

C-47 MISSING NEAR PORTLAND

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

YUGOSLAVIA, Czechoslovakia and Hungary (all communist-run states) protest the American-British-French proposal to give Trieste back to Italy.

The dispatches add that the "communists showed concern lest the Trieste pronouncement influence Italy's April 18 elections, in which the communists are bidding for power."

At least these communist checker players know an opposing move for the king row when they see one.

THEY hit back—in a characteristic way.

The Italian printers are communist-led. So the communists call the printers out, thus shutting down more than 1000 daily papers, the dispatches tell us. The papers are obviously small. The United States, with its 145 million people, has between 1700 and 1800 daily newspapers.

The idea, of course, is to keep the Trieste news away from the Italians. The communist theory is that the more ignorant they are the easier you can handle 'em.

BEING an American, you say:

"Heck, why can't the Italians get the news by listening to their radio?"

Italy, for long years before the war, was ruled by fascism. Fascism, communism, nazism, etc. are racketeers designed to keep the gravy for the big shots at the top. Radio sets cost money. In the low-revenue countries, the poor devils down at the bottom don't have much money. So much of it has to go to the big boys in the high places that practically none is left for the common men in the lower brackets.

Isn't wicked, sinful, CAPITALIST-EXPLOITED America do those of us in the lower layers have luxuries like radios, washing machines, refrigerators, automobiles and the like.

The reason the Italians don't get the news from their radios is that very few of 'em have such things.

EVEN that doesn't tell the whole story.

In Europe, government saw very early in the game that radio was dangerous business. "Why," the lads in the top hats and the cutaway coats told each other, "if the saps out in the sticks listen to free, independent, say-what-you-please radio, they'll GET AS SMART AS WE ARE. That will NEVER do."

So they made radio a government monopoly. In that way, they manage to control everything that goes out over the air waves, and the saps hear only what the government thinks is good for 'em to know.

Handling the saps was reduced to a science in the Old World long, long ago.

ANYWAY, watch Trieste. And watch what Russia does about our little scheme to pull the Italians over to our side by promising to give the Jewel of the Adriatic back to them if they vote right on election day.

SO far, Russia has moved since the "Trieste only IN BERLIN."

Berlin is run by what is called a "four-power council." On this council, we, the British, the French and the Russians are represented. We're all supposed to get together on everything. On Saturday the Russians walked out of this council, Russian-licensed Berlin newspapers report that at the same time they invited us, the British and the French to get 'ell OUT of Berlin.

This is the point. Berlin is EAST of the line of the Elbe river. It is surrounded by Russian troops. We're expected for some time to be tossed out. It looks like the Russians are starting it now.

BUT, after all, that is a rather weak come-back. It doesn't look like Moscow could afford to let us get away with things like promising Trieste to the Italians if they are good boys and vote like they should.

TAKES OFF

ONTARIO, Calif., March 22 (AP)—Round-the-world Pilot Bill Odum took off for Honolulu today in the Reynolds scientific plane Explorer on the first leg of a return flight to China for a scientific expedition.

Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Says Third War Not Too Far In Future

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—Chairman Eaton (R-N.J.) of the house foreign affairs committee said today the possibility of a third world war "is not very remote."

Eaton was asking the house rules committee to send to the house floor quickly legislation for \$4,200,000,000 worth of economic and military aid to Western Europe, China, Greece and Turkey.

A little earlier, the foreign affairs committee had formally reported the bill. It said in a report to the house that "the very survival of the United States" is at stake in the present program to stop communism and help Europe recover economically.

In other foreign aid actions: The senate foreign relations committee recommended \$461,000,000 for aid to China for 12 months. Of this, \$100,000,000 could be used for military supplies. The administration had asked \$570,000,000 economic aid for China for 15 months.

The house appropriations committee recommended an emergency grant of \$55,000,000 to Austria,

WEATHER
Max. (March 21) 59 Min. 36
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 8.14
Last year 5.99 Normal 8.83
Forecast: Snow, Hazy.

