

SENATE SPEEDS DEFENSE ACTION

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By FRANK JENKINS
BELGIUM's premier, Paul Henri Spaak, has been in Washington this week, conferring with President Truman. He tells a news conference this morning that the five nations (Britain, France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg) included in the so-called Western European Union will ask for American military support, as well as recovery help, later on.

Note that he says these nations WILL ask military support from America. He is doing realistic thinking.
Everybody knows that what it will have to come to if we are to get anywhere with our "stop Russia" policy.

PERHAPS, before going any farther, we'd better review this Western European Union business.
A month ago, representatives of five Western European nations met at Brussels and drafted a treaty for economic, political and MILITARY co-operation. These nations were Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. The announcement of their action was made just ahead of President Truman's March 17 address in which he asked Congress for rearmament, including a temporary draft and universal military training.

In his address, the President told Congress this country intends to back up the free nations of Europe in their struggle to MAINTAIN their freedom against communist Russia. Spaak reminded the reporters of this at his news conference.
The pattern already set is being followed out.

A WASHINGTON dispatch this morning says the Western European Union "now seems sure of strong American military support."
How is this support to be given to these nations?
Two programs are under consideration in Washington.

1. ARM THEM only—that is to say, supply them with guns, ammunition, planes, tanks, etc., and presumably let them supply the men. (We kidded ourselves with that same idea back in 1940. We know where it led.)
2. Form an outright military alliance with the Western European nations as a unit.

IF you want to bet, you'd better lay your money that we'll start out with No. 1 and end up with No. 2.

CHINA emerges this morning from its recent blackout in the news. Chiang Kai-shek, addressing the national assembly, says:
"I confess seven of the government's best divisions were destroyed in Manchuria. They were my best."

Fettters Gets Seven Years
Wayne Addison Fettters, who has been waiting in jail since March 3 for sentence on conviction for manslaughter, got the bad news today—seven years in the Oregon state penitentiary.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg had postponed passing sentence for a personal review of the case. Fettters was convicted for fatally injuring Melvin (Shorty) Larson, 33, in a fight at Fettters' residence July 7, 1947.

The defendant testified at his trial that he fought Larson for making a play for his wife, Mrs. Eloise Fettters, while the prosecution contended that the attack on Larson was unprovoked and that Larson was beaten and killed to death as the upshot of a beer-drinking party.

Rail Runs To Be Cut

Attorney General Rules That Ashley Entitled To Superintendent's Pay

The Klamath county school district apparently will have two persons drawing the pay of superintendent for the year between July 1, 1948, and July 1, 1949.

Carroll Howe, hired for a reported \$6000 a year, is scheduled to take over as superintendent of the system July 1, replacing Harold Ashley. But in requesting Ashley's resignation a few days too late the

school board laid itself open to having to pay his \$5250 salary for another year.

Attorney General George Neuner ruled today that a district superintendent under a county-unit plan has to be notified by March 15 if he is to be dismissed for the following school year.

Ashley was notified on March 22 that he was expected to resign and by the attorney general's ruling has the school board over a barrel for another year's pay.

He has said he will accept a teaching job in the county system for next school year, but as a teacher his salary probably would be around \$4000. The board will have to make up the difference between that amount and the amount of the salary Ashley would have drawn as superintendent.

The attorney general's opinion was that a superintendent has the same status as a teacher under a law requiring teachers be given their dismissal notices before March 15.

The school board won its round in deciding to make a change in the administration, replacing Ashley with Howe, but Ashley has won his round by holding out for his extra pay. When the board met Wednesday to appoint Howe, Ashley informed the members he believed he was entitled to the pay of superintendent for another year, and today's ruling apparently proved he was right.

The school system's budget committee, which meets April 14, probably will be asked to include in its 1948-49 financial document money to pay Ashley's salary as superintendent for another year.

Jackson Has Indian Plan
An outspoken foe of liquidation of the Klamath reservation when a senate committee was here studying that proposal last August, Boyd Jackson, tribal delegate to Washington, has come up with a liquidation proposal of his own in which he sets 1970 as the eventual date of freeing the Klamath from their governmental wardship.

