ARMED FORCES EXPANSION ASKED

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Shattered Air Force Transport

Eight air force airmen died in the wreckage of this C-47 transport plane which crashed near Woodland, Wash. Two survivors were found in the snow by loggers. Five bodies were found in the wreckage and where they had wandered off to die in the snow. The plane was on a flight from Fairfield, Calif.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DEFENSE Secretary Forrestal, representing our top military leadership, asks congress today for immediate expansion of our armed services to the point where American military might will match that of Russia.

He wants:

1. Selective service draft of men from 19 to 25, inclusive.

2. A permanent system of universal military training, to become fully effective within three years.

3. Another three billion dollars for immediate increase of men and machines.

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CONGRESS doesn't like the idea. We don't like the idea.

BUT—

For the first time in our history, the possible alternative is LOSS OF OUR LIBERTY.

The crisis that has arisen in the world is just that serious.

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IN London, Mediterranean experts in the British government predict that in the Italian election in April the communist combination of parties will get from 38 to 43 per cent of the total vote.

They add that they don't see how the communists can be kept out of the new Italian government that will follow the election.

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REMEMBER:

In Italy it won't be just a case of one party winning all and the other losing all. In this April 18

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Plane-Maker Glenn Martin Tells Of Perfected Navy Guided Missile That Searches Out Enemy Vessels On Sea

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP)—Plane-maker Glenn L. Martin says the navy has perfected guided missiles that can search out an enemy ship and destroy it "even if it is halfway across the ocean."

The United States' present-day warfare developments, Martin says, also include a radio-active cloud that will kill anything it touches, new bacteria weapons and an A-bomb far more devastating than those dropped on Japan.

The navy's guided missile is equipped with a homing device which steers it to its target, Martin, head of the plane manufacturing company that bears his name, said at a press conference yesterday.

"We can sink the ship even if it is halfway across the ocean. All we have to do is to get our own ships out of the way."

The missiles also can be used against iron foundries, he said, and "it will be possible to eliminate a nation's steel industry in time."

The radio-active, or atomic, cloud is spread by wind, he declared. There's a danger of it backfiring on its user if turned loose when weather conditions are not suitable.

If another war comes, the new weapons make it likely that its ultimate course would be determined within 65 days, he said.

"Our greatest weapons are some months away," Martin declared. "It will take two years before we could produce sufficient aircraft of the new type now being developed. Missiles would be ready much more quickly."

In Washington, the atomic energy commission had no comment on Martin's statements.

World Knowledge Not Yet Complete

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 25 (AP) — National park service officials here have received a letter from an Australian who apparently is unaware the South rejoined the Union.

His letter, seeking information on Southern generals, was addressed to:

"The Superintendent, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County National Military Park, Fredericksburg, Va., C.S.A. (Confederate States of America)."

Clay Says No War In Sight

FRANKFURT, Germany, March 25 (AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay said today he is "not the least bit nervous" about the military situation in Germany.

"I am not expecting any conflagration to break out tomorrow or the next day by any means," the U. S. military governor told a news conference.

Clay said he has no fear that the Russians will close the borders of Eastern Germany or the supply highway from the British and American zones to Berlin.

A German newsman said the German people are afraid they will be overrun by Russian troops. Clay replied:

"People everywhere are afraid of war. Nobody as an individual wants war. Let us hope from that fact alone there will be no war.

"On the other hand, we must face the fact that there are certain moral values that those of us who believe in them must maintain, regardless of the cost."

Clay was asked if the Russians ever expressed a threat to use troops or a fear that troops would be used.

"Never," Clay replied. "Not to me in any of my official or social relations."

Indignation Mounting Over Plane Shipments To Russia

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Senator Maybank (D-S. C.) called on Attorney General Clark today to prosecute the persons who permitted shipment of airplane engines to Russia.

"To my utter amazement I have read of the shipments of aeroplane motors and other materials to Russia which may eventually be used against us," Maybank said in a letter to Clark. He added:

"I believe it is your duty as attorney general to start proceedings immediately against the firms mentioned and all responsible."

