

ATHENS PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

In The Day's News

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BRIEF but possibly important news comes from Athens this morning. Somebody makes an attempt upon the life of the Greek minister of justice. (He is seriously injured, but not yet dead, it seems.) In the ensuing ruckus a policeman is killed and the would-be assassin is wounded.

There is a meeting of law enforcement chiefs and the heads of the army. The Greek cabinet also meets. Out of the meetings comes a proclamation of martial law in the city of Athens.

HERE is the exciting part of it. The police report that the assassin has confessed that he was under orders from a COMMUNIST EXECUTION SQUAD.

That is to say (if the story is true) he was ordered by the communists to kill the Greek minister of justice.

AS these words are written, only these bare details have been given out on a story that is obviously of great interest to the world at this critical moment. That means that censorship is at work, the rigidity of the censorship indicates the seriousness of the incident.

WATCH IT. It happens on May Day. May Day used to be international Labor Day. It has been more or less taken over as international communist day.

Communism, in Marx's time, was concerned chiefly with the rights of men who work. It has gone far beyond that now. It has become a racket which enables a few men to control the lives and the fortunes of MILLIONS of men.

Fascism and nazism are similar rackets.

IN Moscow, center of the communist spider web, Stalin reviews a gigantic parade in Red Square. The parade is both civilian and military. On the military side of it, Russian Minister of Armed Forces Bulganin says in an address to the assembled thousands:

"Russia's armed forces will honorably fulfill all the tasks before them."

What are the tasks that lie before Russia's armed forces?

If we knew the answer to that question, we could predict more accurately the kind of world our grandchildren will live in.

IN Los Angeles, on the sidewalk before a lecture club, 12 women kneel and spread their long hair out on the sidewalk. In the door of a shiny new automobile at the curb a yellow-robed, shaven-headed man appears. The reporters describe him as a Buddhist missionary from Burma.

He crosses the sidewalk on the carpet of human hair thus provided for him and enters the club. His majordomo explains: "The venerable is not permitted to walk on ordinary pavement. The long tresses of his female followers form the religious mosaic for his bare feet."

It takes all kinds of people, you see, to make a world.

German Faces Fraud Charge

BERLIN, May 1 (AP)—A German accused of writing nearly 800 begging letters to the United States and other countries will face fraud charges, the American military government said today.

A statement said the man, Heinrich Czerninski, 23, admitted receiving about 90 Care food packages on the representation that he was on a starvation diet. Police said they found an indexed file on his letters to bishops, university presidents and business men, with notations like "nice guy" and "touch." He employed a secretary to handle the correspondence.

His home held 20 packages. Police said he and his father had the highest allowance in the German food ration and were far from starving.

Care food parcels are handled by the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc., for Americans who pay \$10 for each package.

WEATHER
Max. April 201. 48 Min. 70
Precipitation last 24 hours .63
Stream year to date 10.33
Normal year to date 11.19
Forecast: partly cloudy

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Ankeny Guilty In Brokerage Case

Hope Held That Crippling Railroad Strike Set For May 11 May Be Staved Off

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP)—There appears a possibility of heading off the crippling nationwide railroad strike set for May 11, says the federal mediation chief.

Commenting on the efforts of the national (railways) mediation board to effect a settlement between the carriers and three operating unions, Chairman Frank P. Douglass said:

"There is a possibility that we might be able to make some recommendations that are not already included in the emergency board's report which might stave off the strike."

He said he had found "a sincere disposition on the part of both sides to try to find a settlement."

Before conclusion of the session with the railroad representatives yesterday Douglass had described both sides "unyielding." He said that direct negotiations appeared the only hope of calling off the walkout. Neither side is in favor of further arbitration.

Wage Dispute
The "big difficulty" in the long-standing wage dispute, Douglass said, is the demand by the three unions for more pay than recommended by a presidential fact-finding board.

The board proposed a pay boost of 15 1/2 cents an hour, which had been accepted last fall by other rail brotherhoods. The carriers, Douglass said, refuse to grant the three unions a bigger wage hike than the other railroad workers received.

The strike will start as scheduled at 6 a. m. local time, a week from next Tuesday unless the carriers grant more money, said Alvanley Johnston, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and D. B. Robertson, president of the Firemen and Engineers.

Contracts OK'd
Contracts have been approved for immediate construction of the new hand sawmill at Roseburg, to have a daily capacity of 100,000 feet. The company has a 16-acre log pond there and will draw its timber from holdings of more than 25,000 acres, mostly in Douglas county. The Roseburg property is large enough to accommodate a plywood plant, contemplated for the future.

