

WAIT-AND-SEE DRAFT PROPOSED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE high international winds are full of straws today.

What do these straws mean? No man can say. Their meaning is on the knees of the gods.

RUSSIA is demanding a MILITARY ALLIANCE with Finland. The Finns don't want to play that game. They are tough, hard-boiled. More than once they have gone to war to back up their beliefs about liberty.

They might do it again.

WATCH IT. It could be the show-down that seems to be nearing. Suppose the Finns should say: "We won't play." What then? Well, Russia would have to fish or cut bait.

HERE is an interesting sidelight. In Finland there are less than 50,000 members of the communist party out of a total Finnish population of 3,500,000.

BUT—The communist party controls the Finnish ministry of the interior, WHICH CONTROLS THE SECRET POLICE. The communists rely upon control of the secret police to CONTROL FINLAND.

AT a meeting in Stockholm last night, the premiers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark condemn communism. They assert flatly that their countries will FIGHT AGGRESSION from any quarter.

Mull this thought in your mind: For more than a century the Norwegians, the Swedes and the Danes have set their minds against the worst of all calamities. "War is the war." They have said: "We will have none of it." All their thinking has been along that line.

BUT NOW—Well, now they say they'll FIGHT! This startling change? The answer seems plain: These peace-loving, but LIBERTY-loving, little Scandinavian countries are apparently convinced that they face a grim choice. They can refuse to fight AND LOSE THEIR LIBERTY. Or they can fight AND MAYBE KEEP THEIR LIBERTY.

They say they'll fight.

OFFICIAL dispatches from Athens to our state department in Washington (NOT just rumors) estimate that three divisions, or 30,000 men, are in an international brigade NEAR THE GREEK BORDER in Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. The state department says they are mostly Albanians and renegade GREEKS WITH OVERALL RUSSIAN MILITARY DIRECTION.

We have said we're going to protect Greece against communism. What if this "international brigade" should ATTACK GREECE? Well, we'd then have to fish or cut bait.

IN this threatening state of world affairs, what are we doing? Why, we're RUNNING A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN!

Our politicians are trying to keep from having to go back home and tell the mothers of sons that they voted for a draft law to man our war machines.

IN this newspaper today, you will find the result of a Gallup poll on this question: Should we increase our military forces?

Sixty-one per cent of ALL THOSE QUESTIONED were for increasing the army, 63% were for increasing the navy, 74% were for increasing the air force.

That was ALL people questioned. VETERANS voted 64% for strengthening the army, 65% for strengthening the navy and 78% for strengthening the air force.

IT seems fairly clear from this evidence that our people themselves ARE BRAVER THAN THE POLITICIANS.

Indians Vote Up In Timber Price Floors

KLAMATH AGENCY, March 19.—Klamath Indians were scheduled to resume today a spirited general council session after an opening period yesterday in which some minimum timber prices and disagreement between reservation factions was much in evidence.

A full house was present when the council session started yesterday, and the meeting was marked with much heated argument between leaders of disagreeing sides on reservation issues. Adding to the warmth was the fact that Boyd Jackson, the tribal delegate, and Wade Crawford, leader of the pro-liquidation forces, were both back from Washington.

After a long discussion, the council voted in favor of increasing minimum prices for ponderosa pine on Saddle mountain and Calamus. The Saddle mountain minimum was boosted from \$8.20 to \$11.45 per M. and Calamus from \$10.95 to \$14.95 per M. Crawford suggested a minimum price of \$25.50 but the proposal was not adopted.

Timber Sale It was decided to sell 110,000 feet of tulipine timber at Calamus siding which was killed by a fire there last September, with a minimum price of \$7.50. Similar action was taken on a proposal to sell about 100,000 feet of pine and 100,000 feet of fir on a steep hillside east of highway 97.

A unit of timber in Sprague river canyon, on which no bids were received in a previous invitation, will be offered at a minimum of \$10 for pine and \$6 for fir.

It was also decided to ask the interior department to put up the Kanott unit No. 7 for sale. Crawford raised a question as to whether it is necessary to sell timber to the highest bidder in a public sale. This question evidently pertained to a proposal by Ivory Pine company, which was second bidder on the recently opened Kanott unit.

