

ARAB LEGION SET FOR ATTACK

WEATHER
Max. April 26: 48 Min. 28
Precipitation last 24 hours: 13
Stream year to date: 10.47
Normal: 9.99 Last year: 7.18
Forecast: Cloudy, snow flurries.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PALESTINE is the ticklish spot in the news today. A Jerusalem dispatch reports that armies of the four encircling Arab nations are ready to invade the Holy Land before the week ends. (The four Arab nations are Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.) You never can tell, of course, but at the moment the fire is pretty close to the powder.

A STRONG, competent United Nations, overwhelmingly backed by world opinion, could handle the situation promptly and efficiently. Unfortunately, the United Nations is not competent. It is torn by rivalry between communism, headed by Russia, and anti-communism, headed by the United States.

Since these are the only nations with power enough to make it work, United Nations is for the present helpless.

WITH Italy temporarily out of the way, with Western Europe getting together to hold the line at the Elbe, the Near and Middle East are the world's hottest spot.

Russia's present objective is obviously to get an army into the strategically critical area. Once she could get an army there, she could proceed as she has proceeded in Eastern Germany, the Balkans and elsewhere.

Our task is to prevent that from happening. So far, we have messed the job badly. It is to be hoped that we can do better from here on out.

THIS general Near and Middle East referred to in practically every dispatch as "oil-rich." Wherever possible, the term is being used to smear the United States. Getting oil enough to keep our economy running efficiently in all its world-wide phases is supposed to be a sinful and wicked purpose.

Suppose Russia was able to get the bulk of the world's available oil into her possession. She would then have a TREMENDOUS advantage. Even the atom bomb depends on oil, for it takes oil to get the bomb to its target. If you could pin it down to one thing, lack of oil was probably responsible for Hitler's defeat. If he had had oil enough, he might have conquered the world.

Who wants to put a weapon like that in Russia's hands?

IN these days, everybody pans oil. To hear the loose talk that is going around, you'd think oil is the source of all evil.

Everybody uses oil. And WANTS MORE OF IT.

COMMUNISM bobs twice into politics today.

Stassen, speaking in Portland, says the United States should outlaw the communist party. He referred frequently to the "menace of the communist totalitarianism of Russia."

He spoke of the successes of the communists in stirring up trouble all over the world.

He added: "An American policy must be formulated to counter these dangers. Outlaw the communist party underground and vigorously dig it out from underground."

SENATOR VANDENBERG, in an unscheduled speech in Washington, tosses a hint to Russia that the U. S. may join Western Europe in a military alliance against communist aggression. Then, referring obviously to communism, he says:

"We are suicidal fools if we do not root out and destroy any treason at home which may dream of bringing world revolution to the United States."

British To Oppose Arabs

LONDON, April 27 (AP)—The foreign office said today Britain will resist any Arab "incursions" into Palestine before the British lay down their mandate over the Holy Land May 15.

"That means our intention," a spokesman said in response to questions concerning Britain's position in the event Trans-Jordan's warrior monarch, King Abdullah, should carry out his reported intent to seize control of Palestine immediately.

The spokesman said, however, that the foreign office has received no official report that Arab troops actually have been moved into Palestine.

In response to other questions, he said Britain's forces "obviously" are limited in size for the job of patrolling the Holy Land borders.

He was unable to confirm reports that Arab troops have taken Jericho.

Full Year Urged For 18-Year-Olds

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—Military leaders are proposing a full year in the armed forces for 18-year-olds under a "compromise" universal training program.

It was learned today that this is being suggested to congressional committees which are considering a broad defense program revolving about three points: 1, universal training; 2, temporary revival of the draft; and 3, expansion of the air force.

The original "compromise" idea on universal training was that 18-year-olds should have six months of training to be followed by service in the national guard or some other active, organized civilian reserve.

But some officials contend now that a man with only six months' training would be of little value in a military unit and that his minimum time should be at least one year.

The draft and training proposals are tied in closely with the controversy over how large the air force should be. Some air men want a 70-group air force. Secretary of Defense Forrestal has been battling to hold it to 66 groups.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Calif.) said Forrestal's 66-group proposal is a "lot of poppycock" and a "camouflage" for universal military training.

W. S. Knudsen Dies At 69

DETROIT, April 27 (AP)—William S. Knudsen, World War II coordinator of America's industrial might, died today following a long illness.

Death came to the 69-year-old former president of General Motors corporation at 4:48 a. m.

The white-haired Danish immigrant was known by fellow industrialists as "the great production genius of modern times."

