

# SOUTH OREGON ESCAPES DIMOUT

**WEATHER**  
 Max. Feb. 51. Min. 10.  
 Precipitation last 24 hours — 0.02  
 Normal for date — 0.11  
 Last year — 3.36 Normal — 1.84  
 Forecast: fair.

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Antonin Zapotocky (at microphone), communist deputy and head of Czech Urad, the nation's trade union congress, read a declaration in the National theatre in Prague, which included a pledge of work stoppage, (one hour, February 25). Center foreground is Communist Premier Klement Gottwald, and right foreground is Karel Otrata, head of the government planning commission. Gottwald later took over control of Czechoslovakia when President Eduard Benes yielded to his demands. Gottwald formed a new cabinet made up almost wholly of his supporters.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
 THE United States, Britain and France, acting jointly, condemn as a "disguised dictatorship of communists" the new government just set up in Czechoslovakia.

They say the reds seized power "through a crisis artificially and deliberately instigated," that the crisis "served as a cover for the use of certain methods already tested in other places," and add that as a result Czechoslovakia has suffered "suspension of the free exercise of parliamentary institutions and the establishment of a disguised dictatorship of a single party."

That is all true. But diplomats, unfortunately, can't speak plainly. They conceal their meaning in a fog of words.

Let's put it bluntly. The communist method, when grabbing another country, is to stir up a ruckus. Under cover of the ruckus, they bring in thugs and strong-arm men. When the time is ripe, they SEIZE POWER BY ARMED FORCE.

That is the pattern. In each country they are gunning for, the communists FIRST find conscienceless men who are hungry for power at any price. Working through these stooges, they accomplish their purpose.

### Czech Leader Reads Declaration

PRAGUE, Feb. 25 (AP)—Czechoslovakia is completely under communist control today and the way is clear for transforming the republic, modeled at birth after the United States, into a copy of Soviet Russia.

The pattern for the minority parties will be to purge their ranks of all persons who have fallen into communist disfavor. Communist sympathizers now are in control of those parties.

The weapon is there—the charge of conspiracy against the government by "agents of reaction." This was provided by Communist Premier Klement Gottwald himself. Now in complete control of the press and propaganda outlets, the communists have all means at their disposal to drive home this campaign.

### "Most Fun Since The War" Says Sergeant At End Of Unauthorized Plane Flight

BALBOA, C. Z., Feb. 26 (AP)—Apparently it isn't very hard to fly a B-17.

### Hall Takes To Thumb Again

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Governor John H. Hall became a hitchhiker for the third time last night when his state-owned automobile broke down 10 miles north of Salem.

### "Hobo Basket" Getting Richer

SPOKANE, Feb. 26 (AP)—The "Hobo Basket" left Spokane \$45 richer.

### Ex-Naval Officer Found Strangled In Hotel Room

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—An ex-naval officer, traveling under orders from the navy department, was found strangled in his ransacked West 87th street hotel room yesterday.

### Reds In Complete Control Of Czechoslovakia; Purge Planned In Minority Ranks

PRAGUE, Feb. 26 (AP)—Czechoslovakia is completely under communist domination last night. The communist party, largest at the last election but still a minority in the parliament, has achieved a cabinet made up of its members and trusted sympathizers. Only a semblance of the old seven-party coalition is preserved.

Columns of Czech students attempted to march to Hrdcany palace last night to see President Eduard Benes, who capitulated yesterday to communist demands after holding out for almost a week. Police arrested 50 of them.

### Reds Step Up Mukden Drive

NANKING, Feb. 26 (AP)—The mounting fury of Chinese communist assaults near Mukden was regarded today as probably opening a direct attack on that Manchurian metropolis.

### City Dickers For Land

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### Alaska Highway Opened To All

FORT ST. JOHN, B. C., Feb. 26 (AP)—Red tape barred tourist progress today along the Alaska highway. The road is open to all comers.

### Russians Take Over Six Times As Much Territory During And Since War As Nazi Germany Ever Took

By The Associated Press  
 Before Hitler's Germany went to war, she reached out and took control of more than 100,000 neighboring square miles and upward of 28,000,000 people.

### Engineers Don't Seem Very Clear

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 26 (AP)—The shortest street in St. Joseph is Long street. It is 110 feet long.

### Finalist



One of the five finalists for the 1948 Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at Oregon State college, Corvallis, is pretty Janice Blyeu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Blyeu, of Klamath Falls. Janice is a freshman at OSC. The sweetheart's name will be announced at the annual sweetheart ball Saturday night.

### Wreck Victim Critically Ill

The condition of Arthur Werner, 27-year-old Ralph L. Smith Lumber company brakeman, remained precarious at the Alturas hospital, word from Alturas advised late this morning.

### Frozen Lot Sale Probed

The property mix-up over the sale of a number of Hot Springs lots by the city which were supposed to have been withheld from sale, is being investigated at the city hall today.

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### Phone Service Restored Here

Service to more than 3000 customers of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company was reinstated at 10:30 o'clock last night after phone users in the south suburban area were without communication for 16 1/2 hours.

### VA Man

Succeeding Patrick Kilby in the veterans administration office, federal building, is George Reed, a contact representative. He held her from Corvallis where he held the same position with Oregon State college.

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### Weyerhaeuser Closes Down Until Monday

Southern Oregon customers of the California Oregon Power company will not feel the effects of the electricity supply shortage except in the continued slowing-down of clocks, but neighboring towns in California came under California's emergency "dimout" this morning.

Mills probably will be put on a short supply again. Here in Klamath Falls the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, one of the largest pine operations in the country, was closed today for lack of power, but not because of the California drought.

### Petition Circulated For Truman

A petition to put the name of Harry S. Truman on the Oregon democratic primary as candidate for president of the United States is now being circulated in Klamath Falls.

### City Survey Starts Today

The city is completing negotiations for the last remaining piece of property on the park site near Link river.

### USBK Gets Survey Okay

Official notification to proceed with reclamation investigations on the Klamath Indian reservation has been received at the district office of the reclamation bureau here, apparently putting an end to an issue that became controversial last year.

### Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes — 13 broken, 12 unbroken cars on track; Oregon 9, Idaho 3, Maine 1, California 1, Mexico 2 arrived; market dull; Idaho Russets, No. 1A \$5.55.

### Southern Demos Block Anti-Lynch Law Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Southern democrats, aided by a rule technicality, blocked house judiciary committee action today on anti-lynching legislation.

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