Maybank made the same assertion at a senate armed services committee hearing as congressional indignation rose over shipping supplies to Russia and her satellite nations.

Other developments in the inquiry into such shipments included:

1. President Truman observed at a news conference that the U. S. S. R. at the present time is a friendly nation; that many of the shipments under fire were contracted for by the Soviets two years ago.

2. Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) said shipment of such goods to Russia at a time like this is "disgraceful and almost treasonable."

3. Rep. Shafer (R-Mich.) said his house armed services subcommittee has been assured the commerce department is clamping down on exports of potential war materials to Russia. The state department, he said, feels it needs more statutory authority to control imports. He said, "We are getting some strategic materials from Russia. All trade wit Russia will not be suspended."

4. Richard F. Fincke, a former government official, told a house subcommittee the state department "encouraged all relationships I had with Russia and with every other person behind the iron curtain." Fincke said that happened in May, 1947, after he had sold 40 airplane engines to Russia some months earlier. He said he reported this to the FBI.

5. The United Aircraft corporation denied that its Pratt and Whitney Aircraft division is shipping airplane engines to the Soviet Union, or has shipped any engines or parts there since V-J Day. Testimony before a house surplus property subcommittee had named Pratt and Whitney as an alleged shipper of such equipment to Russia. United Aircraft denied this in a letter to Chairman Rizley (R-Okla.).

6. The commerce department reported $421,000 worth of aircraft parts were shipped to Russia last year. Total U. S. exports to the Soviet in 1947 amounted to $149,504,000. This was a drop of $206,288,000 from the 1946 total of $357,792,000. UNRRA and lend-lease shipments made up 82 per cent of the 1946 total. The U. S. received $77,102,000 worth of goods from Russia in 1947.

Prisoner Has His Own Ideas

NEWARK, O., March 25 (AP)—When the judge said, "10 days," Harold Offenbaker, 20, of Newark, gasped:

"For goodness sakes, you aren't going to send me to jail, are you?"

"Yes, sir," replied Common Pleas Judge Charles B. Holtsberry.

"I'm not going," Offenbaker cried, jumping from his seat and running out of the room where he appeared on a contempt of court citation.

That was yesterday afternoon. Authorities still sought him today.

Parking Tags Are Problem To Mayor

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 25 (AP) Mayor Harry Eielson has a parking problem—to wit, his daughter, Judy.

The mayor shelled out his fourth one-dollar fine yesterday for his daughter's overtime parking.

The last one was acquired by Miss Eielson on March 13 while weekending from MacMurry college, Jacksonville, at home. The traffic department found the delinquent ticket yesterday. She forgot to tell her father about it.

The mayor promised to lay down the law to Judy.

Cattle Trucks To Be Inspected

HILLSBORO, March 25 (AP) — Washington county dairymen have asked the sheriff to start a check of all trucks carrying livestock into the county and require health certificates for the animals.

The dairymen announced a program to prevent diseased cattle moving into the county from drougth stricken areas of California. They said many diseases, under control here for years, might break out if controls are not established.

Demos May Switch On Tax Slash

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) — Reports that President Truman soon will propose new billions for defense prompted vote-switching talk today among democrats who cast previous ballots for tax cutting.

Republican leaders insisted, however, that not enough shifts will occur to uphold Mr. Truman's virtually certain veto of their $4,800,000,000 tax reduction bill.

That measure completed its first trip through congress yesterday.

Big Tally

The house rolled up a thumping 289 to 67 tally—51 votes more than the two-thirds majority needed to override a presidential rejection.

The senate passed the bill on Monday by a count of 78 to 11—or 18 votes to spare if the lineup remains the same on the veto test.

Rep. Cox (D-Ga.), who voted for the tax cut yesterday, raised the possibility today of a wide shift of votes, including his own. He told newsmen:

"Reports now are that the president will ask for a large sum of money for the air forces and for atomic energy, about $10,000,000,000 more. This would greatly change the whole matter.

