

RAIL NEGOTIATIONS BOG DOWN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN London today defense ministers of Great Britain, France, Belgium and Luxembourg (known collectively as the Western European Alliance) start planning what they will do in the way of joint military action if war hits the continent of Europe.

Their "agenda" (fancy diplomatic word meaning program) is naturally a closely-guarded secret. In such a situation, you don't tip off your plans to a possible enemy. British government "sources" say this morning the program is based on the assumption of substantial support soon from the United States.

That goes without saying. Without U. S. help, these five nations couldn't get far toward stopping the westward march of Russian communism.

THAT puts it up to us. What are we going to do about it?

A Washington dispatch tells us the "shapers of this country's bipartisan foreign policy" are considering a preliminary test of CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT on the principle of eventual American (military) support for the Western European nations that are combining to oppose the spread of communism.

The dispatch adds that two ways of bringing the issue before congress are under consideration: 1. A request for some sort of temporary lend-lease program to provide the start of a rearmament drive by the non-communist European countries.

2. A resolution (by congress) advocating American leadership in strengthening the power of United Nations to deal with aggression and under the United Nations charter of a Western European defense system.

IT seems to this small writer that we'd better get the situation before congress NOW and find out definitely what we're going to do about it. If we just let it drift, hoping for the best, it seems likely that we'll be drifting from bad toward worse.

We drifted along toward the last war, all the time kidding ourselves that about all we were going to do was to slip our friends in Europe a gun when they needed it to shoot with.

Pearl Harbor followed. We don't want any more Pearl Harbors.

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WEATHER	
Max. (April 30): 41	Min.: 30
Precipitation last 24 hours: .60	
Stream year to date: 10.55	
Normal: 10.68	Last year: 7.15
Forecast: Partly cloudy.	

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At this time of year, Mid-Western farms normally are jammed with cattle undergoing a luscious grain diet prior to being shipped to market. It's that grain, mostly corn, which puts weight on the animals to provide tasty meat. But it isn't that way this year.

Lots Empty

H. J. Gramlich, agricultural agent of the Chicago and Northwestern railway, said "many cattle feeders have temporarily folded up."

"In a three-mile strip paralleling our line west of Omaha stock yards, where normally several hundred thousand cattle are fattened each year, there does not now appear to be a single head," Gramlich said.

Mark Pickell, secretary of the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders association, was equally pessimistic.

"In a trip through Southern Illinois," he said, "I stopped at a farm where I never have seen less than 400 cattle on feed. The feed lot gates were open. Not a head was in there."

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Sedan Is Crushed By Sherman Tank



A 1941 sedan was crushed when a 36-ton General Sherman tank went out of control on a Fort Collins, Colo., street. The tank had been used in an ROTC show at Colorado A. and M. college and was being driven by national guard officers when it became uncontrollable. There was no one in the car.

Coal Contract Talks Called

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—John L. Lewis today asked soft coal operators to meet with him May 18 to negotiate a new contract.

The United Mine Workers' present contract expires June 30.

Lewis said in letters to all coal companies and associations which had signed the current agreement last July that he is ready to start negotiations in the Shoshone hotel, Washington, May 18 at 10 a. m.

He said the meeting would be "for the purpose of negotiating a successor contract" to the present one.

The UMW chief pointed out that the present contract pledges the parties to attend any conferences under terms of the agreement.

The letter was labeled "notice" and was dated today, April 30. The Taft-Hartley act requires that either party to a labor agreement, desiring to end that agreement, must give notice 60 days before ending the contract.

Lewis apparently was observing that provision, since his contract with the operators expires June 30.

KF In Top Safety Spot

CHICAGO, April 30 (AP)—Klamath Falls, Ore., Independence, Mo., and Vallejo, Calif., share honors as the nation's three cities in their population class which went through the first quarter of 1948 without a traffic death.

These three cities are ranked by the National Safety council in the 10,000-25,000 population bracket. They helped the nation make a first quarter showing which dropped to four-fifths of the first quarter traffic fatality record in the immediate postwar year of 1946.