Jackson is still an opponent of SB-1222, the bill now before Congress which would dissolve the reservation almost immediately, if passed.

In its stead he would like to see a program step-by-step liquidation which would take a full generation to complete.

He says that several senators have asked him to work out a plan to substitute for SB-1222, and the high points of Jackson's plan are:

- 1.—Indians be given the right to purchase liquor by 1950.
- 2.—Indians should be given the right to buy and sell property in private sale by 1955.
- 3.—Right to sell property without official approval, 1960.
- 4.—Right to handle and dispose of own funds, 1955.

Privileges now belonging to Indians which they would have to surrender if the reservation is liquidated, such as hunting and fishing at any time on the reservation and running herds on public roads, would be kept as long as possible, according to Jackson's plan.

Shortage Of Coal Reason For Order

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—The 26-day-old mine shutdown forced the government today to order coal burning rail service cut to half of normal.

The reduction is effective at midnight, April 15, and presumably would be cancelled if mining resumes before then.

There appeared no immediate prospect, however, of an end of the walkout despite a new threat of action against John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers.

Stiffer Law
Rep. Hartley (R-N.J.) said that if the Taft-Hartley labor law which he helped write fails "to put the brakes" on Lewis, he will ask for stiffer laws. Hartley is head of the house labor committee.

The pending new cutback in coal-burning freight and passenger train service was ordered by the office of defense transportation and the interstate commerce commission to save dwindling supplies of coal.

ODT said Wednesday the railroads had stocks enough to last only 22 days.

The 25 per cent cut ordered today is in addition to a similar reduction put into effect earlier by ICC and ODT. Those curtailments have made approximately 70,000 railroads idle.

Coal-burning locomotives normally handle about 45 per cent of the passenger trains and 65 per cent of the freight service.

The strike has crippled operations in other industries, especially steel. In all, approximately 164,000 workers in various fields are idle in addition to the 400,000 soft coal miners.

Rep. Hartley told reporters the possibility of further congressional action aimed at Lewis hinges on what happens to the union leader when he answers a contempt citation in court Monday.

FFA Confab To End Saturday
OVS, April 9—Saturday will mark the close of the 20th annual Oregon Future Farmers of America convention at Oregon Vocational school. Incoming officers will be installed Saturday afternoon.

Tonight, Friday, a banquet will highlight the day's events with a number of FFA members receiving state farmer degrees and the gold emblem of the FFA. Forty-eight will receive state farmer degrees and six will receive honorary degrees.

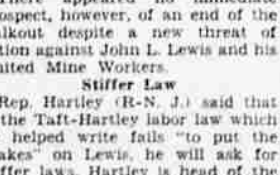
The degree is an honorary one obtained through work on group and individual projects.

After election of officers Saturday morning, a bus tour of the Klamath area will be held.

Award and stunt night will highlight Saturday's activities in the campus theatre.

Meissner At End Of The Trail

Jack Meissner yesterday completed his 300-mile ski trip from Mt. Hood to Crater lake along the backbone of the Cascades, then came on into Klamath Falls by bus. This picture of Jack and his traveling gear is lacking in one detail—where are his skis?



Meissner At End Of The Trail

Cascade Summit Trapper Completes Cascade Trip On Skis For First Time
Over the rigid backbone of the Cascade mountains, mostly through swirling snow, Jack Meissner made an almost 300-mile trek on skis from Mt. Hood to Crater lake.

"I'd like to do it over again," the wind-burned, blond young trapper said, "but not right away." He got into Crater lake national park shortly after noon Thursday.

Ever since he first learned to ski, in 1946, Meissner said he had thought of taking the trip. He has done considerable trapping and is acquainted with outdoor living.

Slops were made at Santiam lodge, Odell lake, Diamond lake, and Meissner said he was lucky and reached these points just before the big storms each time. The rest of the time he pitched a tent, part of his pack roll and slept out-of-doors.

