

BASIN CROPS TOP \$36 MILLION

Day's News

WEATHER
Max. (Mar. 10) 43 Min. 22
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date Normal 1.00
Last year .89 Normal 1.14
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Truman Pleads For Stop-Gap Aid

Military Precautions Against Attack Taken By Top Officials In Diplomatic, Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Military developments in the United States reflect the "very, very serious" world situation noted by Secretary of State Marshall.

High command conferences... new weapons... quests for military manpower... congressional warnings against cutting defense funds.

All these coincided today with Marshall's grave summation of the trend of global affairs.

But just as the secretary voiced an implied plea to the American people to keep cool, other top officials in both the diplomatic and military branches of the government took pains to stress this:

All efforts to build up the United States' armed might are aimed solely at guarding against aggressive attack.

These officials shun the idea of a "preventive" war to beat any would-be attacker to the draw.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal told a news conference yesterday that it is not the nature of democracies, "particularly this democracy," to plan a war deliberately.

But the United States is determined to put its military house in order.

Here are some of the latest efforts:

Joint Meeting
High command: Forrestal has ordered the joint chiefs of staff to meet with him and tell him where they disagree about what service should do what in a war.

If these military commanders of the army, navy and air force and the chief of staff to the president still can't agree, Forrestal will make his own decisions.

Weapons: While making ready for further tests of atomic weapons in the Pacific, the military has begun experiments in California with the world's biggest standard explosive bomb—a 21-ton missile.

The first phase of the test was for a B-29 to drop a dud. Later live bombs will be exploded.

The air force plans these test drops from its biggest bomber, the B-36. That huge six-engine plane was designed for 10,000-mile flights. However, the range presumably would be less with a load which included the 42,000-pound bomb.

Carrier Planned
The navy, stressing more and more the role of carrier-borne aviation in its fleet, proposes to build a giant 80,000-ton flattop. Such a carrier could make possible new and even harder-striking task forces.

Manpower: A new effort to push universal military training through congress is underway. The senate armed services committee decided yesterday to ignore house delays and begin its own hearings on a bill next week. Marshall will be the first witness.

Meanwhile the office of selective service records is training officers to put a new draft program into effect quickly if the necessity arises.

Senator Wilson (R-Iowa) echoed this view today. He said the nation may need both UMT and selective service.

"Heuristic methods" may be necessary, Wilson said in a statement, adding: "Should conditions be as grave as they are pictured, I would favor reactivating the selective service system so all may do their part."

Late Spud Bulletin
SAN FRANCISCO, March 11 (AP)—Potatoes: 6 broken, 10 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 1, Idaho 3, Oregon 2; market about steady; Klamath Russets No. 1-A, \$5.75; dark color \$5.40; Long White No. 1-A, \$4.65-4.75; No. 2, \$4.00; Oregon Deschutes Russets No. 1-A, \$5.75.

LOS ANGELES, March 11 (AP)—Potatoes: 18 broken, 46 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 1, Oregon 4, Kansas 5, Florida 1, Idaho 18; carlot sales, Idaho Russets No. 1-A, \$5.15-5.30; small low as \$3.10; large high as \$5.45.

Truman Signs Air Crash Pay Bill
WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—A bill to pay Mrs. Eleanor M. Hannan of Coquille, Ore., \$1101 for injuries received when a navy airplane crashed into her home in 1944 has been signed by President Truman.

Mrs. Hannan and her husband, Joseph, previously had been paid \$6191 for damage to their home.

KILLED
WALLA WALLA, March 11 (AP)—Grover C. Westbrook, Wabburg, was trapped beneath his overturned car and killed late Tuesday three miles west of Walla Walla.

Coroner Albert N. Bradford said Westbrook was returning to Richland, where he worked, after spending the day with his wife who had given birth to their first child.

Nine Women Patients Perish In Blazing Inferno Of Mental Ward As North Carolina Hospital Goes
ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 11 (AP)—Nine women patients perished here early today in the blazing inferno of a mental hospital fire.

Seven of the victims were trapped helplessly on upper floors of the four-story central building of the Highland hospital for nervous diseases, Dr. B. T. Bennett, medical doctor, reported.

Two others were evacuated by firemen who dashed into the fiery structure but they died soon afterward.

The fire, discovered about midnight, started in the kitchen of the hospital's central building. It quickly spread to an elevator shaft and was licking the building's roof when firemen arrived.

Screams of trapped women rang out above the roaring conflagration as doctors, nurses, firemen and police ran through the blazing structure, risking their lives in an effort to save the 20 patients in the building.

The hospital, housed in several buildings, about three miles from the heart of Asheville, is a unit of Duke university hospital in Durham.