The 6480 traffic deaths the first three months of this year amounted to a seven per cent reduction from the 6990 killed in the corresponding 1947 period. The safety council attributed the drop to the most intensive accident prevention campaign in the nation's history.

Murderer Loses Long-Time Pal

DALLAS, Tex., April 30 (AP)—Buster Northern, condemned to death for murder, lost a constant friend today.

The friend was a sparrow, which flew into his jail cell last winter seeking protection against a heavy snow.

Northern adopted the bird as his cell mate and named it "Friend."

"Friend" died last night," Northern lamented. "He had been sick several days and I had been giving him the past four nights giving him what treatment I could here in jail."

Northern had built a swing, a feeding pan and a bird bath in a cigar box for his pet.

Northern was convicted of slaying elderly Mrs. Fannie McHenry of Oklahoma to death after he had hitched a ride in her automobile. His conviction has been appealed.

TO WEB

PORTLAND, April 30 (AP)—A marriage license has been issued to John G. Devlaemnick, Hillsboro, and May M. Manning, Woodburn.

New Three Flags Highway Signs To Be Unveiled Soon

LAKEVIEW, Ore., April 30 (AP)—Travel enthusiasts from one end of the Pacific Coast to the other will gather at John Day, Ore., Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, for the annual convention of the Three Flags Highway association.

Feature of the meeting will be the "unveiling" of the new Three Flags road sign, which the organization hopes soon to mark the route from Jasper National park in Canada, down through Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California to the southern terminus of the highway in Baja California, Mexico.

The sign, depicting the flags of the United States, Canada and Mexico in full colors. It is partly reflectorized for night visibility.

Plans of the association call for installing these signs inside corporate city limits and on private property at important intersections, to serve as a guide for tourists.

Smaller reflector plates will be mounted under the Three Flags signs, showing directional arrows and names of cities entered by motorists.

Jack E. Early of San Francisco, who designed the new road signs, as well as the highly colorful Three Flags map folders, will introduce the sign to the travel enthusiasts, chamber of commerce and city and county officials who make up the organization.

Other featured speakers at the John Day convocation will be Manley F. Robinson of Salem, Ore., director of the Oregon state highway commission travel information department, who will stress the importance of the tourist industry and need for holding local tourist host schools; Tom L. Stanley, Redding, Calif., general manager of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, who will outline the value of regional advertising and publicity; and others.

A. A. Bardwell of Burns, Ore., associations president, will be in charge of the principal business meetings, to be held Sunday morning. Informal get-togethers will highlight the Saturday evening program. A farewell banquet will take place Sunday.

Lloyd Ogilvie of John Day, vice president of the association, will head the host committees, made up of members of the John Day chamber of commerce.

"Santa Claus" Gives Playground

WINNER, S. D., April 30 (AP)—Winner's "Santa Claus," George C. McDonald, is dead, but he won't be forgotten for a long while.

McDonald, better known as Shorty, died in February and his will went through circuit court yesterday. He left two-fifths of his estate to build a community playground. "Give it to the kids," Shorty said.

Shorty owned a small cafe here. He saved all the pennies he took in each year. At Christmas time Shorty would gather up the small fry and pass out the year's take.

That's partly why no one was surprised when he remembered his best friends so well. The town's attitude was summed up by one man who said "He'll live on in Winner for a hundred years."

All legal barriers to a strike previously have been removed.

LAST DAY

Today was Pido's last day of freedom—at least for a couple of months. Tomorrow he starts leading a dog's life.

City ordinance requires that all dogs in Klamath Falls be kept tied or penned up during the months of May and June, not because the pooches need punishment but because some persons are trying to get a garden into the ground during those months and would prefer not having the vegetables dug up or flowers trampled.

Jews-Arabs Split Over Truce Move

By MAX HARRELSON

LAKE SUCCESS, April 30 (AP)—The United States proposed today that the United Nations set up an emergency international regime for Jerusalem to protect the city's holy places.