This pack which weighed around 65 pounds to start and was about 35 at the end of the long journey held everything a man might need to survive with a degree of comfort in the winter wilderness.

There was the tent, a cut-down army one, an army sleeping bag, a small Boy Scout mess kit, a gallon can, an extra sweater, two pair of socks, a first aid kit, and a Boy Scout, besides his rations.

He carried mostly dry food, macaroni, oatmeal, chocolate bars, dried fruit and six cans of pemican which he highly recommends.

Meissner wore no long-handled underwear but a pair of ordinary-weight gabardine trousers, two sweaters, a wool shirt and a parka. A visored cap shielded his eyes and he wore dark goggles on the lonely white trail where he saw no human being and only the tracks of marten and rabbit, one set of deer prints.

The solo skier had hoped to interest several in the cross-country jaunt and one man, Emory Woodall, started with him from Government camp on February 18—five days after he had planned to leave. Woodall developed serious and painful blisters on his heels and turned back.

Storms delayed the lone skier at every stopping point and the trip planned for 30 days extended almost three months. Two young friends started out with him from Odell lake but they too dropped out. When he left Cascade summit, Bob Pfeiffer accompanied him for about seven or eight miles. For the rest of the journey he was alone with the magnificent scenery.

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7 Divisions Destroyed In Manchuria

NANKING, April 9 (AP)—Chiang Kai-shek said today seven of his best divisions were destroyed in Manchuria but declared definitely the communists cannot conquer China.

In one of the frankest public speeches of his long career as China's leader, the generalissimo told the national assembly:

"I confess seven of the government's best divisions were destroyed in Manchuria. They were my best armies that under my command accomplished the revolutionary campaigns with glory."

These divisions are being reorganized, Chiang said, adding: "I refuse to admit defeat because our fighting strength is still powerful."

(Chiang evidently meant the divisions were destroyed over a considerable period of time. There has been no recent heavy fighting in Manchuria.)

Chiang spoke deliberately and seriously. The assemblymen, in deference to his serious mood, withheld applause. He made no mention of the presidency, which he says he wants to turn over to someone else.

In North China, he said, "our strength under Gen. Fu Tso-yi is growing. I guarantee within six months to annihilate all communists below the Yellow river (in Central China)."

Suit Filed To Kill Oregon's Income Tax
OREGON CITY, Ore., April 9 (AP)—A court suit to kill the state income tax faced Oregon today.

A test case filed by an accountant here said Oregon's treasury was so full that the state could run on the surplus for the next year and still have more than \$10,000,000 left.

Donald C. Bauer, ex-Cascamas county auditor, now a public accountant, filed the circuit court suit, asking a court order to free him from paying taxes on last year's income.

He said Oregon's surplus funds now are around \$30,000,000. Bauer asserted the income tax law should be inoperative while the state has sufficient funds on hand.

Meanwhile payments on last year's income poured into the state's coffers in advance of the April 15 tax deadline. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott at Salem estimated the total would reach \$50,000,000.

He predicted that this would increase the tax surplus to \$45,000,000 by the end of the next fiscal biennium on June 30, 1949.

Only recently did Attorney General George Neuner rule that the tax surplus could be used for general fund purposes. A suit is expected to have the courts pass on Neuner's ruling.

Bataan Was 6 Years Ago
BATAAN, April 9 (AP)—A husky, two-star general stepped out of the jeep, took a calculating look, and swung his mace at a tangle of undergrowth. Then he scrambled up an eight foot embankment.

"If I'm right, the entrenchments would be about in here," he said. "This was our final line of resistance."

Taft Backs Air Growth, Draft Law

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—Senate republican leaders agreed today to place military legislation ahead of all business.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), said the senate will begin consideration of temporary draft, a larger air force, universal military training or any other defense measure as soon as its armed services committee reaches an agreement.

Taft, chairman of the republican policy committee, said it might take all next week and possibly two weeks to agree upon a bill.

Personally, Taft said he is willing to support increased funds for the air force and a temporary draft if the latter is necessary to fill up the ranks of the armed services. He still opposed UMT, he added.

