

IS PLANS ATTACK ON LA GANGES

In The Day's News

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FOR weeks the papers have been full of this "five per center" business. Maybe you understand it, and maybe you don't. Let's try taking it apart to see what makes its wheels go around.

A FIVE-PER-CENTER is a person, usually a resident of Washington, who will agree to help you get some business from the government if you will pay him a fee. The average fee has been around five per cent. Hence the term "five per center."

The business itself sprouted out of the growing complexity of our federal government in the New Deal and the later and far more complex New-Deal-plus-the-war-effort days. In the beginning, it worked this way:

You came to Washington because Washington was (and still is) the nation's county seat. Your motives were probably of the best. Maybe you wanted to start a radio station, and in order to do so you had to have a government permit. Maybe you were a city or a county official and you wanted some government money to build roads or a new schoolhouse or a city hall.

For any (or all) of these things, you had to have government permission.

MAYBE you weren't familiar with Washington's ways, and when you were dumped down in the swarming anti-hill that was and is Washington you were terrified by the immensity of the maze that confronted you.

Maybe you didn't even know that a large part of your congressman's or your senator's job is to show you around in Washington and put you in touch with the people you want to see and generally get you onto the ropes. It has been truly amazing how many people don't know that.

(Or maybe you had a feud with your congressman or your senator. Maybe you had worked against him in his last campaign and felt embarrassed about going around to ask his help.)

All of these things had a part in the origins of this five-per-center business.

ANYWAY, going back to you and your business in Washington, the time possibly came when you were so flustered and bothered and upset and confused that you were just about ready to chuck your whole project, whatever it was, in the creek and take the plane or the train or the bus back home and admit that you had tackled something that was too big for you.

Then—

At the psychological moment—a smooth, urbane person stepped from behind a pillar in the hotel lobby from the cover of which he had been slinking up and asked courteously if perhaps he might serve you in some small way.

THE upshot of it was that he showed you around and got you through the right doors and introduced you to the right people and you got what you wanted or got a good, logical, sensible reason why you couldn't have it and you paid the guy a fee for his service and felt that what you paid him for his help in your hour of need was probably about the best money you had ever spent.

LET'S get this straight about the early five-per-centers:

Their methods were generally honest and open. In the main, they merely served as guides in a trackless wilderness, which is what Washington was back in those days. A guide who gets you out of the wilderness and where you want to go is worth his hire.

And let's keep this straight:

The government men with whom the five-per-center put you in touch were AMAZINGLY HONEST AND SINCERE, they were hard-worked and harried and driven for time, but when somebody got you to them they treated you courteously and did their best for you—even if their best was only to send you on (Continued on Page Two)

Herald News

PRICE FIVE CENTS

KATH FALLS, OREGON, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1949

WEATHER

Klamath Falls and Vicinity—Fair today and Sunday. High today 51; low tonight 35; high Sunday 55.

Max. (Sept. 2) 51. Min. 35.

Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0

Spud Price Supports Threatened

Vaughan's Recall To Stand Seen

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Two senate republicans investigating five percenters said today they expect Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan's recall for questioning on new evidence being dug up.

Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, underwent a rigorous two-day examination by the investigating committee earlier this week. The hearings now are in recess—probably for a month or so.

Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) told reporters that he feels sure Vaughan will be asked to take the spotlighted witness chair again, and Senator Mundt (R-SD) termed his reappearance "very probable."

Both based their statements on new leads being run down by committee investigators. They said the probe into the activities of the capital's five percenters, men obtaining government business for third parties for a fee, has just begun.

The committee is trying to learn the extent of any influence exerted by the five percenters on top government officials.

Some entirely new cases are being opened up by tips pouring in on committee members, Mundt said. He forecast that before the hearings are closed "it will be demonstrated that the influence racket in Washington is greater than expected."

He also predicted that subsequent hearings will show other instances of "persons using White House contacts to advance their interests."

Motorists Warned To Drive Safely

Traffic officials issued stern warnings today as holiday traffic poured over the highways of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

The week-end began inauspiciously last night with an accident on the Willamette highway near Oakridge. Minnie Winters, about 70, a resident of Elma, Wash., was killed when the car in which she was riding collided with another car between Oakridge and Willamette City in Lane county. No one else was seriously hurt.

Wife Charges Gang Attack

TAVARES, Fla., Sept. 2 (AP)—A young white farm wife told an all-white jury yesterday that four Negroes beat her husband insensible then raped her at gun point.

The 17-year-old girl pointed out three defendants—Walter Irvin, 22; Samuel Shepherd, 22, and Charles Greenlee, 16—to a circuit court jury. They are charged with rape.

The fourth accused Negro, Ernest Thomas, was killed by a posse in northwest Florida several weeks ago.