To permit Ivory to meet Ewana Box company's high bid and take the timber. The Ivory proposal is based on the grounds that the timber is in the area in which it is operating and is essential to its program. Ivory's proposal was not mentioned at the time, however.

Reese Taylor, Indian service forester to whom the question was put, said he would have to take it up with the Washington, D. C. office. He said it has not previously been discussed.

Seiden Kirk, who presided at the council meetings, read a long resolution asking officials at Washington and elsewhere to recognize only the representatives of the tribal majority in connection with tribal matters. This was evidently directed at Crawford, who replied he had gone to Washington in his rights as a private citizen and representing citizens.

The resolution was hanging fire when the session recessed at 6:45 p. m. to take up again Friday.

"Little Inch" Line Blows Up PETERSBURG, Ind., March 19 (AP)—An explosion that ripped the "little inch" pipeline last night set off a fire that scoured a 15-acre area and destroyed two houses. No one was injured.

Natural gas escaping under pressure from the broken pipeline burned for more than two hours with a glare seen at least 30 miles away. State police said the explosion tore a hole in the ground 50 feet long and 20 feet wide and hurled fragments of pipe 300 feet.

The 24-inch "big inch" and the companion 20-inch "little big inch" are operated by the Texas Eastern Transmission corporation. They were built by the government during the war to convey oil from Texas to eastern cities.

Chamber Outlines Highway Work Program To Present To Interim Committee A program of long-range major secondary highway work has been outlined by the Klamath county chamber of commerce roads and highways committee to be presented to the state interim committee on highways at a hearing scheduled for Klamath Falls on April 12.

The projects as listed were discussed with members of the county court, and have the approval of both groups. As far as the chamber committee is concerned, the program will be presented to the board of directors for final approval. The board has already approved a similar program, but since this was done some changes have been made in classifications of the roads to place them on a state classification rather than federal classification basis.

Here is the outline: Primary Roads: 1. Algoma cutoff on US 97, from south end of Algoma hill to Modoc Point. 2. Improvements on route from 8th and Main to the Malin-Tulelake junction south of Merrill. 3. New California avenue by-pass of Klamath Falls central section on US 97.

5. Improvements on US 97 from Malin junction to Deschutes county line. 6. Completion of eastern by-pass along canal from Esplanade to Altamont bridge on South Sixth street. 7. Improvements on Oregon 66 (Greensprings highway). 8. Improvements on Oregon 66 (Lakeview highway) between Klamath Falls and Bly. Forest Roads: 1-a—Complete Lakeview highway in Quartz mountain section. 1-b—Complete re-surfacing of Willamette highway. (Equal priority). Secondary State Highways: 1. West side Upper Lake road, Klamath Falls to Fort Klamath. 2. Build road from Rocky Point Junction to Eagle Point over Cascades. 3. Midland market road improvements. 4. Heavier construction of Diamond lake highway. Indian Reservation: 1. Sprague river road. County and state set aside money to match federal funds and road be completed under state highway commission supervision. Federal Secondary: 1. Diamond road from Silver lake to Diamond lake junction on US 97 to give Lake county direct access to Willamette highway.

WEATHER Forecast for Klamath Falls, Oregon, Friday, March 19, 1948. Precipitation: 1/2 inch. High: 50. Low: 30. Wind: S.W. 10-15 mph. Clouds: Partly cloudy.

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Coal Walkout Idles Railroaders

ERP GETS Okay From Committee

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The \$3,200,000,000 European recovery program was approved formally today by the house foreign affairs committee, and a senate committee voted \$275,000,000 military help for Greece and Turkey.

The house committee agreed to act during the afternoon on military aid for Greece and Turkey and also on economic and military help for China.

On Party Lines The committee finished the European program by a 14 to 8 vote which members said was strictly along party lines.

Democrats objected to putting European aid and help for the Greeks, Turks and Chinese all in one bill. That plan was approved by the committee's republican leaders.

