

SENATE SLOWS AIR EXPANSION

WEATHER
Max. (Apr. 15) 58 Min. 48
Precipitation last 24 hours .48
Stream year to date
Last year 7.15 Normal 9.85
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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
YESTERDAY'S news was largely litter news. There is some CONSTRUCTIVE news today.

IN Paris, representatives of 16 European nations AND GERMANY'S WESTERN ZONES met, unanimously adopt and sign an agreement binding themselves into a permanent European organization of ECONOMIC co-operation.

Paris is chosen as permanent headquarters. An Englishman is named president and a Frenchman is chosen secretary-general. On the executive committee are representatives from France, Britain, Italy, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, Turkey and The Netherlands.

Note particularly the inclusion of Sweden and Switzerland. For generations, these countries have stood apart from the world, hoed their own row and stayed at peace. We don't have to be told they like to go on doing so. Recognition that this is a changed world, in which men must face a choice between freedom and slavery, forces their hands.

They know they have to do what must be done—or ELSE.

WHAT is "economic co-operation," which is named as the No. 1 objective of this new European confederation?

Here is a simple definition: Working, producing, trading and consuming. That raises an interesting question: If 16 nations in Western Europe can work, produce, trade and consume co-operatively, thus strengthening themselves against a common danger, what is it likely to lead up to?

This is the logical answer: It is likely to lead up to a United States of Europe.

A UNITED STATES OF Europe has been talked since the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, but nothing has been done about it UNDER THE PRESSURE OF NECESSITY, something is being done about it.

That is the way progress comes about.

TODAY, of course, has its ration of jitter news. That will be true of each day for some time to come.

Five Russian FISHING vessels appear unannounced at Cristobal, at the Caribbean end of the Panama canal, and request repair work. Repair work is normally done at docks. Explosion of five ships, even if they are small, could do a lot of dock damage. Damage at canal docks could be STRATEGIC damage. So we announce that we will do the necessary repair work OUTSIDE Cristobal harbor.

Well, we're taking no chances on another Pearl Harbor.

IN Rio de Janeiro, an army arsenal explodes, killing 23 persons. Brazilian federal police say the explosion was intended as the beginning of a communist plot for a second Bogota. The idea, the Brazilian police assert, was to kill Brazil's war minister. Something slipped, and he left the

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House Cleaning Big Attraction
SPOKANE, April 16 (AP)—Two girl clerks at the North Division street branch of the old national bank attempted spring house cleaning yesterday. Immediately they had several earloads of volunteers: Policemen with drawn guns.

In moving a desk they had broken wires leading to a burglar alarm.

Nations Taking Part In ERP Program Adopt New European Alliance Pact

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN
PARIS, April 16 (AP)—Sixteen nations and Germany's western zones unanimously adopted today a convention binding themselves into a permanent European organization of economic cooperation.

The nations are those taking part in the European recovery program (ERP), or Marshall plan. The organization is to assure efficient use of the \$5,300,000,000 the United States has pledged in the program.

The 28-article, 3000-word convention was adopted and signed at a conference of foreign ministers and others in the French foreign ministry.

"A strong and prosperous European economy," says the preamble, "will contribute to the maintenance of peace."

No Objections
The chairman, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, put the charter to the delegates at 12:35 p. m. There were no objections; so he declared it adopted officially.

Annexes and protocols also were adopted.

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Firemen Make Quick Put-Out



This picture shows Klamath firemen, pouring water into the smoke-filled attic of the Story apartment house, 2015 Oregon avenue, which was partially burned last night. The man at the top is Ray Howard; in the middle, Bill Ackerman; at the bottom, Ed Dingman.

Blaze Threatens Apartment House, But Tenants Safe

Fire that broke out in the seven-unit frame Story apartment house on Oregon avenue last night was stopped by the Klamath Falls fire department in time to save most of the structure.

Residents of the apartments were routed from their homes by the flames and smoke, which were discovered at 9:55 p. m. No one was injured, but the blaze inflicted damage of several thousand dollars.

Dick Major, who lives in one of the apartments at 2015 Oregon avenue, turned in the alarm. Major smelled smoke, and put his hand on the wall of a clothes closet in his apartment. The wall was hot and he immediately notified the department.

He and another man tried to stop the blaze in a ground floor storeroom with a water hose, but it had gained too much headway for them.

The alarm spread through the building and immediately residents began moving their personal belongings and apartment furniture from the structure.

The blaze roared upward to the roof, and flames burst from the top of the building. By that time, however, the fire department crews had arrived, and with the aid of hook and ladder equipment, began dousing the flames with water.

The fire was completely out by 11:30 p. m.

One family was able to move back into an apartment on the ground floor of the building, but others spent the night with friends. There were five babies among the tenants of the building.

Fire Chief Keith Ambrose said that it was fortunate the fire was discovered quickly, and that a later blaze, when all occupants were in bed, might have proved a tragedy. The fire created a huge volume of smoke in the building.

The building was being purchased on contract by Henry Story from Roy Grant. Story was living in one of the apartments.

He accused "big money men" of "fascist activities" and asked, "Who could blame a negro for being a communist or anything?"

After the conference Lawrence, whose paper opposes a third party, said: "We feel that Mr. Robeson and what he believes do not represent what the majority of the negro people believe."

Search For Plane May End Today
PORTLAND, April 16 (AP)—The search for a missing Oregon national guard airplane may end today.

Lt. Col. Al Dutton, commander of the 123rd fighter squadron of the national guard, said the search probably would be abandoned if the plane is not found in a 40-mile strip of rugged country between Ariel and Stevenson, Wash.

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Informants said mortars and small arms were used to rout the Arabs.

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They said 2000 Jewish fighters inflicted 300 Arab casualties and captured seven field guns.

Texas Flag On Way To Italy

AMARILLO, Tex., April 16 (AP)—The first lap of a race to get the little Italian town of Manduria an American flag is to start today.

If the air-ground race is successful, the flag from the Texas Panhandle will be displayed Sunday, national election day.

An airliner is to leave New York City today for Rome and two airline representatives tomorrow will carry the flag the remainder of the way by automobile.

The story behind this gesture is Mrs. Carmela Pitt's one-woman, long distance campaign against communism.

The Amarillo Italian war bride began a letter-writing campaign among her family and friends in her native Ponzia and elsewhere in Italy about six months ago.

A friend of Manduria, Nena Juliana Gregori, who was matron of honor when Carmela married Corp. Eugene Pitts two years ago at Naples, wrote recently for an American flag to display on election day.

In asking for the flag, Nena Gregori wrote: "We want one to hang in front of our house on election day. This will anger the communists, but that is what we want."

Bootleggers Lead An Exciting Life

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 16 (AP)—Bootleggers in this prohibition state of Oklahoma have their little fights with the law—but for real thrills you must study their home life.

Wednesday deputy sheriffs said one was shot in the midriff by his wife—who explained she was aiming at a blonde who had her arms around him.

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