

REDS BUILDING HUGE AIR FORCE

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

NEWS from Colombia, as this is written, is still scarce and heavily censored, but our State Secretary Marshall (who is on the ground) doesn't hesitate to pin responsibility for what happened in Bogota followed a pattern similar to outbreaks that have provoked trouble in France and violence in Italy.

NOTE that in Bogota CHURCHES have suffered heavily. That isn't natural in Latin-America, whose people are religious. It IS characteristic of communists, who are ANTI-religious.

They hold that religion is the paragon of the people, teaching them to submit to constituted authority. Since the purpose of communism is to UPSHET constituted authority everywhere save in Russia where the established order is firmly backed up by the red army and the red institution of the secret police, they seek to destroy religion wherever they operate.

It would therefore be natural for them to wreck churches in Bogota.

(REMEMBER, please, that this is guesswork. In the absence of dependable news, we have to guess at what happened. When we guess, we put two and two together and if the result seems to be four we draw conclusions.)

IT seems probable, on the strength of what little news we have this morning, that the Inter-American conference will continue in Bogota. That is to say, the attempted communist coup (if that is what it really was) FAILED.

Communism, you see, ISNT infallible.

MEANWHILE, the Russians get tougher in their TALK.

A high Soviet official tells a German youth meeting in Berlin today that the "Marshall plan means the division of Germany, the division of Europe—IT MEANS WAR."

Is that true?

The answer is NO!

Germany was already divided. It was divided at the Elbe river. That happened at Yalta. There can be little doubt that the purpose of Moscow has been to make the Elbe the western boundary of Russia in Europe.

It is as near certain as anything can be that what has been happening in Berlin has been merely a part of the continuing Russian purpose to drive us out of the RUSSIAN part of Germany.

DR. EDWARD U. CONDON, chief of the U. S. bureau of standards, who has been made the target of charges by the house committee on un-American activities, says in a speech in New York last night: "The United States is in the grip of hysteria and fear, FOR NO SOUND REASONS."

To the extent that seeing a communist behind every bush and charging everybody with whom we disagree with being a communist is obviously a form of hysteria, what he says is true.

But just the same, there ARE sound reasons for the feeling of insecurity by uncertainty, even of fear that unquestionably does exist in this country.

LET'S list some of these reasons. For one thing, we aren't producing enough to meet our needs. Lack of production means:

1. Fatal weakness in a pinch. In a pinch, we need THINGS—plenty of them. The last war taught us that.

2. A declining standard of living. A high standard of living means plenty of things. Nothing is truer than that we can't have what isn't produced.

THE mass instinct of our people recognizes that because of lack of adequate production we could get into serious trouble. What we need is to SNAP OUT of our fears and our uncertainties and get back to work. If we will do that, we will have nothing much to worry about.

Police Approve Civic Spirit

SPOKANE, April 13 (AP)—Police approved the civic spirit, if not the technique, shown in two reports received yesterday.

Nine gallons of paint and two brushes were stolen from a home, six gallons of paint and two brushes were removed from a local hardware store.

The city is in the midst of a city-wide cleanup campaign.

Johnny Meek, Missing For 20 Years, Sued By State Of Oregon In Condemnation Proceeding

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Johnny Meek, who disappeared from Klamath Falls over 20 years ago to escape arrest for the murder of Johnny Ansel, is being sued by the state of Oregon in a condemnation proceeding over Meek's home-stand near Rocky Point.

WEATHER
 Max. (April 13) 52 Min. 32
 Precipitation last 24 hours .06
 Stream year to date 9.85
 Last year 7.48 Normal 9.31
 Forecast: Increasing cloudiness, occasional rain Wednesday.

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Communists Losing Out In Italy

Lake County Men Blast Forest Roads

Lake county representatives at yesterday's highway interim committee hearing called forest highways in the state the "mudholes of the system" and urged that immediate steps be taken to complete unfinished forest highway projects.

Such rough gaps as a five-mile stretch on Quartz mountain on the Klamath-Lakeview highway were cited by Jack Briscoe, Lake county spokesman, in a vigorous denunciation of forest highway policy. He proposed transfer of forest highway money from the department of agriculture to the public roads administration.

The Lake delegation asked the legislators to memorialize congress to correct the federal forest highway situation.

List Given
Briscoe listed the following road projects, all of classes, as most urgently needing improvement:

1. Highway 66 (Klamath-Lakeview) in Quartz mountain section.
2. U. S. highway 395, Crooked creek section.
3. Warner valley secondary (part of this job is now underway.)
4. Road connecting Silver lake with U. S. highway 97 near Diamond siding.
5. Sprague River road over Klamath Indian reservation.
6. Completion of county roads.
7. Completion of street paving in Lakeview.
8. Completion of North J street in Lakeview.

