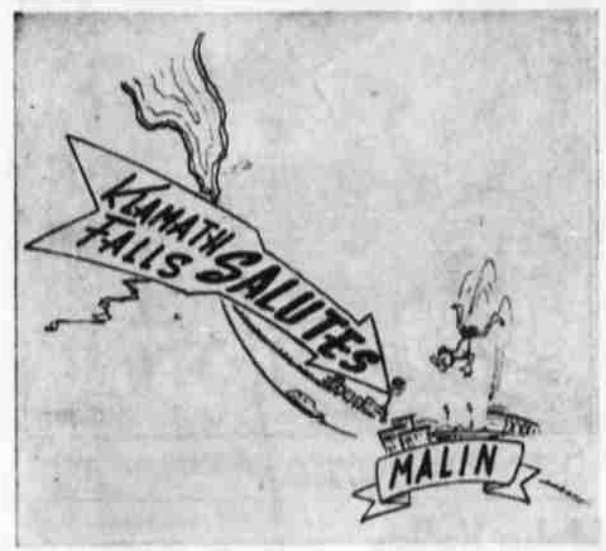


# MAN TELLS STORY OF KIDNAP



For layout of Malin pictures featuring its new swimming pool and park, see page 15. For story of this interesting community, see page 16.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AT the hour at which these words are written, the news is singularly unexciting. A man with a weak heart could read the teletypes this morning without a flicker of danger.

HERE'S a sample:

"The Soviet Union (according to a London dispatch) has been claiming a long string of firsts for a year. Today it got around to the start."

"The official news agency Tass says Russia was the first nation to adopt anaesthetics in childbirth on a big scale. It did not chide when Russia first began using painless birth methods, but said they were applied in 2 1/2 million cases from 1936 to 1940."

"DAY the Moscow radio went all out for Russian beer. In one of these interview businesses that the radio people cook up from time to time, an official of the Soviet brewery industry told the Moscow radio reporter that Russian beer is better and stronger than American beer."

"ALL Russian beer," he said, "is made from barley, but American beer is brewed from rye, sorghum and even potatoes."

SOMEbody I fear, has been feeding this Russian beer official some cockeyed data. I think I'd better enlighten him a bit:

"It isn't beer, sir, that we Americans 'brew' from maize, sorghum and potatoes. Instead, it is a dynamic concoction known as WHITE MULE. White mule is made not in distilleries or breweries of the commonly accepted sort. It is put together in strange mechanical contraptions out in the hills, in the dark of the moon, and when people take a drop or so too much of it they climb trees and bark like a squirrel."

"I know, sir, that your vodka is powerful, and I am aware that your people have a tremendous capacity for it. I have marveled personally at the way you toss it down the hatch, undiluted, for hours at a time. I would advise, in all friendliness and sincerity, that you do not treat white mule in this manner. Climbing trees and barking like a squirrel might not please your big shot in the Kremlin."

I THINK I should remind this boastful brewery commissar that it is never wise to underestimate your opponents' alcoholic beverages. There is the historic case of the Jute chieftain back in the day when the Angles and the Jutes took a back at the British Isles whenever they had nothing else exciting to do. One of these raiding parties came back badly battered from a foray into Scotland, and the home folks asked HOW COME?

The chieftain replied (according to legend):

"Our beer and ale and mead have always been regarded as invincible, but these Picts and Scots played us!"

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## Solons Plot Plans For Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—Farm-minded senators agreed today to try to draft a new federal farm program and push it through the present session of congress.

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) said the senate agriculture committee directed a seven-man subcommittee headed by Senator Anderson (D-N. Mex.) to draft the new farm bill. The decision was reached at a second consecutive closed-door session.

Both democrats and republicans on the committee agreed that the new proposal ignored most proposals of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

Instead, they reported general agreement upon the following:

1. Retention of relatively high level government price supports for the so-called basic commodities: corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, rice and peanuts. Most senators were said to favor fixed supports at 90 per cent of parity if farmers approve planting and marketing controls.

2. Use of a flexible price support program for meats, dairy products, fruits and other so-called non-basic and perishable farm products. Under this the level of government supports could be raised or lowered in an attempt to control production.

Majority Leader Lucas (D-Ill.), a member of the agriculture committee, told reporters outside the closed session that "we'll have some kind of farm legislation" acted upon at this session.

Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) is a member of the subcommittee that will draft the new proposal and also is sponsor of the so-called long-range flexible price-support act, approved by congress last year to become effective at the beginning of next year.

