

UNION BOYS STEEL ARBITRATION

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Washington this morning, State Secretary Acheson flatly opposes any cut in our projected billion and a half program to provide arms for Western Europe. He says this figure represents the absolute minimum needed (for safety).

IF you lived away out in the woods, and the wolves were a constant menace, and you were the only one in the neighborhood who could afford to buy guns, you'd probably buy guns for your neighbors, wouldn't you?

Even if you had to cut down on some of your LESS ESSENTIAL spending to find the money.

WE talk a lot about security in these days. Don't EVER forget that the NO. 1 SECURITY is preservation of our national existence.

PERSONALLY, I think our military costs are extravagantly high and could be greatly reduced by better business management. But that's neither here nor there. We've got to have adequate defense, no matter what it costs.

THE papers are full of the British dollar crisis and what will happen if it isn't relieved. If you've never paid much attention to the complicated business of foreign exchange, this thought may occur to you:

Why don't we just print more dollars and GIVE 'EM TO THE BRITISH?

IT isn't as simple as that. Foreign trade can only be balanced by EXCHANGE OF THINGS Money (dollars, pounds, kroner, peso, zlotys) is only the grease that keeps the wheels moving. Only THINGS count in foreign trade.

The British are buying more THINGS from us than we buy from them. That's where the rub comes.

IF we print more dollars and give them to the British so they can buy more things from us, we'll simply be GIVING AWAY OUR SUBSTANCE and getting nothing in return.

ANOTHER shallow thought may occur to you: Why don't the British pay their bills with gold?

ONE good reason is that we already have most of the gold in the world. For years we've been buying it all over the earth—paying for it in PAPER DOLLARS, which have been used to buy from us the THINGS that we have produced in our factories, on our farms, etc.

The net result of all of it is that we have the gold (most of it buried in the ground, at Fort Knox and elsewhere) and the people from whom we have bought it HAVE THE THINGS.

ANOTHER thought for you to mull in your mind: What good will all this gold do us if the rest of the world falls in the future to produce enough THINGS to swap back to us for the gold?

Or if we refuse to BUY the things the rest of the world produces?

SOME things to remember: Only THINGS count. You can't eat money—or wear it, or shelter yourself with it.

ALL trade (not merely foreign trade) has to function as a TWO-WAY street or it won't function at all. If trade flows ONE WAY too long, there will be a surplus at one end and a vacuum at the other. When that happens, we have hard times.

Forest Fire Rips Through Pine Timber

By The Associated Press

A forest fire was sweeping over four square miles of the Malheur national forest today (Wednesday), as Oregon sweltered in another day of heat.

The blaze—one of nearly 40 set by lightning on the Central Oregon forest—jumped out of control yesterday afternoon and ate through a 1 by 4 mile strip of Ponderosa pine, young timber, snags, and sagebrush. Forest supervisors expected to control the blaze by this afternoon. Two thirds of it were already fire-trailed, and 200 men and six caterpillar tractors were working on the rest.

J. E. Elliott, fire assistant for the forest, headquartered at John Day, reported the worst burning conditions the forest has had in a decade. "The long spring and the drought have left the woods tinder dry," he said.

Small Fires

The other lightning-set fires on the forest were small, and all had been controlled.

A 400-acre slash fire on Lost creek in Coos county was brought under control last night after an all-day fight. The state kept alert against fire hazards again today, as another day of high temperatures and dangerously low humidities prevailed.

But the wind direction gave hope to foresters. What they feared most was a stiff east wind that would spread any small blaze; and the forecast was for northwest breezes.

Temperatures hovered in the nineties over much of Oregon yesterday, and a maximum of 100 was reported by the state forest patrol at Grants Pass.

Medford and Ontario recorded 94; Klamath Falls 92; Redmond, Roseburg, Burns and Pendleton 91; Salem, The Dalles, and Eugene, 90; La Grande 88; and Portland 85. Only the coast was cool, with temperatures in the fifties.

Operator Of Tavern Guilty On Beer Count

Charles Lindsay, operator of Tiny Tavern, Merrill-Lakeview junction, was convicted yesterday afternoon in justice court on a misdemeanor charge of selling beer to minors.

Sentence was postponed until Thursday. Convicted with Lindsay was Grace Darline Sharp, barmaid at the tavern. They face a probable fine of up to \$500.

Lindsay and Miss Sharp were accused of selling beer to three Klamath Union high school boys, 17 and 18 years of age, the night and early morning of May 13-14. They denied serving the minors.

The six-man justice court jury recommended leniency. Both are free on \$150 bail each.

Portlanders Get Water Warning

PORTLAND, July 13 (AP)—Portland is using more than 120,000,000 gallons of water a day and house-holders have been asked to observe alternate-day sprinkling.