Before the formal okay on the European program, the committee made some changes in the measure passed earlier by the senate.

One is intended to see to it that the 16 receiving nations do not take American materials and turn them into products to be sold to Russia and her satellites when this country would decline to sell them itself.

The senate foreign relations committee approved the proposed \$275,000,000 aid for Greece and Turkey.

Senator George (D-Ga.) told a reporter that the 13 senators lined up unanimously for the full amount President Truman asked for the Greeks and Turks.

George said the committee then began a closed-door discussion of the proposed \$570,000,000 aid for China.

Senate Ups Tax Cut Limit WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The senate today approved the idea of holding a proposed income tax cut to \$4,800,000,000. A final vote may come by nightfall.

The house-passed bill calls for a cut of \$6,500,000,000. The senate finance committee has recommended that \$1,700,000,000 be trimmed from the house total.

The senate approved this recommendation by voice-vote adoption of the first of a series of amendments proposed by the tax-writing finance group. The committee's bill set the tax cut figure at \$4,800,000,000.

Also by voice vote, the senate approved a committee amendment to make the proposed new withholding tax rates effective May 1, rather than April 1 as provided in the house measure.

The tax cut itself would be effective as of last January 1 under both the senate and house bills. There is provision for refunds in case too much money has been withheld.

This Is Where The VA Hospital Will Be



R. H. Smith, head of the hospital section of the Portland district, army engineers, points to the Beaumont tract on the map, site of the \$2,500,000 veterans' hospital to be built in Klamath Falls. Smith said this week that if plans go as expected, construction on the hospital may start this fall. Left is C. E. Keith, also of the Portland office, who came here with Smith to check over the hospital site with Mayor Ed Ostendorf, right.

American Voters Strongly In Favor Of Immediate Strengthening Of Armed Forces

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., March 19 (AP)—Speeding up of Soviet Russia's timetable for the "cold war" finds American voters ready to support the immediate strengthening of the nation's military forces.

In its present mood the public would back demands made by former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes that the United States get an army in uniform not just on paper and that Air Force expansion be given first priority.

Also, it undoubtedly favors moves made last week-end by Secretary of Defense James Forrestal to streamline operations of the army, navy and air force.

In a nationwide survey completed just prior to the crisis in Czechoslovakia, representative voters in every section were asked: "Do you think the United States should increase the size of its Army? Navy? Air Force?"

The answer:

	Yes	No	Opin.
Increase Army	61%	29%	10%
Increase Navy	63	26	11
Increase Air Force	74	17	9

One of the very first surveys ever conducted by the Institute asked exactly this same question in 1935. It showed the American voters were overwhelmingly in favor of stronger armed forces and particularly a stronger air force. This was at a time when congress was whittling down military appropriations and when high military authorities were by no means convinced that air power would be important in the next war.

As a matter of fact the public in Republican Registrations May Top Democrats For County List By the time registrations are counted late next month, there may be more republican voters on the Klamath county poll books than there are democrats.

County Clerk Charlie DeLap said that a surprising number of persons who have been registered democrats are coming to the courthouse to switch their allegiance to the republican ticket. In 1946, just before the last general election, there were about 18,000 registrants for Klamath county, and over 10,000 of them were democrats.

But since that time around 7000 names have been cut off the list because of failure to vote and new registrations have been preponderantly republican. Registration deadline is 5 p. m. April 20.

Police Hunt Missing Man

State police today were searching the swamp along the Klamath river toward Kesterson mill for Claude Everett Haskins, 46-year-old trapper, who has been missing since Wednesday when he left home to run his lines.

The man's brother, Floyd Haskins, 1928 Wantland, cabin 4, last night told state police that Haskins had left home early Wednesday morning to run his lines and was due back at 6 o'clock the same day. Haskins said his brother was diabetic and suffered from a heart condition and he feared he had fallen into the swamp.

Officers located a hole in the ice just before noon today and gathered grappling equipment to continue their search. Haskins is said not to have used a boat but to have followed his trap lines in the swamp by jumping from hummock to hummock.

