas Gandhi was consigned to the ages today on a blazing pile of sandalwood logs.

Gandhi's son, Devadas, set afire the funeral pyre which reduced the body to ashes. Flames reflected on the sorrowing faces of the fraction of India's millions who could crowd around the ritual scene, crushing against police lines.

Devadas Gandhi and close friends of the family poured gallons of ghee (an oil made from clarified butter) onto the pyre from brass and earthen pots, to make the wood more volatile.

Ceremony

Then Devadas walked around the pyre three times in a ceremony symbolic of the severance of mortal ties between father and son.

First at the body's head and then at the foot the son, his face drawn, applied a ghee-dipped torch. The flames took over quickly as the son placed his torch upon the pyre above his father's heart. He was spared an ordeal of some Hindu funerals, that of placing a live coal directly on the chest over the heart.

The flames leaped 10 feet high in the growing dusk. Within an hour the pyre, built on a three-foot brick base, was a glowing bed of coals.

Police drove the crowd back 10 feet to avert possible tragedies. Military officials said the crowd, which formed a rough circle with the pyre as its center, was possibly a half mile in diameter.

Many persons dashed forward to take souvenirs of ash and charred wood, but soldiers stopped that.

Devadas Gandhi and his brother, Ramadas, then bathed in the nearby Jumna river. They had fasted since their father's death, and could eat only after they bathed.

Lord Mountbatten, governor general, and the entire Indian cabinet saw the pyre ritual. Lady Mountbatten helped rescue one woman from trampling.

The mahatma's ashes are to remain at the pyre, on the banks of the River Jumna, for a day and a half. Then they are to be gathered and taken to the River Ganges—sacred to his Hindu faith — and thrown into the waters in the manner traditional with Hindus.

Fear Holds Grip

India was gripped with fear of what may come in the wake of Gandhi's violent death. Rioting in Bombay, which took 15 lives yesterday, subsided somewhat, but in Poona, the office of an extremist Hindu newspaper was burned.

Sullen Poona crowds attacked the property of persons known to have opposed Gandhi. Tilak Memorial hall was set afire as crowds searched for anyone possibly connected with the assassin. Bombay police arrested five persons suspected of being implicated.

New Delhi police disclosed that Gandhi's accused assassin had been arraigned secretly and held without bail for investigation of murder. He was arraigned under the name of Narayan Vinayak Gadse of Poona. The 25-year-old assassin had pumped bullets into Gandhi's chest and leg at close range.

The procession to the Jumna river was tumultuous all the way. At one point, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was reported to have rescued a woman endangered by the crush.

Women fainted in the tremendous crush of people. Children collapsed under foot. Men bled from wounds inflicted by the flailing sticks of those fighting for a view of the procession.

Hour by hour the crowd grew along the five-mile route from Birla house to the river, until tens of thousands of Indians milled about in turmoil, ceasely shouting the name of the mahatma. The cry "Victory to Gandhi!" rang out frequently above the clamor.

As the sun broke through the morning mist, long files of the people passed into Birla house and through the open door of the room where Gandhi lay on a rose-strewn bier.

Indications Point To Reaching "Dimes" Goal

Indications at noon today were that Klamath county will go over the top in contributions to the March of Dimes drive which closes tonight with the Dimes dance at the armory. The goal this year was $8000, and Mrs. Paul Buck, county chairman, said that late returns today are very gratifying.

Donations totaling $592.42 were turned into March of Dimes' headquarters this morning by the city school office. Below are the individual school's contributions:

Conger	$ 35.25
Fairview	70.10
Fremont elementary	46.21
Mills	74.47
Pelican	52.34
Riverside	48.47
Roosevelt	97.66
Fremont junior high	17.92
KUHS	150.00
Total	$592.42

For those who have not received tickets to the dance by mail, tickets will be sold at the armory tonight. Dancing is from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. to music by Morrison and McDonald.

The Business and Professional Women's club will donate their time to take charge of checking coats at the dance.

Contributions were coming in today from county schools and communities outside of Klamath Falls. A near-total figure will probably be available Monday, Mrs. Buck said.

Contributions may be mailed to March of Dimes, P. O. Box 1011, Klamath Falls, or brought to headquarters in the Willard hotel lobby.

Cabaret Girls Bust Up Police

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31 (AP)—Rioting Chinese cabaret girls and their men friends tonight wrecked the Municipal Social Affairs Bureau building and injured an estimated 20 Shanghai policemen.

An estimated 2000 girls and an almost equal number of men companions rioted in protest against the city's closure of 14 cabarets in connection with China's austerity program.

The rioters broke into the building and smashed furniture, windows and doors before being driven by club-swinging police into a yard. There the police held them at bay, but appeared unable to make them disperse. A number of the rioters were injured.

Shanghai's cabarets — some of them world-famous—employ thousands of hostesses.

Orville Wright Dies At Hospital In Dayton, Ohio

DAYTON, O., Jan. 31 (AP)—Death came to Orville Wright last night, 44 years after he put wings on the world with the first flight in a heavier-than-air machine.

The 76-year-old co-inventor of the airplane died in his sleep under an oxygen tent at Miami Valley hospital at 10:40 p.m.

Dr. A. B. Brower, his physician, said Wright succumbed to a lung congestion and coronary arteriosclerosis, a heart disease.

The world's pioneer aviator entered the hospital last Tuesday after suffering his second heart attack of recent months. He recovered rapidly from a first attack October 10, 1947.

Without Orville Wright's cloth, glue and wood contraption and his 12-second flight over the sands of Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903, there would be no airforce, but the inventor himself readily admitted he never had envisioned his airplane as the world's big military weapon.

"Quite obviously," he remarked once, "Wilbur (his late brother and co-inventor) and I could not foresee what awful use could be made of the airplane. But it is, and will be of tremendous importance in peace."

While he aided American military might by conferring with Wright field engineers on many air force projects, Wright turned to peaceful uses of the airplane with more interest.

Along with his abiding interest in things aerial, Wright clung to a native shyness and modesty. He lived in close retirement most of his years. Once his noted impromptu wit brought forth this explanation of his aversion to speaking in public:

"The most talkative bird in the world is a parrot, but he's a poor flier."