Aiken said he will work with Anderson, former secretary of agriculture, in what Anderson called an attempt to make "the Aiken act more serviceable."

## Pair Return To Oregon For Trial

RED BLUFF, Calif., July 27 (AP)—Two young men, captured near here Sunday, were being returned to Salem, Ore., where they are charged with armed robbery and burglary.

They were Norman Betts, 21, and J. B. Rich, 20, carnival workers.

Sheriff Denver Young of Marion county, Oregon, left with the pair by automobile this morning.

Two girls, one 14 and the other 16, questioned after they said Betts and Rich had kidnaped them, were released last night and took a bus for their homes in Bend, Ore. Police said they weren't kidnaped.

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## Secretary Of State Asks Balking Congress To Hold Off Arms Aid Judgment

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson appealed to a balking congress today to suspend judgment on the \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms aid bill until all the evidence is in.

Acheson told a news conference that points raised on the program by several members of congress are sound in theory but that they talked in a misapprehension of the facts.

Evidently referring to the suggestion of Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) that only an interim plan should be adopted now, Acheson said it is a good idea that is exactly what the administration has proposed.

The evidence of which Acheson spoke will be presented to congress beginning with his appearance before the house foreign affairs committee tomorrow.

Discussing that appearance, the secretary refused to answer directly a reporter's inquiry as to whether the United States government has information "that the Russians are actively preparing for war."

Acheson said that was what he called one of those loaded questions. If he replied yes, the reporters would make a lot out of that, he said, and if he replied no, they would make a lot out of that; so his decision was to make no comment at all in direct response.

Reception of this proposal there appeared likely to be somewhat less hostile than by the combined membership of the senate's foreign relations and armed services committees.

## Spangler Mill At Bly Shuts Down

The last log, at least until next year, passed through the Spangler Lumber company mill at Bly yesterday and the mill which has been a principal payroll source at Bly has been closed.

Officials of the Palmerton-Spangler lumber interests said that the company was out of logs for that mill and that the plant might be reopened next summer if stumpage prices come down.

Recent offerings of Fremont forest timber in the Bly area have been priced too high for the current lumber market, Harry Schoenberg, Palmerton superintendent, said.

The Bly mill has been operating one shift a day since June, employing around 50 men at the plant. Another 25 men were contract-logging in the woods, Schoenberg said about 20 men would remain at work in shipping for the next 60 days, and after that the plant will be boarded up.

## Hawaii ILWU Threatens Coast Tie-Up

HONOLULU, July 27 (AP)—CIO strike leaders renewed threats today to invoke a west coast blockade against Hawaii shipping handled under proposed emergency legislation.

Gov. Ingram M. Stainback told the legislature in opening a special session yesterday to ignore such assertions by spokesmen for the striking International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union.

But ILWU's Henry Schmidt came right back:

"If strike breaking apparatus is set up here, no matter how it is done, the west coast will cooperate with us so the strike won't be broken."

Hawaii's six ports have been tied up 88 days by the ILWU demand to increase pay of 2000 longshoremen from \$1.40 to \$1.72 an hour. Before negotiations collapsed weeks ago, the employers offered \$1.52.

Key bill before the legislature seeks authority for Stainback to take over essential industries and run them—under civil service—as public utilities if labor disputes are not settled during a 116 day cooling off period. The right to strike would be restricted in hospitals, sugar and pineapple operations and the docks.

## Death Takes Mrs. Ottomari

Death took a long-time Malin resident this morning when Mrs. Emilie Ottomari, 79, died at Klamath Valley hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Ottomari was a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and made her home in the Malin district the past 40 years. She is survived by three sons, Joseph of San Diego, Calif., and James and Ivan of Malin, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was a member of the ZCZB lodge No. 222 of Malin for many years. Funeral services will be held from the Community Presbyterian church in Malin at 3 p.m., Saturday. Whittlock's funeral home is in charge.

## IWA-CIO Wins Car-Ad-Co Vote

The IWA-CIO won a bargaining agency election at the Car-Ad-Co Pelican City plant yesterday afternoon by a narrow vote margin.

Of 118 employees eligible to cast ballots, 95 voted for the union, 52 non-union and there was one void ballot. The union lost a similar election last year.

Robert Wanter, representative of the national labor relations board, conducted the election at the plant.

## Yugos Holding Red Citizens

LONDON, July 27 (AP)—Russia has demanded that Yugoslavia release Soviet citizens she charges have been jailed, beaten and "doomed to starvation" in reprisal for Moscow's critical attitude toward Yugoslav Premier-Marshel Tito.

