

ARABS REFUSE TO HALT FIRING

In The Day's News

WEATHER
Max (May 25) 81 Min. 48
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 11.53
Normal 16.90 Last year 7.54
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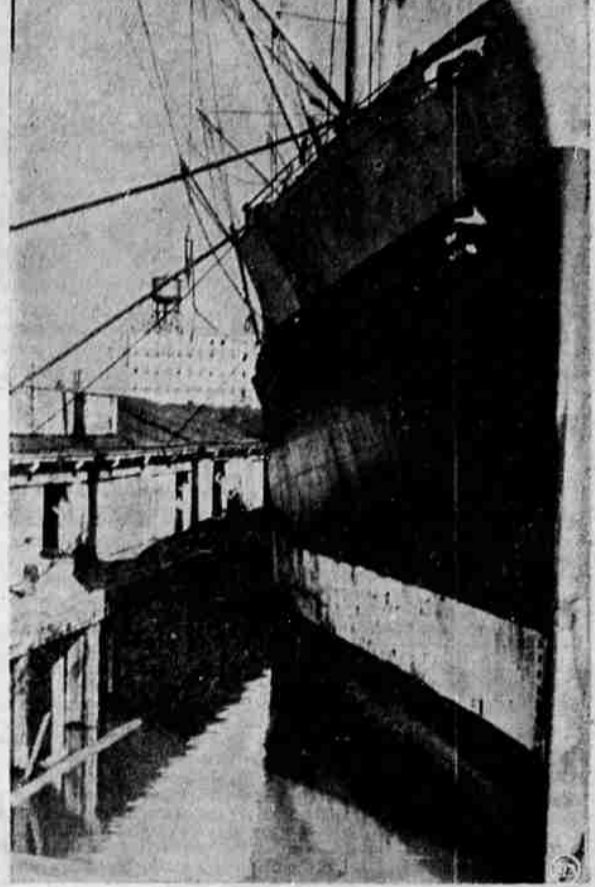
United Nations Fails In Effort To Bring Peace

CAIRO, May 26 (AP)—Authoritative Arab sources said today the Arabs refuse to halt their shooting war against Israel unless the state is abandoned and the Jewish army disbanded.
Even before the United Nations security council deadline for a cease fire (9 a. m. PST), indications came from Arab capitals that the world organization had failed again to achieve peace in the blood-spattered Holy Land.
While Jewish military leaders braced for a stepped-up Arab onslaught in Jerusalem, Israel's provisional government informed the security council it is reconsidering its previous willingness to comply with a cease fire. This, the Jewish government said, is because the Arabs have undertaken a drive to win a decision in the battle of Jerusalem before the deadline.
(At Amman, Trans-Jordan, an authoritative source said the Arab league has rejected an unconditional cease fire for Palestine.)
The Arab league's political committee recovered this morning in Amman, Trans-Jordan, to draft conditions for Arab acceptance of the security council's plea for a truce. These conditions are believed to include an end to Jewish immigration, disbandment of the Jewish army and return by the Jews of Jewish-occupied Arab territory. These are considered certain to meet Jewish refusal.
Prisoners Taken
The Cairo newspaper Al Asias, organ of Premier Nokrashy Pasha's party, said Egyptian troops in Palestine took 1500 Zionist prisoners in the occupation of Deir Sunaid, 23 miles southwest of Tel Aviv, during the Egyptian drive up the Palestine coast.
In Damascus, high Arab officials conferred at the palace of President Shukri Al Kuwari of Syria.
Al Aham, independent Cairo newspaper, said the Egyptian government had informed the UN the cease fire order was unacceptable.
Haganah, the army of Israel, said unidentified planes gave Jerusalem its first air bombing in history yesterday afternoon. There was no confirmation from Jerusalem or in Arab capitals.
Blitz Seen
Associated Press Correspondent Carter L. Davidson said the Jews inside Jerusalem expect an Arab blitz designed to give the Arabs a victory to bolster prestige at home and abroad.
The Egyptian army said its forces entered Iraq, Suweid, described as a control point for communications between the northern and southern Jewish settlements. It is 27 miles south of Tel Aviv and 10 miles inland from the coast.
Inside the old city of Jerusalem the Arabs dynamited four additional buildings in the Jewish quarter, possibly burying many Jews.