GOLDEN HARVEST—Grain like this is flowing into every elevator in the area and much is now being shipped out as the barley harvest in the Klamath basin moves toward completion. The grain this morning was reported selling at \$3.25 a hundred pounds for No. 1 grade. Picture shows young Loren Preheim examining barley spilling from a truck into a conveyor hopper at Pacific Supply Cooperative.

Solons Angry; Free Plane Rides Denied

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson's refusal to fly senators around the world in a military plane backfired today with a senatorial inquiry into free flights for administration officials.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) demanded that Johnson furnish immediately a report on all the trips made by top administration people in military craft, with an account of all the expenses involved.

Specifically, Thomas wants the record on flights by President Truman. Vice President Barkley and Johnson himself, among other officials who fly.

Yesterday Johnson wrote Thomas that a group of senators, planning a flying trip to Europe and around the world, could save the military up to \$25,000 by riding ordinary commercial airlines. He said he didn't want to compete, put out hints about the current economy drive in congress and said besides, that the military just didn't have the planes to spare.

Today Thomas blasted back.

If congressmen "who make the policies for government and provide the funds to keep it going" must ride the private airlines, Thomas said it might be a good idea for the townhouse government leaders to do the same thing.

Earlier there was we-might-pass-a-law reaction at the capitol.

Sports Bulletins

SWIMS CHANNEL

DOVER, Eng., Sept. 2 (AP)—Fernand du Moulin, 34-year-old Belgian swimmer, conquered the English channel tonight.

COE WINS AMATEUR

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 2 (AP)—Charles Coe of Oklahoma City, crushed Rufus King of Wichita Falls, Tex., 11 and 10 to win the U. S. amateur golf championship.

DEBONA WINS BENDIX

CLEVELAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—Joe Debona, who flies for fun and sells Hollywood real estate for a living, won the Bendix cross country race for propeller planes today.

DOGGERS LOSE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (AP)—Lefty Monte Kennedy jolted the pennant hopes of the Brooklyn Dodgers today as he pitched the New York Giants to a 6-3 triumph over the contending Dodgers.

YANKS WIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Allie Reynolds came up with his best game of the season today as he pitched the American league's front-running New York Yankees to a 6-0 three-hit triumph over the tail-end Washington Senators.

No Paper Monday

The Herald and News will not publish an edition on Monday, Labor Day, and the newspaper's business office will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Next edition will appear Tuesday afternoon.

Radio station KPLW will maintain news coverage from the newspaper's editorial rooms over the holiday period.

Grade School Enrollments Show Decline

Enrollment for the beginning of the school year in the Klamath Falls city grade schools is slightly lower this year than starting enrollments for a comparable date last year. However, Klamath Union high school's first day registration figures give an increase in school population.

The total enrollment in grades one through eight is 1977 for registration day, September 2, a drop of 20 pupils from last year's figure of 1997. KUHS registration figures show 1209 compared to last year's 1194.

All schools start September 6 for regular classes. Klamath Union high school will open at 8:30. Fremont junior high at 8:40 and all grades schools at 9 a.m.

Meyers Trying To Get Out

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Bennett E. Meyers, the one-time major general ousted from the army and sent to prison in 1948, was understood today to have made a new bid for early release from custody.

His attorneys asked about reports that Meyers had suggested a compromise settlement of the government's \$87,000 income tax claims against him said there have been "some discussions" with the justice department on the subject.

Both the justice department and the internal revenue bureau declined official comment.

The former air force purchasing officer is now serving a 20 months to five year term at Lorton (Va.) federal reformatory. The sentence was imposed after his conviction of inducing an associate to commit perjury before a senate committee which investigated the general's private wartime business activities.

BULLETIN

SP BRAKEMAN KILLED

DUNSMUIR, Sept. 3—Kenneth C. Orcutt, 33, Southern Pacific brakeman, was killed this morning a mile north of Hornbrook. Deputy Coroner Daniel Girdner said Orcutt's body was cut in two by the freight. The trainmen had stopped at Hornbrook and missed Orcutt, then went back and found his body. He was a resident of Dunsmuir and was employed by the SP there since 1946. Orcutt leaves three children and his parents in Caldwell, Ida.

\$3.25 Barley Price Holds; Probable Top

For the fifth consecutive day, buyers report a top price of \$3.25 a hundred pounds being paid for No. 1 Hanchen malting barley, although sales up to \$3.35 have been reported.

The price this season started at about \$2.80, and buyers say it has apparently reached its peak.

The \$3.25 is for grain delivered and loaded on cars for shipment. Growers with storage facilities command a higher figure for several months storage.

Much of the Klamath Basin's barley crop is already harvested, making the season about 10 days earlier than usual, and much is being shipped out although buyers predict a definite shortage of railroad cars to move the grain out.