ARRESTS PARIS, March 19 (AP)—A number of Russians have been arrested in France, an interior ministry spokesman said Thursday. He did not say exactly how many.

The communist newspaper Ce Soir said interior ministry agents seized 10 persons last night at the house of a Soviet professor of law named Odinetz.

Swallows Arrive Right On Time SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif., March 19 (AP)—Right on schedule, the hundreds of swallows who make their summer home at Mission San Juan Capistrano, began arriving today—St. Joseph's Day.

Annually the birds return, presumably from their winter quarters in Central and South America. They have maintained the practice, with but few exceptions, for probably hundreds of years.

general has consistently been far out in front of the leaders in approving larger military establishments in the face of developing international crises.

Even when the issue is put on the more realistic basis of willingness to pay more taxes toward the upkeep of larger armed forces, the majority of voters still favor expansion.

Support for increasing the armed forces is fairly evenly distributed throughout the population.

On the first question voters with college education are not quite as strongly inclined to want a larger army as those with less formal training. They vote more heavily, however, for a larger air force than the national average.

The opinion of World War II veterans is shown in the following table:

Veterans Only			
	Yes	No	Opin.
Increase Army	64%	31%	5%
Increase Navy	65	29	6
Increase Air Force	78	18	4

The only geographical section giving less than average support to the increase is the West-Central states, with the Southern states registering the highest proportionate vote of approval.

By age groups there is little variation with people over 50 years of age being slightly more in favor of increased strength than younger voters.

Previous Institute polls have shown the public overwhelmingly in favor of Universal Military Training and opposed to a reduction in military budgets.

LA Cops Ponder On Imponderables LOS ANGELES, March 19 (AP)—Policeman J. N. Coberly entered a tavern early today just in time to find 12 customers and the bartender held at bay and a masked gunman, with \$42 from the till, going through the door of the little girl's room.

Steel Mills Nearing End Of Reserves

PITTSBURGH, March 19 (AP)—The five-day-old soft coal walkout today made deep inroads on steel and transportation, idling at least 12,000 to 15,000 workers.

If the 350,000 United Mine Workers, who demand \$100 monthly pensions, stay out over the week-end, many more thousands will be forced into idleness.

Biggest single layoff hit 10,000 employees of the coal-carrying Chesapeake & Ohio railroad. R. J. Bowman, president of the line, said another 5000 will be furloughed unless the strike ends by Saturday.

Those laid off included transportation crews, maintenance of way and equipment personnel, and some clerical workers.

Schedule Cut The Baltimore & Ohio railroad reported a 25 per cent reduction in coal runs and shifting yards crews. It said coal cars offered by mines had dropped 70 per cent from a normal average of 5335 daily.

Other railroads had furloughed or failed to call for duty workers as follows: Virginian Railway, 900; Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific, 300; two lines in Utah, 150. Alabama railroads began laying off crews on coal runs.

The Bethlehem Steel company at Lackawanna, N. Y., said it had coal for only a few days' full operation. Two steel companies already had cut back. Youngstown Sheet & Tube had banked one blast furnace at Youngstown, O.; Sharon Steel had shut down a blast furnace and five open hearths at Farrell, Pa.

Five Killed As Twister Rips Illinois

Tornadoes or high winds swept through five states today killing at least five persons, injuring scores and causing considerable property damage.

All the known dead were in Illinois, hardest hit state. Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas also were lashed by destructive winds.

Two children were also reported killed and an undetermined number injured today when a tornado wrecked a church and damaged a schoolhouse at Landeck, 14 miles west of Lima, O.

The twister was blown off St. John's Catholic church and fell on a parochial school building across the road.

A tornado cut a path through the town at Bunker Hill, Ill., a community of 1500 population, 40 miles northeast of St. Louis, Mo. At least three persons were killed there. At least 35 more were reported injured.

The Red Cross dispatched field kitchens for 1000 persons from St. Louis.

Twisters also struck at Alton, New Athens, Fosterburg and Freeburg, in southwestern Illinois. Two were dead at Gillespie. At least 35 were reported injured at Fosterburg.

Vandenberg Backs Plan In Senate

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Senate republican leaders seemed near agreement today on a plan to register—but delay drafting—the nation's young men for military service.