Herald-Examiner News

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Spring Storm Lashes Northwest

Senate OK For GOP Tax Bill Certain

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—The republicans \$4,800,000,000 income tax-cutting bill headed for certain passage in the senate today.

The balloting was due to start at 5 p.m. (EST) on all remaining amendments, then on the bill itself. GOP leaders predicted enough democrats would join them to roll up a two-thirds majority for the measure. 140s democrats opposed to the bill agreed that would happen.

But some opponents insisted a two-thirds margin could not be maintained against the veto the republicans say they expect. It would have to be—both the senate and house—to override President Truman's disapproval.

Hopes High
However, republican hopes that a veto could be killed remained high. It was put into words by the party's newest convert to tax reduction, Senator Ernest of Oregon. He told a reporter:

"Overriding a veto is in the bag." The GOP optimism on this point got still another shot in the arm over the week-end.

It came when Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee forecast that the house would accept the senate's \$4,800,000,000 figure without even the usual conference.

The house on February 2 passed a bill to cut taxes \$6,500,000,000. The vote was 287 to 120, a two-thirds margin with some to spare.

Senate republicans have contended the house figure would have to be pared to fit enough Democratic votes on a veto test. Knutson's willingness to go along on this indicated the house would ratify the senate bill tomorrow and flip the document to Mr. Truman's desk.

Cleveland Zoo Hit By Flood

CLEVELAND, March 22 (AP)—Torrential rains which flooded thousands of homes and disrupted transportation and power service here caused flood damage estimated today at about \$100,000 at Cleveland's zoo.

Supt. Louis Zittello of Brookside park said eagles, vultures, ostriches, wolves and raccoons perished in flooded compounds. Zoo employees worked through the night to remove animals to higher ground.

Zoo Superintendent Fletcher Reynolds had to rescue one of his employees, too—Robert Matlin who fell into 15-foot of water in Big creek while trying to save animals from the high water.

Weatherman George Andrus said 2.76 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period ending early today.

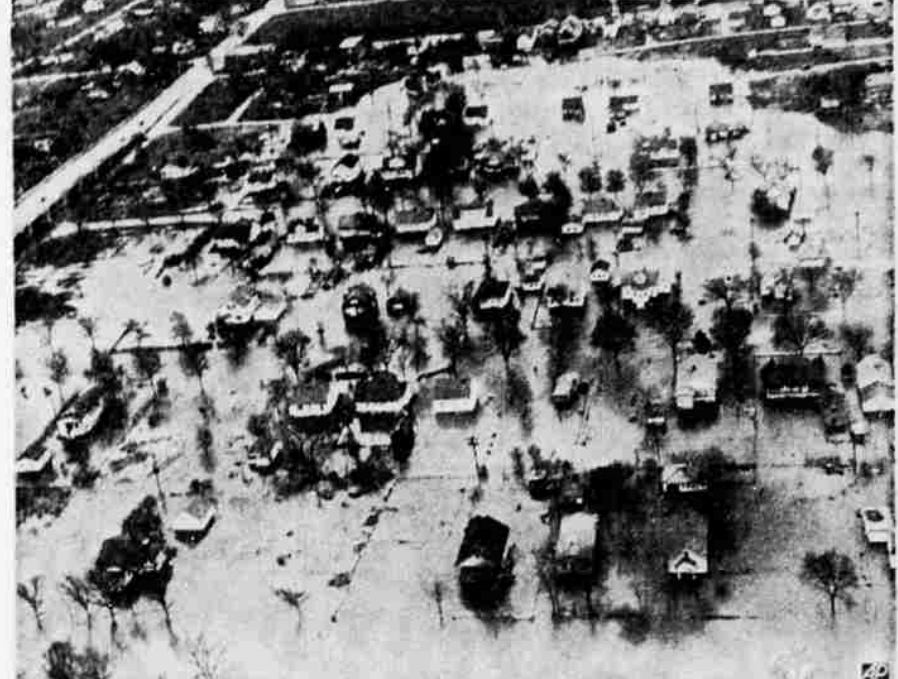
Klamath Falls In Safety Bracket

SALEM, March 22 (AP)—Bend, Klamath Falls and Medford are the only Oregon cities of more than 10,000 population which had no traffic fatalities in 1947.