"If the president shows congress that this $4,800,000,000 is needed to protect this country—and I believe he has understated the world emergency—it is my belief congress will sustain his veto of the tax bill."

Foreign Aid Debate Grows

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — The house stepped up the pace of its debate today on the $6,205,000,000 foreign aid bill. There were signs of a fight ahead over how far this country should go in telling Western Europe which goods it must not ship to Russia.

Former President Herbert Hoover edged into the dispute from the sidelines. He endorsed the European recovery program, the backbone of the house bill, as "a major dam against Russian aggression."

But Hoover said the shipments-to-Russia provisions goes too far. Rep. Mundt (R.-S.D.) and some of his colleagues insist it should go farther.

The whole question will be threshed out when the house foreign affairs committee meets Monday.

Time Switch Dead Issue

SALEM, March 25 (AP)—Daylight saving for Oregon was a dead issue today.

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, president of the League of Oregon Cities, said his poll showed that 86 mayors are for it and 76 are opposed.

Such a sharp difference of opinion, he said, would make it impossible to have daylight saving throughout the state.

Governor John H. Hall already had said he had no authority to proclaim the fast time for the state. He said that is a legislative job—and the legislature doesn't meet until next January.

Fourth Indian Still Mystery

REDMOND, March 25 (AP)—Street Superintendent John Berning heartily thanked the police department for sending him prisoners to clean the streets; asked if he could have those four industrious Indians again the next day.

"What four Indians?" asked police.

"Those in jail," said Berning.

"But we only had three Indians in jail," said police.

Berning still hasn't figured out who the fourth Indian that cleaned up his streets was. But it looked as if the man joined the street-cleaners by mistake: A private contracting firm laying curbs in another part of town had been employing Indians that day.

"Camping Out" To Be Pushed

PORTLAND, March 25 (AP) — City kids should be able to "camp out" and still be back home by nightfall, Commissioner Fred L. Peterson thinks.

He has asked that two surplus whale boats be given by the maritime commission to the city to transport children to Rock Island, a 15-acre city park in the Willamette river south of Milwaukie.

If the city gets the boats, he said, a day camp will be set up on the island to give children the thrill of camping out without adding to the overnight worries of their parents.

Local Option Feature Gets Modification

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Congress sent to the White House today legislation keeping rent controls for another year.

Voice vote approval by the senate completed congressional action on the measure.

It came only a few hours after the house okayed, 220 to 95, a compromise of differing measures originally passed by senate and house.

Without the legislation the present controls, affecting about 13,000,000 dwelling places and 50,000,000 persons, would end a week from today.

The compromise written by a senate-house conference committee after the two chambers had passed differing bills, modifies the "local option" feature of the house version by giving a special federal court the last word on rent boosts whenever local boards and federal officials disagree.

Authority Given

As passed by the house, prior to drafting of the compromise late yesterday, the bill would have given the local boards—nominated by the governors of the various states—absolute authority to raise rents or decontrol areas completely.

The compromise revises the house bill provision which would have stripped federal officials of final authority in rent decisions.

Senator Cain (R-Wash.), floor manager for the bill in the senate, told newsmen he hoped senate action would follow immediately.

The session had been announced as only a formal review of the technical language by Cain and Wolcott. But six of the seven house conferees showed up, and an argument developed over how to define the court's powers.

Students Off On Vacations

Both city and county elementary and high school students began their abbreviated spring vacation on dismissal of school this afternoon.

Students in both the city and county get just two actual school days off—Friday and next Monday.

In most previous years, spring vacation has been good for a week, and on a few rare occasions, two weeks. When school calendars were compiled this year, however, the two days were marked off for the early spring rest.

Students will be setting out on the last lap of their 1947-48 year when they return to classes Tuesday, and no formal vacations are scheduled. Most graduation exercises are set for early June.

Blast Furnace Flare Kills 4

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 25 (AP) Hot coke pouring from a blast furnace pipe in a flaming flash killed at least four men and burned 13 others at the Bethlehem Steel corporation plant last night.