He gave up the presidency of General Motors, the country's largest producer of automobiles, in 1940 to head the mammoth rearmament program initiated by the late President Roosevelt.

Knudsen was commissioned a lieutenant-general, the only civilian ever to move directly to that high military office. He frequently admitted his embarrassment, remarking "I'm not a military man," he said; "my business is to make things."

His wife, Clara, and their four children were at his bedside.

Accident Victim Said Improving

The condition of E. R. Swiler, Los Angeles resident who was injured in an accident late yesterday morning which took the life of his wife, was reported fair at Hillside hospital today.

Swiler has chest hurts and possible broken ribs. X-ray was being made late this morning.

Final rites for Mrs. Swiler have not been announced by Ward's. The couple was en route south when their car and one operated by Carroll Robison, Mt. Hebron rancher, were involved in a collision as Robison entered the highway from a side road. He was but slightly injured.

Take Over As New Coaches

Paul McCall, left, and Bob Hendershott will be at the respective helms of next year's Pelican basketball and football squads. Both members of the present KUHS staff with experience and assistant coaches, they were appointed by the school board to fill the positions left vacant by Wayne Scott and Ed Ryan. (See story on sports page).



May Lead



King Abdullah (above) of Trans-Jordan reportedly will personally lead his British-trained Arab Legion against the Jews in Palestine. Some 10,000 of Abdullah's soldiers, already are in Palestine on security duty with the British.

Riots Claim 351 In Korea

SEOUL, April 27 (AP)—Communist violence in opposition to the U. S. army in the south of Korea has cost 351 lives in three and a half months.

The U. S. army announced the death toll today for southeast Korea and Cheju island, where the campaign of bloodshed has centered, included 68 Korean police, 196 communists and 87 rightists.

No Americans have been involved and no mass rioting has taken place. American occupation headquarters at Seoul has been left strictly outside the sphere of terrorist activities.

The campaign against the May 10 election—to form a provisional Korean government—has taken the form of flying attacks by groups of from two to 25 youths against police boxes, registration centers and homes of rightist leaders.

A United Nations committee spokesman said today that final discussion on whether to observe the election would start tomorrow.

Bank Looted Of \$1,000,000

TEL AVIV, Palestine, April 27 (AP)—Heavily armed youths who said they were members of the Jewish underground Stern group pulled a \$1,000,000 daylight bank robbery today under the eyes of Hagana guards.

The youths, just after dawn, visited the homes of all directors and cashiers of Barclays bank. At gunpoint they took the matched keys needed to open vaults.

Just after the bank opened, two of the group, wearing military police armbands, asked admittance to inspect the armed guard kept by Hagana, the Jewish militia, because of the wave of recent robberies by dissident underground groups.

When the doors opened, a larger group of youths rushed up. They disarmed the guards, herded the employees into one room, and opened the vaults with the matched keys.

Youthful Trio Shoot It Out With Alturas Police; 1 Wounded, 1 Captured

ALTURAS, April 27—One suspect was wounded and one escaped in a blaze of gunfire here early this morning when Alturas officers shot it out with three youths who opened fire on the police on Fourth street near the center of this town.

The trouble started when three officers started to pick up the three young men for questioning, about 2:30 a. m. Two of the youths were armed, and started shooting.

The officers returned the fire.

A 19-year-old suspect identified as Floyd Boardman believed a deserter from Fort Ord, wash shot in the arm and captured.

The officers also captured Walter Bradford, 18, of John Day, Ore. In the melee the third suspect, identified as Pardy Allen, 22, an ex-convict from Lakeview, got away. He disappeared in the darkness, shooting as he went. A widespread search was under way today for the fugitive, who is believed in this locality.

The officers who engaged the trio in gunplay were Deputy Sheriff Charles Cantrill and City Officers Bill Johnson and Frank Roads, the latter former police chief at Tulelake. None of the officers was hurt.

Authorities said they understood the trio came into California by way of Lakeview, Ore. yesterday, driving a car allegedly stolen at John Day. The car is believed abandoned near New Pine Creek, but has not yet been located.

Police were tipped by a taxi driver that three suspicious-looking men were loitering on the streets early today. When they went to investigate, the shooting started. No charges have been filed while police concentrate on the effort to capture Allen.

State prison authorities at Salem said today that Pardon E. Allen, 22, is on parole after being sentenced to serve a year for assault while armed with a dangerous weapon. He was received at the prison on September 4, 1947. His parole will not expire until September 4, 1948.

