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Lewis Hints At Soft Coal Strike

In The Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS

IN Corpus Christi (Texas) last night, General Ira Eaker—a former chief of the U. S. army air forces, now retired and in business—told a group of people that we may be at war with Russia within three to five years.

He added:

"Russia will attack the United States as soon as Stalin is certain such action will result in a quick, cheap victory."

NOTE: The three-to-five-year time limit, why does General Eaker put it that way?

He didn't explain, but this is probably his reason:

It is now rather generally assumed that within five years at the most and three years at the earliest Russia will have the atom bomb. Presumably she will not attack us until she gets it. If you are armed only with a club, you seldom attack a man who is armed with a rifle.

You prefer to wait until you can tackle him on at least EQUAL terms.

THAT opens up a question of the utmost importance to the future of the world:

WILL THE ATOM BOMB BE USED IN FUTURE WARS?

Hobo Basket To Hit The Rods From Klamath



The Hobo Basket, which was started last December 20 by yard forces of The Southern Railway in Birmingham, Ala., arrived here the middle of the week and early this morning had garnered more than \$70 for the March of Dimes fund. The Hobo Basket has been along the east coast, has covered the northern half of the Pacific coast and will hit the rods from Klamath en route to Bieber, Calif., where the Great Northern will turn it over to the Western Pacific. Contributors here included GN and OC&E employes. Approximately \$3000 have been collected by the basket since it started out. Inspecting the basket, left to right, Frank X. Sexton, GN chief clerk; R. H. Trelease, GN conductor; L. D. Collins, GN yard clerk, and A. A. Montgomery, GN chief yard clerk.

Scott Resigns Coaching Job

Coach Wayne Scott of the Klamath Union high school basketball team, is resigning from the high school athletic staff after this school year.

Scott said that he would look around for another coaching job next week while he is in Eugene for the state basketball tournament, and that it is possible that he might return to college for advanced work. (See full story on Sports page.)

North Highway Entrance Construction Bid Accepted

Klamath's new north entrance was assured of immediate construction today when the state highway commission accepted a \$361,108 bid on the project offered by the Rogers Construction company of Portland.

The contractor said after the award that he would begin immediately to collect materials and prepare for the 1.8 miles of grading and surfacing work, as well as the building of two concrete bridges.

The new entrance will leave the present US highway 97 route just beyond the overpass near Pelican city, and will come into Klamath Falls by way of Alameda street, parallel to the Southern Pacific railroad lines. The present job will go as far as Esplanade street, from

Buying Boosts Grain Prices

CHICAGO, March 13 (AP)—Grain prices advanced today as the government started buying wheat for export. Cotton was higher with grains while stocks made small advances.

Wheat futures closed 4 1/2 to 6 1/2 cents a bushel higher on the Chicago board of trade. Corn jumped 3 to 7 1/2 cents and oats were up 1 1/2 to 3 cents a bushel. Cotton futures at New York closed \$2.00 to \$2.25 a bale higher.

The agriculture department announced late yesterday it planned to buy about 1,000,000 bushels a day.

May wheat closed at Chicago at \$2.40 to \$2.40 1/2 a bushel. May corn at \$2.18 to \$2.18 1/2 and May oats at \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.12 1/2. Prices are far below their February highs.

Virginia Ham Brings Top Bid

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 13 (AP)—Ham sold for \$33 a pound here yesterday.

The proprietor of a Ripley restaurant paid \$494.25 for a 12 1/2-pound ham judged the grand champion in the Little Kanawha regional ham and bacon show. The winner was entered by John Hoff of Spencer.

Gene Penoz, the restaurant operator, said he planned to serve the meat as ham and eggs on Easter morning in his establishment.

Ed Knight, president of the West Virginia Purebred Swine Breeders association, said the price paid for the winner was the highest ever paid in the state, and as far as he knew, in the nation.

Senate Rushes Toward Final Action On Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—The senate raced toward final action today on the European recovery program after defeating a major drive to slash its first-year funds.

By a 56 to 31 vote late last night it blasted aside a determined effort led by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the senate republican policy committee, to shave \$1,300,000,000 off the \$5,300,000,000 Marshall plan figures.