A protest note "insisting" on release of the Russians was broadcast last night by Moscow radio. It was another demonstration of the wide rift between the two countries, resulting from Tito's quarrel with the Soviet-led communist information bureau (cominform).

Russia announced during the week-end she had rejected a Yugoslav protest over the Soviet attack toward Tito's claims for the territory over Austria at the recent Paris big four foreign ministers meeting. Russia dropped support of the Yugoslav claims.

## Demos Say The 'War Still On'

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—House Speaker Sam Rayburn ruled today that "a state of war still exists" and congress is not bound by law saying it should adjourn on July 31.

The law is the 1946 reorganization act. It fixes the adjournment date of congress as the last day in July annually except in time of war or national emergency, or unless congress provides otherwise.

Rayburn's ruling was in reply to an inquiry by Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts, who said he wanted the situation clarified.



MERRILL ROAD JOB—Workers are shown setting a section of a 48-inch concrete pipe which will carry drainage water under highway 39 at the Wang corner north of Merrill. The highway is being straightened at this point as part of a general widening project now under way from the Seman ranch south. A drainage ditch, part of the farm irrigation system, crosses the highway at the Wang corner and the big pipe is part of this system.

## Eggs, Apples Fly When Pickets Appear At Food Store Over Union Dispute

An egg- and apple-throwing episode this morning at an Oregon avenue grocery resulted in the arrest of Andy Gieger, 35-year-old butcher, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He posted \$25 bail at the city police station.

The flurry involved representatives of two local labor unions, one a picket and the other a trucker. The trucker, Tom Fay, said he was hit by an apple as he pulled up to the store and he filed the charge against Gieger.

Russell Wilson, picket for the meatcutters local 366 (AFL), went on duty in front of the Oregon Food store this morning as the union brought to the front a dispute with Gieger over his employment of a non-union butcher in his shop.

Gieger said he tried to drive the picket away by tossing a few eggs and apples at him, and that when Fay came he took him to be a bodyguard the union had sent out to aid Wilson.

Fay gathered up one egg and two apples as evidence and swore out the disorderly conduct complaint against Gieger. The butcher is supposed to be in municipal court tomorrow morning to answer for the charge, but said he would like to postpone the court appearance until he could go over the trouble with a lawyer.

Gieger said he considered the dispute one over interpretation of union agreement rules that only union members be allowed to handle meat. He said two other stores here in town, with larger meat departments than his, were violating the union agreement by having their meat packaged and sold from self-help counters. In those stores cashiers and clerks not members of the union handle the meat before the customer leaves the store with it, he said.

Gieger's non-union employe, over whom the ruckus started, is Ed Vernon, a former OTI student whom Gieger said did not want to join the union.

Gieger said he told Vernon he didn't have to join the union if he didn't want to, because other markets in town are "getting away" with violation.

"I believe the union is afraid to go up against some of the big meat markets," Gieger said, "so they hop on a picketing party."

The picketing effects only his retail meat market.

## Knife Attack On Bus Lands One In Jail

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., July 27 (AP)—An Oklahoma man accused of stabbing two bus passengers and terrorizing 30 others was under observation today in the psychiatric ward of the county hospital.

He was Herman F. Wright, 58, of Wapinitia, Okla., who with his grandson, D. J. Tidwell, 15, was en route to visit relatives in Ripon, Calif.

Sheriff's Capt. L. L. Ebben said that when the westbound bus was approaching Barstow, Wright whipped out a knife, slashed his grandson across the left eye and stabbed Mrs. Walter Dale, 62, of Medford, Ore. Passengers crowded him.

Wright was taken from the bus at Heleland, booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, then brought to the hospital here. He told attendants he didn't remember anything about the affair.

Tidwell left the bus here. Mrs. Dale, after treatment for superficial wounds, continued her journey.

## Poles Battle Excommunication

WARSAW, Poland, July 27 (AP)—The Polish government moved today to prevent enforcement here of the Vatican's excommunication decree against communists. At the same time it announced acceptance of a church proposal to negotiate a church-state agreement.

The government forbade Catholic priests to excommunicate any Pole belonging to the communist party, denouncing as an "act of aggression" against Poland the Vatican's decree threatening excommunication.

The communist government's statement was the first news given to Polish citizens by their newspapers and radio about the Vatican decree.

At the same time the government announced it had agreed to a proposal by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Poland "to start negotiations between the government and the episcopate aiming at a settlement of mutual relations."