Reds Conceal Point

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Riding High—Too High



Swollen by spring rains and melting snows, the Willamette river rose three feet above its 18-foot flood stage at Portland, Ore., and was still rising. Here the steamship SS Utrecht of Java Pacific Lines is riding so high at her moorings that loading the ship is extremely difficult. —NEA telephoto.

Admits Fires



Louis Lopez, 28-year-old railroad section hand, told sheriff's deputies that he has set a score of fires in the Los Angeles area which caused damage estimated at \$2,000,000.

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Big Deficit

The income tax surplus now amount to \$33,000,000. If the surplus money were not used, then the state would have a \$5,000,000 deficit in its general fund by the end of the current biennium on July 1, 1949.
Judge Duncan's opinion said: "This court is of the opinion that by the provisions of the income tax act, the revenue therefrom in excess of transfers, allocations and refunds required by the act becomes surplus in the general fund to be used to offset the estimate of expenditures for the ensuing year which the tax commission is required to make."

Two Theatre Chains Merge

In a joint statement yesterday, George Mann and Robert L. Lippert of San Francisco announced a merger of the two theatre circuits bearing their names. Approximately 61 theatres are involved in the deal.
Mann's houses include those in Klamath Falls, Eureka, Ukiah, Marysville, Woodland, Dinuba, Arcata, Fort Bragg, Fortuna and Healdsburg.
Among Lippert's interests are theatres in Medford, Ashland, Weed, Yreka, Sacramento, Fresno, Corcoran, Sanger, as well as a number of drive-ins.
The merger will not affect the operation of the Klamath Falls theatres in any way, it was announced. Present personnel and operating policies will continue.

Fire Fighting School Ends

Actual problems in forest fire location and control provided by Monday's lightning storm, were worked by the group studying fire prevention and control methods in a three-day session this week.
Wednesday concluded the course sponsored by Klamath Forest Protective Association for KFFPA personnel and other interested groups. The three fires started by lightning which were reported Tuesday morning in adjacent forest lands were located by compass and mopped up, using wet earth for control in place of water.
The course included classes in location and control of small fires on the Tuesday's program and these actual fires same at a convenient time for practical work.
Use of water equipment was studied this afternoon with equipment borrowed from the Oregon Vocational school and the program was concluded with a class in district policy.

Fliers Parachute From P-38 Blast

FOREST GROVE, Ore., May 26 (AP)—Two airmen parachuted to safety near here yesterday as their plane caught fire in midair while practicing stunts for an air circus.
Both of the stuntmen were uninjured in coming to earth. One came down in a walnut tree. The plane shattered in an explosion on a field nearby.
Pilot Dick Martin reported he had ordered his companion, Ed Nilund, of Hillsboro, to bail out after one of the two engines on the wartime Pursuit P-38 plane burst into flame. He brought the plane to a lower elevation, hoping to crash land, but then decided to jump to save his own life.
The plane was one of several assembled here for the Ralston Airshow, Inc., a flying circus group that plans a tour of northwest cities next month.

Alaska Posts 'Undefended'

SEATTLE, May 26 (AP)—In event of war "Russia could take over many airfields in Alaska at any time," believes Ray Brannaman, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Just returned from a flying tour of U. S. defenses in the territory, Brannaman said he found a "deplorable condition."
"You can't defend an important airstrip with a company of engineers," he said.
"Army strategy now—because of lethargy on the part of congress and the complacency of the American people—seems to be to let the Russians effect successful landings and then try to bomb them out," he explained in discussing the possibility of a war with Russia.

