

FINN OFFICIALS PONDER PACT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM Seoul (in the American occupied part of Korea) comes this dispatch this morning: "The United States announced plans today to proceed with a general election May 9, under United Nations observation, to name delegates for establishing a Korean government."

NOTE the statement that our plans in Korea are to proceed "under United Nations observation." It is significant.

At Lake Success (UN headquarters) last week, the Korean question came to a head. United Nations has a commission on Korean affairs. This commission has been trying for some time to call elections for a new Korean government to be RUN BY KOREANS. Russia has balked. Last week, she refused to permit representatives of the commission to enter North Korea (Russian-occupied).

Whereupon the "little assembly" of UN told the commission to go ahead anyway and carry out its plans for an election in the AMERICAN zone. If Russia refused to allow North Koreans to participate, the "little assembly" ordered, HOLD THE ELECTION ANYWAY (in the American zone only), get the Koreans for Korean government started and let the North Koreans into it later if they can get out from under Russia's thumb.

There the matter stands at the moment.

WHAT does it mean?

Here's a guess: Russia took the bull by the horns in Czechoslovakia. We're answering by making the bull by the horns in Korea.

Remember—that's only a guess.

AT this point, a question will probably arise in your mind: "What is this LITTLE ASSEMBLY of United Nations?"

Let's try to answer it sketchily and non-technically. The "little assembly" is a device to get around the Russian veto. It is a new sub-organization WITHIN the organization of United Nations. The idea arose when it became evident that Russia would veto everything she didn't like, thus hamstringing UN at every move.

Will it work?

That remains to be seen.

FROM Helsinki (Finnish capital) comes another dispatch that is interesting. It says:

"Discussion began within the Finnish government today on Prime Minister Stalin's proposal for a Finnish-Russian treaty of friendship and mutual assistance."

The dispatch adds:

"Well-informed sources said the president is in favor of signing such a treaty."

FROM this safe distance, we might be inclined to say he should REFUSE to sign.

Before going out on that limb, let's first put to ourselves this question: "What would I do if a big, tough, hard-boiled guy had a gun in my stomach and there was nobody around to give me any help?"

YESTERDAY a navy jet fighter plane flew from Seattle to Los Angeles (1025 miles) in ONE HOUR, 58 minutes and seven seconds. Its average speed was 521 mph. On the same general enterprise (described as a "speed training mission") another navy pilot flew the 704 miles from Seattle to San Francisco at an average speed of 522 mph and a third flew 1135 miles from Seattle to San Diego at 511 miles per hour.

HERE'S a thought:

A world in which pilots take off casually and fly long distances at an average speed well over 500 miles per hour is obviously a new world. We can't solve all its problems by the OLD rules.

WEATHER

Max. (Feb. 29) 43 Min. 37
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 1.38
Last year 3.36 Normal 8.95
Forecast: Showers.

Herald and News

CLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1948 Telephone 8111 ** No. 1277

PRICE FIVE CENTS



This picture was taken this morning as fire burned an uncompleted wing of the First Baptist church, 8th and Washington streets. The church building proper, at left, and the house at right being converted into Sunday school rooms, were not harmed. But the connecting wing, which also includes Sunday school rooms, was badly damaged in a blaze which firemen said started from a newly installed electric heating fixture.

Playful Bears Have Vacation

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 1 (AP)—Down here in this land of sunshine and sophistication, the most popular story of the day is that of the three bears.

The bears, night club performers, escaped from their cage yesterday while Trainer John Weide was away.

Happily the shaggy natives of Finland's forests, headed for nearby Biscayne bay and there they did what any other tourist would do. They went swimming.

Immediately a crowd collected, so did the police. Eventually the bears tired of swimming and returned to the vicinity of their cages where they playfully chased people.

Joseph Ebner, the night club's property manager, tried to shoo one of the bears into the cage. Resentfully, the bear grabbed him by the seat of his pants.

Weide finally coaxed his bears back into the cage.

Kanott Log Sale Slated

The Kanott logging unit No. 6 on the Klamath Indian reservation will be sold by sealed bid tomorrow afternoon at Klamath Agency. Bids will be taken until 2 p. m.

