

TORNADO RIPS OVER OKLAHOMA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A DISPATCH from Washington this morning tells us that President Truman's flat announcement that he is a candidate for renomination spikes the hopes of rebelling democrats that they can find another man who might beat him at the convention.

Senator George, of Georgia, puts it this way:
"Most democratic party members in public life who might be acceptable to both wings of the party" owe Mr. Truman something, and few with national stature want to butt heads with a president in a nomination fight."

That is sound political logic.
This writer, reading the news that day by day grows more threatening, is convinced that the question as to whether we shall have a democrat or a republican as our next president is fading rapidly into the background.

What we must have is a man who can handle what is perhaps the hardest and most dangerous job we've ever faced.

REPRESENTATIVE ANGELL has asked President Truman in a letter to stop shipments to Russia of all items which could increase Russia's military strength. He makes his letter public in Washington this morning.

In it, he says:
"The people of my district (Multnomah county) are aroused over the program of the government to give aid to Russia through such shipments . . ."

His information, he says, is that during January and February we exported to Russia large quantities of lubricating oils, mining machinery, automobiles and parts, construction machinery, aluminum sulphate, metal-working machinery and industrial machinery.

He adds:
"I understand that the greater part of these supplies is of a nature that will materially assist Russia in her war plans. If our program under the Marshall plan is to be effective, there seems to be no justifiable reason why we should continue to render this aid to Russia."

THERE can be no denying that people, not only in Multnomah county, Oregon, but generally over the country are becoming aroused over these shipments.

That is a case of mass instinct of the public. There are times (usually times of stress and danger) when the mass instinct of the public is more dependable than the fine-spun reasoning of diplomats and others in official positions.

This same situation arose when we were shipping scrap steel to Japan. We were told then, as now, that Japan was a "friendly" country and that only harm could come of refusing to sell to her.

But the mass instinct of the people WAS AGAINST IT. At Pearl Harbor and afterward, this mass instinct of the people was justified. There is no record of the number of American boys whose lives were ended by fragments of this same steel coming back from the muzzles of Jap guns, but it must have been large.

IN Washington this morning, there was a significant passage of verbal arms.

The senate foreign relations committee is considering a bill to help China to undertake a vigorous program of self-help. Representative Vorys, of Ohio, is trying to tack on an amendment extending economic help to Japan, Korea and the Ryukyu islands.

Representative Marcantonio, of New York, (who follows the communist line faithfully, whether or not he is a member of the party) jumped to his feet to attack the bill and Vorys proposed amendment as a "program in defense of Wall Street." To protect "big business and investors," he said, "we're marching with seven-league boots toward war." He went on in that vein for 35 minutes.

Representative Cox, of Georgia, took one minute to deliver this reply to Marcantonio:
"How long I wonder, must members of this body sit here and hear assaulted from day to day the government we love, and by people who would rip from the wall that symbol of liberty that hangs above the speaker's rostrum, and who would run down the flag of the Stars and Stripes that proudly floats above the Capitol and run up in its stead the flag of the hammer and sickle?"

ORATORICAL? A little bombastic? Certainly. But it shows the tension that is building up.

WEATHER
Max. (March) 65 Min. 40
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Stream year to date .254
Last year 6.53 Normal 4.87
Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday.

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Kitchen Surgery At Lonely Ranch Saves 28-year Old Woman's Life

Lonely Ranch Where Kitchen Surgery Saved Woman's Life



This air picture was made today by Wesley Guderian, showing snow-surfaced Steel Swamp ranch where surgeons saved ranch foreman's wife in emergency operation. Bud Arnold, who flew the doctors in yesterday, was flying plane when the picture was made at 11 a. m. today. Wet snow prevented a landing with photographer. Ranch house at upper left center.

New Clutch Developed

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—A new magnetic clutch for automobiles and other machinery has been developed by a government engineer.

The national bureau of standards said today the clutch, invented by Jacob Rabinov of its technical staff, features "high efficiency, smooth operation, long life and simplicity of construction."

The new mechanism differs from the conventional "dry-friction" clutch—which brings gears more or less into direct contact—and "fluid" clutch—which makes one gear churn off which in turn rotates another gear on the same principle as a water wheel.