It was the second straight year that Bend gained the distinction, said Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

The number of traffic fatalities in cities last year was down 29 per cent from 1946, while the figure for rural areas was down 2 per cent.

Heavy Rains Create Flood In Chicago Suburb



As seen from the air, this portion of Lake Hill, a suburb of Chicago, resembles a lake following heavy rains which isolated many homes in the residential section along with many others in low-lying areas.

Youth Hurt In Running Road Block

A wild ride through a road block Saturday night ended for six Tulelake youths when the car struck the railroad tracks near Hatfield, hit a mail truck and skidded to a stop.

Don Woodman, 21, driver of the car, is in Hillside hospital with a broken left leg above the knee and a fractured left collarbone.

The young men were found shooting geese out of season on the cut-off road between Merrill and Tulelake about 3 p.m. Saturday. When approached by State Game Warden William Rosen and Federal Game-master Garrett, they drove away, it was reported. Garrett sent his car across the road to head off the 1946 sedan driven by Woodman, who is said to have gone around the block.

Going at a high rate of speed, the car hit the tracks near Hatfield on the sliding, struck a mail truck and skidded about 80 yards. Gerald Wilson, California state highway patrolman, investigated the accident and Woodman was brought to Klamath Falls by Tulelake ambulance.

Woodman was fined \$100 in Tulelake city police court in August, 1947, for a hit and run accident. Maximum sentence for his latest offense is \$500 and six months' imprisonment and indefinite suspension of driver's license, according to California law.

With Woodman Saturday night were his brother James, Ted and Harry Crawford James Brightfield and Durwood Duhle.

Rancher Hurt By Falling Machinery

George Cross, 25-year-old Tulelake grain rancher, is in Hillside hospital for treatment of a crushed foot, received late last week when machinery skidded off a truck and hit him. Cross did not go to the hospital for immediate treatment but was admitted Sunday.

Cross has ranched in the Tulelake country for several years.

Girl Puts Men To Shame When Bull Blocks Road

BARNSTABLE, Mass., March 22 (AP)—A 13-year-old girl caused considerable blushing among full grown men yesterday when a belligerent bull, accompanied by a cow and a calf, tied up traffic on route 6 for a half hour.

The bull and his family strolled onto the heavily-travelled highway and refused to move despite the shouts and honking of irate motorists.

Some drivers attempted to start a roundup, but they quickly returned to their automobiles when the bull began snorting and raising his hoof.

Cars were lined up a mile in each direction before little Dolly Van Duzen, 13, came to the rescue. She rode her horse up to the bull and dismounted. Waving her arms in the bull's face, she yelled "Stuck."

The bull, the cow and calf marched off and bewildered motorists continued on their way.

Boy Swallows Pin At Movie

CHESTER, Pa., March 22 (AP)—Ten-year-old Francis Davis chewed at a three-inch pin from his Palm Sunday boutonniere as he watched the heroes thunder across the screen in a wild west movie.

As rangers chased the last of the redmen, Francis gulped. Down went the pin.

Donations Trickle In As RC Drive Hits 36 Per Cent

Donations continue to trickle in for the Klamath county Red Cross drive. Early this morning, Red Cross headquarters reported a total of \$14,000, 36 per cent of the total goal. Jackson county is far in the lead in the contest between the two counties with 62 per cent of its quota.