The Kanott unit covers 1800 acres of tribal holdings with an estimated 10,500,000 board feet of ponderosa and sugar pine timber and possibly some Douglas fir and other species. No allotment land is contained in the unit.

Minimum bids which will be considered at \$15.40 a thousand for pine, \$10 for Douglas fir and incense cedar, and \$4.60 for other species of saw timber.

The buyer will have until April 1, 1950, to complete the logging.

Blaze Hits Church Expansion Project



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Reds Mum On Number Of Arrests Made In Prague

PRAGUE, March 1 (AP)—New cabinet ministers told foreign reporters today the events last week which communists control of the government were the will of the people.

Vladko Kopecky, communist minister of information, told a news conference yesterday "no figure is available" on the number arrested or how many persons were expelled from their positions. He declined also to identify the western press Premier Klement Gottwald asserted were behind "reactionaries" in the former government.

The cabinet will meet tomorrow for the first time. The communist leaders already have made broad promises to farmers and workers.

One minister told the reporters constitutional elections would be held in the prescribed time before parliament is due to adjourn in June.

Vlado Clementis, undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, told a communist youth audience yesterday the foreign press "has started a campaign against us." He said it was the worst since that of Paul Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister.

Communist premier, Klement Gottwald, addressing a farmers' rally, promised up to 120 acres for each of those working the land. He urged the output of more food to help workers fulfill an industrial two-year plan.

"A Prague movie house named 'Cinema Freedom' withdrew on Saturday an American film on underground resistance to German occupation. The movie, which had run only one day, starred Charles Laughton and was called 'Crushed Country.'"

(Laughton said in Los Angeles the movie, shown in the United States as "This Land Is Mine," was a "strong picture against occupation.")

Laurence A. Steinhardt, United States ambassador, was asked about a story in the Sunday Times of London that he and the British and French ambassadors would quit Prague.

"I don't know anything about it," he said.

Snake Ends Long Life Of Buster

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 1 (AP)—The saga of Buster was ended by a snake in the grass.

The eight-year-old German shepherd long had endeared himself to postmen by following them on their rounds and defending them against attacks by other dogs.

Finally, Buster looked for another world to conquer. He came from the grass in a woods mortally wounded by a snake.

Today the mailmen are taking up a collection for Buster's funeral. They want to bury him on the lawn back of the post office. Over his grave they want to put a stone saying he was the postmen's friend.

All Officers Ain't Too Bad

ATLANTA, March 1 (AP)—Seaman 2/c Seneca Bailey asked the personnel officer at the naval air station here for five days' leave.

"How come?" Lt. L. D. Morgan asked.

"My wife had triplets, sir," the sailor replied.

"Take 15 days," exclaimed Morgan.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 5 broken, 21 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—California 1, Oregon 9, Idaho 5; market about steady; Klamath Russets No. 1 Bakers 6.00; Idaho No. 1-A 5.20-25.

LOS ANGELES, March 1 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 14 broken, 72 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Maine 1, Florida 1, California 2, Oregon 6, Idaho 41, Utah 10; 27 cars arrived by truck; Idaho Russets No. 1-A 6.25-40; Oregon White Rose No. 1-A, washed, 6.00.

Wallace Party New Target Of Administration In Move To Cover Up Party Rift

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The Truman administration tried today to deflect some of the heat of the southern democratic revolt by turning new fire on Henry Wallace's third party.

"This strategy, as outlined by a party official who asked not to be named publicly, is to try to minimize intra-party differences over the president's civil rights program."

Many of the southerners are as opposed to Wallace and what he Truman's racial views. Thus on

the Wallace score, at least, they think alike with the national democratic organization leaders.

Senator McGrath of Rhode Island, the democratic national chairman, sounded the new administration note in a week-end speech at Indianapolis. He said "a third party has no much place in American politics as does a third party on a honeymoon."

Waste Votes McGrath added that if Wallace goes on with his campaign he and his supporters "will either waste their votes or... give aid and comfort to reactionary candidates."

