

Jews Claim Jordan Victories

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PALESTINE gets hotter and hotter. A dispatch from Jerusalem this morning says: "Persons fleeing the troubled Holy Land are streaming southward across the Egyptian border, while soldiers, guns and vehicles move northward toward the frontier."

Egypt is one of the Arab nations bordering Palestine. Her communications minister says big Egyptian army forces have been sent to the frontier. Regent Abdul Ilah of Iraq says his country's army has left Baghdad and will move through Trans-Jordan toward Palestine.

King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan says this morning that he personally will command the armies of his country, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria in a drive to prevent the Jews from establishing a new state in Palestine. (Your map will be helpful in getting the lay of the land fixed in your mind.)

As long as the fighting in Palestine was on the order of guerrilla hash-whacking, there was hope that something could be done to head off shooting war. Now that armies are beginning to move in military formation, the hope is dimmer.

If we had a better world, a more SENSIBLE world, it would be so easy to handle situations such as this. A strong, wise, sincere United Nations could step in as the police step in when a private feud flares up among individuals. Soon everything would be OK again.

Instead of being strong, United Nations is weak to the point of helplessness.

WHO wrecked UN?

That question is about as helpful to us now as the old one about who came first, the hen or the egg. UN is weak because the United States and Russia, the only countries in the world possessing military power enough to handle situations such as Palestine, can't work together.

Did we upset the Russians and start them off on a crazy fear binge? Or did the Russians upset us?

Those are questions that can not now be answered intelligently. There is too much fear and suspicion on both sides. When fear and suspicion get loose in the world intelligent cooperation becomes impossible.

If you will look back calmly over the nearly three years that have elapsed since the shooting war ended in Europe, you will find it hard to believe that we are at fault.

Never was there such an outpouring of good will from one people to another as that which went from the American people to the Russian people. We admired their grim courage. We respected the battle they had put up against Nazi Germany.

WE WANTED TO WORK WITH THEM. We felt that we could work with them. But it didn't turn out that way.

WHY?

Well, if it was merely a case of the American PEOPLE getting along with the Russian PEOPLE, there would probably be little trouble. Unfortunately the Russian PEOPLE have little to say about it.

In Russia, too much power is lodged in too few hands. Trouble has followed when too much power is held in too few hands too long.

Quick Work In Clean-Up Drive

SALT LAKE CITY, April 29 (AP)—"Land sakes—I just can't believe it!" This spoke a 73-year-old widow, Mrs. Alma Johnson, when workmen swarmed over her two-story house and gave it a new coat of tan paint yesterday in six minutes and 45 seconds. They also put on brown trimmings.

Twenty-two painters worked on the job as part of the Salt Lake City Junior chamber of commerce clean-up and paint-up campaign.

The painters used 19½ gallons of paint. Observers noted that half of it covered the painters and the ground. The other half went on the house.

Labor Unions In Atomic Plants Pose Big Problem

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—Is it safe to have labor unions in atomic plants?

Can secrecy and security be maintained if unions are allowed to represent the workers?

Government officials hope so. They say the CIO and AFL unions at Oak Ridge, Tenn., have caused no break of security.

But the government is worried about some other atomic centers. It hasn't yet permitted the official recognition of unions in atomic plants other than at Oak Ridge. It is moving with extreme caution. For there are ticklish problems ahead.

For example, two unions whose officers have not filed non-communist oaths under the Taft-Hartley law are active in the atomic industry. These unions are:

1. The United Public Workers (CIO), which is campaigning for members at the Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, operated by the University of Chicago.
2. The United Electrical Workers (CIO), which represents the production and maintenance employees at the Peck street atomic power laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y., operated by General Electric.

Here is how this union happened

WEATHER

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Precipitation last 24 hours .03
Normal for date 1.0-3.5
Normal 10-85 Last year 7.15
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Two Million Defense Force Eyed

Oleo Battle Moves On To Senate Vote

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—With oleomargarine better than a two to one victory over butter in the house, the battle of the bread spreads moved into the senate today.

Opinions differed sharply on what will happen there.