Wallace Ends Oregon Tour With Further Blast At US Foreign Policy, Business

COOS BAY, Ore., May 26 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace left Oregon today after a two-day presidential campaign tour in which he criticized U. S. foreign policy and warned that capitalism must plan for peace.
The third party candidate said here last night that progressive capitalism and peace are the hope of America. He added that he believes in capital and has had more profitable business experience than either Gov. Thomas E. Dewey or Harold E. Stassen.
Wallace said that large businesses should be required by the federal government to perform certain duties for the general welfare. He said the details could be worked out by the president's economic advisory council.
He identified large business as those doing an annual business of forty million dollars or more.
The candidate accused the National Association of Manufacturers of contributing to the high cost of living by defeating price control. "Scarcely no one has held the name up to the scorn to which it is entitled," he asserted.
In outlining the basis for his third party, Wallace predicted that a business crash, probably by 1951, could be prevented only by planning for peace. He urged an end to the "cold war" and diversion of the money it costs to productive peacetime effort.
Repeating his earlier theme before campus groups at Eugene and Corvallis, Wallace said a war with Russia cannot bring a better peace than could be achieved by settling differences at the conference table.
"Any peace which could come as a result of fighting," he said, "would be worse than a peace which could be won by discussion."
The third party candidate drew a murmur of boos on the Oregon State college campus when he spoke favorably of the Potsdam and Yalta agreements. A student asked what assurance there would be against further Russian-U. S. talks resulting in another Potsdam or Yalta.
"What was wrong with Potsdam and Yalta? I think we did well there," Wallace replied. There was no further discussion of the question.
Wallace is scheduled to speak tonight at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

Road Work To Start Soon

Clear warm weather has been the go-head signal for state highway crews to start at least two jobs which have been held up for weeks because of wet roadbeds.
Oiling will start on the seven-mile stretch from Mac's store to Midland next Tuesday. This road is known as the Lower Klamath secondary highway. During the oiling period of between two and three weeks, the road will probably be closed except to residents of the area.
A crew will start spreading rock and oiling on a 15-mile job on the Bonanza-Poe Valley-Main road, a U. S. secondary, with the completion of the Midland project.

Mountaineers To Honor War Dead

SEATTLE, May 26 (AP)—Mountaineers will attempt an early-season climb of Mount Rainier Memorial Day to place a wreath atop the 14,402-foot peak in honor of mountaineers killed in World War II.
The ceremony is to call attention to the Mountain Cabin Memorial association's drive to build cabins throughout the state as memorials to mountaineer servicemen.
The party of climbers will be led by Ome Dalber of Seattle.

Daily Mirror Manager Dies

NEW YORK, May 26 (AP)—Robert H. Johnson, 57, general manager of the New York Daily Mirror, died last night after a heart attack suffered as he dined with his wife and two friends at a restaurant.
He was a member of the Hearst organization for 27 years.

Search Launched For Wife Slayer

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 26 (CP)—Provincial police Tuesday issued a warrant charging 32-year-old Percy Jean Baker with the hammer and tourniquet murder of his waitress-wife Alma Joanna.
Simultaneously, the search for Baker was accelerated. Border points were warned to check United States-bound trains and automobiles.
The body of slender Mrs. Baker, about 36, was found in her blood-soaked bed Friday by her three children. She had been struck on the head with a hammer, stabbed with a pair of scissors and strangled with the hammer handle and a piece of cloth, applied in tourniquet fashion.

Israel President Visits Truman



Dr. Chaim Weizman, president of Israel, presents Truman with a Torah, or Holy Scroll, during a visit to the White House. —NEA telephoto.

\$236 Million Building Plan Fund For USBR Gets Approval

WASHINGTON, May 26—A carry-over item of \$2,449,393 for the Klamath project was included in appropriations for the reclamation bureau approved by the house appropriations committee today to cover the year starting July 1.
The committee approved a record \$210,731,870 for reclamation construction. This, with carry overs of \$26,158,260, will permit a total building program of \$236,890,130.
As it voted the big outlay for reclamation work, the committee warned that the reclamation bureau must find ways and means of cutting construction costs and put them into effect.
"The committee admonishes the bureau of reclamation that rising costs of construction of irrigation facilities without corresponding benefits that can be translated into repayment ability is threatened. The future of reclamation as a federally financed program," its report said.
"The committee will expect from the bureau next year a full report on an effective lower project cost construction program to achieve effective results."
Outlining its policy on reclamation development, the committee emphasized that irrigation benefits must continue to be the primary aim of the program.
"Development of hydroelectric power is incidental to irrigation and is made as a means of financially aiding and assisting such undertakings."
"The bureau of reclamation should not use its power and authority or funds entrusted to its care to construct power facilities that are not essential to carrying out the purpose of the reclamation laws. It is un sound."
In addition to the Klamath appropriation, the committee approved an \$867,305 item for the Deschutes project. Deschutes work includes reconstruction of the Ochocho dam, where flood conditions are said to threaten the town of Prineville.

