

# LIST ASKS AIR FORCE EXPANSION

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
WITH Wisconsin out of the way, Presidential politics centers on Nebraska, whose primary will be held next Tuesday. Seven Republicans will be on the Nebraska ballot—Dewey, Stassen, Taft, MacArthur, Warren, Callahan, Vandenberg, and Speaker of the House Martin.

AFTER what happened in Wisconsin, Dewey and Stassen will be the two big acts of the Nebraska show. If Dewey gets rubbed out again, and Stassen's star shines with a growing effulgence, it will be significant. That would give Stassen a big lift.

If, on the other hand, Dewey should knock down most of the pins in the Nebraska bowling alley, it would up his stock materially. (That's mixing the metaphors badly, but it isn't far from the facts in the case.)

KEEP this in mind: The results of the Nebraska primary balloting will NOT BE BINDING on the 15 national convention delegates to be chosen at the conventions and do as they please.

The Nebraska primary is only a glorified and official straw vote.

AS a matter of fact, our whole Presidential primary system is a lot of chaff. It was worked out originally to enable the politicians to retain their grip on the political conventions. Under modern conditions, it is as much of an absurdity as the electoral college system.

If we're going to depend on straw votes, the public opinion polls are much more reliable. These polls (which measured the rise of Stassen popularity well ahead of Wisconsin) can really be made into an efficient and valuable means of tool if we can only keep the politicians' hands off them.

A RATHER amusing bit of political sparring comes out of the Nebraska election.

Taft, campaigning in Fremont (Neb.), tells an audience he wants a powerful air force. He is opposed, he said, to universal military training. But, he added, he thinks a temporary return to the draft may be necessary.

Waited on the swift wings of teletype and radio, that statement reached the ears of Democratic National Chairman McGrath in Portland (Ore.). It riled him.

"If Taft knew the facts," he told his hearers in Portland, "he certainly would be advocating rather than opposing such measures of American preparedness as universal military training."

IF Taft (along with the rest of us) doesn't know the facts about the threatening world situation, it must be because the administration hasn't told them to us or because we don't believe what the administration says.

Either way is bad. If we haven't been told the whole story, the administration (meaning the President, his cabinet, his advisers and his appointees in the various departments) has been negligent in its duty. If we don't believe what we have been told, it is a sign that we have no confidence in our leaders.

The big lesson of this in many ways unusual political campaign is that we SIMPLY MUST have leaders in whom we have confidence. Otherwise, the dangers we face are appalling.

THERE is a dramatic incident in Europe today.

Twenty passengers aboard a Czech passenger plane en route from Prague to Bratislava (in communist Slovakia) REVOLTED, overpowered the pilot, substitute a Czech flier and land the plane at an American base in the American zone of Germany near Munich.

Why? Well, they felt they HAD to get out of the grip of the communists. So they took all the risks involved in revolting and kidnaping the pilot, substitute a Czech flier and land the plane at an American base in the American zone of Germany near Munich.

LOG CONFAB  
MOLALLA, April 8 (AP)—The Willamette valley logging conference is set for May 13 in Eugene.

Floyd Blackburn, president, said machinery displays and speakers on logging topics are on the program.

Violence Mounts As Coal Strike Goes Into 25th Day  
PITTSBURGH, April 8 (AP)—New violence and mounting industrial setbacks today marked the 25th day of the soft coal shutdown. The total number of idle workers climbed to at least 662,000.

In Barbour county of West Virginia, a mine operator said he was beaten by roving pickets when he refused to close his non-union mine. He was Hop Williams, co-owner of a mine near Junior. There were 20 carloads of roving pickets.

At Jane Lew, W. Va., a 110-pound waitress drove off more than 75 roving coal pickets when she said they became "too noisy" in the tavern where she works. She was Miss Betty Rogers, 23, who flourished a .32 calibre revolver and emptied the .32.

The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co., the South's biggest steel producer, announced at Birmingham its big Fairfield sheet mill

WEATHER  
Max. (April 7) 68 Min. 37  
Precipitation last 24 hours .99  
Normal year to date 6.74  
Last year 7.10 Normal 6.44  
Forecast: Light showers or snow  
Flurries tonight and Friday.

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## Howe Named County School Head

FFA Boys Bed Down Before A Busy Day



These lads are part of a contingent of several hundred who arrived Wednesday and today for the Future Farmers of America state convention at Oregon Vocational school. They came for three jam-packed days of contests, judging, awards and other highlights. Bill Hardin, upper left, of Ontario, had a bit of trouble hitting the sack last night, mainly because he'd just get settled down when pranksters would jerk his sleeping bag off the bunk. Upper right is freckled Vern Olson, another Ontario boy, who spent a few minutes before bedtime reading what is in store for him on the convention's official program. By no means ready for sleep was the gang in the picture below. From left to right, they are Marvin Lorenzen, Rod Wiser, Hubert Wilson, Arland McDougall, Ken Welden, Don Wiley, Bill Stockhoff and Fenton Gahler, all of Dayton.