Senator Connally (D-Tex.), one of the program's chief sponsors in congress, predicted its overwhelming passage by tonight. The bill is designed to speed funds to 16 Western European nations to bolster them against communism.

The senate was called to meet at noon (EST) to resume debate on the stack of amendments which still were awaiting action when it recessed at 6:30 last night.

Elated backers said the resounding defeat suffered by Taft's fund cutting proposal insured senate approval of the bill without major changes.

"We'll pass it by a bigger vote than we had against the Taft amendment," Connally told reporters.

Six Seeking Governorship Of Oregon As Filings Close-- Truman, Stassen and Dewey On Primary List For Vote

SALEM, March 13 (AP)—Oregon today had a five-man race at hand for the republican nomination for governor.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott placed his name in the field just before filings closed at 5 p. m. yesterday for the May 21 primary election.

Previously filed for the party nomination were Gov. John Hall of Portland, State Sen. Douglas McKan, Salem; Glenn C. Ackerman, Portland; and John Peyton, Junction City.

In contrast the lone democrat candidate for governor is State Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland.

Another late filing put President Truman's name on the democratic primary ballot, unopposed. His name was filed by petitions bearing 1800 names.

Two republicans are after the state's 12 votes at the party's national nominating convention. They are Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Harold E. Stassen, ex-governor of Minnesota.

U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, Roseburg republican, also is unopposed for nomination, but there are contests for all other congressional positions.

Two democrats are after the nomination for senator—State Rep. Manley J. Wilson, Warren, and Dr. Louis A. Wood, University of Oregon economics professor.

John T. Hensley, St. Helens, opposes Rep. Walter Norblad, Astoria, on the republican ballot. Edward E. Gideon, Salem, is the only democrat candidate for Norblad's job in the first congressional district.

Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, in the second district, is opposed by William H. Westerspoon, Elgin, on the republican ballot. C. J. Shorb, La Grande, seeks the democratic nomination, unopposed.

In the third district Rep. Homer D. Angell and W. A. Rushlight, both

Welfare Pay Background Of Flareup

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—John L. Lewis hurled an implied threat of a soft coal strike at the government and mine-owners today, then waited for something to happen.

The United Mine Workers chief declared in a letter to the union's 400,000 members that their employers in the past eight months "have dishonored the 1947 wage agreement and defaulted under its provisions affecting the welfare fund."

That contract, signed last July 8, pledged the miners to stay on the job as long as they are "able and willing." Lewis told a news conference yesterday he did not know how much longer they'll be "willing."

The agreement—which runs until June 30—can be ended by either miners or operators on 30 days notice.

No Order

The fiery mine leader did not say flatly that his miners will stop work. Instead, he asked the public to persuade the "millionaire coal operators" to break a deadlock over how the \$30,000,000 welfare fund is to be used.

Money for the fund is raised by a 10 cent royalty on each ton of coal produced.

Operators say Lewis wants a \$100 monthly pension for every miner over 60 who has been in the pits at least 20 years. That, they argue, would raise coal prices 40 cents a ton.

"Fantastic," snapped Lewis. The fund alone is big enough to pay for it, he said.

The mine owners, said Lewis, "continue gleefully to violate the contract, and count each day a success when they can prevent expenditure of this money designed to alleviate human misery in the coal industry."

But George F. Campbell, president of the Illinois Coal Operators association, retorted in Chicago:

"We don't think we've violated any obligations. The fund is there. It is simply a matter that should be worked out by the trustees."

Grange Host To Candidates

Candidates for state and county offices, many of them entering politics for the first time, had their first taste of a candidates' meeting Thursday night when the Langell Valley Grange invited office seekers to a potluck dinner in the grange hall.

A feature of the evening was the awarding of 30 dozen eggs which 12 Langell Valley home economics club members had saved up during the past month, the proceeds of the eggs to go toward the club's foreign children's relief project. Twenty dozen eggs were given to Earl Brown of Bonanza, who offered his look at auction, and Phil Hitchcock of Klamath Falls was the high bidder. Ten dozen eggs went to Olive Ott of 1826 Crescent.

