

HAWAIIAN ILWU SHOWDOWN LOOMS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HERBERT HOOVER, our living ex-President, is 75 today. Tributes from all over the world are pouring in on him. Two states—ARKANSAS and MARYLAND, which are certainly not rock-ribbed Republican strongholds—have proclaimed today as "Hoover Day."

Governor Warren of California issues a proclamation in which he says: "Few men anywhere have lived more useful lives, and none has lived his life with greater devotion, either at home or abroad."

NO man has been worse smeared than Hoover, but, as you see, he has lived through it and has gained the respect of people everywhere. Among other things, he has stuck to his convictions—one of which is that in this world we have to work for what we get.

NIU KWARENA BONNE III is a tribal chieftain down in British West Africa's Gold Coast. He arrived in London last night from Accra, his capital, where he maintains a 36-room castle. One of his first things he has done is to announce his health scheme. One of his first statements to reporters was:

"I understand I can obtain health treatment free here—and spectacles, too."

He added that he has a stomach ailment and has been in poor health since away back in 1944, when he was operated on.

He was obviously interested in the fact that under the British health plan VISITORS as well as residents are entitled to free medical care.

THIS is the point, as I see it: Doctoring and medicine FOR FREE appeal to the big boss of a 36-room castle as much as to you and me. We all like the things that come without cost.

(And after we get 'em we all yell bloody murder about our taxes.)

WE keep learning new things about the British health plan. (The Scotch dentist who earns \$100,000 a year is representing people's teeth and sending the bills to the government, for example.)

The latest thriller concerns wigs and toupees. It seems that these aids to the hairless are furnished for free, along with false teeth, spectacles (including monocles), stomach ache remedies and operations. I was reading a piece about it the other night, and what impressed me most was the staggering price of these coverings for bare domes. I can't remember the exact figure, but it ran up into the upper brackets.

WHAT the British want to do, of course, is their business. If they want to cover up all the bald heads in the United Kingdom there isn't much that we can do about it, even if it is our dollars that are paying a part of the bill. As one American taxpayer, I'm a little griped with this business of free toupees, which have always seemed to me to be a total waste of money.

I myself, can recognize a toupee as far as I can see it with a spy-glass, and I suspect that you can too. When I spend money I like to get something for it. I've always said to myself that when I get completely bald I'm darned if I'm going to spend good hard cash for a poufy that a year-old child can spot a block away.

But, when we follow the British and start giving the things away, I suppose I may change my mind. (Continued on Page 2)

Estimate Of US Crop Puts Wheat Down

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—The agriculture department today forecast this year's corn crop at 3,338,257,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 1,131,800,000 bushels, as of August 1.

For corn, this was an increase of 8,972,000 bushels from 3,329,285,000 forecast a month ago. It compares with last year's record of 3,650,548,000 and the ten-year (1938-47) average of 2,787,628,000.

In the case of wheat, this was a decrease of 56,860,000 bushels for the 1,188,660,000 predicted a month ago. It compares also with 1,288,406,000 last year and a ten-year average of 991,950,000.

The indicated yield per acre and production, respectively, of important crops by major-producing states included:

Winter Wheat
South Dakota 13.5 and 2,930,000; Nebraska 14.0 and 5,274,000; Kansas 11.5 and 167,344,000; Oklahoma 13.0 and 89,609,000;
Texas 14.5 and 105,096,000; Montana 15.0 and 20,280,000; Idaho 20.5 and 19,845,000; Wyoming 25.0 and 6,600,000;
Colorado 17.0 and 45,517,000; Utah 20.5 and 5,535,000; Washington 23.0 and 50,301,000; Oregon 22.5 and 16,178,000; California 17.5 and 13,028,000.

Barley
Oregon 30.0 and 9,230,000; Washington 30.0 and 2,700,000.

Winter wheat was put at 894,874,000 bushels, a decrease of 37,221,000 bushels from the 932,095,000 indicated a month ago. Last year's crop was 990,098,000 bushels and the ten-year average is 726,533,000.

Duration wheat was estimated at 42,278,000 bushels, a decrease of 6,488,000 bushels from 48,766,000 indicated a month ago. Production last year was 44,742,000 bushels and the ten-year average is 26,254,000.

Other spring wheat was estimated at 194,678,000 bushels, a decrease of 13,151,000 bushels from the 207,829,000 indicated a month ago. Last year's crop was 205,397,000 for the ten-year average.

Oats production was put at 1,398,608,000 bushels, compared with 1,379,472,000 indicated a month ago, 1,491,752,000 last year and 1,234,982,000 for the ten-year average.

The indicated production of other crops compared with last month's estimate, production last year and the ten-year average, respectively, included:

Potatoes 362,834,000 bushels; 368,696,000; 443,850,000 and 393,497,000.