### Britain Eases Petrol Ration

LONDON, April 8 (AP)—Fuel Minister Hugh Gaitskell announced today all automobiles will be allowed enough gasoline for 90 miles of pleasure driving a month, starting June 1.

This compares with 270 miles under the old basic ration which was halted last autumn. Since then, pleasure drivers have received no fuel.

Continuance of the new plan depends on a campaign to dry up the flow of 100,000 tons of gasoline a year into the black market, Gaitskell told commons.

### Moody Charges Lewis With Unfair Labor Practices

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Joseph E. Moody, head of the Southern Coal Producers association, said today he will file a charge of unfair labor practices against John L. Lewis United Mine Workers.

Lewis already is facing contempt action for ignoring a court order to end the 24-day-old soft coal strike.

That order also directed Lewis and the mine owners to negotiate on the miners pension dispute, which touched off the strike March 15.

U.M.W. officials and operators, including Moody, started the talks yesterday and continued them this morning.

But a wrangle developed over Moody's authority as the president of the association to sit in the bargaining conference.

Afterwards Moody told reporters he has asked Attorney John C. Gail to proceed at once with a charge of unfair labor practices against the union and its seven-man negotiating committee.

Gail said he expected to file the charge with the national labor relations board later in the day and ask NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham to seek a court injunction to force the union to recognize Moody as an authorized negotiator.

Lewis was not present during the skirmish with Moody, but his lieutenants said he "might be here at any time."

Moody told a news conference he thought the union committee was using the argument over his status to make sure nothing happens at these conferences in the way of actual negotiations.

Other mine operators were backing Moody. Their spokesman, Charles O'Neill, said they would

### Ashley Out, But Raises Wage Issue

By HALE SCARBROUGH  
Carroll B. Howe, a state supervisor of secondary education and former principal at Henley, said today in Salem he would take the post of Klamath county school superintendent July 1, replacing Harold Ashley as chief administrator for Klamath county schools. The post was offered Howe by the county school board Wednesday.

But instead of a simple replacement as the board had in mind, the school system may be having two men drawing the salary of superintendent until July 1, 1949.

Ashley Charge  
During an extended board session Wednesday afternoon, Ashley brought up a point that the board waited a few days too long in asking his resignation and he might be entitled to demand the superintendent's pay for another year. Ashley said he would take a teaching position in the system, but was adamant in his belief that he had not been treated fairly by the school board and could hold out for his extra pay.

But instead of a simple replacement as the board had in mind, the school system may be having two men drawing the salary of superintendent until July 1, 1949.

Actually the school board asked for Ashley's resignation a few days after the March 15 deadline and the resignation was dated March 22.

Ashley told the school board it was his opinion that since he wasn't told by March 15 that the board was seeking to replace him, he legally had a claim to another year at the job, or at least at the salary.

Realing Asked  
The attorney general has been asked for a ruling, but the school board apparently is faced with having to pay the extra salary. Ashley's present pay is \$5250 a year, and if he goes back to teaching his regular pay would be around \$4100.

Disregarding that problem, the board yesterday voted to accept Ashley's resignation as superintendent of schools, omitting an effective date, and offered the job to Howe. Although not mentioned in the

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### \$100 Million In Suits Filed

HOUSTON, Tex., April 8 (AP)—Damage suits being filed against the federal government in connection with the Texas City disaster of last April are expected to reach the \$100,000,000 mark today.

Officials of the Monsanto Chemical company announced plans to file a \$50,000,000 suit, while seven other suits seeking a total of \$5,206,446 were filed here today.

Some 60 other petitions totaling over \$10,000,000 already are on file with the federal district clerk at Galveston.

Deadline for filing the suits under the 1946 federal court claims act is April 16-17, one year after the disaster.

The announced \$50,000,000 Monsanto claim far exceeds the largest suit already on file, a \$10,700,000 petition by the Liberty Mutual Life Insurance company, compensation underwriter for Monsanto.

A company spokesman said the suit will charge that government negligence in failing to insure proper handling of an explosive was responsible for the disaster.

### Canyon City Has Cougar On Hoof

CANYON CITY, April 8 (AP)—Want to bag a cougar?  
Well, just drive over to this Central Oregon town and the folks will be very happy to have you go hunting.

A full-grown animal has been seen skulking on the outskirts of town for several weeks, drinking at the city reservoir and raiding the chicken flocks.