Martin L. Gilbert, 42, Allentown, Pa., and Walter Pletchan, Egypt, Pa., were killed outright along with a third man whose body was charred beyond recognition. Augustus Knecht, 43, Nazareth, Pa., died at a hospital early today.

Two others suffered third degree burns and were reported in critical condition. They were listed as Velodo Lukasevich, Walnutport, Pa. and Frank Schlegel Jr., Easton, Pa.

The company said the accident—that produced a flash seen 20 miles from the steel mill—occurred while the furance was being shut down because of the soft coal strike.

Hot coke, a company spokesman said, slipped inside the furnace, forcing out the plugs in two pipe-like tuyeres and spreading the coke around the base of the furnace where the men were working.

Party Plans Put CC In Dither

PASCO, March 25 (AP)—The date when water will flow through irrigation ditches on the Pasco division of the Columbia irrigation project is worrying members of the chamber of commerce more than it does the farmers.

Charles Seeholzer, resident engineer, said today that water would roll through the canals on—or before—April 15. The first of two big pumps on the edge of the river will be installed by the end of this week.

Farmers, however, report the soil has 42 inches of moisture.

But the chamber of commerce wants to know just when. The members want to throw a party.

Italy Ready To Talk On Trieste Deal

ROME, March 25 (AP) — Striking printers went back to work today and set the news that Italy is willing to negotiate with Yugoslavia over Trieste.

A foreign minister spokesman said negotiations could be considered only in the spirit of the American, British and French note proposing return of the 400-square-mile free territory to Italy.

The government and the communist-controlled Italian Confederation of Labor, which some observers had accused of calling the press strike for political reasons, announced the end of the printers' walkout.

Cramped Campaign

The strike had deprived Italians of newspapers since Sunday. Thus it had cramped the political campaign, in which communists are striving for power in the April 18 elections. Radios and public loudspeakers had been about the only means of distributing news in Italy since the western powers announced they favored the return of Trieste to Italy.

The foreign ministry's spokesman emphasized his government's belief that only by eliminating the "discord revealed in the question of the Trieste free territory can constructive peace be reached with our neighbors."

The three western allies announced Saturday they had proposed to Russia and Italy "that those governments join in agreement on an additional protocol to the treaty of peace with Italy which would place the free territory of Trieste once more under Italian sovereignty."

The Trieste announcement came less than a month before a crucial Italian parliamentary election, scheduled for April 18.

The main contest will be between de Gasperi's Christian democrats and the communist-socialist popular front.

(Mediterranean experts in the British government forecast in London yesterday the popular front will get 38 to 43 per cent of the vote. They said they did not see how the communists could be kept out of the government.)

British Hit Red Protest

LONDON, March 25 (AP)—Britain rejected today Russia's protest against the United States-British-French negotiations for rebuilding Western Germany's economy.

A firm note to the Soviet government said Great Britain wished "entirely to repudiate the accusations" made by Russia that the negotiations violated the Potsdam agreement.

The note blamed Russia for the breakdown of four-power cooperation for restoring Germany's economic unity.

"In the opinion of His Majesty's government," it said, "responsibility for the frustration of their consistent attempts to promote to the greatest possible extent practical cooperation in Germany, directed to the economic recovery and unity of that country . . . rests clearly upon the Soviet government.

"The refusal of the Soviet government to allow those conditions to exist in Germany which are essential for the well-being of Europe has been amply demonstrated by their actions in the control council and the council of foreign ministers and in all aspects of the political and economic discrimination in the Soviet-occupied zone."

Tragedy Hits Ziegler Family

With the death of Capt. Frederic J. Ziegler Jr., of Portland, one of the men to die in the crash of a C-47 last Sunday on a wooded peak 10 miles northeast of Woodland, Wash., the airman's wife has lost her second husband in an air crash, and the flyer's parents have lost their second son.