He was identified as a rancher, born in Lakeview, height 5 feet 9 inches, 125 pounds, light complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair, and slender build. He has no other police record.

Canada Ripped By Floods

WINNIPEG, Man., April 27 (AP)—Flood damage ran into millions of dollars today across the Canadian prairies.

Manitoba's position is still the most perilous of the three prairie provinces, even though there has been some abatement. Saskatchewan and Alberta are regarded as "over the hump."

The death toll from the floods stood at 12.

In Winnipeg, city authorities expect the murky waters of the Red river to reach the 25-foot mark by the end of the week. This would be three feet over flood stage. Between Monday noon and midnight the river rose only 11.5 inches, to 22 1/2 feet, compared with an average daily advance of one foot since late last week.

Approximately 40 Greater Winnipeg families have been evacuated. At Emerson, on the Minnesota border, the worst appeared over. Three-quarters of the town still is under water, but the crest of the Red river has moved past and the water level is dropping slowly.

Aussies Worry Over Rabbits

PORTLAND, April 27 (AP)—Australian farm experts now touring Oregon to see how we do it—are still puzzled by what they report is a criminal offense in the sub-continent.

Australian Wallace Mears gasped when he saw rabbits being sheltered, fed and raised as livestock. "That would be a criminal offense at home," he explained, and said that bunnies are his homeland's greatest curse.

The creatures are so plentiful they are classed as a pest. After a day of touring, the visitors were still mulling the situation—until they noticed it was snowing. Then one asked if they were "snow shoe rabbits."

Alaska Railroad Plans Still Hazy

OLYMPIA, April 27 (AP)—If President Truman has approved plans for construction of a railroad to Alaska, it's news to Governor Wallgren.

The governor said last night he knows nothing of any such plans. Earlier, F. O. Hagie, vice president and general manager of the Seattle chamber of commerce, told a meeting of the Pacific Northwest Trades association in Victoria, B. C., that the president's approval was contained in a letter sent Governor Wallgren.

"The president often has expressed interest in developing Alaska and recognizes its importance from a defense standpoint," Wallgren said. "But as far as I know, the army has not made provisions in its budget for an Alaskan railroad."

An Unexpected Visitor



The Liberty ship Charles Tufts, its bow jammed into a rock breakwater, rests in shallow water off Sea Gate, Brooklyn, where it went aground. Returning from Marseilles, France, the 1100-ton vessel shattered windows and dishes in homes near the shore when it smashed into the breakwater. The ship was refloated at high tide.

Student Body Elections See Much Action At KUHS

By RONNI BROWN

This is the year of the presidential election and the local primaries are just a few weeks away, but in Klamath Union high school today's student body elections grossly overshadow any such matter as a national poll.

The youthful politics and their campaigns have posted signs and posters in every conceivable nook and cranny in the halls of their alma mater, and in campaign speeches Monday morning pre-election fervor reached fever pitch.

One agile candidate succeeded in hanging a large, block-letter sign bearing his name directly above the main entrance to the building, and from a distance it appears that this might be the name of the school.

Within the building there are signs hung from the ceilings, walls, clocks, students and light fixtures, and one aquatic-minded supporter rigged a floating campaign sign in the government canal near the bridge across Alameda.

In the assembly Monday in which the candidates were tendered the traditional opportunity to make known their platforms and vote-grabbing ideas and stunts varied from verbal to musical and artistic demonstrations.

One presidential candidate borrowed from the methods of his older counterparts and entered complete with brass band and appropriate election music. Another candidate somehow wangled use of the auditorium spotlight and spoke in style with the spot playing upon his own person and upon a suspended sign behind him.

The elections are a highlight of the school year and the students vote in regular polls, just as they will in years to come when they cast ballots for municipal and national measures.

The large number of candidates involved in the voting often necessitates a re-ballingot to get the necessary majority. This will likely be necessary in the present election. The re-ballingot is run on an elimination basis, those students with the lowest number of votes being eliminated in the initial balloting.

Some 35 candidates are on the ballot for the present election for offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and yell leader.

Woods Okayed As Housing Boss

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—The senate banking committee today voted 11 to 0 for confirming Tighe Woods as housing expediter and rent control chief.

Woods' nomination, which goes now to the senate, first was submitted by President Truman last December 15. The committee took no action on it during the 1947 special session and Mr. Truman resubmitted it January 9.

The committee put off a vote until the rent control extension bill was on the statute books. Committee members said they wanted to make sure Woods interpreted the law as congress intended.