The house yesterday voted 260 to 196 to repeal the 62-year-old federal taxes on oleo. It rejected all dairy bloc efforts to compromise. These would have dropped the taxes but required the packaging of oleo in triangular or circular sticks.

The expected senate battle shaped up about like this:

1. Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the republican policy committee and presidential aspirant, is on the oleo side. He is expected to drive hard for passage of the tax repealer bill.
2. The senate agriculture and finance committees may wage a tug of war for jurisdiction over the legislation. Dairy state members figure they will have a better chance to bottle up the bill in the agriculture committee.

One Set-Back

Oleo backers already have suffered a preliminary rebuff in the senate. A move to attach a margarine tax repealer to the income tax reduction bill was beaten 45 to 38. However, this was not accepted as a fair test as Chairman Millican (R-Colo.) of the finance committee argued then that the two subjects should not be mixed.

Millican said today if the oleo bill is sent to his committee he will seek prompt action.

But Senator Tyne (R-Minn.), member of the agriculture committee, told reporters: "We will do our utmost to defeat the bill." He represents one of the great dairy states.

No recent issue has brought so much turmoil in house debate.

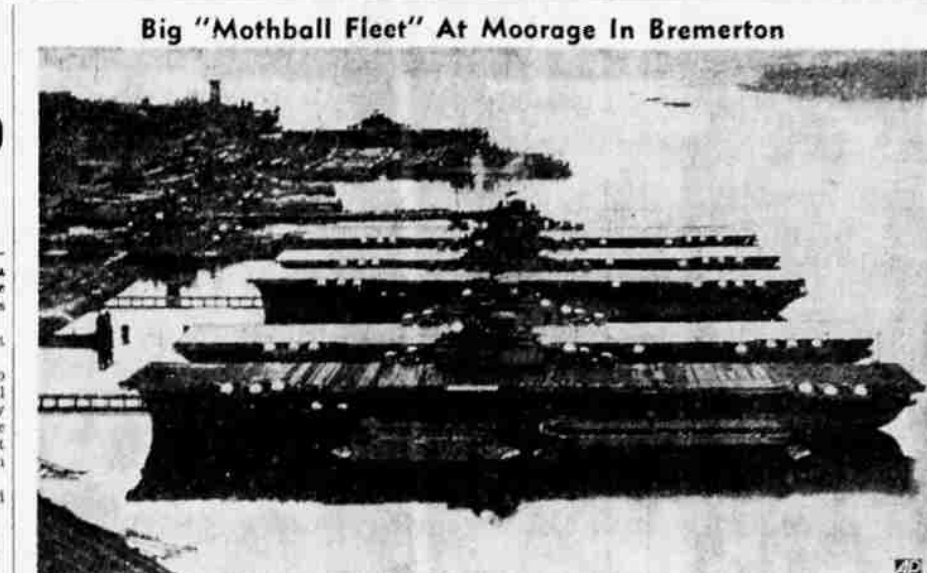
In their last ditch stand, house members from the dairy districts fought desperately to give oleo a distinct marking. But triangular oleo was beaten 114 to 83. Round oleo went down for the count, 119 to 87.

Similarly, the house beat, 129 to 72, an effort by Rep. August H. Andersen (R-Minn.) to bar the sale of colored oleo altogether.

Rep. Katharine St. George (R-N.Y.) added a feminine touch.

Oleo should be "virgin white," she said, adding: "If it's so perfect, why does it need another color?"

On the house roll call, 118 republicans joined 40 democrats and two American laborites to put the bill through. Opposing were 92 republicans and 14 democrats.



Big "Mothball Fleet" At Moorage In Bremerton

Inactive ships, described by the navy officials as the largest "mothball fleet" of major vessels in any navy yard, lie at naval shipyard piers at Bremerton, Wash. From left to right are the carriers Essex, Ticonderoga, Yorktown, Lexington and Bunker Hill. At left background the battleships, cruisers and destroyers, and in extreme center, background, the carrier Bon Homme Richard.