Olen Morrow, general manager of the water bureau, said the long, hot, dry spell is putting such a heavy drain on the water system that pressure is falling off. There is plenty of water in the Bull Run reservoir on Mount Hood, however, he said.



STILL WALKING—Pat Patterson, hired picket for local 220, AFL laundry and dry cleaning workers, continues to make his appointed rounds as the union's strike against A. D. Lambert's Klamath Cleaners passes the one-year mark. Lambert watches from the door of his establishment.

The Klamath News

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WEATHER
Klamath Falls and Vicinity — Clear through Thursday. High both days 95. Low tonight 55. Max. (July 12) 97. Min. 54. Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00

Plants Not In Line To Be Struck

PITTSBURGH, July 13 (AP)—The CIO United Steelworkers today accepted a presidential proposal to avoid a steel strike for 60 days. But Union President Philip Murray said he would call a strike tomorrow, effective at midnight Friday, against those companies who declined President Truman's proposal.

The walkout will be effective at midnight, Friday, July 15, said CIO President Philip Murray. Murray said he had no definite information on which companies would be struck but that they appeared to be the U. S. Steel corp., Republic Steel corp., and Bethlehem Steel corp., "as far as my present information goes."

Murray's telegram to Truman said: "We will continue to work under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement not in effect for a period of 60 days from July 16, 1949, with respect to those companies who likewise accept your proposal and agree to continue operations during this period . . . and to appear before the board (fact-finding board) . . ."

Strike Call
Murray told a news conference after the union's 170-man wage policy committee ratified acceptance of the presidential proposal of his plans to call a strike "sometimes tomorrow" against companies opposed to the plan.

Murray said a total of 375,000 workers in steel companies plants were now working under contracts which permit a possible strike. Other companies could be struck later. Murray apparently was unaware that Wheeling Steel and Youngstown Sheet & Tube also have rejected the president's proposal for a fact-finding board.

Murray said companies which accept the president's proposal would be asked to continue contract negotiations on the union's demands for wage increases, pensions and insurance.

Officials Split On Crash Cause

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Alaska Called Weak Spot In US Defenses
WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—A senate committee was told today that "Alaska is weak" and "Uncle Sam is asleep in the north arctic."

The statements were made by Fergus Hoffman, staff correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, who said he was assigned to make an investigation of the territory's defenses by the Hearst newspapers.

In prepared testimony for the senate appropriations subcommittee handling funds for the armed services, Hoffman said: "Military men are not exactly in the most favorable position to tell the public the plain truth—that Alaska is in sorry shape, that defenses are not what they must be to be what their name implies."

Hoffman urged that Alaska's defenses be strengthened with more military bases, the military be given more money to provide troops to defend the bases it now holds and that a rigid perimeter warning system be immediately established with maintenance there of forces sufficient to repel any intruder.

OREGON CITY, July 13 (AP)—The Oregon City American Legion junior baseball team defeated Stayton 6-0 here last night.

Ditch-Digging Can Be Fun—If You Hit It Rich

CINCINNATI, July 13 (AP)—Who says ditch-digging can't be fun? Men working on a downtown building excavation here think it is.

While digging yesterday, they broke into a long-forgotten wine cellar and discovered hundreds of bottles of that delicious fermented drink. Some of the wine was more than 100 years old. "The best wine we've ever tasted," they heartily agreed.

The bottles here faded labels saying the contents were "unsuitable for general debility, loss of appetite, prostration and nursing mothers."

The spirits, then about 75 years old, should be consumed three times a day," said the labels. Old time Cincinnati residents said the cellars were part of the old Luntworth Wine House which went out of business more than 50 years ago.

Hot Weather Forecast Here

Hot, lazy summer weather is still on the docket for Klamath people, most of whom are finding work difficult in this week's scorching afternoon temperatures.

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Solon Says Soviet Will Avoid War

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—A belief that Russia will avoid war any time soon was offered by Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) today as "the underlying reason" for cutting appropriations for the armed services.

"I think everyone agrees right now that Russia is in no condition for another war," Thomas told a reporter. "Not too long ago, we were told we might be bombed any minute."

Thomas called a closed-door session, starting at 9 a. m. EST today, of a senate appropriations subcommittee to act on funds for the army, navy and air force for the next 12 months.

Big Slash
"I think we can safely cut \$1,500,000,000 and perhaps a lot more out of this bill as it passed the house," Thomas said.

The house approved just under \$16,000,000,000 in cash and contract authority for the armed services in this biggest of all regular appropriations.

Deliberations of the senate subcommittee may take several days and then they will be reviewed and subject to change by the full 21-member appropriations committee before going to the senate.

Meanwhile, the senate drive to cut back government spending and balance federal outgo with income offered a mixed picture.

Economy efforts suffered a setback late yesterday when the annual interior department money bill was approved by the appropriations committee. It contained \$200,000,000 cash, more than \$54,000,000 above the figure approved by the house, and nearly \$78,000,000 contract authority, or some \$30,000,000 more than the house.