It was operated for about a quarter of a century by Dr. Robert S. Carroll, a noted mental specialist whose clientele included members of prominent families throughout the nation. Dr. Carroll gave the institution to Duke several years ago.

MacArthur After Announcement



General Douglas MacArthur (center) leaves his Tokyo headquarters shortly after announcing (March 9) that he would accept nomination for president if offered. Col. L. E. Bunker, the general's aide-de-camp, is at right.

Sleepy Citizens Shudder At Thought Of Time Change

By HALE SCARBROUGH
Should Oregon follow California and Nevada into daylight saving time in view of the costly drought and electrical power shortage in California?

Well, the consensus here seems to be that daylight saving time might help alleviate the power situation which is making itself felt economically here and the extra hour of

afternoon would be a nice thing to have this summer.

But if it came to a vote it would be voted down.

If the people had to decide themselves they would immediately begin to think about getting up an hour earlier by the sun and that physical discomfort angle probably would more than offset any public-spirited feeling of helping out Oregon's sister state to the south.

In this state, just as in California, it would be the job of the legislature to pass a daylight savings measure. It's not the type of decision made directly by ballot or by proclamation. Governor John Hall has announced that he's against the plan but if he needed were pressing he would put it up to the legislature.

Pressure is being applied to institute the plan here in Oregon. Today a Portland retail trade bureau put in its opinion that daylight savings would be a good thing.

Mayors and councils of various cities the last few days have been coming out in favor of the clock change.

But farm groups always have taken the opposition and for a very good reason. Farmers, particularly in this area in the late summer and fall, have to wait until the dew dries before harvesting and that is accomplished by the sun and wind, not by the clock.

If farm laborers came to work an hour earlier and quit an hour earlier in the afternoon, less work in the fields would be accomplished.

Day shifts in the lumbering trade here generally go to work at 7:30 or 8 a. m., and probably would not oppose the hour change for the summer months.

Restaurant and night club operators say that daylight saving time probably would not effect their businesses very much one way or the other. Office workers would appreciate the extra hour of afternoon.

The only opposition to daylight saving time apparent among the city-dwellers is the idea of getting up an hour earlier in the morning, and that's a tough one to overcome.

You Can't Win For Losing Here

TORONTO, March 11 (AP)—Mary Richardson, 21, is the proud new owner of a gold brick—an honest-to-goodness gold brick.

She won it as a door prize last night at the annual convention of the Prospectors and Developers association.

It weighs 3.48 ounces and is valued at about \$120. The catch is—she can't keep it. She has to sell it to the government, that's the law.

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Funds Asked To Last Till ERP Enacted

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—President Truman today asked congress for an additional \$55,000,000 to help tide Western Europe over until the European recovery program is enacted.

Congress voted \$50,000,000 temporary aid last fall, including \$15,000,000 for China.

It was expected then that this money would last until the Marshall plan was passed.

But in a letter to Speaker Martin (R-Mass.), President Truman said: "Events which have taken place in Europe during recent weeks do not permit us with safety or prudence to risk a break in the supply flow at this moment. I therefore hope that congress will find it possible to make available the needed funds before April 1."

Mr. Truman said the money is needed to permit the continued placement of contracts for essential supplies for a "brief additional interim period."

"The appropriation proposed will provide only for a vast short period and extreme urgency remains for the earliest possible authorization of the European recovery program itself," the president added.

KU Concert Slated Tonight

The Klamath Union high school music department presents the orchestra and a cappella choir in what promises to be a delightful concert tonight at 8 o'clock in the KUHS auditorium, second of the annual spring concerts given by the music section.

Catherine Blanas will be the soprano soloist of the evening and will sing, "Ab Love But A Day," Beach, and Gerahwin's, "My Man's Gone Now." The program opens with orchestra number, "The Three Brothers" overture from the opera, "The Horatii and Curiatii" by Cameros, and continues in what promises to be a thrilling and inspiring selection of orchestra and a cappella renditions ending with the two orchestra selections, "Chop Sticks" by Evans, a free fantasy, and "Sivonia Rhapsody No. 2."

Soloists of the a cappella choir's "Old Moses Put Pharaoh in His Place," will be Roy Larson, Doug Barker and Cecil Phillips. The boys' octet, including Wilber Elliott, Don Boudon, Bill Evans, Ronnie Dimmick, Bob Shaw, Doug Barker, Cecil Phillips and Bob Larson, will sing a group of three numbers, and there will be numbers by the drum ensemble, the French horn quartet and the brass sextet.

Accompanists tonight will be Catherine Blanas and Joanne Robinette.

Keno Sawmill Buys Timber

The Keno sawmill firm of Puckett and Scherer was among high bidders at the sale of O&C timber, it was announced by W. H. Horning, regional administrator for the bureau of land management.