Rabinov's "magnetic fluid" clutch causes the first gear to turn in a fluid containing steel particles. They become magnetized and turn the second gear. The principle can be adapted to "no-shift" operation in automobiles, the bureau said.

It also can be used on such machinery as printing presses, radar antenna controls, range finders, gun detection controls and highspeed electric computers.

Literal If Nothing Else

HARTFORD, Conn., March 26 (AP)—The Hartford internal revenue office notified a woman that the amount withheld from her wages equaled exactly her 1947 income tax.

Therefore, she was advised, she owed the government nothing.

Right back came a check from the woman. On the line reserved for the amount was written "None."

Late Spud Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, March 26 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 20 broken, 37 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Kansas 1, Oregon 1, California 3, Idaho 18; 6 cars arrived by truck; market steady; Idaho Russets, No. 1A \$3.35-5.50.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 12 broken, 8 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—California 2, Oregon 3, Maine 2, Kansas 1, Nevada 1, Idaho 2; no sales.

Truman Sticks---Leaves Rebel Demos Out On Limb

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—President Truman's refusal to be pushed aside left balking democrats with ebbing hopes today for agreement on an opposing candidate for the presidential nomination.

Senator George (D-Ga.) told a reporter he thinks Mr. Truman may have made it impossible for rebelling Dixie democrats and northern anti-Truman forces to back a single, strong opponent.

"The Georgia senator said, is that most party members in public life who might be acceptable to both wings owe Mr. Truman something. And few with national stature want to butt heads with a president in a nomination fight, he added.

Unless the president later decides to quit—a possibility George did not rule out—the senator said he doesn't see where such a man will be found. Mr. Truman told his news conference yesterday he is in the fight to the finish.

"It will be very difficult to nominate anybody else, unless the president himself decides that it is best for him to step out," George said.

As an example, George said he thinks most of the southern civil rights rebels would be glad to have Chief Justice Fred Vinson head the ticket.

And he guessed that Vinson, a Kentuckian, would get an okay from northern democrats who are kicking about the president's stand on Palestine.

But even if Vinson were willing to quit the court, George said he doesn't think the chief justice would do so unless the president approved. The same situation applies—to others in greater or lesser degree—to others who have been mentioned, the senator said.

Meanwhile, the president's explanation of his Palestine stand seemed to have made some headway with those who have criticized his policies on that score.

Lewis Shuns Coal Meet

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—John L. Lewis, although asked to appear, did not show up today at the first public meeting of the president's coal strike fact-finding board.

When the meeting opened, Board Chairman Sherman Minton asked if the coal operators were present and ready to proceed.

Charles O'Neill spoke up for the operators. He is leader of a ten-man delegation.

"Is there anybody here from the United Mine workers, who expects to speak for them?" Judge Minton asked.

There was dead silence.

Minton had told reporters in advance that if either side failed to respond to the invitation to attend the hearings, the inquiry board would issue a subpoena, enforceable by the courts, to require appearance.

Police Wear Out Theft Suspect

TACOMA, March 26 (AP)—Thirteen policemen armed with riot guns and tear gas searched a 17-story downtown Tacoma building for two hours this morning seeking a man reported to have been seen prowling the premises.

He was finally found lying on an office cot—exhausted from running up and down the building stairs as he eluded the policemen.

Derelict Mines Move On Coast

SEATTLE, March 26 (AP)—Derelict mines are being sighted off the Washington-Oregon coast on the average of one a day, district coast guard headquarters said today.

Two explosives reported yesterday increased the total to 25 for the first 25 days of March. Only two were seen in February, 10 in January.

Ten of the Japanese mines seen this month have been destroyed.

Latest reports placed one mine off Vancouver island and a second 13 miles off Tillamook head. Canadian and coast guard vessels were to seek them out today.

Russian Ship Clears Port

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 26 (AP)—The Russian freighter S. S. Chukotka, loaded with industrial equipment, sailed from the Claremont terminal today, and another Soviet vessel came in to take its place.

The Chukotka was picketed Sunday and Monday by members of the Hudson county chapter, Catholic War Veterans, protesting shipment of machinery to Russia.