Hope Dims For Early End To Boeing Strike

SEATTLE, April 29 (AP)—Prospects of an early meeting to seek an end to the Boeing strike dimmed today as the walkout of 15,000 Seattle employees went into its eighth day.

Conditions specified for such a meeting indicated a new deadlock between management and union heads.

The company declined yesterday an invitation from federal conciliators to meet with the Aeronautical Mechanics union but said it would meet with the parent International Association of Machinists (I.A.M.).

An early meeting had been expected between company heads and a top-level committee of the machinists. However, the committee members said Boeing officials had refused to meet with them if officials of the AMU were present.

Harold Gibson, president of the AMU local 751, said last night that "the I.A.M. and local 751 stand ready to meet with the company any time."

He added, however, that "when the meeting is arranged we will send representatives to the conference whom we believe necessary to end the dispute."

President William M. Allen of Boeing notified conciliators that the company would not meet with AMU officials because, he contended, the local union "is no longer a collective bargaining agency under the NLRA (national labor relations act)." He declared it had lost that privilege because the strike "was in violation of the contract."

He also asserted that "those on strike are no longer employees of the company."

Truman Calls For Early Confirmation Of Lilienthal

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—President Truman today called for early senate confirmation of his reappointments of Chairman David E. Lilienthal and other members of the atomic energy commission.

Mr. Truman said suggestions to limit their new terms to one or two years "would restore the pall of uncertainty which surrounded the development of this country's atomic energy program."

Lilienthal and his associates were confirmed to the commission last spring.

No Politics

The president said Lilienthal and his four fellow members were appointed "without any reference to their political affiliations." He added in a formal statement:

"Since we all recognize the need for a vigorous non-partisan development of our atomic energy program, I strongly urge that these nominations be considered on the schedule originally set by congress."

The terms of Lilienthal and other commission members will expire August 1. Lilienthal was nominated for a new five-year term.

The reappointments for the four other members were staggered as follows: Sumner T. Pike for four years, Lewis L. Strauss for three, William W. Waymack for two, and Robert T. Bacher for one year.

The atomic energy control act provides for appointments on such a staggered basis.

There has been talk among republicans of an 11-month term extension for the commission members. Under this arrangement, if a republican were elected to the presidency in November, he could decide on longer-term appointments in mid-1949.

Asked if he opposes a compromise on shorter terms, Mr. Truman replied bluntly that he is for carrying out the law as originally passed by congress.

Weather Bad Over State

By The Associated Press

Below normal temperatures for this time of year continued today to plague the Pacific Northwest.

A widespread mixture of snow and rain was reported east of the Cascade mountains. The weather bureau said there was snow at Walla Walla, Wash., and at Pendleton, La Grande and Baker, Ore., and throughout the Blue mountain area. Meacham, which is in the mountains east of Pendleton, had a low temperature of 28. Walla Walla had 33. La Grande 33, Baker 32, Spokane 41, and Yakima 49.

Spokane and Coeur d'Alene and Boise, Idaho, reported rain.

The Seattle weather bureau said the early morning temperatures in Eastern Washington are usually in low or middle forties at this time of year.

Cloudy weather and some fog was reported on the western side of the Cascades. Temperatures reported included: Seattle 42; Olympia 37; Portland 40; Eugene 44; Medford 40 and Bellingham 45.

The weather bureau said temperatures have been averaging several degrees lower than at this time last year.

Insane Negro Kills Sheriff

ADAIRVILLE, Ky., April 29 (AP)—An insane negro shot to death Chief of Police Rufus Barrow, 60, when the officer's own pistol stood off officers before he finally was overpowered.

The negro, listed as Ed Burkes, 20, had been adjudged insane and was in custody of the officer, awaiting a bus to take him to an institution. The prisoner seized the officer's gun, felled him and fired shot after shot into his body.

Then the man, waving the gun menacingly, took up a position over the officer's body and defied police and sheriff's deputies.

The officers refrained immediately from attempting to seize him lest he start shooting into the crowd of several hundred which quickly gathered.

After nearly an hour and a half, the officers kept the man's attention while another negro, Capers Crumbaugh, 45, slipped up behind Burkes, flattened him and disarmed him.