Death Takes Man Lost 13 Days On Lonely Mt. Hood

PORTLAND, Aug. 10 (AP)—John Harrison Tracy, the 76-year-old Estacada man, found Monday in a Mt. Hood forest but after 13 days alone on Mount Hood, died here last night.

St. Vincent's hospital reported he succumbed to complications of starvation and exposure. One foot had become infected from insect bites of the skin.

Tracy died without ever having been able to tell what had happened to him since he climbed out of his car on a wooded road and vanished. He was found, 30 or 40 pounds lighter and too weak to talk, in a lean-to shelter, two miles from the abandoned car.

The widow and two daughters survive him.

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New Earthquakes Honors Bring Cath, Destruction To Ravaged Ecuador Towns

By BEN MEYER
QUITO, Ecuador, Aug. 10 (AP)—New earth tremors and pillaging by unruly Indians spread fear and panic today among the thousands of survivors left homeless by Ecuador's destructive earthquake.

Official government estimates of the death toll in Friday's quake rose to 6000. But the truth is no one knows for sure how many perished in the great piles of rubble that litter some 50 demolished towns in the populous Andes mountain region south of here.

Fresh tremors yesterday tumbled weakened walls in Ambato and other cities, adding to the terror of some 150,000 homeless.

Groups of workers attempting to dig their way through the blocked highway to Pelileo, 100 miles south of Quito, were reported buried under a landslide loosed by the new tremors.

Shoot-to-kill orders were issued to troops guarding Pelileo against looting by the wild tribe of Salasaca Indians. Defense Minister Manuel Diaz Gnanados said one band of Salasacas had been driven off when caught ransacking the ruins.

The Salasacas have been the fiercest warriors in the Andes region for 400 years. Driven out of Bolivia by the Incas centuries ago, they have harassed Ecuadorian settlements even in modern times.

Continuing landslides and sulphurous fumes oozing from jagged crevasses have terrorized the country-folk who escaped the worst effects of the shocks.

This correspondent flew over the area yesterday to Ambato with some of the U. S. air force transport, helping out in the "little airlift" which is dropping food and medical supplies to isolated towns.

Pelileo, a town of 3500 population, resembles a garbage dump surrounded by bright green grass and trees. Not a house escaped damage. Block after block is a jumble of adobe walls and bamboo poles.

Clouds of dust still hung over many areas which have had no rain. President Galeo Plaza Lasso, educated at the University of Maryland, received a message of sympathy from President Truman.

Assistance was reported coming from many of the American republics. In neighboring Colombia a commission was formed to raise assistance funds.

Military May Give Ground On Arms Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—Secretary of Defense Johnson told senators today the military department is willing to accept 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in contract authority to launch President Truman's arms program.

It is agreeable to the military, he said, to spread the cost of the \$1,450,000,000 program over two or even three years.

America's three top military men—the joint chiefs of staff—waited for Johnson to conclude his testimony before they made their report to the senate foreign relations and armed services committees.

Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich.) yesterday proposed a 50-50 split in the cash and contract authority to carry out the re-arming of the North Atlantic pact nations.

But Johnson said his staff has advised him that 80 per cent of the \$1,160,000,000 for Western Europe must be in cash. The remainder can be in authority to make contracts which will be paid for in cash later, he said.

Whale Dashes Up Rogue River

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 10 (AP)—Crowds of fishermen at the mouth of the Rogue river were startled Tuesday to see a huge whale barging up the stream in pursuit of a school of smelt. One of the witnesses was Drew Pearson of "I Predict" radio fame.

Ike Smith, Gold Beach fisherman for 47 years, stated that it was the first time to his knowledge that a whale had invaded the Rogue.