Loading of the vessel was held up several hours when longshoremen refused to pass the picket line.

Late Donations Boost RC Drive Fund To 41 Per Cent

A sudden spurt in donations gave the Klamath County Red Cross drive a shot in the arm as the total this noon reached \$14,300, about 41 per cent of the county goal. Jackson county still is far ahead with 71 per cent of its quota already in.

Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars representatives have donated their time to canvass areas not previously contacted in the city.

On the list of 100 per cent contributors are:

- Fremont school
- Conner school
- Mills school
- Crescent Lake school
- Roosevelt school
- Riverside school
- Felton school
- Klamath Union high school
- Helen school
- Hotel Holly
- Uhlig's Electric
- Miller's Department Store
- Van Fleet Electric Store
- Lynn Roycroft, insurance
- Landry company
- Redman Insurance
- Quality Food Store
- Hardy's Men's Store
- Herman's Men's Store
- Arcade hotel
- Larkin Insurance
- Art Needle Shop
- Dimbat Motors
- Klamath Billiards
- East Side Electric
- East Side Appliance
- Carolee Lee Bakery
- Falterson Furniture company

Plane Takes Doctors To Steel Swamp

Surgeons who flew into the snow-isolated swamp country south of here late yesterday performed an emergency operation in the ranch house kitchen that apparently saved the life of Mrs. Herman Vowell.

The 28-year-old woman, whose husband is the foreman of the W. C. Dalton holdings in the Steel Swamp section 30 miles southeast of Malin, was reported in excellent condition today.

Mrs. Vowell was with her husband and his brother Ray, at the ranch. She had been ill for several days but at 10 o'clock yesterday morning her condition became critical and she lapsed into unconsciousness.

Vowell placed a call to Mervyn Wild: of Malin who called the Shasta Cascade Flying Service in Klamath Falls and arranged for the use of a ski-equipped plane. "Bud" Arnold, flight instructor for the service, flew the 90-horsepower Piper Cub to Malin where he picked up Dr. Jack Martin. It took 15 minutes for the plane to take off from the snow covered field just two miles from Malin. It was only 15 minutes before they landed in a snow-covered hay meadow near the ranchhouse.

Woman Unconscious

Dr. Martin found the young woman unconscious, suffering from internal hemorrhage due to an abdominal condition. Dr. Martin then summoned Dr. Raymond Tice of Klamath Falls who assembled 100 pounds of sterile equipment from Hillside hospital and met Arnold at the Klamath airport. They flew back to the ranch and surgery was performed immediately. Before Dr. Tice arrived, Dr. Martin had administered plasma to reduce shock. The woman was placed on a kitchen floor laid across two small tables in the kitchen. A piece of stove wood was used to elevate her feet.

Arnold, the pilot, doubled as anesthetist.

There is electricity at the ranch and with the aid of two electric lights and a flashlight, held by Arnold, the operation was completed.

Kitchen equipment, such as the stove and sink, were also used.

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Passes



E. R. Long Passes At 58

Everett Rupert "Fat" Long, 58-year-old Klamath basin grain grower and long time resident of this city, died suddenly at Hillside hospital at 8:30 a. m., a few hours after he was admitted for treatment of a heart condition.

Mr. Long had not been in ill health. He suffered a heart attack and was moved to the hospital at 1:30 a. m. He died while eating breakfast. He is survived by his wife Janice, 1945 Eldorado, one son, Murel, 1965 LeRoy; his mother, Mrs. Mary Long of Fort Rock, Ore., one brother, Ruben Long, also of Fort Rock, and one sister, Mrs. Lester (Anna) Linebaugh of Silver Lake. A young grandson, Lynn Long, also survives.

"Fat" Long, as he was known to his scores of friends, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Long of the Christmas lake area in Lake county. They were among the first settlers of that section. Alonzo Long died some time ago, but his widow lives with a son at Fort Rock in Lake county.

In 1928, Mr. Long moved to the Klamath basin and had considerable stock holdings. Later he transferred his interests to grain and he and his son Murel just recently bought considerable acreage in low-land Klamath county just north of the California line. Mr. Long had been a member of the Klamath Falls Elks lodge, BPOE, for more than 25 years. Final rites will be conducted by the Elks, and the Earl Whitlock Funeral home will announce the services. Mr. Long leaves a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Thirteen Die Over Wide Storm Path

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 26 (AP)—A hit and miss tornado bounced across Central and Eastern Oklahoma last night, leaving at least 13 persons dead.