Suspects In Theft Held

After a wild chase, two youths were arrested near Bend early today as suspects in a service station burglary at Chemult and two auto thefts at Klamath Falls.

State police here identified the youths as Robert Dale Meyer, 16, Deer Island, Ore., and Donald Wesley Carter, 18.

Pat Chase, Chemult business man, heard breaking glass in a service station at about 11:30 p. m. When Chase went to investigate, he saw two men leap into a car and take off on US 97 north. He gave chase, and said that he was as high as 90 miles an hour, but could not catch up with the other machine. He gave up at Crescent and notified State Officer William Hazelwood there.

Hazelwood took up the pursuit and stopped the fugitives near Bend at 4:30 a. m. They are in jail there.

State officers said the pair related a story of a series of auto thefts. They were driving a 1947 Buick car reported stolen from Sacramento. They said they also stole a Dodge car in Sacramento, but abandoned it.

At Klamath Falls, according to state officers, the youths stole a Buick car belonging to Frank Jenkins, Herald and News publisher, from Pine street, and abandoned it just north of town. They also stole here a Hudson belonging to Walt Blessinger, 2105 Ohio street, from Ninth and Pine, and abandoning it.

The car theft story was still somewhat confused, and officers said a third youth might have been involved. There was no immediate explanation as to how two youths could be driving so many cars at once.

Arabs Reject Police Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, April 29 (AP)—The Arabs today rejected a French proposal for an international volunteer police force for Jerusalem.

The Jews agreed to the proposal for a 100-man elite force to safeguard Jerusalem's holy places under a proposed truce, but the Arab rejection dashed hopes for its establishment.

Jamal Hussein, vice-chairman of the Arab higher committee for Palestine, told the United Nations trusteeship council the Arabs "object to foreign troops being sent to our country."

He said the term troops also meant police.

Hussein added that the Arabs would not resist the proposed police force but would never agree to it.

Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish agency's political department, said the Jews definitely agree to setting up a UN force for Jerusalem.

The United States renewed its appeal meanwhile for quick UN approval of the American plan for UN trusteeship over Palestine.

This Fire Made Fighters Hungry

SIoux CITY, Ia., April 29 (AP)—If the firemen who fought a stubborn blaze at a freezer storage plant here looked hungry, maybe there's a reason.

The bin in which the flames caused damage yesterday contained 37,000 fresh hams, property of the strikebound Armour and company.

Bigger Army Seen To Be War Threat

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—The high command, working with foreign policy framers, thinks two million men are enough for defense—that more might be viewed abroad as a move toward aggressive war.

The joint chiefs of staff, it was learned today, used such a diplomatic yardstick to help it measure the size of the recommended peacetime military establishment.

The joint chiefs' organization is composed of the military heads of the army, navy and air force, plus Adm. William D. Leahy, the chief of staff to the president. They constitute an advisory group to Secretary of Defense Forrestal.

Council Group

The overall military-diplomatic policy is shaped by the national security council which includes President Truman, Secretary of State Marshall, Forrestal and the civilian secretaries of the armed forces. The military planning thus is designed to be geared to the diplomatic thinking by the council.

Here is what they want for a peacetime defensive force (present manpower figures in parentheses):

1. An army of 837,000 men (540,000) in the regular establishment, 650,000 (560,000) in the national guard. The regular army would be organized into 12 divisions, plus 54 battalions of anti-aircraft defense.
2. A navy of 556,000 regulars (350,000), 220,000 (165,000) organized reserves. They would man about 290 combatant ships including about 18 carriers and 32 air groups.
3. An air force of 502,000 men (325,000). The ultimate objective would be a 70-group force at full strength or a little over full strength.

This would be a peacetime force. Should the United States be attacked, the current thinking of the high command is understood to be along the line of a "mobilization" force of these dimensions:

1. A ground army of 15 to 20 divisions, both regular and national guard, fully equipped and trained, ready to move overseas immediately.
2. A navy of 900 combatant ships.
3. An air force of 110 to 120 groups, not including naval aviation.