Senator Connally of Texas, one of the few southerners who didn't boycott the party dinner here last month which Mr. Truman addressed, apparently changed his mind. On his way to a Jefferson-Jackson dinner at Raleigh, N. C., over the week-end he departed from his advance text to take strong issue with the president's call for anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and anti-job discrimination laws.

Republicans left no doubt that they plan to make political capital of the democratic split.

Taft Blast Senator Taft, for instance, opening his home state campaign for the GOP presidential nomination, told a Cleveland rally that "President Truman is riding a donkey without a head or a tail."

Saying Wallace already has departed and the southern wing is in revolt, Taft added:

"Therefore, the party is not progressive because it is completely ineffective."

In another Cleveland speech Taft predicted that Wallace may capture as much as 10 per cent of the democratic vote.

The rebelling southerners went right ahead, meanwhile, with their plans to chop away the Dixie political props Mr. Truman may need to win in November.

The South Carolina democratic state committee, meeting today, was expected to set in motion machinery which may result in the choice of independent presidential electors in that state, rather than those pledged to the party's nominee.

Buyers Smash Glass In Rush

ONTARIO, Ore., March 1 (AP)—Housewives tried so hard to buy up cut priced meats at a chain store here Saturday they shattered a glass display counter cover. No one was hurt.

The price slashes, as much as 20 cents a pound on choice cuts, came at mid-day. Sirloin steaks were selling at 39 cents a pound; choice T-bones at 49 cents and sausage at 35 cents.

The store, a local unit of a chain, did not explain why prices were slashed. One competing chain unit met the competition on some higher price cuts. But independent markets held to their regular advertised week-end specials.

Barton Makes It Thirteen

Guy Barton, former Poe valley rancher who is now living near the Merrill-Lakeview junction, today became the thirteenth candidate for the job of sheriff of Klamath county.

Barton, a republican, filed for that party's nomination by submitting petitions signed by several hundred registered voters of the county. He is the 10th aspirant for republican votes in the May 21 primary.

The single filing for sheriff was the only apparent political activity of today. Saturday Otis Metzger, democrat, and Glenn Terrill, republican, officially became rival candidates for the post of county assessor.

Since they are unopposed in their parties, the contest will come in the November general election rather than in the primary.

Plane Crash At Dorris Fatal To Two

A plane crash Saturday afternoon in a flat grass-stubble field just north of Mt. Hebron in Northern Siskiyou county, Calif., instantly killed Richard Lloyd Stevenson, 24, of Mt. Hebron and Clifford Elwin (Tip) Humphrey, 35, of Dorris. The plane was piloted by the latter.

Eye-witnesses said that the rented low-wing craft fell to the ground from about 300 feet after it had passed low over the home of Stevenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stevenson, prominent Butte valley ranchers.

It crashed half a mile from the house and within sight of the town of Mt. Hebron.

The plane, a two-seat, 75-hp Ercoupe (NG 3492 H) was rented from Lakeland Flying service of Klamath Falls to Humphrey at 3 p. m. Saturday. The crash occurred approximately 20 minutes later.

Buzzed House A witness, E. A. Boydston of Mt. Hebron, was standing outside the post office of that town watching the plane. He said it came down low over the Stevenson ranch house as if "buzzing" to attract attention of Stevenson's parents, continued on north for a short distance and began a steep "almost vertical" bank to the left.

The bank apparently was too abrupt, Boydston said. The plane turned completely over, righted itself and dived into the ground.

It struck the ground in a belly-landing position, bounced and tumbled about 60 yards over the frozen field.

Ripped parts of the cowling and windshield were scattered around

the wreckage. The engine and fore part of the craft was almost torn from the fuselage.

Stevenson and Humphrey remained in the crumpled cockpit. Their bodies were badly broken.

Boydston, the witness, called officers and Siskiyou County Coroner Lloyd C. Noble who arrived about an hour after the crash and supervised removal of the bodies. They were brought to Ward's funeral home here.

Proble Planned A CAA investigation into the accident is probable but will be conducted out of the Los Angeles CAA district office.