The storm hit mainly in farm communities, striking near Wetumka, 75 miles east of Oklahoma City, Eufaula, 40 miles east of Wetumka, Boynton, 20 miles south of Muskogee, Checotah, a few miles north-east of Eufaula, and Sallisaw, about 20 miles west of Fort Smith, Ark.

The tornado first was reported at Tinker field, Oklahoma City, about 6 p. m. Eighty-four planes were destroyed or damaged there by the twister. It moved gradually eastward, finally hitting Sallisaw, near the Arkansas border, about 11 p. m. It was the second storm within a week to do major damage at Tinker field.

Listed as dead were:
Mrs. Woodrow Stringfellow and her three weeks old baby.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris and three of their daughters, all killed near Wetumka.
Donald Shropshire, 17, Eufaula.
Ola Rogers, 24, and Commodore Rogers, 77, McClanahan mountain community.

Three dead at Lenna, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cox and David Hardin, 1 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin.

Mrs. Stringfellow and her baby were killed when their home about three miles south of Wetumka was flattened by the storm. The Stringfellow's six-year-old daughter was found soon after the storm in a nearby field. She was unhurt but her clothes had been torn off.

The five Harris victims were burned to death in a fire which followed the storm. Travis Watson, Wetumka postmaster, said a barn was blown into the Harris home near Wetumka and apparently a stove in the house overturned, setting the structure ablaze.

Wetumka has a population of about 2700. Eufaula's population is about 2300.

The search was continuing for additional storm victims.

Heroes Stick To Fishing

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26 (AP)—Three brothers, who lost their legs to a shipwrecked motherer, sister and small nephew from freezing, said today they were going back to commercial fishing again this summer.

Sitting in wheel chairs here, William Skonberg 27, Daniel Skonberg, 25, and Arthur Skonberg, 21, declared neither the three days they spent marooned on a frozen Alaskan island nor the loss of their limbs would keep them from their fishing jobs.

Shipwrecked New Year's Eve between their home at Chignik, Alaska, and Kodiak, four Skonberg brothers and a cousin put a canvas around their mother, sister, and 7-year-old nephew, and held it down with their feet until their feet froze.

The other brother, Andrew, 19, and the cousin, Berg Larsen, are in a Seattle hospital.

Here to be fitted with artificial limbs, the three elder brothers said cheerfully, "Yes, we'll fish. We're fishermen, and we hope to be back in Chignik for the fishing season. That's about June."

Export List Tightened Up

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—President Truman today slapped tight controls on exports of airplanes and airplane parts, classing them with other war materials.

The White House made public a presidential proclamation revising, effective April 15, the list of things which cannot be shipped from this country except under special license.

It designates as munitions such things as small arms and machine-guns and fire control equipment and range finders as well as aircraft.

Congress members have been clamoring for tightened export controls since it was disclosed earlier this week that some airplane engines, sold by the government as war surplus, were eventually sent to Russia by private buyers.

Survivor Of Sewer Cave-In Tells How It Feels To Be Buried Alive

PORTLAND, March 26 (AP)—How does it feel to be buried alive? Joe Harmer, 50, who survived a sewer cave-in here Wednesday, wrote for a newspaper (the Oregonian): "It seemed to me that everything happened kind of slow."

A workman on a sewer project, the cave-in first pinned him chest-deep in sand. Then a dirt bank toppled down.

"I could feel the dirt come up around my shoulders. Then it was around my chin, past my mouth and over my eyes and finally over my head," he wrote from the hospital where he is recovering.

"I suppose it happened a lot faster than I remember it, but I was still breathing, real quick, all this time. After the dirt got over my head, I still kept trying to breathe, but it got shorter and shorter as the pressure built up to keep my lungs from working.

"I never did pass out. When it got to where I couldn't breathe any more, I was ready to give up. About that time I could feel them working over my head, pulling out the dirt, but I didn't think they would get me out in time.