Indian School Fund Okayed

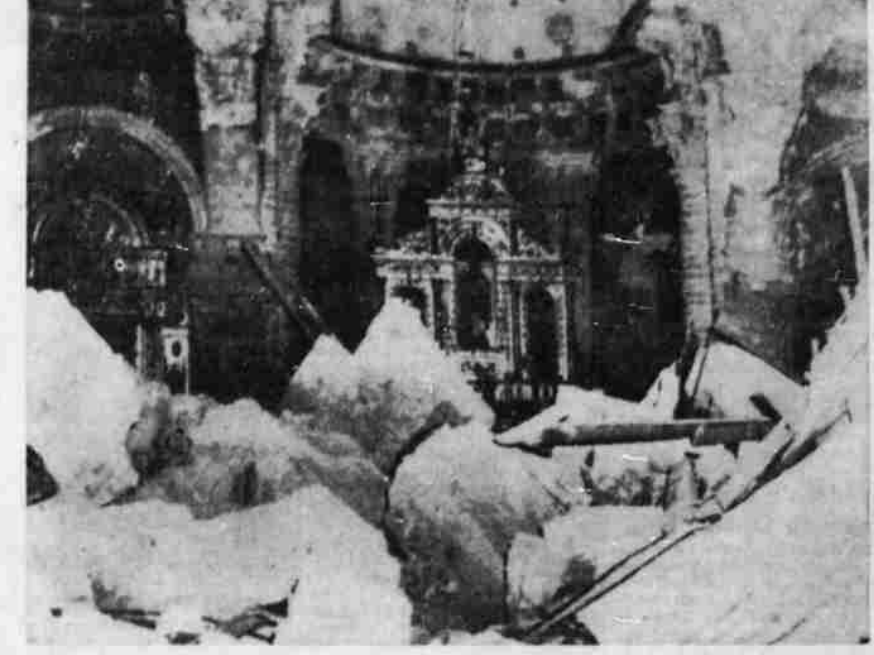
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—A bill to contribute \$150,000 toward improvements on a Klamath county, Oregon, public school has passed the senate and been returned to the house.

The house must consider a minor change made by the upper chamber. The grant would be conditional on use of the school by Indian children of the Klamath tribes.

COLD

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 10 (AP)—Weather note: Buenos Aires had its coldest day of the year today with a temperature of 36.34 degrees Fahrenheit.

Ice, uncommon in the winter season here, glazed the streets. It snowed for the first time in 13 years at Mar Del Plata, fashionable resort 200 miles south of Buenos Aires.



QUAKE KILLS 6000, INJURES 20,000—The interior of Cathedral church in Ambato where 60 children, aged 8 to 12, are buried beneath the wreckage of the roof which was caved in by the earth tremors. An estimated 6000 were killed in the quake, with another 20,000 persons injured.

'Black Death' Cases Found In New Mexico

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 10 (AP)—Illness of two New Mexico residents today was found to be bubonic plague—the "black death" of the middle ages.

Only 21 other cases of the disease have been listed in the United States during the last 25 years.

The diagnosis was reported by Dr. Vernon Link of the western contagious disease control center in San Francisco.

He told a news conference that modern drugs apparently have achieved a smashing victory over the ancient, flea-born disease.

Treatment, he said, has brought dramatic improvement in both cases.

The victims are a 10-year-old boy treated at Taos and a 37-year-old man in the Veterans hospital at Albuquerque. They are residents of two widely separated villages in northern New Mexico.

The Taos case was treated with streptomycin and sulfadiazine, the Albuquerque patient with penicillin and streptomycin.

Dr. Link said there have been 518 cases with 338 deaths since 1900. All cases in the last quarter century have been traced to wild rodents carrying plague-infested fleas.

Searing Heat Blasts Most Of East Coast

The searing heat wave appears to have settled down over the eastern half of the nation for an indefinite span.

Federal forecasters said today there is nothing shaping up anywhere on the weather map which promises any relief.

The narrow band of cool air which was moving across the Northern Plains states yesterday has stalled over Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Upper Michigan peninsula.

Only extreme Northern New England had a taste of cool air as a Canadian cold front shoved early morning temperatures to 48 degrees at Caribou and Houlton, Me.

From the great plains to the eastern seaboard, the mercury was soaring again into the high 90's.

Many New York City stores closed yesterday when the mercury climbed to 97.6 degrees in the downtown section. It was the highest reading for the date there in weather bureau records and 2.6 degrees above the previous August 9 maximum set in 1900.

Good luck still held in the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast regions. Temperatures there were no higher than normal.

Dorothy Loses Punchboard Ban

PORTLAND, Aug. 10 (AP)—Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee's attempt to ban all punchboards in Portland went down to defeat in the city council today.

The council tied, two to two, on the proposal, and that tie automatically defeated it.

Her measure would have outlawed the so-called "question and answer" punchboards, which award prizes for giving the correct response to a question.

She contended merchants were buying license stamps for that type of boards, but using them in illegal gambling boards.

Mystery In Sky Pegged As Plane

Monday night's peculiar sky formation in the north was definitely the smoke or vapor of a high-flying airplane, several witnesses reported to The Herald and News today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Danforth were riding across Wood river valley and distinctly saw the plane, a large monoplane, making a direct line north. It left a trail of white substance, much like the smoke used by sky-writers, and the smoke billowed up into a vertical pillar as the plane passed between horizontal gray clouds.

Another observer, a logger at Kirk, said he also saw the same plane. He said it was extremely high and was leaving a vapor trail which he observed it.

The plane did not lose altitude, as a number of Klamath Falls witnesses believed, but merely passed over the horizon, giving an optical illusion of going down.