## Queens Mount Angel, July 27

QUEEN MOUNT ANGEL, July 27 (AP)—Stella Dummer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Dummer, Mount Angel, will be queen of the Oregon Day festival here July 29-31.

WEATHER  
Klamath Falls and Vicinity—Fair today and Thursday. High both days 81. Low tonight 48 to 49. Max. (July 24) 79 Min. 43 Precipitation last 24 hours 9.0

## Trio Sought After Tale Of Abduction

A story of kidnaping, armed robbery and car theft extending from here to Sacramento is being investigated by state police now, although officers at both ends are inclined to be skeptical.

The events related by Edgar David Feiss, route 1, Klamath Falls, supposedly happened the night and morning of July 21-22.

After considerable checking, state police here are becoming convinced the story is true and three young men are sought as the Klamath man's assailants.

Here is Feiss' story of the events: About 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21, he was driving toward town on highway 66 and stopped at the traffic sign at the Weed-Ashland junction. There a man accosted him and asked for a ride into town. He opened the door and a second man appeared and both got in.

Feiss drove toward town about two blocks and one of his passengers drew a revolver and ordered him to turn the car around and drive back to the junction.

At the junction a third stranger appeared and got in the car, sliding under the wheel to drive. Feiss was placed in the middle of the front seat.

They rode south through Dorris and on down toward Weed and the way Feiss was robbed. First he was asked to produce his money and gave up \$6. Later one of the bandits took his wallet, extracted \$78 and returned the billfold.

They drove on, through Weed, stopped at a store south of that city and bought wieners, bread, cigarettes and the like. Then they went on south and late at night stopped at an unidentified town on the highway and the strangers bought a bottle of whiskey, part of which they forced their captive to drink. He went to sleep.

Some hours later he woke up and discovered he had evidently been poked in the eye. Dazedly he asked what had happened and was told to shut up or he would "really get worked over."

Feiss said he went back to sleep and the next morning he woke up in a cabin at the Spanish Villa motel at Sacramento. The men, his car, watch, money and wallet were gone. Four prios names, probably all of them phony, according to Sacramento police, were on the motel register.

Police Report  
Feiss reported the abduction and robbery to Sacramento police, but they put no credence in his story at first. Unable to interest Sacramento authorities, Feiss came back to Klamath Falls Saturday and told state police here the story. They didn't put much stock in it until some checking was done which substantiated Feiss' details.

Outside evidence, state police said, revealed that three men were hanging around the Weed-Ashland junction the afternoon in question, and the car was known to have gone through Dorris at the time Feiss said it disappeared.

There has been no report of Feiss' 1947 Chevrolet sedan being abandoned and "John Doe" warrants may be issued for the three young men described by Feiss.

## Lewis Rejects Contract For Western Firms

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., July 27 (AP)—John L. Lewis today rejected an offer of Northern and Western soft coal operators for a two-year extension of his present contract in exchange for dropping the three-day work week.

The mine owners offered to give Lewis the same terms and conditions until March 31, 1951.

These include a provision that the miners work only when they are "able and willing."

"Ridiculous," described the offer as "ridiculous."

With the rejection of the operators' offer, negotiations between United Mine Workers and the Northern and Western soft coal men recessed until August 11.

Similar contract talks with the Southern Coal Producers' association were recessed yesterday at Bluefield, W. Va., until August 10, targets on the earth from bases in the western hemisphere.

The distance from bases within the United States itself to potential targets in the heartland of the Eurasian continent would be beyond the range of even the B-36. However, the new strategy suggested in the report indicates that the missions would operate like this:

A B-36, whose home field was Limestone or some other airfield in the United States, would load up with bombs—and a comparatively light load of fuel. It would fly two or three thousand miles to a staging base on the rim of the North American continent, in Greenland or elsewhere in the far north. There the bomber would "top off" its fuel tanks (fill them to capacity). That would carry the intercontinental bomber to the target and back to the staging base or to friendly territory beyond enemy territory.

## Air Force Reveals Plans For Air Bases In Arctic

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—The air force is talking about forward air bases deep in the Arctic at which bombers could refuel on strikes across the polar cap.

A cautious official reference to this hitherto secret plan for stretching the reach of bombers operating from airfields within the United States came to light today. In a report on heavy bomber bases for the new plans money base at Limestone, Me., the air force says:

"A typical polar operation might involve aircraft taking off from United States air bases, the staging or topping off of these aircraft at forward bases in Northern Canada, Greenland, or even the polar ice cap."

This project may explain how the USAF can make good its claim that the huge B-36 bomber can strike virtually all "significant military