"I thought of my wife, Anna, and the 31 years we have been married. I didn't think I would ever see her again. I got two boys, Don, 30, and Dale, 28, and I thought it would be nice to see them again before I went . . .

"About that time they uncovered my eyes and I could see again. Then my mouth was uncovered, but because of the pressure on my lungs, I still couldn't breathe. That oxygen (an oxygen mask and tank were used) probably saved my life, but if they hadn't uncovered my ribs as soon as they did, even the oxygen wouldn't have helped."

Other workers estimated Harmer was buried 30 minutes. Another worker, Ed West, 46, was killed in the cave-in.

Nation's Military High Command Outlines Future Defense Plans

By ELTON C. FAY
AP Military Affairs Reporter
WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—Alaska, this country's guardian outpost against attack over the Pole, is manned by only 7000 soldiers and means fewer than 100 fighter planes. The plan is to add 8000 soldiers.

This was a part of the military picture sketched for congress by the nation's high command in its request for more men and more money to be ready "if war comes."

Not all the picture was dark. Secretary of Defense Forrestal said "this is no counsel of despair."

But there were grim touches.

Like Forrestal's declaration that "as a strictly military matter" America must halt Russian expansion.

And like the assertion of Secretary of the Navy Sullivan: "Recently submarines not belonging to any nation west of the Iron curtain have been sighted off our shores."

Sullivan didn't say where or whose submarines had been sighted, but his meaning appeared clear—Russia's.

And later another navy official said the three had been reported seen in the Pacific. One was 200

miles off San Francisco, one off the Aleutians and a third in an island group 800 miles west of Hawaii. An American airplane—whether military or commercial wasn't clear—made the report from the Aleutians. Merchant ships reported the other two instances. In the case nearest San Francisco the identification of the object sighted was not positive. There was drama and suspense, too.

As when the doors to the senate armed services committee were barred to the public so members could hear from Gen. Omar Bradley, army chief of staff.

"Specific data as to the strength and deployment of the armed forces of other countries"—presumably Russia and her satellites and the non-communist nations looking to this country for protection.

Forrestal earlier had gravely cautioned the senators that they must "assume the responsibility for any disclosure here which, however informative, might adversely affect the trend in Western Europe or prejudice the safety of our fighting men or the safety of those who produced the data for us."

Conflicting Views

The full day of testimony produced some conflicting views among

the military chiefs themselves despite unification and the recent Eey West meeting to thresh out all disagreements.

Secretary of Air Symington told the senate armed services committee that B-29s, equipped with a refueling service, could take off from such points as Alaska or Labrador, "on any part of Russia and return to American bases such as the Philippines, Okinawa, Alaska or Labrador."

On the other hand, Secretary of the Army Royall said:

"In case of any reasonably possible war, no part of the Central Eurasian land mass could be effectively reached by strategic bombing from bases on or near the North American continent or from bases in the Philippines. . . . Even from any of the Atlantic island nations or from Japan or Alaska, frequent and intensive strategic bombing could touch only fragmentary parts of Central Eurasia."

(There has been widespread speculation that Russia is moving a big part of her heavy industry east of the Urals, in Central Eurasia.)

Not Decisive

Symington added to his testimony about possible B-29 strikes against Russia that such attacks "would not be decisive" unless bases near

the targets became available.

General Bradley presented this table to show the deployment of the 542,000 men now in the army and how they would be deployed under expansion to a 782,000-man army:

	Present	Needed
Far East	127,000	126,000
Pacific	9,000	9,000
Alaska	7,000	15,000
Europe	96,000	93,000
Trieste	5,000	5,000
Caribbean	14,000	14,000
United States	284,000	510,000

Air force tables made public were in terms of units now on station.

The expansion of total air force personnel from 384,500 to a recommended 409,000 would not make more permits available. But it would permit them to reach full strength and to provide other needs such as increased air raid warning networks.

(A B-29 group presently consists of about 27 planes; a light bomber group, about 45 planes; a fighter group, about 72 planes. The size of the non-combat groups, such as troop carriers, varies widely.)

The air force tables disposition of American strength included:
Alaska, one fighter group (about 71 planes); one rescue squadron.