Among new names on the list of 103 per cent contributors are the following:

- Sixth Street exchange
- Ruby's Men's shop
- Balsiger Oil company
- Jean's Coffee shop
- LaPointe's
- Backes and Daggert insurance
- The Mecca
- Used Car exchange
- Union Oil company
- Loggers and Contractors Machinery company
- Bell Machinery company
- McAtee clinic
- Conger school
- Mills school
- Quality Delicatessen
- Wilson Title and Abstract
- Howard Barnhise agency
- Klamath Potato distributors
- T. B. Watters, insurance
- Better Book and Bible house
- Rickys
- Dr. Harry F. Stone office
- Cascade Mercantile
- Lambie and Moore
- Congress and Gift shop
- Columbian Optical company
- Louie's Loan office
- Bear Real Estate
- Ward Chicken store
- Idella's market
- Sari's restaurant
- Alexander and Young garage
- Klamath Animal hospital
- Altamont grocery
- Buckner office & store machine
- St. Francis market
- Third Street Farm service
- Swan Lake Moulding company

Hiring Hall Row Sticks

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (AP)—Leaders of CIO longshoremen and clerks renewed today their demand that the present hiring hall system be written into a new coastwise longshore agreement.

Eighty delegates from Pacific Coast locals of the clerks and of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union voted here over the week-end to begin immediate negotiations for renewal of the contract that expires June 15.

Preservation of the hiring hall will be the chief point, the union said. Other demands were not reported but they can be negotiated or arbitrated if agreement is reached on hiring, a spokesman indicated.

A representative of the Waterfront Employers association said the WEA was willing to retain the hall system but wants the hiring hall dispatcher to be an impartial third party. He is a member of the ILWU under the present agreement.

Folsom Dam Action Asked

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—Secretary of Interior Krug asked congress today to re-authorize Folsom dam in California as a multiple purpose project to provide for flood control, irrigation and power development.

The dam is authorized at present only as a flood control project under the army engineers.

Local Option Grog Proposal Up

RAMENITO, Calif., March 22 (AP)—California will vote on a local option liquor proposal at the general election next November.

The secretary of state announced today the proposal's petitioners had obtained sufficient signatures.

Should the constitutional amendment carry, liquor licenses issued would have to have the approval of local governmental authorities and cities and counties would have the right to forbid sales.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes, old stock, 2 broken, 16 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 1, Oregon 7, Idaho 8, Nevada 3, Minnesota 4; new stock, 1 car on track; arrivals, Florida 1; market steady; Klamath Russets No. 1-A 3.50; Deschutes 3.75; Idaho 3.40.

LOS ANGELES, March 22 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes, old stock, 51 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Idaho 13, Minnesota 1, Florida 2, Oregon 5, California 9; 4 cars arrived by truck; Idaho Russets No. 1-A 3.20-40.

Coast Guard Misses Mine In Sea Hunt

By The Associated Press
Eight persons were feared dead and property damage climbed into the hundreds of thousands of dollars today as the Pacific Northwest recovered from Sunday's spring gale.

The eight possible victims were occupants of an air force C-47 plane which vanished en route to Portland from Fairfield-Suisun Air base in California. Search for the big plane, which last radioed it was 25 miles north of Portland, centered today in the Mount St. Helens area.

Elsewhere along the widespread storm front, the lashing winds and driving rain left a 32-foot luxury cruiser drifting helplessly off the mouth of the Columbia river, ripped two barges from a tow by the cannery tender Maurine Greer, and whipped up heavy seas that aided a derelict mine to elude a coast guard cutter 45 miles off Willapa harbor.

Skiers Marooned
About 100 skiers were marooned at Mount Baker lodge when a snow slide blocked the only road from the area. Highway department crews expected to clear the road by morning.

Three unoccupied family cottages were destroyed at Ross dam as tons of snow slid down on a construction camp for the second time in little more than a month. Two garages were smashed and three homes damaged in Seattle as earth, soaked by more than two inches of rain in 24 hours, roared down a West Seattle bluff.

Wind and rain were blamed for setting off two explosions in oil switches at a North Seattle power station, cutting off power for hours throughout the University and North End districts.

All of Sedro Woolley was without power for seven minutes yesterday as winds blew down power lines. A third of the city was without power for two hours.

Storm warnings were changed to small craft warnings at 10 a. m. today for fresh to strong southwest winds at all Washington stations and south on the Oregon coast to Cape Blanco.