The Lakeview group also plugged strongly for reconstruction work on the Willamette highway, which is another project in the federal forest highway jurisdiction.

Lake county joined Klamath and others in favoring pay-as-you-go highway financing, including such items as boosts in the gas tax and registration fees if necessary. Distributor of highway money on a basis of the federal formula—road mileage, area and population—was favored by the Lake contingent.

Court Upholds Anti-Red Rule

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—Splitting 2-1, a special three-judge court today ruled constitutional two key provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor act—those requiring union officers to swear they are not communists and unions to file financial statements.

The provisions apply only to those unions which want to make use of the national labor relations board's machinery. But unions which do not go to NLRB cannot get legal status as exclusive bargaining agent in a plant.

It was the second major court ruling on constitutionality of important provisions of the Taft-Hartley act. On March 13, U. S. District Judge Ben Moore ruled unconstitutional a section forbidding spending of union funds for political purposes. The NLRB has appealed Moore's ruling to the supreme court.

Wounded Soldier May Lose Arm

WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Mass., April 13 (AP)—A Portland, Ore., soldier, shot by a Russian sentry in Vienna, may lose an arm as the result of the incident, physicians at the Westover Stricken hospital said today.

The soldier, Pvt. John Grunden, arrived here from Europe last Saturday. He was to be transferred to the Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C., today.

Grunden said he was shot in the shoulder by a Russian sentry during a street scuffle a month ago.

Lake County Men Make Highway Presentation



Three members of Lake county's contingent at the state highway interim committee hearing here yesterday are shown in this picture with Ralph Moore, chairman of the legislative committee. Left to right: County Commissioner Plumas Hotchkiss, County Judge J. R. Heckman, Rep. Moore and Jack Briscoe, who made the formal Lake county presentation.

Bombers May Visit Italy

DENVER, April 13 (AP)—A Denver Post writer said today a European bound flight of Superfortresses make a show of strength for the western powers before the April 18 elections in Italy.

Lee Callison, writing under a date-line "Over The Atlantic Aboard a B-29," wrote this: "The group's top officers say they expect to go from Germany to Italy for a show of strength for the western powers before the April 18 elections."

Callison is with what U. S. air force officials term the mightiest peace time air fleet ever to be sent overseas. The flight is en route now to Germany.

Callison added: "The number of Superfortresses and men are secret, but it will take hours for the group to land when they arrive at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, their 'home' while in Europe."

Following the expected Italian maneuvers by the group, the B-29 formations are expected to fly to Saudi Arabia where the U. S. has one of its biggest B-29 airbases and a point, incidentally, within close range of most of Russia.

Hanford Slates Atomic School

RICHLAND, April 13 (AP)—Moving to overcome what atomic energy commission chairman, David E. Lilienthal has described as a "critical shortage of trained scientific and technical personnel," Hanford plant officials today announced establishment of a graduate school of nuclear engineering for its employees.

The school will be run by F. Ellis Johnson, former dean of engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

Johnson said the University of Washington, Washington State college, University of Oregon, Oregon State college, and the University of Idaho have agreed to cooperate by granting credits toward degrees for work done here.

More than 70 plant employees have signed up for the new graduate study.

A similar program of undergraduate study last year attracted 500 students.

Tax Exemption For Medical Expenses, Life Insurance Asked By McKay In Speech

Deductions should be allowed in the state income tax to allow for medical expense and life insurance payments up to \$250 a year, Douglas McKay, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, declared in a talk to the Young Republican club here Monday night.

"Health and financial security for old age and for survivors are so fundamental to the welfare of the state that they deserve the encouragement of partial tax exemption," the candidate said, in a dinner speech heard by 150 in a well-filled banquet room at the Winema hotel.

"Income taxes should be based upon ability to pay but should recognize that health and financial independence are important not only to the home but to the future of the state. The exemption for unusual medical expense should parallel the pattern of the federal income tax which permits deductions for medical costs in excess of 5 per cent of income.

"The temporary loss of tax income from these deductions would eventually be repaid by greater prosperity of an important part of the people and by lowered costs of public welfare assistance. It is sound legislation that places human welfare and the security of the home in their proper place of first importance in a fair and far-sighted apportionment of the tax load."

McKay declared for soil and water conservation as a vital feature of wildlife conservation. He pointed to the inevitable effect of interrupting nature's processes. Coming to the issue between agriculture and wildlife enthusiasts, he said there is need for over-all coordination of these activities in the state, so that the best policies could be developed with a minimum of sacrifice on the part of any sound interest.

McKay also tackled the subject of the \$30 million state income tax surplus, saying this surplus might well go to \$55 million in another year. Noting that there are proposals to make use of part of this fund for other purposes, McKay reminded his listeners that the income tax was voted in Oregon specifically as a property tax offset.