Senator Gurney (R-I.D.), said today the cost of the proposed draft and universal military training programs would run about \$700,000,000 during the first fiscal year of operation.

More Funds
Gurney is chairman of the senate armed forces committee.

Gurney told reporters this cost would be on top of the \$14,000,000,000 now proposed for national defense during the year starting July 1.

Gurney said he is hopeful that the armed services committee will be able to finish work on draft and UMT legislation by the end of next week.

Of the \$14,000,000,000 now proposed for national defense, \$11,000,000,000 already is in the budget. President Truman has asked that this be increased by \$3,000,000,000.

In addition, Gurney said, UMT would cost \$500,000,000 and the draft about \$100,000,000.

Gurney talked with newsmen after the committee had taken an closed session with Secretary of Defense Forrestal and top navy officials.

Gurney said, however, the UMT and draft cost figures did not come from Forrestal.

The armed services group has been holding a series of closed meetings with Forrestal and chiefs (Continued on Page 3, Column 2)

McKay Slates Talk On Game

Fish and game management in Oregon will be the subject of a biennial candidate Douglas McKay at a dinner meeting to be held in the Winema hotel banquet room at 7 p. m. Monday.

McKay, state senator and member of interim highway committee, will present his program for the improvement of fish and game conservation in Klamath and adjoining counties.

Fireworks have been the order of the day at past meetings of local sportsmen's association and the Oregon Fish and Game Commission because of dissatisfaction over the commission's stand on doe hunting and fish stocking in Klamath and Lake counties.

Reservations for the dinner, third of a series sponsored by the Young Republican club, may be had by telephoning 6284 or 7207. Tickets may be purchased down town at the Landry company office. Because of the interest shown by sportsmen, a sell-out is expected by the Young Republican club.

BULLETIN

BOGOTA, Colombia, April 9 (AP)—A mob took the national palace, scene of the Pan-American conference, by assault today and set fire to some rooms.

The government of Colombia was temporarily in the hands of the demonstrators.

The riot came soon after Jorge Eliecer Gaitan, leader of the liberal party, was shot down in a downtown street and gravely wounded by a unidentified assailant.

While Gaitan was being operated upon in a hospital a crowd of about 1000 men quickly formed and marched upon the palace shouting "Death to Laureano."

Presumably the reference was to Laureano Gomez, conservative party leader and head of the Colombia delegation to the Pan-American conference.

Bible Contest Winner With Truman

President Truman (left) chats with Bob Stenbergen, 11, of Yuma, Ariz., (center) winner of a city-wide Bible contest in Yuma. With them in the president's White House office is Senator Ernest McFarland (D-Ariz.).



This is an air view of the \$500,000 pre-dawn fire which blazed in a lumber yard and farm, Yuma, Calif., and leaped before a strong wind to destroy the yard, a church, plumber's store and four two-story dwellings. No one was injured, but firemen from nearby Yuba City joined a four-hour battle to stop the flames.

Two Dollar Wheat Price Level Seen

SPOKANE, April 9 (AP)—Probable stabilization of wheat prices at \$2 a bushel is predicted by Albert J. Borton, field agent for the grain branch of the production and marketing administration.

He based the prediction, made before members of the state PMA yesterday, on an international agreement signed last month by 36 nations. The maximum price under the agreement, he said, is equivalent to \$2 a bushel at Portland.

The agreement provides that 33 importing nations will buy 500,000,000 bushels of grain annually from the United States, Canada and Australia.

The U. S. export quota is 185,000,000 bushels or approximately 17 per cent of the total crop forecast for the nation this year, he said. Canada will be the largest shipper with a quota of 230,000,000 bushels.

Red Guards Fire In U.S. Zone

BERLIN, April 9 (AP)—Russian guards at the border of the U. S. and Soviet sectors of Berlin fired several shots into the American zone today. They said they shot in to the air to frighten away a group of black marketers.

An alarm was sent out by U. S. military police, but when they arrived the area was quiet. American authorities indicated there would be no protest.