Coal Pension Pay Blocked

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—Ezra Van Horn, operators' trustee for the coal miners' welfare fund, threw another block today against payment of \$100-a-month pensions for the fund.

He wrote the banks holding the \$3,000,000 welfare fund that he has refused to approve the pension payments. He said he has legal advice that his signature is required on all checks withdrawing money from the fund.

The letter went to the National Savings and Trust company, Washington, where \$33,000,000 is deposited, and to the Central National Bank of Cleveland, which has \$1,000,000.

Van Horn also has filed suit to void the pension plan approved by John L. Lewis and Senator Styles Bridges; other trustees of the fund. His objects because the Lewis-Bridges plan would give pensions to miners who worked in mines not contributing to the welfare fund.

The plan provides pensions for miners aged 62 with 20 years service in the coal mine.

Lewis and Bridges last night voted to transfer \$5,000,000 from the general account to a pension account.

Van Horn's letter was aimed to stop the transfer.

Power Controls Off In California

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (AP)—All remaining controls on use of electric power in Northern and Central California were wiped off the books today by the state power conservation director.

The action signaled the end of the electric crisis created by a record winter drought.

The action meant disbanding of the 200 or more local conservation committees in the 48 counties proclaimed emergency areas. These committees had been screening new business applications since the state ended the bulk of the emergency controls on April 12.

Heavy March and April rains and increased power deliveries from Southern California helped end the emergency.

Storm Warnings Up Along Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (AP)—The U. S. weather bureau today issued small craft warnings, effective at 6 a. m. (PST), from Monterey to Cape Blanco, Ore.

The storm, off Eureka, will cause southerly winds of 25 to 40 miles per hour today and early tonight, the bureau said. The winds will shift to southwest and decrease during the night.

Col. E. S. Briggs, base commander, said a large number of military aircraft were grounded by bad weather.

He could not disclose, he said, the destination or mission of the planes, but said it was an "unusually large" number for the Spokane base.

Air force officials at McChord field declined to comment on plans for the maneuvers.

The air force announcement in Washington said the attacking force is made up of B-29s of the strategic air command, and three units of the 502nd tactical control group have been directed to deploy themselves between Spokane and McChord field.

Also ordered to participate, air force headquarters said, are all-weather fighter planes of the 325th group and the 52nd group, as well as radar-equipped units of the 605th aircraft control and warning group.

USAf Slates 'Air War' In Northwest To Test Defenses; Bad Weather Grounds Ships At Start

By The Associated Press

An "air war" was on tap today for the Pacific Northwest. The "war," announced in Washington, D. C., last night by the air force, will be a full-scale test of Northwest defenses.

Three commands of the USAf are to participate with B-29s staging mock bombing attacks and fighter squadrons intercepting the attackers.

The maneuvers will last more than a week.

The air force announcement said the test was to have gotten under way last night. Bad weather was believed to have postponed the first forays.

At the Spokane army air base,

C Of C Leader



This is Al Hattan, new chamber of commerce president.

Hattan Heads Local Chamber

New president of the Klamath county chamber of commerce is Al Hattan, local stationery store operator.

Hattan was chosen by the chamber board yesterday after it was reorganized for the new year. He succeeds Phil Hitchcock.

Fred Hongland was elected vice president, and Roy Rakestraw treasurer. Charles R. Stark was re-elected secretary and manager.

Hattan, a former Portlander, told the board he would "do his best for Klamath."

Weather Slows TAC Opening

The elements have conspired to postpone the anticipated opening of the Klamath Basin Treen-Ager center, which was to have been tomorrow night, until Saturday night, May 8. Cold weather, which prevented the tile floor covering from settling properly in the new center at 228 N. 8th, has disappointed teen-agers and their friends, but only for a week.

The formal opening will be at 7:30 p. m. May 8, and from that hour, and the following week, beginning at 1 p. m. Monday, May 10, through Friday, May 14, until closing time at 9:30 p. m., the young people of the basin will be at home to their parents and other patrons of the center, in their new headquarters.