Candidates were introduced by Edward Gralian of the U. S. soil conservation office. Guests included George Kunzman and Mrs. Mathews from the Shasta View grange and Carl Hagel of Klamath Falls. Candidates present were Sid Herbert, Mike Williams, Phil Hitchcock, D. E. Van Vactor, Jack Franey, George Uerlings, Chet Langslet, Guy Barton, Benton Mahrt, Otis M. Melsker, Karl Dehlinger, Ed Gowen, Col. Swigart and Carl Steinsiefer.

Civil Rights Stall Slated

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Administration officials were reported seeking today to stave off a civil rights showdown until the democratic convention in July.

At that time, a party official said, the resolutions committee will be asked to work President Truman's hotly-debated proposals into a compromise plank in the 1948 platform.

These proposals come before a committee of southern governors here today. Indications were they would be soundly condemned. And the governors' report might throw new fuel on the fire of a Dixie democratic revolt.

With this in mind, Mr. Truman's supporters are said to have agreed to leave it strictly up to the resolutions group to decide how strong a pledge the party wants to make toward bringing about race equality.

The convention group will be made up of members from each state and territory and the District of Columbia.

Office Wags, Abetted By Canny Reporter, Gang Up To Give Chet Langslet Bad Time Over Friday

Consider the anguish of little Chet Langslet.

Chet is a democrat and has been county treasurer for eight years. He's up for re-election, and is unopposed.

But as the filing deadline (5 p. m. yesterday) approached, he was worried. He didn't want any opposition and was squirming in his chair for fear someone would file for the office against him.

Some wags in the county clerk's office made out a phony filing petition, listing a well-known accountant here in town as a republican candidate for county treasurer. Clerk Charlie DeLap put his filing stamp on the petition and slipped it into the folder containing, among other things, the declarations of 19 candidates for sheriff.

A newspaper reporter noted for being able to keep a poker face while prevaricating, went to Langslet's office and broke the news.

"Well, Chet, your luck ran out."

Langslet wilted. His most printable words included "there goes my fishing trip and \$500 down the drain."

If he was unopposed for election, Langslet had planned to take a fishing trip this summer while other office candidates were out working for votes, and he figured any kind of a campaign at all if he was opposed would cost \$500.

Chet was allowed to stew for a while, then the joke was told just as he was groping for the phone to call someone—probably his wife.

There was almost no joy in the Langslet house last night.

Homestead Drawing Set For Monday

(See List on Page 9.)

A total of 572 residents of Klamath, Siskiyou, Modoc and Lake counties will participate in the drawing for 44 Coppock bay homesteads that will attract nationwide attention to ceremonies in the Klamath Falls army Monday.

These regional veterans will compete in the drawing with nearly 2300 others from points throughout the United States and its possessions. A segregation of the four-county applicants was made from the official list by The Herald and News, and shows that 152 of the applicants give their address as Klamath Falls, 146 Tulelake, 65 Malin, 50 Merrill, and 27 Bonanza.

2756 Apply

A total of 2756 names will be in the converted pickle jar when the ceremonies start at the army at 10 a. m. Monday. Representatives of veteran organizations will do the drawing, under direction of Olney Rudd, Tulelake homesteader.

After months of work, the reclamation bureau staff has completed plans for the drawing down to the

Democrat



C. E. (Red) Milhorn, 34, has filed as a democratic candidate for Klamath county sheriff. Milhorn is a former city policeman and did investigation work for the internal security department before going into the army for World War II. Milhorn is married and has two children.

Warner Road Bid Accepted

The Oregon state highway commission, in session at Portland yesterday, heard an appeal for improvement of U. S. highway 97 between Bend and Chemult which was described as a section tourists avoid because it is narrow and has soft shoulders.

To this appeal the commission replied it does not have enough money to construct all desired routes.

The commission announced, however, that it is increasing salaries of engineers' aides in an attempt to keep its skilled personnel by paying more money.