(Contract authority permits a government agency to contract for projects, with the money to be appropriated later.)

Plane Yields 40 Bodies At Bombay; New York Writer Denies Fears Of Sabotage

BOMBAY, India, July 13 (AP)—The rain-soaked underbrush on Ghatkoper hill today yielded the bodies of 40 of the 45 persons killed yesterday in the flaming crash of a Royal Dutch (KLM) airliner on Bombay island.

Thirteen of the dead were American news correspondents. The bodies of all but one of the correspondents—Fred Colvig of the Denver Post—have been identified.

Hundreds of police slogging through monsoon rains continued the search for five missing bodies. Luggage aboard the ill-fated plane has been recovered.

The plane, a Constellation, crashed on the 800-foot hill while preparing to land at an airfield 15 miles north of Bombay. Controller of Airdromes Shunshere Jung said the field was "perfectly okay" at the time of the crash and that other aircraft had made takeoffs a short time before.

The American consulate received instructions from the U. S. state department to have seven of the bodies of the correspondents cremated.

In Hong Kong, Mrs. Dorothy Brandon of the New York Herald Tribune, denied that she had refused to board the plane because she had feared it would be sabotaged.

She said she wanted it made "very clear that I did not suspect sabotage."

In Manila yesterday, William R. Mathews, publisher of the Tucson, Ariz., Star, said Mrs. Brandon had told him she wouldn't board the plane at Batavia because "it's going to be sabotaged as sure as you live."

Mrs. Brandon said in Hong Kong, however, that she and Mathews had made up their minds in New York, before the correspondents' journey had begun, not to make the return trip with the others. She told an interviewer she and Mathews were the only ones among the party who had planned to go north after the Batavia stop.

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Second Recall Petition On Elliott Filed

PORTLAND, July 13 (AP)—Two young democrat leaders have joined Multnomah County Young Republicans in sponsoring organization of a committee to work for the recall of Sheriff M. L. Elliott.

Don C. Walker, president of the County Young Republicans, said a public meeting tomorrow night would name officers of the group directing the campaign.

A new recall notice, which must be followed up within 90 days with petitions bearing some 20,000 signatures, is planned. A recall notice filed Monday by two republicans was declared yesterday to be faulty.

Walker announced after a conference yesterday that he and Walter Dennis, president of the Multnomah County Young Democrats, John M. Winkler, first vice president of the Young Democrats of Oregon; R. J. Burke and Max Donnelly, Portland republicans, were calling the public meeting.

Neither of the two young political party members' organizations are to have an official part in the actual campaign, Walker said. "Somebody had to start it and we felt this was the best way," he explained.

Elliott still was keeping quiet after an initial reply to the recall action in which he said he "had only begun to fight" to stay in the office he took over in January.

Reds Loose Fresh Blast At Mac Policy

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Russia charged today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the Japanese government are carrying on a "brutal" campaign against the "democratic forces" in Japan.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin told the 11-nation far eastern commission, also that American policies have brought the "Japanese economy to a state of total collapse."

Panyushkin called on the commission to rule that workers in Japanese government enterprises may bargain collectively and go on strike.

MacArthur and the Japanese government have forbidden strikes on government enterprises.

Panyushkin declared that all the Pacific allies but the United States favor giving strike rights to government workers. He charged the United States has tried "by all possible means" to keep the commission from adopting a policy on this issue.

"Hot Shirt" Is Latest Prank

CHICAGO, July 13 (AP)—The latest gag of the "hot foot" type is a new and perilous "hot shirt."

Arthur Bard told police he was a victim as he stood on a street corner last night talking with friends.

Four youths, he said, approached him and squirted lighter fluid on the back of his shirt then tossed a lighted match on the wet spot.

He was slightly burned on the back before he could rip off the shirt. His friends seized the can of fluid from one of the boys, all of whom fled.

Murderer Hides On Water Tower

LIMA, O., July 13 (AP)—A Warren, O., murderer, trapped in an escape attempt this morning, scaled a 130-foot water tower—the Lima state hospital.

He still is there. Dr. R. E. Bushong, hospital superintendent, said he would "sit out the patient, Raymond Jutila, 35."

Dr. Bushong said Jutila escaped a small courtyard at 9 a. m. today by scaling a wall crossing a roof and ascending a wall on the other side. As guards closed in, he ran to the ladder leading to the top of the tower and climbed the 130 feet in less than two minutes.

Dr. Bushong told newspapermen: "Jutila will get either tired, hungry or sleepy and eventually he will come down. We will wait him out."

BULLETIN

VATICAN CITY, July 13 (AP)—The Vatican today decreed major excommunication against communists.

The decree was issued by the sacred congregation of the holy office. Excommunication cuts off Catholics from participation in the sacraments of the church and the society of the faithful.