Snow fell in several sections of Portland this morning, but did not last. The Sunday storm dumped an average of 1.25 inches of rain on the Willamette valley, tore down trees and wires, and disrupted electric service in scattered areas.

The heavy rainfall sent a number of Oregon coastal streams beyond flood stage, and covered the Oregon Coast highway with six inches of water north of Tillamook. Cars were still going through, however.

Homestead Meeting Set

Plans for the next homestead drawing will be brought up at a meeting of bureau of reclamation officials on March 30, it was announced today.

Representatives of veterans' organizations and others interested in veterans' welfare, are invited to attend the meeting which will be held at 7 p.m. at the recreation hall, U. S. bureau of reclamation. Recommendations for procedure of the next drawing will be brought up, A. D. Harvey, in charge of the homestead division, USBR, said.

It is noted that public notices of the drawing may be issued in July, Harvey said.

Land in the next drawing lies south of Malin plus that on the Copeck bay "panhandle" and some adjacent to that; in the last homestead drawing.

Million Dollar Rain Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (AP)—A storm 1000 miles at sea today promised a "million dollar" rain to all of Northern California tonight or tomorrow.

The weather bureau predicted winds of gale force from Pt. Arena —100 miles north of here to Cape Blanco, Ore.

Willamette Span Bids Due In April

SALEM, March 22 (AP)—The state highway commission said today it would open bids April 20 on construction of a bridge across the Willamette river at Independence.

The bridge, to cost \$900,000, would replace the present ferry route. The state would pay half the cost, and Marion and Polk counties would split the other half.

It would be 2214 feet long.

Pilot



MAJOR JOHN B. HARDING

Ex-Klamath Man Pilot Of Plane

KELSO, Wash., March 22 (AP)—A widespread aerial search is under way today for a missing C-47 with eight men aboard.

Eleven planes took off from Portland, Ore., to trace the route the plane is believed to have taken yesterday and to search the country east of Yacolt in the Davis peak area and near Troutdale, Ore.

The ceiling in the Kelso area was reported as only 1000 feet. Yacolt is about 20 miles south of Mount St. Helens, 9671-foot snow-

covered peak, near which the big plane was believed to have been last seen.

The C-47, en route from Fairfield-Suisun (Calif.) air base to Portland, was last heard from at 1:07 p. m. (PST) yesterday. Its pilot is Major John B. Harding, formerly of Klamath Falls. A message said the plane was 25 miles north of Portland and making a procedure turn for an instrument landing.

Davis peak is between 10 and 15 miles northeast of Woodland in the Lewis river country. Two separate reports from residents of that area told of hearing a loud clap of thunder sometime between 1 and 2 p. m. Sunday.

Ralph Sanger, Kelso coordinator for the Washington aeronautics board, said he would take off by plane to search the Davis peak area as soon as the weather conditions become favorable.

Flare Found
The Oregon national guard received a parachute flare today which a Troutdale, Ore., resident said he saw dropped at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. The flare was unmarked and the national guard was unable to tell if it belonged to the missing plane.

The national guard and civil air patrol at Portland hoped to get planes off during the morning to search the Troutdale area. Troutdale is on the Columbia river east of Portland.

Lt. Cmdr. R. W. Finley, is leader of a mobile coast guard search party, which is participating.

The Fairfield-Suisun base listed the following men as aboard the missing plane:

Major John B. Harding, pilot, whose wife, Mrs. Margaret H. Harding, lives at Fairfield-Suisun.

Capt. William H. Tillery, wife, Mrs. Alice K. Tillery, Fairfield, Calif.

Capt. Wiley A. Garber, wife, Mrs. Geraldine Garber, Oakland, Calif.

Capt. Frederick J. Ziegler, wife, (Continued on Page 3)

Early Use Of Atomic Power Held Possible

AMES, Iowa, March 22 (AP)—Commercial use of atomic energy "in the not distant future" was forecast today by Earl O. Shreve, president of the U. S. chamber of commerce.