Nystrom said a program of company-owned warehouses for distribution of its lumber and plywood products throughout the country was under way. Now under construction are warehouses at St. Louis and San Francisco, at a cost of \$250,000, he said, and others are soon to be built. Associated also markets through Pacific Mutual Door company, Tacoma.

The firm formerly was the Olympia Veneer company.

Remmer Is Booked After Raid



Elmer (Bones) Remmer (left), talks things over with San Francisco police booking sergeant (right) as Police Inspector Dave Desmond (center) looks on. Remmer was arrested along with a number of persons in the Menlo club when police raided the card room. Remmer was released on \$500 bail.

Tax Cut Goes Into Effect Today As Retail Buying Boom Seen

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The \$4,800,000,000 a year tax cut becomes a hard cash reality for many taxpayers today.

A boost in retail buying was expected as wage earners paid off today found less money withheld from their paychecks for taxes—regardless of when the money was earned.

Those paid today are the first of more than 50,000,000 taxpayers getting a take-home pay raise at government expense.

The law, passed by congress last March over President Truman's veto, dates the lower withholding tax back to the start of the year. But the government won't grant refunds until final 1948 income tax returns are filed in 1949.

The 7,400,000 persons freed from all income taxes by the new law will have to wait like others to get back the money withheld from their paychecks from January through April.

The millions of other taxpayers will get cuts ranging from 12.6 percent on taxes of \$400 a year or less, down to five per cent on a tax of \$134,000 or more.

The treasury estimates the reductions will cost the government \$600,000,000 in May and June, with over 45,000,000 taxpayers sharing in that pool.

The June reduction will go not only to those subject to withholding taxes, but also to professional workers and higher-income groups who have a quarterly tax payment due June 15.

They can file amended estimates of tax to cut down their quarterly payments.

Appeal From Conviction Anticipated

Less than 15 minutes and only one ballot were required Friday morning for a circuit court trial jury to convict Lewis H. Ankeny, 37-year-old former Klamath Falls stockbroker, of larceny by bailment in connection with his now-bankrupt Ankeny and company brokerage business.

The jury vote was unanimous. Ankeny will be sentenced May 15 and is free on a continued bond of \$5000 cash until that time. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Appeal Indicated
However, his attorney, Ben Anderson of Portland, hinted broadly that he would seek to appeal the conviction. He asked for considerable time to arrange for "further proceedings."

Ankeny was convicted of misappropriating something over \$1500 given him in August, 1946, by Gus Anderson of Klamath Falls to buy for Anderson 35 shares of Marshall Field company stock. Anderson testified he never received the stock.

The defense attempted to shift the blame to a San Francisco brokerage firm which, Attorney Anderson contended, had forced Ankeny into a financial corner and then grabbed much of his personal and company assets, making it impossible for Ankeny to make good on his commitment to Anderson and to other creditors.

Ankeny On Stand
The prosecution, led by Attorney U. S. Balentine, charged that Ankeny continued to take in money from creditors after the San Francisco firm had almost broken him and that he did not deliver stocks promised for the money.

Ankeny was the only witness for the defense called and he was on the stand for three hours Thursday. After the direct testimony, Attorney Anderson's final argument attacked four points of the prosecution's case, including the character of one of the witnesses, H. E. Hauger.

Anderson pictured his client as beset by avaricious creditors who lost in stock market transactions and were out for revenge.

He also took Prosecutor Balentine to task for allegedly trying to conceal a slip of paper which Anderson wanted to bring into the trial as evidence. Balentine assertedly had the paper in his pocket and produced it on call. He denied trying to "perjure" evidence.

Another point attacked was the indictment phrase "lawful money of the United States." The money was in the form of a check which Anderson said was not money at all, but bank credit. Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg did not hold to that interpretation.

Anderson also claimed in his argument that the prosecution did not produce the best witnesses and evidence available and therefore the evidence and testimony produced should be "viewed with distrust."

Threatened Teacher



Margaret Jokiel, 24, (above) smiles after her Brooklyn home was blasted with gunfire. Five teen-age youths are in custody and police said they admitted taking part in the affair which included telephone threats of violence unless the teacher passed all mathematics students.

Skiing Good At Crater Lake

Skiing should be better Sunday than at any time during the season, Crater Lake national park rangers advised The Herald and News Saturday.