Among projects awarded at the Friday session was the grading of 4.92 miles and surfacing of 12.7 miles in Lake county of the Fremont Junction-Mud Creek section of Warner secondary highway, and grading and surfacing 8.46 miles of Mud Creek-Drake Creek section of Warner secondary highway, to the Inter City Sand and Gravel company, Eugene, whose bid of \$298,254 was accepted.

Yost Up For Supervisor

George G. Yost, Tulelake rancher and warehouse operator, today announced his candidacy for county supervisor for the first district.

Yost has lived in the Tulelake area for the past 17 years and in a statement made today said he felt he was "well acquainted with the people in all sections of the district and with their problems."

The candidate said he was entering the race for supervisor as he felt the board "should have new blood occasionally."

"Mounting tax costs would seem to indicate a need for more vigorous handling of the affairs of the county," Yost declared, and said he would make a full statement of his aims and ideas at a later date.

Uranium? Heck, That's Old Stuff

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 13 (AP)—Everybody but one old-timer in the Red Desert country seems to be excited over a uranium ore discovery there.

A story told by a reliable source here said the old-timer has been using a poultice of water and the yellowish pellets of "ore" to take the "misery" out of his arm and shoulder for years.

The treatment has been quite successful, according to the story.

Four Candidates For Office Unopposed For Coming Vote

Four candidates for Klamath county public office apparently are elected without a vote being cast.

When the filing deadline passed yesterday afternoon these four were unopposed—Dayton E. Van Vactor for district attorney, Charlie DeLap for county clerk; Chet Langslet for treasurer and Dr. George H. Adler for coroner.

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Plane May Be Down In Alaska Area

EDMONTON, Alta., March 13 (CP)—The public relations office of the Royal Canadian air force here said they have received an unofficial report that a Northwest Airlines plane with 24 passengers aboard crashed in Alaska.

The plane was due in Edmonton at 7 a. m. (CST) on a flight from Shanghai. The passengers were oil company employes from Texas and California en route to New York. The aircraft carried a crew of six. Coast guard, and RCAF units have been alerted.

34 Passengers

The plane was carrying 24 passengers and a crew of six over the Great Circle route from the Orient.

The last radio contact with the big craft was at 11:03 p. m. (PST) when it passed over the Gulkana range station, approximately 150 miles northeast of Anchorage. The station reported it was flying at 11,000 feet.

Airlines officials said the four-engine plane left Anchorage at 10:55 p. m. (PST) and was scheduled to make its first stop at Edmonton, Alta., at 5:04 a. m. (PST) today.

Guikana Reported Early This Morning

Guikana reported early this morning that a fire was seen on Mt. Sanford, which towers high in the Wrangell range to the right of the plane's normal course through Nabesna pass.

Weather conditions were reported good this morning and also at the time of the airliner's last report to the Gulkana station last night. Visibility was reported at close to 50 miles today.

The airline reported members of the plane's crew included: Capt. Robert Petry, pilot; John Stuckel, co-pilot, and a navigator named Winsley, all of St. Paul, Minn., and Robert Hazlet, Seattle, Wash, purser.

No Contact

The plane was due to pass over Northway, near the border of Canada's Yukon Territory, at 11:36 p. m. No contact could be made with the plane from any of the stations.

The airline reported the plane left Shanghai on a non-scheduled charter flight at 8:10 p. m. (PST) Thursday.

Northwest's St. Paul headquarters reported the passengers were seamen employed by California and Texas oil companies. They had taken an oil tanker from New York to Shanghai and were being flown back to New York.

Anderson Up For Senator

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson announced today he will run for the democratic nomination for U. S. senator from New Mexico.

Anderson said he will remain in President Truman's cabinet until congress adjourns, probably in July.

Anderson will be a candidate for the office now held by Senator Hatch. Hatch said last week that he will not be a candidate again in order to accept appointment to the federal district court in New Mexico if it is offered.

Anderson did not speculate on who might succeed him as secretary of agriculture.

Kitchen Fire Damages Walls

The combination of children and matches brought out the county fire department at 10:45 a. m. today to the George Burnett residence at 2811 Kane, firemen reported late this morning.

The kitchen wall was scorched but otherwise little damage was done.

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