Winslow Busy Blasting Mines

GEARHART, April 27 (AP)—Navy Lt. Don Winslow's work-a-day job of blowing up derelict Japanese mines involved heaving one aboard a truck and hauling it away yesterday.

The mine, washed ashore near Haystack rock at Cannon beach late Sunday, was disarmed before it was loaded on the truck by a coast guard crew. The navy officer then dynamited the globe on an isolated stretch of beach north of here.

It was the second such task in two days. He remained in Astoria last night and today headed for Westport, Wash., to destroy a third sighted there.

Husband Couldn't Make Up Mind

DETROIT, April 27 (AP)—Mrs. Harold S. Howe had a divorce today from her indecisive husband. She told Circuit Judge Miles N. Culehan her husband pulled out a deck of cards in a lawyer's office to help him decide between his wife and a girl friend.

"For two hours he tried to get up nerve enough to flip a card to determine which of us he wanted," she said. "He never did decide."

British Say Units Move On Orders

JERUSALEM, April 27 (AP)—A reliable Arab source said troops of an Egyptian armored division crossed Palestine's southern frontier at dawn today.

The report came on the heels of a Damascus report that a Trans-Jordan Arab legion had moved into the Dead valley of Palestine.

This was discounted here since legion security forces are on loan to Egypt under both the old and new British-Trans-Jordan treaties.

Reports that Haifa is being shelled from Acre across the bay were unconfirmed.

On Duty

An official British army spokesman in Jerusalem said one company of the Arab legion "under British army orders" had entered Jericho on specific duties.

"When their duties are finished," he said, "they will be withdrawn."

A Palestine government spokesman said that "any Trans-Jordan troops now in Palestine are under command of the British general officer commanding and their conduct is not in question. We have not heard of any declaration of war and consider any such declaration as extremely unlikely."

A Jewish agency spokesman told newsmen Jews had learned that last night the Trans-Jordan parliament agreed to King Abdullah's demand to send troops into Palestine and ordered a general mobilization.

Armies of the four Arab nations which encircle Palestine are reported ready to invade the Holy Land before the week ends.

Duty Order

The reports said the forces of Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt will launch the thrust in defiance of the British mandate, not scheduled to end until May 15, and of the United Nations security council, which has ordered a cease-fire in Palestine.

In London, the foreign office announced that Britain will resist any Arab "incursions" into Palestine before the British mandate ends.

Two Britons were killed in Jerusalem today, as tension increased over the threatened invasion.

Capt. R. B. Leggett, retired British naval officer, who came to Palestine last week to accept a consular appointment when the mandate ends, was shot by Arabs near Barclay's bank in the heart of the city.

A British public works official was shot dead by unidentified assailants this morning near the Jerusalem Sports club. A British source said the official, B. O. Denham, had been threatened by Arabs for "fraternizing" with Jews.

Officer Shot

A Royal Army officer, near the scene when Leggett was killed, joined in the gun battle with the assailants. He said Leggett had just emerged from the bank with 4800 pounds (about \$19,200) and was placing the money in an armored police car when an Arab two feet away fired two shots into his head and one into his chest. Some 250 people in the area fled when police and the army opened fire. One Arab was killed and two injured. The assailant escaped.

Machine guns chattered in Jerusalem all morning, after a night-long Arab-Jewish skirmish in the Kalamon area for control of the city's suburbs.

Large scale fighting was reported in half a dozen other parts of the Holy Land.

A traveler from Lydda said Arabs looted the customs house there and set it afire. He said the flames ruined some \$50,000 in stores.

British Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders troops now control the Lydda airport, which the Arabs took over Sunday. Soldiers fired on looting Arabs and killed five.

River Bridge Gets Go Ahead

SALEM, April 27 (AP)—Construction of the \$980,000 highway bridge across the Willamette river at Independence was assured today after Polk county had agreed to pay a fourth of the cost.

Marion county already had agreed to pay a fourth. The state will pay for half of it.

The agreement was signed at a conference here yesterday between the highway commission and the two county courts.

Construction of the 2200-foot structure will begin early this summer and will be completed in about 18 months.

Two Officers Killed When Violence Flares In Trieste

ROME, April 27 (AP)—An Italian soldier and a Yugoslav officer were killed last night in a border patrol fight near Trieste. Amid rising tension, British and American authorities tightened precautions today against any communist infiltration of their zone of the free territory for May Day demonstrations.

The Italian defense ministry said the clash occurred in a narrow strip of territory which Yugoslav forces had seized "in one of their many sallies" out of their lines.