Stevenson, familiarly known as "Dick" Stevenson, was well known in the Klamath area as a rodeo rider. He participated last summer in the Klamath rodeo, one in Medford and in several others. He recently took first place for bronco riding at the San Francisco Cow Palace. Saturday afternoon he was wearing a silver belt buckle given him for winning the saddle bronc event at the Medford rodeo May 11, 1947.

He was a navy veteran and member of the Dorris VFW and American Legion as well as the Klamath Falls Eagles lodge. He was born in Klamath Falls January 25, 1924, and lived all his life in this area.

Stevenson is survived by a young son, Richard; a brother, George Stevenson of Mt. Hebron, and his parents. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday from the Dorris city hall with the Dorris VFW in charge, and interment will be in Picard cemetery.

'Civilization' Too Much For Gotham Trio

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP)—Continual playing of the tune "Civilization" on the juke box in a Manhattan bar early today led to the shooting of three persons.

The victims, police said, were red-haired ocelline Ostoloco, 20, who had fed nickels for the same song for an hour, a seaman who objected, and the bartender, Nemeslo Calasen, 47.

Police said Felipe Torres, 30, the sailor, shot the woman and then the bartender when the latter tried to peek her up from the floor. Torres was wounded and seized later in a gun duel with police on a subway platform.

Bullets flew when the woman changed a \$1 bill at the bar and walked toward the juke box after she had played "Civilization" over and over again.

Police said the young woman had played the song which goes in part, "Bongo, Bongo, Bongo, I don't want to leave the Congo," an estimated 20 times when the seaman shouted: "Stop playing that record."

Jets Rack Up New Record

LOS ANGELES, March 1 (AP)—A navy jet fighter plane has whittled down the speed record between Seattle and Los Angeles. The new mark for a 1025-mile course is one hour, 58 minutes, seven seconds, an average of 521 miles per hour.

Comdr. E. P. Aurand, flying a North American PJ-1, eclipsed the old mark of Army Capt. Mack A. Mitchell, then stationed at March field, Calif.—two hours, 14 minutes. It was made April 6, 1946.

Comdr. Aurand was one of three navy pilots who left Seattle yesterday on a speed training mission.

Their objective was not to break records, but they reported their times to the plane manufacturers.

Lt. Comdr. Robert Elder flew 704.5 miles to San Francisco in one hour, 21 minutes, 7 seconds, averaging 522.12 mph, and Lt. Comdr. John Magda streaked to San Diego in two hours, 12 minutes, 54 seconds, an average of 511.8 mph. This is the fastest time ever made between Seattle and San Diego, a distance of 1135 miles as reckoned by 13th naval district headquarters at Seattle.

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Rumor Says President Favors Plan

HELSINKI, March 1 (AP)—Discussions began within the Finnish government today on Prime Minister Stalin's proposal for a Finnish-Russian treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

President Juho Paasikivi, it was learned, will be told Wednesday of the final decisions of major political parties on the idea, which is expected to be submitted to parliament.

Well informed sources said the president is in favor of signing such a treaty. Over the week-end he received K. L. Kulo, head of the pro-Moscow socialist unity party.

Text Published Press and radio here published yesterday the text of Stalin's letter to Paasikivi, dated February 22 and closing, "with deep respect." The letter proposed negotiations in Moscow or Helsinki toward a "pact of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance" against "possible German aggression."

Well informed sources said now that the letter is published, getting the pact has become a point of prestige for the Soviet Union. They said they believe President Paasikivi feels this way:

"To turn down the Soviet bid would aggravate Russian-Finnish relations to a dangerous degree. To accept it could mean Finland might get as favorable conditions as possible toward keeping national independence."

"K. A. Fagerholm, social democratic speaker of the Finnish parliament, said in Stockholm last night, 'we do not want to see x x x events of the kind now occurring in some other countries who have closed agreements with the Soviet Union.'"

"A change in the government is conceivable, however," he added, "as a consequence of what has happened."

Some politicians saw a good sign in Stalin's offer to send a Soviet delegation to Helsinki. They noted the Russians did not offer to go to Bucharest and Budapest before working out pacts with Romania and Hungary on the lines proposed to Finland.

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