It is believed to be one that lost his toes in a trap last year and has difficulty in bringing down deer in the woods.

### FFA Youths Convene At OVS For Meet

JOVS, April 8—Several hundred Oregon Future Farmers of America arrived Wednesday night and today, Thursday, at Oregon Vocational school for the 20th annual state FFA convention. Visitors are being housed in barracks at the school.

The convention will continue through Saturday. Highlighting Friday's events will be the annual convention banquet at 6 p. m. in the OVS banquet hall. Presentation of the Oregon star farmer award and the Earl R. Cooley keystone honor will be made at the banquet.

At 1:30 p. m., Friday, O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, will address the entire convention, and following his talk, the state farmer degree ceremony will be held. Hillsboro chapter officers will present state farmer charms.

At 8:15 a. m., Friday, will be the dairy cattle judging contest. Judges are A. E. Street, chairman, and Harold Ewalt, extension dairyman of Oregon State college.

District elimination in hog calling and agricultural spelling will also be held in the morning.

### Blast Kills Pensioner

LOS ANGELES, April 8 (AP)—A lonely, frustrated old man blew himself to bits yesterday with a crudely-fashioned bomb that wrecked the offices of the state industrial accident commission. Four persons were injured by the explosion.

The man was identified as Charles W. Hunter, 65, who lost his left arm in an industrial accident in 1927. The commission was paying him \$6.57 a week disability and had under consideration his application for a lump sum settlement.

Officials said the deafening blast shattered scores of windows, blew out a big portion of a wall in the commission waiting room, on the fifth floor of the California state building, and brought throngs from nearby buildings in the civic center.

Police investigators said Hunter detonated dynamite sticks that he carried in his trousers pockets. Wire concealed in his clothing ran from the sticks to a series of small batteries and a plunger.

### Retriever Trials Set

One hundred and 10 entries have been signed for the second largest Retriever club trial in the state, to be held at Cove Point Saturday and Sunday.

Elimination trials will be held Saturday and the finals Sunday and dogs will be scratched without hesitation if they hesitate to perform, in order to give each animal a chance and keep the show moving.

Over 400 pheasants have arrived from the Dakotas for the trials and have been put in pens at the Tom O'Dwyer place at 3429 Bisbee. These birds cost around \$4.10 each and will be sold Sunday after the trials for less than half price.

### MUSIC CONTEST

OREGON CITY, April 8 (AP)—Northwestern Oregon high schools will compete in the annual district music contest here Friday and Saturday.

### New School Head



Carroll Howe, for many years head of the schools at Henley in the county system, has accepted the position of Klamath county school superintendent. He will head a district as big as the state of Connecticut.

### Czechs Force Plane Into US Territory

MUNICH, April 8 (AP)—Twenty passengers aboard a Czech transport plane revolted and forced its flight into the U. S. zone of Germany Tuesday, Czech authorities said today.

The Czech National Air Lines plane, with 26 aboard, landed without warning at an American base near Munich.

The plane was en route from Prague to Bratislava, Slovakia. Acting Czech Consul Karer Dvorak said the pilot was forced at pistol point to leave the controls and was locked in the plane's toilet.

A former Czech pilot who once flew with the British Royal Air Force took over the controls. The plane doubled back on its route and headed for Germany.

When the plane landed at the U. S. air force's fighter base at Neuburg the former RAF pilot asked which of the passengers and crew wanted to stay in the American zone.

Six persons, including the plane's original pilot and a woman, said they wanted to go back to Prague. Dvorak said he had issued visas for their return.

The six are billeted in Munich by American authorities and are expected to return to Prague soon, Dvorak said. The other 20 elected to stay in Germany.

### Canada Has Rich Oil Find

LEDUC, Alta., April 8 (AP)—Canada's newest oil field is bubbling up to expectations.

When drillers spudded in the first well of the big Leduc field in November, 1946, they said: "It looks good."

The bits chewed into the ground and on February 13, 1947, the well kicked in its first supply.

From then on the drillers and riggers and tool men swarmed over the Leduc. They made it the start of the biggest oil exploration program in Canada's history.

Today there are 53 going wells in the Leduc field, located about 18 miles south of Edmonton in the western province of Alberta.

The 53 wells produce a daily average of 5800 barrels. But the flow is held to 100 or 150 barrels a day under conservation measures, Canada imports 90 per cent of her oil and is taking no chances.

Estimates of the Leduc reserve run from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000 barrels.

Some 12,000 acres have been proven in the Leduc area.

Nearly all the big oil companies are spending a lot of money in oil exploration.

### TO WED

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 8 (AP)—Movie Actor Roland Young applied for a marriage license yesterday to wed Dorothy Patience May, 40. Young gave his age as 60.

The couple said they would be married here tomorrow.