There is a 2 1/2-inch powder over an ice crust and this should make for excellent skiing. Roads are open throughout the park and chains are not required on any stretch.

The lunch counter is closed but the ski tow will operate this weekend.

A party from National Geographic magazine with Jack Fletcher as photographer working with Arch Work of the U. S. soil conservation service, was taking pictures in the park today.

Maximum temperature this morning was 33 degrees, minimum 15; 35 at 10:30 a.m. today.

Air Force Bill Bogs

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The 70-group air force program was grounded in the senate today with no action likely until late next week.

A gusty senate dispute over non-military matters delayed plans yesterday to take up the \$3,233,000,000 bill to start the air force expansion. And further obstacles to early passage were in the offing.

Chairman Bridges (R-N. H.) of the senate appropriations committee had scheduled a maneuver to speed the measure to the senate floor—by asking unanimous consent to suspend the rules. But several senators indicated they would object.

Then a wrangle over a home insurance bill started. It lasted all day.

Assassins Try To Slay Minister

ATHENS, May 1 (AP)—Martial law was proclaimed in Athens today.

Premier Themistokles Sophoulis said "ouster measures" would be taken to meet the situation arising with the May Day assassination attempt upon the life of Minister of Justice Christos Ladas.

The attempt on Ladas' life was made by a man who police said confessed he was under orders from a communist execution squad.

A policeman was killed and the assailant was wounded in the attack.

The action proclaiming martial law was taken after a meeting of law enforcement chiefs and the army. The cabinet approved the step.

Riley Comer Death Told

Riley Comer, 57-year-old Klamath county resident who foiled an attempted burglary at Pete and Babe's tavern at Bonanza last April 14 when he shot one of two young Indians as they entered the place, died of a heart attack late Thursday en route to Klamath Falls.

Comer, a resident here for the last 27 years, was sleeping in the rear of the tavern when two Indians, Ralph Weiser, 19, and Simeon Buchanan Riddle, 17, entered through a rear door. Comer had heard the two work a bit and brace through the door panel and waited until they entered the room.

He then fired at the pair with a .32 caliber Iver Johnson revolver, wounding Weiser in the right thigh. The two fled but Weiser later gave himself up and was hospitalized for a time at Klamath Valley hospital. Later officers arrested young Riddle.

A third arrest, involving "Bunny" Weiser, was made by officers and he was charged with possession of stolen property.

In the meantime the two Beauty Indians were brought before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg after they had signed waivers to go directly before the court. They indicated a wish to plead guilty to the charges of burglary.

When advised by the court of their rights, they remained silent and were again instructed by the court. They did not answer the judge as to what they wished to do but stood silently before the bench.

Judge Vandenberg said he had no alternative but to remand the two to the custody of Sheriff Lloyd Low and the case will be brought before the grand jury. Both Weiser and Riddle are in the county jail in lieu of bail. Weiser faces two counts of burglary; not in a dwelling and larceny of an automobile, and Riddle, two counts of burglary not in a dwelling.

"Bunny" Weiser is out on bail.

Cottage Grove Cops Tri-County

E. NE, May 1 (AP)—Seven records were established here yesterday as Cottage Grove high school ran away with the Tri-County league track title.

The best of the marks was John Schneider's 143 foot 11 inch discus throw for Newport high. Schneider also set a shot put record of 41 feet 3 1/2 inches and won the javelin event.

Cottage Grove scored 97 1/2 points in besting the ten-team field. Newport scored 38, Lebanon 34, Roseburg 22 1/2, University (Eugene) 17 and Sweet Home 1.

\$100,000 Collected To Date In Klamath Security Bond Drive

Klamath county's Security Bond campaign sales have reached about \$100,000 toward the \$600,000 goal, Chairman Andrew M. Collier reported today with the announcement of a county wide Security Bond Council.

Collier pointed out that sales so far are a little more than 10 per cent. The campaign closes June 30.



Klamath Union high school students marched down Main street Friday afternoon in a parade to direct attention to the spring clean-up campaign in Klamath Falls. The picture at left shows the Pep Peppers leading the parade, and in the background a Latin club sign translated: "CAESAR EXPELS GER-

Youth Stages Parade In War On Dirt And Rubbish



MANS, KLAMATH EXPELS GERMS." At right, the Boys' Alliance float with some pertinent posters. The clean-up campaign continued today with a paint clinic at the Balsiger building.