Reds Blamed For Treaty Talk Failure

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall today blamed Russia for the latest failure of the allied powers to negotiate an Austrian independence treaty.
Completion of the pact, he indicated, would be a test of the Soviets' expressed desire for a better international relations.
Marshall also told a news conference the United States has formally proposed to Britain, France and Russia that a conference on international navigation of the Danube river be opened in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, July 30.
"The conference was provided for in the Balkan peace treaties which became effective last September.
On several Palestine questions Marshall provided very little information. He said that he knew nothing about the possibility of a United States loan to the new state of Israel except what he has read in the newspapers.

Longshoremen Slate Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26 (AP)—Harry Bridges' powerful CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union said today it was going ahead with plans for a Pacific Coast strike June 15.
"The next time we will meet in negotiations will be after the men are out June 15," said an ILWU statement.
An employer announcement, however, said the controversy "appeared to be headed for a presidential board of inquiry" and a possible 60-day cooling off period.
The ILWU and employers both conceded that conciliation of their contract dispute had collapsed. The Waterfront Employers' association (WEA) said the chief issue blocking peace was the hiring hall.
The hiring hall dispatcher under the present setup is a union member. The WEA wants this changed; the union wants no change.

Arab Break Demanded

LAKE SUCCESS, May 26 (AP)—A big power spokesman said today a demand may be made for a worldwide diplomatic break with the Arab countries if they refuse to accept a Palestine truce.
The prospective move was reported by the 9 a. m. PST deadline for the security council's Holy Land cease-fire demand nearest without any official acceptance or rejection from the Arabs.

Benes Said Gravely Ill

LONDON, May 26 (AP)—An official Czechoslovak diplomatic source said today President Eduard Benes is "gravely ill" and is not expected to recover.
The informant said Czechoslovakia's president had two strokes recently.
Benes has been ill for a number of months. A spokesman for the Czechoslovak embassy would make no formal comment on his condition now, beyond saying that the state of the president's health is "very serious."

Reading Matter Proves Big Issue

CHICAGO, May 26 (AP)—Marjorie Johnson, 20, a stenographer, likes to read the classics and wanted her husband to read them, too, she told Superior Judge Edwin A. Robson.
But, she testified yesterday in her suit for divorce, he persisted in reading only the comics. They quarreled over their reading preferences, she said, and her husband, Raymond L., a stock clerk, struck her.
Mrs. Johnson was granted a divorce on grounds of cruelty.

Deadlock Looms In Convention, Darkhorse May Get Nomination

By JACK BELL
Associated Press Political Writer
New signs pointing to a convention deadlock in the battle for the GOP presidential nomination turned up today.
Harold E. Stassen, one of three major contenders who have been matching claims for top delegate billing, added the latest forecast.
Before he took off today on a seven-state swing to scrape the support barrel again, Stassen said it has become apparent that nobody is going to be nominated very early in the Philadelphia balloting.
Support Claimed
Bowled over by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the Oregon primary last week, Stassen bounced back to claim at a news conference yesterday that he still has more first and second choice support for the nomination than either Dewey or Senator Robert A. Taft.
Needless to say, Taft and Dewey backers dispute that vigorously.
But even in their camps there is private acknowledgement that if someone doesn't give way—and that fairly early in the balloting—a dark-horse, rather than any of the three, is likely to get the nomination.
Stassen insisted his chances are good, despite the prestige and 12 Oregon votes he lost to Dewey last Friday. He contended he has enough first and second choice strength in sight so that it "adds up to a possible nomination."
In this connection, the former Minnesota governor said nine of his backers were among the 12 actually elected as delegates in Oregon.
The 12 are bound by law to support Dewey as long as he is a contender. But after that, Stassen said he will get the nine votes.
Texas Republicans went for Taft yesterday in one of the windup state meetings before the national convention opens June 21.
The Ohio senator picked up 26 of the Lone Star state's 33 votes Dewey got two and Stassen one.
Later in the day, Texas democrats decided their 50 delegates to the July convention should be instructed to fight President Truman's civil rights program but to support the party nominee, whoever it might be.
James A. Farley, former democratic national chairman, predicted at Minneapolis yesterday that Mr. Truman will be nominated on the first ballot.
The republican convention in Texas brought these totals of delegates pledged, favorable and claimed without dispute for the three top contenders: Dewey 148, Stassen 88, Taft 81. It takes 548 to grab the nomination.
Only 93 GOP delegates now remain to be chosen, including California's 53 to be named in a primary June 1.