Prices on wheat, oats and feed barley were also reported steady today.

Pope Exhorts Poles To Oppose Reds

CASTLE GANDOLFO, Sept. 2 (AP)—Pope Pius XII appealed to the 20,000,000 Catholics in communist-governed Poland today to defend the church with all their might.

The pontiff said Poland did not regain its freedom with the end of the war. Instead, he declared, "the practice of religious life has been made even more difficult."

The pope addressed a letter to Polish bishops urging bold action and condemning violations of religious rights by the Polish state. The letter was sent Thursday on the tenth anniversary of the German invasion of Poland which touched off World War II. It was published today in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper.

Poland, which is more than 90 per cent Catholic, has been spared many of the harsher communist blows dealt against the church in other iron curtain countries. The pope's letter gave rise to speculation that Polish communists may be readying a new move against the church there.

Good Weather Predicted For Week-End

SEATTLE, Sept. 2 (AP)—The weather man predicted "fair and warmer" today as Northwest residents headed out for their Labor Day week-end observance—the summer's last three-day holiday.

Temperatures will range from 62-72 degrees along the Washington and Northern Oregon coasts to an up-to-102 degree prediction for Southern Oregon valleys.

Chief Claims Farmers Not Cooperating

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Brannan told congress today that he plans to remove government price supports from Irish potatoes unless farmers agree to control marketing and production.

The farm cabinet member wrote Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) of his plan to jettison the price props in order "to avoid waste and loss to the government."

Brannan's letter noted, as an example, that growers of California early potatoes, which are marketed between April 1 and July 15, had rejected a proposed federal marketing agreement in a referendum the last 10 days of June.

These marketing agreements and orders usually operate on a state or area basis. Before becoming effective they must be approved by two-thirds of the farmers or producers. Under them the quality and quantity of products sent to market are regulated in an effort to get farmers a good market price. If this fails the government steps in and buys the product at support levels.

Brannan said he intends to deny government price supports to the California early potatoes next year and in subsequent years, unless potato growers there accept the marketing and planting controls.

But in doing so, he took no notice of a compromise flexible price support bill now pending before the senate. It would continue government price supports for Irish potatoes near existing levels.

OC&E Strike Front Quiet; Pickets Out

There was a little train activity yesterday and last night on the strikebound Oregon California and Eastern railroad but all was quiet today, the sixth day of a strike on the 65-mile Klamath Falls-to-Bly road.

No more developments are expected until at least Tuesday, after the Labor Day holidays.

The OC&E was struck Monday morning when all 13 of its train service employees quit to back up a dispute between the Order of Railway Conductors and OC&E owners. The road is jointly owned by Southern Pacific and Great Northern but currently is being managed by GN.

Yesterday a crew of non-operating GN employees took a locomotive on the OC&E to move several loaded cars from a mauling company siding, bring in some cars of grain from Dairy and take some empties out on the line.

Cars taken off the OC&E were brought out to a transfer track leading to the GN yard but have not been taken into the yard to be made up into a shipment.

G. W. Lange, vice president of the Order of Railway Conductors, said if the railroad attempts to move the cars over into the GN yard, GN possibly would be picketed and the strike could spread to that road.

Yesterday the picket line established by struck OC&E workers moved with the cars to the transfer track.

The picket line probably will be continued over the holidays.

Lange, from Eugene, said no move had been made toward settlement of the dispute, either by the union or the carrier.

The dispute regards claims for pay, a claim for compensation for an injured worker and a request for a rest period clause addition to the contract between the conductors and the railroad.

Plane Crashes Two Killed

FAIRFIELD, Calif., Sept. 2 (AP)—A pilot and his co-pilot tried to land a crippled C-52 "flying boxcar" on a marsh and were killed late last night after six others had parachuted to safety.

The giant air force plane crashed in flames.

Two of the survivors were crewmen and four were passengers. Names of the two killed were not released.

The plane was en route from Lowry air base in Denver to the naval air station at Alameda, Calif. It crashed about 30 miles from its destination.

Federal Agents Draw Bead On City's Hoodlums

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2 (AP)—The federal government is gearing for an all-out offensive against Los Angeles gangsters.

U. S. Attorney James M. Carter gave warning to the underworld that he has asked for assignment of at least 50 treasury agents to move against mobsters by way of the income tax laws.

The federal prosecutor said treasury agents, if assigned here, will "go after millions of dollars" handled by hoodlums. Carter indicated that special attention will be paid to horse race bookmaking revenue.

In making a statement yesterday, Carter said that the Guarantee Finance company, bookmaking set-up, is an example of income tax matters that need immediate government attention.