"Before we promise any particular activity or group any of this money, we must make a complete study of the overall picture," he said, referring to talk of using income tax surplus for higher education construction.

McKay said Oregon should work out a comprehensive tax program without the sales tax which should be recognized as a "dead duck."

Gordon Loomis introduced McKay, who came here as a member of the highway interim committee, and remained over last night to make the Young Republican address.

George H. Flagg, candidate for secretary of state, spoke briefly on the political needs of the state, the ever growing population and resultant responsibilities, and the need for quick thinking experienced men at the head of the government.

Flagg is a former assistant secretary of state under the late Governor Snell, and is a former PUC commissioner.

Mine Disposal Officer Busy

ASTORIA, Ore., April 13 (AP)—The navy's Northwest mines disposal officer is busier blowing up Japanese war explosives than a boy shooting firecrackers on July Fourth.

The coast guard reported more turned up along the Oregon and Washington coasts Monday. Five drifting toward the beaches or ashore Sunday.

Insurrection Threat Over Election Out

ROME, April 13 (AP)—There are increasing signs in Italy today that the communists are losing ground in the April 18 election campaign, and that the opposition is cashing in.

For one thing, the communists have quit talking about arms and insurrection if the parliamentary elections don't go their way.

And Communist Chief Palmiro Togliatti has taken a different attack on the Marshall European aid plan. Up until now, the communists have contended aid from America was meant only to enslave the Italians.

Last night at Parma, in Italy's leftist north, Togliatti said: "Compromise Freedom

"The communist party does not purely and simply reject American aid, but asks that it does not compromise our independence."

A one-hour nationwide strike yesterday—called by the communist-dominated Italian labor confederation—was pretty much of a first.

There was only one report of violence in yesterday's campaigning, and that was against the communists. Somebody threw a bomb in a communist-led popular front meeting at Lizzano in Southern Italy. A man was killed and 21 persons were wounded.

As communist strength appeared to be waning, the Christian democrats put on an even more vigorous drive.

The poster men were busy in Rome today. They were using long ladders to put campaign posters up high—to be sure they stayed up at least a day before somebody tore them down.

NLRB Okays Pension Rule

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—The national labor relations board ruled today that employers must bargain with their employees on pension plans if the employees request it.

The 4-1 decision was the first on this subject in the board's 13-year history.

The four-man majority held that such plans come within the scope of the Taft-Hartley law which requires both employers and unions to bargain collectively "in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, or other conditions of employment."

The board held that the payment of benefits under pension plans falls within the meaning of "wages."

It said the terms of retirement—such as the age when pensions begin—would come within the category of "conditions of employment."

The ruling was made in a case involving the Inland Steel company. The board found the company guilty of refusing to bargain collectively.

It held the company had violated both the Taft-Hartley law and the Wagner act under which the case was originally filed in August, 1946.

Hit-Run Accident Reported Here

A hit-and-run incident was reported to state police early Monday night by J. L. Ross, Altamont auto courts. Ross' toll officers he was traveling near Weyerhaeuser junction when a sedan, carrying two men and a woman, hit his car.

Final Rites



Services will be held in Lakeview Thursday at 9 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic church for Ernest A. Feisch, prominent Lakeview merchant, who died suddenly Sunday night. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will take place at the Owsley-Osterman chapel Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Father F. L. Geis will officiate. Interment will be in Lakeview.

US Bomber Fleet Leaves For Germany

WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Mass., April 13 (AP)—One of the mightiest fleets of U. S. air force bombers ever sent overseas took off today for Germany—possibly other stops abroad.

While officials here said the number of B-29s was "classified" information, it was learned that about 30 super-forts make up the fleet attached to the 15th airforce.

The flight—longest peacetime hop of such large numbers of B-29s in airforce history—was officially described as "a routing training mission."

Leaving Smoky Hill air base in Kansas during the night, the fleet's first bomber piloted by Lt. James T. Boyd Jr., of Portland, Ore., set down here at 5:48 a. m. and took off at 7:38 a. m. for Goose bay to refuel.

The other planes zoomed in at 15 minute intervals—making only brief stopovers.

The planes will leave Goose bay independently for Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, approximately 4600 miles.

Three squadrons of the 301st very heavy bombardment group—the 32nd, 362nd and 363rd—are involved in the flight.

The 362nd will remain in Europe to fly regular missions replacing another squadron now in Europe. The others will return home shortly.

3 Treated For Broken Bones

Three matrons are receiving treatment for broken bones at Hill-side hospital.

Mrs. Mary Young of 2536 Kane, who fell recently at her home, is recovering satisfactorily from a fractured left hip. She will be able to be about soon, the attending physician reported.