The timber, mostly pine, obtained by Puckett and Scherer, is located on the Greensprings highway in Jackson county. Neither the amount nor the bid price was learned here today as negotiators O. K. Puckett nor Earl Scherer, were available.

Bids were more conservative at this sale than at some public timber sales in the Pacific Northwest the past two years, Horning observed. The timber involved includes 99,000,000 feet located in eight of the 18 O&C counties of Western Oregon—Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Marion and Yamhill. Average stumpage prices, average and bid, included:

Douglas fir, \$11.62 and \$12.57; sugar pine, \$17.52 and \$18.66; Ponderosa pine, \$12.86 and \$17.01; all other species combined, \$3.30 and \$3.72.

Hoof-Mouth Threat Grows

PULLMAN, March 11 (AP)—Hoof and mouth disease is "an immediate and serious threat" to Northwest livestock, a state department official said yesterday.

Dr. H. A. Trippier, state dairy and livestock supervisor, said the dreaded disease could spread easily from Mexico to the Northwest. He addressed the seventh annual Institute of Dairying at Washington State college.

Because of drought conditions, large numbers of livestock are moving out of Arizona, New Mexico and California, which border Mexico where the disease is prevalent.

Recently 4500 cattle were brought through Oregon without a health examination, Dr. Trippier said. Oregon officials are trying to round them up and check them for disease, he added.

He advised livestock men to report immediately any soreness, lameness or other unusual symptoms in cattle, hogs, sheep or goats.

"Hang onto the livestock you have and don't buy anything from outside if you can avoid it," he said. "Then make absolutely sure that it is disease free."

Minneapolis Hits 26 Below Zero

MINNEAPOLIS, March 11 (AP)—Today is the coldest March day in Minneapolis in the 57 years official weather records have been kept.

The mercury touched a low of 26 degrees below zero. The day is also the coldest of the winter.

The previous March low was —17 on March 2, 1910. The previous low for this winter was —21 on January 23.

Criticizes



The Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing (above) archbishop of Boston, in a speech at Hartford, Conn., criticized famous old Boston and New England Protestant families for what he termed their failure to re-produce themselves.

Ex-GI's Form "Against Mac" Drive Clubs

CHICAGO, March 11 (AP)—Former servicemen and students in five cities have announced formation of organizations "against MacArthur"—opposing the possible presidential candidacy of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

In Chicago, Paul Berger, 24, spokesman for the "Veterans Against MacArthur" club, said if the move gains enough impetus "a national non-political club will be founded. The five-star general announced in Tokyo Monday that he is available for nomination for the presidency."

Berger said 500 signatures had been obtained in Chicago on petitions opposing the supreme allied commander in Japan as a possible presidential candidate. He said members had urged friends in several other cities to circulate similar petitions. Cities included St. Louis, Denver, Boston, Pittsburgh and Dallas, Tex., Berger said.

The Chicago club, Berger said, opposes MacArthur's candidacy for these reasons: "MacArthur's general aloofness from the American public; his use of violence when troops under his command dispersed the veterans bonus march in 1932; the censorship of the press in MacArthur's command in Japan, including anti-democratic leanings, and the inadvisability of having any military man—and especially General MacArthur—in the White House."

Angell Raps High Prices—ERP!
WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) went to market and what he found—especially round steak at a dollar-a-pound—brought forth a statement today in which he blamed present prices on:

(1) "The failure of the administration to safeguard our monetary policy" and (2) the administration's "open competition with the housewife in buying up scarce necessities of life, thereby boosting the cost to the consumer."

He also criticized the Marshall plan, saying "the 17 billion dollars proposed to be given to Europe under the Marshall plan is more than the combined assessed valuation of the eleven western states."

P. S.: He didn't buy any round steak.

Czech Soviet Government Gets Vote Of Confidence

PRAGUE, March 11 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's communist government got a unanimous vote of confidence in parliament today as it prepared a state funeral for Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk.

Thus, in two weeks and two days after the seizure of power, Communist Premier Klement Gottwald has tied up parliamentary approval for the program for which he had battled since last summer.

When Chairman Josef David called for the confidence vote, all the 233 deputies who were present raised their hands. The parliament has a normal membership of 300.

Ahead of the deputies is the adoption of legislation to legalize activities of the action committees which Gottwald set up as the Czech crisis developed. The committees took control of the government for him and quickly began to guide every phase of public and private life.

Now Gottwald has a parliament of the deputies he did not like. President Eduard Benes still is in office, although resting at his country home.

Communist speakers orated today in favor of the communist national action program for nationalization of industries and businesses employing more than 50 persons, for restricting land holdings and for providing lower taxes for workers, peasants and small shopkeepers.