Sigma Nu fraternity brothers of Capt. Ziegler in Klamath Falls today remembered that the captain had married a young widow whose husband was killed in the air in India. She and a son by her former marriage, and a young daughter born to the Zieglers a short time ago, survive him, as do his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frederic J. Ziegler of Portland. The elder Zieglers had a son who was killed when quite young while taking flying lessons. They adopted Frederic Jr. later. Capt. Ziegler attended the University of Oregon at Eugene and was in school in the late 30's. Among his fraternity brothers here are Frederick Ehlers, Don Kirkpatrick and Floyd Kirkpatrick now of the marine air corps, John Raffetto, Leo Molatore and Gordon Erlandson.

Money Meant Little To Him

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 25 (AP) H. J. Janke found a $100 bill in his automobile yesterday. It had been there for more than two years.

Janke discovered the bill in the license card container. It turned out on inquiry that it had been left there by the son of a man from whom Janke bought the car two years ago. The son, F. C. Grable, said he had just forgotten it. Janke gave it back.

Army Heads May Control U.S. Atoms

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — Senator Wherry (R-Neb.) introduced today a bill to return control of atomic energy to the army.

The bill would abolish the civilian atomic energy commission. The secretary of the army, instead, would hold overall authority to direct atomic energy matters.

The president would be directed to make the shift 30 days after passage of the legislation.

Royall Against

Wherry submitted the proposal about the same time Secretary of the Army Royall was telling the senate armed services committee he was not in favor of a change.

"I am averse to changing organizations that are working well," Royall said. "The atomic energy commission and the representatives of the military are working splendidly together. . . . We need not suggest a change."

Secretary of Defense Forrestal, who appeared before the committee with Royall, said flatly that Russia does not yet know how to produce atomic bombs.

He made the statement in listing America's assets. He said:

"The United States possesses the knowledge and the capacity to make the atom bomb, and as yet the Soviets do not.

"The mere possession of this undoubted asset would not necessarily turn the scale of war, if war should come. But its possession has undoubted power to dissuade from aggression any nation that believes we have sufficient military strength to put that weapon to effective use."

Then, departing from his prepared text, Forrestal said:

"It is a fact known to all that we have tried to propose an international agreement to deny ourselves the use of this weapon."

He said these attempts have failed because Russia has refused to cooperate.

Subs Sighted Off US Coast

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — Secretary of the Navy Sullivan told senators today that "recently submarines not belonging to any nation west of the 'iron curtain' have been sighted off our shores."

Although Sullivan named no names, Russia is the only nation behind the iron curtain known to have any submarine fleet.

Testifying to the senate armed services committee, Sullivan said:

"I am not prepared to evaluate the significance of these sightings. However, we all recall that an early step of the Germans in 1917 and 1941 was to deploy submarines off our coasts."

Sullivan was before the committee to ask for a stronger navy as part of the administration's "stop communism" drive.

He said Russia had obtained 10 new German submarines, four of them of the latest wartime design.

Truman Favors Fast Time

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — President Truman said today he would be for daylight saving on a nation-wide basis. But he said it only causes confusion if some cities adopt it and the rest of the country doesn't.

The matter came up at his news conference when a reporter asked if he had considered daylight saving as a fuel-saving measure during the coal strike. Mr. Truman said he had not.

The president then commented that in the past daylight saving has been a lot of hooey because of the confusion from the changes on a town-by-town basis.

He said it is sensible only if adopted throughout the country.

Medford Schools Show 1000 Gain

MEDFORD, March 25 (AP) — Medford's schools have 1000 more pupils now than eight years ago, a report Wednesday by Supt. E. H. Hedrick showed.

Enrollment was 2371 in 1940 and this year is 3300, a gain of 38 per cent.

His report said the rising birth rate and new families moving in the city jointly were the causes.

Forrestal Says Peace Chance Good

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The nation's top military leaders asked congress today for an immediate expansion of the armed services and the drafting of men 19 to 25 years of age.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal grimly outlined the recent turn of world events in urging steps to make United States military might match that of communist Russia.