## \$725 Million Needed For Coming Year

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today for an immediate appropriation of \$725,000,000 for expansion of the air forces.

The house appropriations committee, to which the president's request was directed, called a special meeting for this afternoon to consider the request. It plans to report to the house next week a bill carrying the new funds.

The additional money is for use during the fiscal year starting July 1. The president last week notified congress that such a request would be forthcoming. It is part of an additional \$3,000,000,000 to be sought for overall defense purposes for the next fiscal year.

Of the \$725,000,000 requested \$195,000,000 would be in cash and \$530,000,000 in contract authorizations for which cash must be furnished later.

Bulk to Army  
The air forces would receive \$315,000,000 and the naval bureau of aeronautics \$215,000,000 of the new contract authority.

All of the funds were earmarked for airplane construction and procurement.

The extra \$3,000,000,000 asked by Mr. Truman for defense purposes for the new fiscal year would boost the total defense outlay for the year to \$14,000,000,000. The president's original budget in January called for \$11,000,000,000.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal is scheduled to open the committee's afternoon hearings behind closed doors.

The bigger-and-better air force drive temporarily has shunted aside plans for universal military training.

The aerial expansion program moved forward in both house and senate as lawmakers sought to balance manpower and money demands and yet provide the speediest and most effective national defense.

These were the developments:  
1. The house appropriations committee hauled a \$775,000,000 air force bill out to the legislative runway with assurance from Chairman Taber (R-N.Y.) of a fast takeoff. Taber assigned top priority to this item in the \$3,000,000,000 asked by President Truman to augment the \$11,000,000,000 already budgeted for defense. The extra air force funds are for aircraft purchases, research and development.

2. Rep. Chason (R-Mass.) announced his armed services subcommittee would begin hearings on legislation to expand the air force from 55 to 70 combat groups.

3. The senate armed services committee weighed a "formal request" by Secretary for Air Symington for a 70-group air force.

Members of the senate committee confided after the closed door session yesterday that they are considering linking the air force expansion with a temporary draft. They indicated UMT action would be delayed for the time being.

### Stassen Wins 19 Delegates

MILWAUKEE, April 8 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen was assured today of 19 of Wisconsin's 27 national republican convention delegates.

His victory, which blanked Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, established him as a top contender for the GOP presidential nomination.

The former Minnesota governor, on the basis of nearly complete unofficial returns, swept all seven delegates-at-large and won 12 district delegate races. Gen. Douglas MacArthur picked up the remaining eight.

Stassen had clinched 18 delegates when ballot counting stopped last night, but the outcome of the fifth (Milwaukee) district remained in doubt until complete returns were tabulated today.

In this district, which had assured MacArthur of one delegate, a tight race between Stassen-pledged Ralph P. Sproule and a Dewey-stalwart, State Senator Bernard Gettleman, ended with Sproule ahead on 88,968 votes, to Gettleman's 86,795 in the 305 precincts.

An abnormally heavy vote in city precincts apparently was offset by light voting in rural areas, election officials said. No estimate of the total vote was available.

## Soviet Marshal Vetoes Four Power Probe Of Air Crash--Vows To Protect Russian Air Zones

BERLIN, April 8 (AP)—Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky today blamed a British traffic violation for Monday's British-Soviet plane collision.

The Russian military commander said that unless he was assured British planes will observe four-power flight rules, he intends to "take measures for the protection of the safety air traffic over a Soviet occupation zone."

He turned down the idea of a four-power investigation of the crash, which occurred on Berlin's outskirts and killed 15 persons. He favored an inquiry by a Soviet-British commission.

Sokolovsky stated his position in a reply to communications on the crash from his British counterpart, Gen. Sir Brian Robertson. He described the British version of the crash, which occurred on Berlin's outskirts and killed 15 persons. He favored an inquiry by a Soviet-British commission.

The collision was between a British European Airlines Viking transport, which crashed in the Soviet zone, and a Russian Yak fighter, which fell in Berlin's British sector. The Russian flier, 12 Britons and two Americans were killed.

official newspaper of the Soviet military administration.

Robertson said on his return here this morning from Dusseldorf that he intends to deal immediately with the Russian reply. He gave no hint of what he intends to do.

Arriving in Berlin at about the same time was Maurice Couve de Murville, one of France's top diplomatic negotiators. He is to meet ranking officials of the western allies and many believe negotiations for a closer linking of the French zone with British-American zones are on tap.

The marshal's letter reversed the position he took Monday after the accident. At that time he expressed regret and assured Robertson the Russians did not intend to interfere with flights down the allied air corridor to Berlin.

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Dispatches in Berlin's socialist press this morning said a new wave of arrests against anti-communists was being conducted in the Russian zone.