Regular activities of teen-agers members of the club will not begin until May 17, so that interested persons of the community may have ample opportunity to visit the new center.

Iraq Army On The Move

AMMAN, Trans-Jordan, April 29 (AP)—Regent Abdul Ilah of Iraq said today his country's army has started moving from Baghdad toward Palestine and will pass through Trans-Jordan. "Plans are complete for rescuing Palestine," the regent said after talking with King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan.

The Arab legion in Palestine sent a message to Abdullah saying Jewish forces in Gesh, on the west side of the Jordan river south of the sea of Galilee, have surrendered to the legion and the village was occupied.

"The Jews raised the white flag in order to bring in wounded and killed and afterwards capitulated," the legion message said.

The legion declared hundreds of Jews had been killed.

The message accused the Jews of starting the battle by killing an Arab legion sentry two nights ago inside the Trans-Jordan territory.

County Judges Set To Talk Road Setup

SALEM, April 29 (AP)—County judges and commissioners of 33 counties met here Wednesday to talk about road, welfare and tax problems.

They voted to ask the legislature to require all local tax levying bodies, such as cities and school districts, share the burden of the three per cent discount which is given to persons who pay their property taxes on time. This burden now is assumed only by the counties.

Fight Tempo Mounts As Arabs Move

By MAX BOYD

JERUSALEM, April 29 (AP)—The Jews claimed victories today in fights ranging some 15 miles down the Jordan river valley from the Sea of Galilee.

Jewish sources in Haifa said that during the night Jews captured the Arab stronghold of Belsan, valley town about 15 miles south of the sea used as a way station by Arab warriors stealing in from Trans-Jordan.

Jewish reports to Jerusalem were that the Jewish militia Haganah routed Arabs in a five-hour battle today and took a police station near Samakh which the Arabs had occupied. Samakh is at the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee.

Posts Occupied

Down the river valley almost half-way to Belsan, the same reports continued. Haganah also occupied Jir al Majman police post and Tegar police fortress, evacuated by the British, near Gesh.

The Jewish press charged that Arab legionnaires coming from Trans-Jordan joined other armed Arabs in yesterday's attack on the Jewish collective settlement of Gesh, but there was no official confirmation.

Gesh is just south of a Jordan river position owned and operated by the Jews. One Jew was reported killed and nine wounded in the attack on the settlement.

26 Killed

Official sources said yesterday's casualties in Jaffa included 10 Jews killed and 25 Arabs killed and 94 wounded.

Fifteen Jews and two Arabs were reported slain in various Palestine clashes since last night. Nearly 2000 persons, by unofficial count, have died by violence in the Holy Land in the last five months.

The British army said it used tanks yesterday in Jaffa after a heavy mortar attack on the Arab city by the Jewish Irgun Zvai Leumi.

The army said tanks, infantry and gun carriers were deployed in the area of the Jaffa railway workshops and law courts while Spitfires with cannon attacked a building used by Irgun forces in nearby Bat Yam. An army source said Irgun was forced back in Jaffa and British troops still were in position along the area into which they moved.

Nevertheless, the Jews, striking from all-Jewish Tel Aviv, showed determination to go ahead with their attack upon Jaffa, a predominantly Arab city.

Police Probe Theft Tale

ALTURAS, Calif., April 29—Sheriff's officers flew to John Day, Ore., today to attempt to unravel the web of confusing stories told by three youths arrested here after an exchange of gunfire with police Tuesday morning.

Pardon Allen, 22, and Walter Bradford, 18, told dissimilar stories to District Attorney Lederer about their actions before coming to Alturas, where they met Floyd Boardman, 18, and became involved in a gunfight with police in which Boardman was wounded. All three were apprehended and are held on open charges pending completion of the investigation.

District Attorney Lederer said the youths told one story of stealing a car at John Day, another of getting a ride from John Day with two other youths, and still a third story about hitch-hiking to New Pine Creek, north of Alturas. One story told of killing the owner of a car they stole, but officers could find neither car nor body and now discount that report.

Sheriff Glynn Johnson went to John Day by plane to check with the sheriff there.

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