The odd formation between the horizontal clouds aroused much interest among sky-watchers here.

KF-Alturas Freight Rate Cut By SP

The Southern Pacific company gave Klamath Falls' marketing businesses a healthy boost this week when they announced the reduction of freight class rates from this city to Alturas, Calif.

This service will include pick-up and delivery and is designed to widen the scope of marketing for Klamath Falls business houses.

Harry Fee, SP district freight and passenger agent, said:

Southern Pacific officials have also announced a move which will assist shippers and cold storage facilities at Klamath Falls.

Rates have been published on potato carloads from Alturas and MacArthur, Calif., to California destinations by way of Klamath Falls.

Previously these rates applied only direct to California points by way of Wendell, Nev.

Search On For Plane

BREMERTON, Wash., Aug. 10 (AP)—A search spread throughout the Northwest today for a light plane with four persons aboard, missing since it left the Kitsap county airport here Sunday on a flight to Santa Fe, N. M.

Airport officials here said the plane was last reported at Pendleton, Ore., where it refueled Sunday afternoon.

Aboard were C. G. Walsh of Santa Fe, the pilot; Mrs. Charles Gay, Los Alamos, N. M., and a son, Charles, about 15, and Miss Edna Tallafiero, 21, a Bremerton shipyard employe and sister of Mrs. Gay. The former three flew here on a visit last Wednesday and Miss Tallafiero was accompanying them back to New Mexico.

The McChord field, Wash., air force base reported it joined civil air patrol units in Washington, Oregon and Idaho in a search today.

WEATHER
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair today and Thursday; with high cloudless tonight and Thursday. High today 81. Low tonight 67. High Thursday 79.
Max. (Aug. 9) 89 Min. 46
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00

Territory Takes Over Two Firms

HONOLULU, Aug. 10 (AP)—Seizure of Honolulu's two strike-bound stevedoring firms carried Hawaii's 105-day waterfront strike to the showdown stage today.

Gov. Ingram M. Stainback signed orders late yesterday for the territorial government's takeover of two of the island's seven struck dock companies. The five others in the outer islands were not affected.

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'Walking Man' Challenges KF's Best

Wanted: A Klamath Falls "Walking Man."

Paul A. Smith, 64-year-old Mill City resident, who was recently bested in a 75-mile walkathon when a six-year-old sorrel gelding finished 14 miles ahead of him, has issued an open challenge to any Klamath Falls "man or horse."

The challenge came in the form of a letter addressed to the Klamath County chamber of commerce.

Smith wrote: "I understand you have a 'walking man' in Klamath Falls."

His full challenge read: "If the city and its sportsmen are interested in a walking contest, man or horse, I would like to take them on at 50, 75 or 100 miles. So, please tell your men about it."

Smith's most recent losing effort took place July 24 on the Lebanon Meadows track. The horse covered the 75-mile distance in 14 hours and 40 minutes.

Smith, with 14 miles yet to go, decided to sit down.

Streamliners Running Full

An average of 950 persons have been riding the new Southern Pacific Daylight streamliners daily since the first official run July 10, Vice President Claude Peterson announced today.

This figure is through July 31, Peterson explained.

Passenger load for the 21 days have totaled in the neighborhood of 20,000, representing near-capacity for the Portland to San Francisco daylight run.

"They say back east you've gone culture crazy," she smiled. "I've been around the stage long enough to know that culture can be pushed off the wings by a couple of swinging hips if you know how to swing them."

Coloradoans and vacation visitors are chuckling at the same lines that tickled New Yorkers when Mae launched "Diamond Lil."

The buxom stage veteran gets one of her biggest laughs when she puns "It's not the men in my life but the life in my men that count."

World Congratulates Herbert Hoover On 75th Birthday; Stanford Speech Set

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Aug. 10 (AP)—Herbert Clark Hoover is 75 years old today, and tributes for the country's only living ex-president poured in from all over the world.

Late today Stanford university will honor its most illustrious graduate in the Frost amphitheater. A crowd of 12,000 to 14,000 was expected.

The program will be climaxed by a major address by Mr. Hoover, beginning at 6 p. m. (Pacific Daylight Time). His topic will be "Think of the Next Generation."

Even Mr. Hoover, who once said, "I have had every honor to which any man could aspire," probably was surprised by the stir created by his birthday anniversary and by the congratulatory letters by the thousands.

Two states, Arkansas and Maryland, proclaimed today "Hoover Day."

Chief Takes Ills To Free Doctors

LONDON, Aug. 10 (AP)—When Nii Kwabena Bonne III, tribal chieftain from British West Africa's Gold Coast, heard about Britain's national health scheme he decided it was an opportunity not to be overlooked.

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