As Forrestal spoke before the senate armed services committee, President Truman announced he is preparing to give the congress a revised defense program.

Mr. Truman told his news conference he can't estimate yet how many additional billions of dollars the program will cost. Estimates from the defense department have not yet reached him, he said.

Forrestal said the odds still favor peace and the free nations of the world.

But he asked congress to approve immediately:

1. An increase in the present authorized strength of army, navy, marine and air force manpower by 349,500 officers and men.

2. Another $3,000,000,000 in cash and contract authority for the armed services to cover this expansion. This presumably would be in addition to $11,000,000,000 already in the budget.

3. Drafting by selective service of men from 19 to 25 years inclusive. He said this would provide 1,355,000 men but added that only about 220,000 probably would be taken. He estimated 500,000 probably would volunteer.

4. A permanent system of universal military training which would become fully effective within three years. Forrestal said this would provide some 850,000 men each year with basic training.

Forrestal said some of the details of the expanded armed service program must be presented later behind closed doors.

"Because of the world situation as it exists today, there is certain detailed information which we cannot safely disclose in open session," Forrestal said.

The current strength of the armed services is 1,392,000.

No Vets

Forrestal indicated in his testimony before the senate armed services committee that war veterans will not be included in the draft plans.

He said the 19-25 year age group includes a "total of 3,600,000 male non-veterans."

Exemption Cut

Exemptions and deferments would reduce that number to 1,355,000 the secretary said. He did not immediately explain the basis for exemptions and deferments but senators have said they would exclude married men.

Forrestal said the 349,500 increase in the regular armed forces would be divided this way:

"The army, by 240,000, from 541,000 to 782,000;

"The navy by 63,000; from 397,000 to 460,000;

"The marine corps, by 11,000, from 81,000 to 92,000;

The air force, by 35,000, from 364,500 to 400,000."

This would require an additional $3,000,000,000 outlay, he said, which soon will be asked of congress.

Red Council Stall Blasted

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall served notice today that the United States will look on further Russian refusal to cooperate in the allied control council for Germany as "aimed against the unification of Germany."

He did this with a news conference statement which also:

Threw the full weight of American prestige behind General Lucius D Clay's fight to keep allied machinery in Germany running and behind Clay's determination to remain in Berlin.

Endorsed completely Clay's "stop Russia" political policy which denies the Russian-sponsored German peoples congress the right to operate in the American area of Germany.

Summer Homes At Lake Get 5-Foot Snow Covering

One of the heaviest winters on record at Lake o' the Woods has left a topping of approximately five feet of heavily packed snow on rooftops of summer homes, but a group of Klamath men who skied out of the resort area last night said no damage had been done to date.

Troy Cook, president of the Lake o' the Woods Summer Home Owners association, returned here with Wilson Wiley and Harry Ott of Los Angeles at 9 p. m., and later another group including Ralph Stearns, Jr., Glenn Lorenz Jr., Virgil Nelson, Marvin "Billy" Hilton and Gene Hankins reached Klamath Falls. The five KUHS students had gone to the lake Monday and cleared snow from their respective cabins.

Cook said that in addition to the five feet on rooftops, there is around five feet of well packed snow on the level and it stormed all day yesterday, adding more inches to the already well covered area. The lake is covered with ice and those with cabins on the west side skied across the lake.

Stearns and his party stayed with George Bosley, caretaker at the resort. All buildings there were in good shape. Jack Dutcher and Tom Neeley, owners of the resort, snowshoed in from the foot of the hill to the lake last Tuesday. They radioed Medford Tuesday night that there was no "extensive damage" and they would assist home-owners in clearing their property.

Wilson Wiley, member of the party which left here Tuesday, said they got cars in to the foot of the hill and were able to make the six miles on skis in a couple of hours but said the trip was "rugged." The party remained at Cook's cabin on the west side overnight, cleaned off roofs of the Cook and Wiley cabins, and left about 5 o'clock last night, getting in here at 9.

All those who entered the lake this week said the opening would be very late.