The U. S. move came after a Jewish-Arab disagreement over truce terms delayed UN action on a cease-fire order for the old walled portion of Jerusalem, where many Christian, Moslem and Jewish shrines are located.

Both developments were in the UN trusteeship council.

The 56-member political committee of the special Palestine assembly meanwhile heard the Soviet Ukraine make a bitter attack on the American plan for a temporary trusteeship for all of Palestine.

Dictator

Vassily A. Tarasenko, the Ukrainian delegate, said the trusteeship plan was designed to place Palestine's resources at the disposal of American monopolies. He said the proposed governor-general would be a virtual dictator subject only to the orders of U. S. bankers.

Progress in the political committee's study of the trusteeship plan was virtually stalled by procedural wrangling.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie, obviously irked by the slow progress, told a news conference the special assembly probably would be in session from two to six weeks more. It started its third week this forenoon. If Lie's prediction is correct, the assembly will still be here when the British mandate rule of the Holy Land ends May 15.

Meat Strike Probe Asked

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—Senator Edwin C. Johnston (D-Colo.) said today he plans to ask for a congressional inquiry into the 46-day-old meat strike.

Johnston told a reporter he intends to introduce a resolution, possibly today, to provide for an "examination of all the facts" and arbitration of the wage dispute.

"The strike has gone on too long," he said. "It is disrupting marketing and injuring both consumers and farmers."

The strike of CIO packinghouse workers began March 16. The union demanded a wage increase of 29 cents an hour. The "big four" meat packers—Swift, Cudahy, Wilson and Armour—offered nine cents an hour. That was rejected by the union.

Federal conciliators have been conferring with company and union officials this week, but no progress toward settlement has been reported. Talks have been recessed over the week-end.

President Truman named a board of inquiry under provisions of the Taft-Hartley law, but he decided against seeking a court injunction to force an end of the strike.

Air Maneuvers Hidden Today

By The Associated Press

The Pacific Northwest's "air war" was hidden today behind clouds and—or of—red tape.

A number of participating planes—estimated by civilian airmen at "more than 20"—still were grounded early today at the Spokane army air base. Where they are bound—or when—was not disclosed by base officers who said security regulations forbid giving out information.

Air force headquarters in Washington, D. C., disclosed plans for the week-long test of Northwest air defenses Wednesday night. The announcement said the maneuvers were to have gotten under way early yesterday. Bad weather, however, held up the start.

Dewey Due Here On May 8

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York will hit Klamath Falls over the mid-day on Saturday, May 8, in his whirlwind campaign for votes in Oregon's preferential primary.

Word to that effect was received today by Ernest MacBeth, president of the Klamath Young Republican club, which is arranging the Dewey visitation here.

Dewey will arrive here at 11 a. m., make a quick inspection of a part of the reclamation project before noon, have lunch, and immediately after lunch make a speech from the courthouse steps.

The speech will be heard over a public address system and a big crowd of Southern Oregonians and Northern Californians is expected to be on hand to hear the New York governor make his bid for presidential preference support in this area.

Dewey will come here from Medford and Ashland, and will go north to Bend.

Appointed



John H. Hildring (above), was named by Secretary of State Marshall as a special assistant to the secretary of state in charge of Palestine affairs. He is a former assistant secretary and his home is in Phoenix, Ariz. He was in San Francisco (April 28) when this picture was taken.

Ankeny Found Guilty

Lewis Ankeny, former Klamath Falls stockbroker, was found guilty on the first jury ballot at the close of his trial in circuit court today on charges of larceny by bailment.

The jury got the case about 10:30 a. m., and in a few minutes was back with a report. Ankeny was indicted in connection with operations of his stock brokerage business here, the specific charge being larceny of more than \$1500 given him in bailment by Gus Anderson, Klamath Falls, for purchase of Marshall Field stock.

For additional details of the trial, see Page Two.