The wait-and-see proposal under study by Senators Vandenberg (Mich.) and Taft (Ohio) would call for speedy passage of laws to revive selective service in the face of stepped-up communist pressure in Europe. Selectees would be chosen and put on notice.

But congress would not push the button for inductions unless or until: (1) voluntary enlistments continued to lag or (2) the world situation grew so grave as to call for partial or full mobilization of a citizen army.

Spor Enlistments The prime object of such a law would be to spur immediate enlistments of those subject to call, thus filling vacant ranks in line with President Truman's plea for strengthened armed forces.

This republican answer to Mr. Truman's request for universal military training and a limited revival of selective service is known to have the enthusiastic backing of Vandenberg. He is the senate's presiding officer and heads its foreign relations committee.

Taft told a reporter he is inclined to support the plan but has not made up his mind finally.

House Ready Meanwhile, an informal poll of the house armed services committee showed today that group probably would approve an outright draft revival at once. Fifteen out of 33 members said they favor such a step and only four listed themselves as definitely opposed.

The standby plan developed at a time when Mr. Truman's proposals and policies were under fresh attack from his fired cabinet member, Henry A. Wallace.

In a radio address last night, Wallace charged that the Truman doctrine of supporting communist-threatened countries is being extended "to the point where it threatens the life of every human being in the world."

He complained that St. Patrick's Day speeches — Mr. Truman's included — were "hysteria-breeding."

The third party presidential candidate demanded to know "why have we reached this crisis in world affairs?"

Some republicans said they want to know that, too. But they were careful not to side with Wallace. And almost none of them, including Taft, would comment on the former vice president's charges.

Operators Ask To Negotiate

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Soft coal operators today appealed to John L. Lewis to end the mine shutdown and offered to negotiate on his demand for miners' pensions.

The pension demand is the key to the dispute that touched off the five-day-old walkout, which already has forced a cutback in rail and steel operations.

Producers, who account for three-fourths of the nation's soft coal output, made their plea in a letter to Lewis.

They charged that the mine shutdown violated their work agreement with Lewis' United Mine Workers.

Charles O'Neill spokesman for the major operators, said they wanted to sit down with Lewis and talk over the pension dispute. But he made it clear they would not move until he sent the 350,000 idle miners back to work.

BPA-Shasta Tie-In Far Off

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19 (AP)—Any tie-in between the Shasta and Bonneville power system is at least five years away.

This was the statement of Paul J. Raver, Bonneville administrator, yesterday in comment on a suggestion the tie-up might help alleviate the California power shortage.

He said preliminary discussions on such a tie-in had been started, but that initial study would take several months more.

Pelicans, Newberg Advance To Cage Consolation Final

EUGENE, March 19 — Klamath Falls and Newberg moved into the consolation finals of the state basketball tournament today with victories over Springfield and Jefferson respectively. The Pelicans and Tigers met Saturday at 9 a. m. in the game that will determine which teams ends in fifth place of the tourney.

The Pelicans trounced the Springfield Millers 61 to 43 in the consolation semi-finals, scoring almost all after a tight few minutes in the first quarter.

Springfield held the lead in the game until midway of the first period when the Pels started a drive that put them ahead 14-9 at the end of the quarter. The second period saw the Millers come within two points of tying the score a couple of times, but Klamath's ball-

hawking outfit fought to a 10-point halftime lead, 31-21.

The second half of the game was all Klamath.

Springfield's Kermit Chapman with 18 points was high for the game, and Jack Kennet led the Pels with 14.

Newberg previously had defeated Jefferson of Portland 62 to 45, eliminating the Jeffs from further play.

That game saw the Portlanders hop to a 17-10 first quarter lead and fade don't to be behind 27-23 at halftime. Don Hoy, a probable all-stater from Newberg, led the Tigers with 20 points and Charles Cobey of Jefferson was right behind with 19.

In the championship bracket semi-finals tonight at McArthur court, St. Helens plays Salem and Marshfield's Pipers plays defending titlists, meet Corvallis.