Shreve said atomic scientists believe the first use will be in stationary power plants and ship propulsion.

In an address prepared for Iowa State college's 90th birthday anniversary, Shreve said:

"Atomic energy released by a complete fission of a pound of fissionable material is equivalent to that energy released by the burning of 1500 tons of coal. In terms of dollars and cents, a pound of atomic energy would today cost about \$6000. Coal in the amount to produce equal energy would have to be purchased at \$4 a ton. A major advantage of atomic propulsion, therefore, would be that of storage and refueling."

Eventually, Shreve said, it might be possible for a ship using atomic energy for propulsion to travel 40 times around the world without refueling.

Five Brazilians Die In Crash

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 22 (AP)—Five Brazilian crewmen were found dead today in the wreckage of a B-25 bomber being delivered to Brazil.

The plane was one of four Mitchells being flown here for the Brazilian air force from San Antonio, Texas. It crashed near the mouth of the Gurupi river, 156 miles east of Belém.

Some 68 other American made military planes previously had reached Brazil safely.

Red Cross Aids Tornado Victims

The American Red Cross is moving immediately into tornado-devastated areas of the South, Midwest and East, according to word received by the Klamath county chapter of the Red Cross today.

An immediate allotment of \$250,000 was made by the Red Cross for aiding victims in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio. Volunteers and first aid as well as money were mobilized by the Red Cross immediately after the disaster broke.

Harold D. Mortenson Passes Away In San Francisco Home

Harold D. Mortenson, 67, prominent Klamath Falls industrialist and civic leader for nearly 40 years, died last night at San Francisco.

The long-time president of Pelican Bay Lumber company had been in the bay city for several months, suffering from illness. He had been in a hospital until recently, but passed away at his residence in San Francisco.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine, who was with him at the time of his death. His sister, Mrs. Crawford May of Santa Barbara, Calif., also survives.

Private family funeral services will be held in San Francisco tomorrow. Mr. Mortenson had retired from business activity here. Only recently, announcement was made of the sale of Pelican Pine Manufacturing company, of which he was a major owner, and which was successor to the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

Born in Fayette, Mo., Mr. Mortenson came west in 1901 to take graduate studies at Stanford university. He was the son of Jacob Mortenson, a large lumber operator of the early days in the Wisconsin country. Jacob Mortenson died in 1927.

Mr. Mortenson built and operated a major industry here. He came to Klamath Falls in 1910, just after the railroad was extended to this city. He organized the Pelican Bay Lumber company, and contracted for a large body of timber west of Upper Klamath lake near Pelican Bay.

In 1911, his company built a complete and strictly modern sawmill on the upper lake at what is now Pelican City. It was the first mill in Klamath county with a band head saw and shotgun gear, and it was the first mill to saw lumber

strictly for the outside trade. In 1914, the mill burned and a new one was built. In 1918, another fire destroyed the mill, and this time the first completely electrified mill in the country was constructed by Mortenson. It was Klamath's biggest mill until 1926.

Pelican Bay has been described as the largest purchaser of timber under government contracts, both forest service and Indian service, in the entire West. (From W. E. Lamm's "Lumbering in Klamath.")

Mr. Mortenson took an active part in the community life. He was a leader in Red Cross and bond drives in World War I. In 1922 he was general chairman of a huge pageant representing the history of the area from the creation of Crater lake. He brought in a Hollywood script writer and made it one of the biggest things of the kind ever attempted here. He was president of the Klamath County chamber of commerce in 1924-25, president of Rotary, an organizer of the Reames Golf and Country club.

An outstanding recent contribution was his wooden gift box program during World War II. He manufactured and distributed, without charge, more than 60,000 wooden boxes, complete with twine and postal instructions, for shipment of gift boxes to service men. It was one of the biggest individual contributions to "service for service men" in Oregon.

He had recently presented two gifts of old-time log equipment for the logging museum in Collier state park, in honor of the late J. C. Johnson, who was his logging superintendent from the beginning of Pelican bay operations until his retirement.