Huge Arab Force Seen

AMMAN, Trans-Jordan, April 30 (AP)—Official Trans-Jordan sources predict Arab nations will send at least 30,000-regular troops to "rescue Palestine before May 15" when Britain gives up rule over the Holy Land and its embattled Arabs and Jews.

These sources said Trans-Jordan's King Abdullah will be titular commander-in-chief of forces from Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon, each under its own national leader and represented on a supreme military council based here in Abdullah's capital.

(Jewish sources estimate the Jews' strength in Palestine, actual or potential, at 60,000 to 70,000 in the Jewish agency's Hagannah, 300 to 500 in Irgun Zvai Leumi and 300 to 2000 in the Stern group.)

Pup Loses Lot Of Dignity, Hair

SPOKANE, April 30 (AP)—W. R. Martin's black puppy was a ball of fiery fury for a moment.

Martin was starting a fire with kerosene when some of the flaming drops splattered on to the dog's back.

The frightened pup made a quick trip around the cabin home trailing smoke and flame. He took refuge under two beds, setting fire to each as he passed.

The beds were damaged, but the pup lost only a little hair and a lot of dignity.

They Believe In Cleanliness



LeRoy Overen and Evelyn Rowland, Klamath Union high school students, here demonstrate what they would like to see done all over Klamath Falls. They head the KUHS student drive to awaken the community to the need for cleaning up. A parade this afternoon and a paint clinic in the Balsiger building Saturday are features of the campaign.

Unions Leave Move Up To Operators

CHICAGO, April 30 (AP)—Mediator Frank Douglass said today that if the threatened railroad strike is averted, only direct negotiations between management and labor will do it.

"There doesn't seem to be any feeling for arbitration of the disputed issues," the chairman of the national (railway) mediation board said as he went into his first conference with management spokesmen.

"If this strike is to be settled," he stated, "it must be by direct negotiation by the parties."

Douglass and Francis A. O'Neill Jr., a board member, met twice yesterday with leaders of three brotherhoods who have set May 11 for a paralyzing, nationwide walkout. Today they heard the railroads' side of the dispute from the carriers conference committee. This group represents the eastern, western and southeastern segments of the industry.

Although Douglass expressed hope of settlement before May 11, statements from two brotherhood presidents were on the gloomy side.

Alvanley Johnson, president of the engineers, the third union which yesterday joined in the May 11 strike call issued earlier by the firemen and engine men and switchmen, said any offer for further arbitration would be rejected. A similar statement was issued by D. R. Robertson, head of the firemen and engine men.

Robertson said in Cleveland, "We've gone through arbitration and we are through discussing the matter through boards. They (the railroads) will have to come through with more money or the strike will start as set on May 11."

The brotherhoods, which claim membership of 100,000 firemen and engine men, 80,000 engineers and 10,000 switchmen, presented their wage demands last October. They demanded a 30 per cent wage increase with a minimum raise of \$3 a day and changes in working rules. The 15¢ cents an hour pay hike recommended by a presidential fact-finding board was rejected by the unions after the carriers had accepted the proposal.

Former KF Teacher Hurt

Philip Schwab, former Roosevelt school teacher and athletic coach, was seriously injured recently when he was struck by a car while riding on a motor scooter near Winona, Minn., friends here have learned.

Schwab, who is on a leave of absence from the Klamath Falls State Teachers college at Winona, was en route to his home from Minneapolis where he had accompanied Mrs. Schwab to her mother's bedside. A car is said to have made a left turn and hit the scooter, breaking Schwab's hip and causing possible pelvic fractures and severe injury to one knee.

Cards addressed to Schwab will reach him at Veterans hospital, Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Schwab was secretary at Mills school during her residence here.

Spud Ration Off For Britons

LONDON, April 30 (AP)—Potato rationing ends tonight. The food ministry reported large imports and an extremely early new crop have offset shortages. Since November a Briton has been entitled to three pounds a week. This was a hardship to poor families depending on potatoes to take the place of other rationed staples.