Recently the governor's state crime commission agents said that Guarantee Finance company was the headquarters for a large bookmaking syndicate. The crime commission produced records at a public utilities commission hearing which the agents interpreted as showing payoffs in the thousands of dollars to law enforcement agencies.

Carter also mentioned Gambler Mickey Cohen and his activities as a matter needing the attention of government income tax experts.

"The only solution to the gangster problem is to go into the income tax angle," said Carter. (This was the method used by the government in moving against the Al Capone gang in Chicago.)

"We need at least 100 men who are highly specialized intelligence unit operatives, but I am at this time recommending to the justice department that at least 50 be assigned here promptly," Carter said.

He said that even if no criminal cases were prosecuted "there undoubtedly would be many civil cases and the government probably would collect millions of dollars in income taxes and penalties."

Donald Rice, Dairy, Hurt In Collision

Donald W. Rice, Dairy, Ore. businessman was treated for facial lacerations and bruises which he suffered when his car collided with the rear of a train truck owned by Earl L. Hitchcock of Tulelake. The accident occurred on Highway 39, about 100 yards north of the Tulelake junction early last evening.

State Police reported that Rice claimed he was blinded by the sun, and was not able to stop his car in order to avoid colliding with the Hitchcock vehicle.

The injured man, who was driving alone in his car, was taken to Merrill by the state police, where he was treated by a physician. Rice later returned to the scene of the accident.

No citation was written by the state police.

Lake County Fair Opens

One of the biggest Lake county fairs in history opened today at the renovated Lakewood fairgrounds. About twice as much space is available this year as in the past, and space has been reserved for business and industrial displays.

Sunday will see the start of the 30th annual Lake county roundup. The show, lasting Sunday and Monday, will start at 1 p.m. Brahman bull riding will again be a feature of the show but bulldogging has been dropped.

Only amateurs may compete who have lived in either Lake, Klamath, Harney, Deschutes, Modoc or Lassen counties for one year. An increased roster of purses has been offered for the show.

Youngsters will have their day with a 12-calf scramble.

WHEAT ACREAGE

PORTLAND, Sept. 3 (AP)—New regulations setting up wheat allocations will be discussed by county PMA committees at Pendleton Sept. 7. Larger wheat acreage allotments may result for some Oregon groups, said E. Harvey Miller, state PMA chairman.

Elliott Scorns Demo Heads After His Scalp

PORTLAND, Sept. 3 (AP)—Marion LeRoy Elliott promised today to fight for his office as sheriff of Multnomah county even "if I have to go to the supreme court."

Elliott's office was threatened in two actions:

1. A recall movement.
2. A request by the man who wrote Elliott's \$110,000 bond that the bond be cancelled.

It was the latter that worried Elliott. Earlier he expressed confidence he would win in any recall election. Without a bond, though, he could not hold office.

The man who wrote the bond, and now requested cancellation, was democrat Walter J. Pearson, state treasurer. The bonding company, the Maryland Casualty company, took his recommendation under consideration. No action was expected before Tuesday.

In a prepared statement Elliott was scornful of Pearson and other democrats who formerly supported him.

More Wheat, Lower Price Seen for 1950

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—The agriculture department said today that wheat production in 1950 may reach 1,000,000,000 bushels and the price may be 10 per cent lower than in 1949.

The department said this may come to pass even with acreage allotments in force for the first time since 1932.

However, on the 1950 price outlook the department based its figures on assumptions that are virtually certain to be changed by congressional revision of the farm price support law.

Moreover, the price forecast was based in part on an assumption that there will be a decline in the prices of things farmers buy, which would mean a lowering of the parity indexes on which price supports are based. This assumption, of course, depends on general economic levels a year from now.

The department's long look ahead was embodied in the annual "outlook issue" of its monthly bulletin "The Wheat Situation." It sized up the situation about like this:

1. The wheat price support level next year, under existing law, might range \$1.65 and \$1.77 a bushel. But this estimate is under the so-called

Aiken farm price support law, and congress is expected to write a new farm price support law for 1950 before it adjourns this fall. The present support price on wheat is \$1.95 a bushel.

2. If 73,000,000 acres are planted to wheat next year and yields are average, a crop of about 1,100,000,000 bushels would be produced. The production forecast for 1949 is 1,113,000,000 bushels.

3. Domestic consumption will remain near 700,000,000 bushels annually and exports may total 400,000,000 bushels. This would mean no increase in the wheat carryover or surplus.

"Under these conditions," the report said, "prices would be expected to average about the support level."

Wheat now is selling at farm prices considerably below the \$1.95 a bushel support level. Farmers can get the support price by putting their wheat in storage, but those now selling outright are reported to be receiving on the average about \$1.79.

The department said the national acreage allotment of 68,000,000 acres for the 1950 crop, announced July 14, will be increased as a result of recent congressional action.