Mrs. Dorothy Oliver of 2444 Ward, who suffered a broken leg in a recent automobile accident, is also improving following further treatment, and Mrs. George Hill of Mt. Shasta, who fractured a leg 10 days ago, also had additional surgery Tuesday.

Dog Rescue Howling Success

OLNEY, Ill., April 13 (AP)—Caroline Stroud's plan to free her pet dog from the city pound was a howling success.

The 13-year-old girl went to the pound after she discovered her dog was missing. She couldn't find the dog-catcher—so she went into the pound to get her pet.

The 34 other dogs locked up in the pound spotted the open gate. They yipped and barked as they ran to freedom.

Symington Pleads For US Strength

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—Russia is building the greatest air force in the world, Air Secretary Symington told the house armed services committee today.

"They seem to want to reach a decision with us and they want to reach it in the air," he said.

Symington testified on draft legislation. A bill before the committee would authorize a draft to boost the armed forces to 1,944,000 men, about 559,500 more than they now have. The bill would provide for 70 air combat groups compared with 55 at present.

13 To 1 Ratio
"We know Russia is building 12 times as many planes as we are," Symington told the committee.

"They are building up the greatest air force in the world."

In response to questions from Rep. Johnson (D-Tex.), Symington said he considers the air force of 70 groups more important to national security than universal military training.

Johnson asked whether production control, such as allocation of steel, might be necessary to build up the air force to 70 groups. Symington said he does not think any controls would be necessary.

Symington said that plans for expanding the air force to 70 groups call for purchase of 2174 war planes by July 1, 1950. Of these, he added, 1312 would be purchased in the coming year.

Symington said the air force does not believe it would have to use the draft to get the men needed for 70 groups.

"The primary reason we are for the draft," he said, "is that the army is for it. As you know we once had to stop our (volunteer) recruiting because we had all the men for whom we had money."

Plane Crashes On Mt. Hood

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore., April 13 (AP)—A crashed liaison plane was found early today on the edge of Mount Hood's Newton glacier but the pilot was not there.

Searchers fanned out to follow faint footprints leading away from the plane.

The pilot, Lt. Edward K. Kahoun of McChord field, Wash., crashed yesterday while searching for an Oregon national guard A-28 missing since Friday. Lt. Eugene C. Gore, flying a second L-5 plane in yesterday's search, said Kahoun's plane was forced against the mountainside by a violent downdraft, but Gore subsequently saw Kahoun walking around, apparently unhurt.

The plane was reached this morning by two search parties, one from the Hood River Crash Rate, a mountain rescue group, and the other dispatched from Timberline lodge by the forest service.

Tracks led down the mountain to the northeast—and if Kahoun continued on the course he would get into a region of steep canyons and heavy timber, far from any road, Langdon said.

You Name It, We Got It---

LOS ANGELES, April 13 (AP)—The quartermaster's department, composed of hardy, rugged men, was hoping avidly today for the complete success of a war surplus sale scheduled for San Francisco next week.

Among the articles the soldiers would particularly like to get out of their warehouses are 45 bottles of leg lotion, nine cases of "apple blossom" deodorant, 320 powder puffs, 70 cartons of face powder, 22 cans of skin cream and 1000 lipsticks.

They are not quite so concerned about the thousands upon thousands of women's trousers, skirts, jackets and fatigue uniforms, also made for members of the women's army corps.

And oh, yes, the war assets administration disclosed also it has for sale 97,861 pairs of dice.

Stassen, Dewey, Taft Favored For Top Spots In Nebraska Primary; Vandenberg Dark Horse

OMAHA, April 13 (AP)—Nebraska republicans pick from a field of seven candidates today the man they want the GOP national convention to nominate for president in June.

With heavier-than-usual primary voting in prospect, most politicians here thought top choice lies between Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

These three ended their campaigns with a blaze of oratory directed primarily against communism. Stassen was the only one here for a personal appearance. Dewey and Taft talked to Nebraska voters only by radio.

But what they said added up to a general attack on the communists, pinpointed at the Bogota, Colombia revolt.

ha for scaling down farm price support, stuck to his guns in a radio platter broadcast to the state.

The Ohioan said that the farm parity formula must be revised. He added:

"The trouble with a flat 90 per cent guarantee of parity is that it cannot be carried without production controls."

Taft is dead-set against any major government controls of production or prices. Parity is a formula aided at giving the farmer the same purchasing power he had in a former favorable period, usually 1909 to 1914.

The Stassen-Dewey-Taft trio generally was looked upon as leaders in the seven-man race for the endorsement of Nebraska's republicans.

But there were some politicians who forecast that Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan—who says

he isn't interested in the nomination—might run well up among the leaders.

Almost no campaigning has been done here for him or for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gov. Earl Warren of California and House Speaker Joseph Martin of Massachusetts.