The speakers included Rudolf Slansky, secretary general of the Czech communist party.

Jan Masaryk's state funeral will be Saturday. He will be buried beside his father, founder and first president of the Czechoslovakia republic.

The 61-year-old non-party foreign minister was found dead yesterday, two weeks after the new cabinet came to power, in a stone courtyard more than 50 feet below his bathroom window at the foreign office. The government said he jumped.

Funeral services will be held in the pantheon of the Prague museum in the capital's Central square. Communist Premier Klement Gottwald will speak.

Czechoslovakians mourned the minister today in shocked melancholy. Half-staffed tricolors and black banners did not begin to tell the story of the loss felt by the nation's "little people."

Barley High; Spuds Take Second Place

Basin Farm Income Figures

Year	Income
1923	\$ 2,837,500
1926	5,505,000
1930	9,722,250
1933	3,466,250
1936	10,889,000
1940	8,864,646
1941	13,898,900
1942	16,264,537
1943	22,773,300
1944	24,816,900
1945	26,076,661
1946	29,129,037
1947	36,915,794

Klamath basin's agricultural income in 1947 went to a whopping and unprecedented \$36,915,794.50, County Agent Charles A. Henderson announced today.

The 1947 figure for crops and livestock, which Henderson described as conservative, went \$7,786,757 above the 1946 return, which was a record up to that time.

Farm crops alone in 1947 went close to the 1946 figure for all agricultural income. The farm crop total was \$27,780,294.50, and the livestock return for 1947 was \$9,135,500.

Spuds Second
Potatoes, which for many years led the crop parade financially, took second place to barley in 1947. Henderson estimated the barley crop at \$11,475,882, while the potato figure is \$8,700,000. Potatoes were ahead of barley in 1946, but in 1947, when Klamath's barley sale made a national newspaper story, that grain topped all crop and livestock items in the agent's income report.

Henderson makes his final report on agricultural income in the early spring, waiting for final figures from the sale of potatoes through the winter shipping season. His figures have gained a wide reputation for accuracy.

The figures cover the entire Klamath basin, on both sides of the state line. They are based on prices received by producers here—not on prices at distant markets, as are used in some estimates for other counties.

Here is a breakdown of the 1947 income:

Livestock:

Sheep	\$ 612,000
Beef	2,481,000
Dairy	845,000
Hogs	725,000
Poultry	1,222,500
Misc. Livestock	250,000
Total Livestock	\$9,135,500

Farm Crops:

Hay	\$ 3,077,325
Grain	13,335,682
Seed crops	1,873,400
Field crops	9,123,887
Truck and fruit	370,000
Total farm crops	\$27,780,294

Blast Rocks Long Beach
LONG BEACH, Calif., March 11 (AP)—Emergency crews rushed repairs today to the city's power supply, after a night of partial darkness during which all available police patrolled the streets.

A series of explosions, tentatively attributed to overloaded lines, rocked the business district late yesterday, starting fires in electrical conduits. Several persons were reported slightly cut by flying glass. About 10 square blocks were affected by the blackout, but about a third of the area was restored this morning.

Buffum's, the city's largest department store, lit gas jets used years ago to provide illumination for customers late in the day.

Two police officers collared a sleepy drunk, then discovered the jail elevator out of order. They reported they carried him up seven flights of stairs.

Manhole covers were blown skyward by the initial blast, and numerous windows were splintered. Citizens, recalling with alarm the disastrous earthquake 15 years ago to the day, were herded off the streets by police fearing additional explosions.

'Arabs Decree Martial Law

IN NORTHERN PALESTINE, March 11 (AP)—Martial law has been decreed in all Northern Palestine, effective at dawn today, by Fawzi Bey Al Kauki, Arab commander.

"Every order from this headquarters will now become the law of the land (Northern Palestine) for civil and military alike," Fawzi Bey declared in his order last night.

His headquarters said prisons now are being established in the mountain top village where Fawzi Bey has set up his command. Several persons already have been arrested and are awaiting trial before military courts, which officers said will begin sitting soon in all major towns and cities of the Northern Holy Land.

The courts are to be operated by Arab lawyers now attached to the Arab army, which entered Palestine last week in readiness to fight partition of the Holy Land, voted by the United Nations last November 29. Fawzi Bey said punishments will be "strict and severe."

Victim Of Russian Gunfire
PFC Jack Grunden, 18, of Portland, Ore., who was shot by a Russian sentry in front of Soviet headquarters in Vienna, receives the attention of Nurse LL Velma Cori, of Gibsonburg, O., in the U. S. Army 110th station hospital in Vienna. Lt. Cori adjusts pulley arrangement on Grunden's wounded arm. He is expected to recover.



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