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Frost Hastens Spud Harvest

N. Atlantic Heads Order Defense Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—The 12-nation Atlantic council today ordered creation of a top level military committee to work out "military measures for the united defense of the North Atlantic area."

The council of the foreign ministers also reported they had established a defense committee to be composed of the ministers of defense of each of the Atlantic powers.

Defense Secretary Johnson represents the U. S. on that group.

A communique also brought out that as members of a "standing group" within the projected military committee the U. S., Britain and France—the big three of the Western world—will play the dominant role in unifying Western defenses under the Atlantic treaty.

U. S. Active
The U. S., by participation in a Western European "regional planning group," can and presumably will take an active part in planning the defenses of Western Europe from here on.

Secretary of State Acheson, who presided over today's 60 minute session, becomes the first chairman of the Atlantic council which will rotate its chairmanship annually.

In so far as the Atlantic alliance will have a headquarters it will be in Washington, which was designated as the permanent site of the three-power "standing group."

The whole agreement was reached in one hour.

Assassination Plot Unfolds In Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept. 17 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Gyorgy Palffy, former chief inspector of the Hungarian army, confessed in court today that he and his co-defendants had plotted to assassinate Hungary's top government officials last May.

He said the planned plot failed because the government arrested László Rajk, former communist minister of foreign affairs and minister of the interior.

Rajk admitted his guilt on the stand yesterday.

Palffy said the scheme had Yugoslav help, and after the planned assassinations, the plotters would have seized the country.



POLICE NAB A SUSPECT—Two Chicago policemen grab a man they identified as Frank Zukoski (center) as he left Bartlett Trailer corporation in Chicago. Police said Zukoski had heavy tools, used for boring, out window, and that he possessed drills and hacksaws. Police said plant watchman was clouted on head from behind while making his rounds, revived, called police, and police found Zukoski, who is being held in jail pending investigation and no charge has yet been filed.



GOIN' SOME PLACE, DUANE?—Keith Donahoe, 89, Pelican center, didn't intend to let Duane Siebert, Grant halfback, get away as he reaches up to haul him down. Roy Lundgren, Klamath guard, comes up to make sure Siebert doesn't go too far. In the background is End Tom Schubert, 80, of the Pells, while Dick Davenport, General end, 42, seems to be wondering what he can do to help Teammate Siebert. (Complete story of Grant's 7-0 victory over Klamath Falls is on sports page.)

'Gimme Letters,' 'Pressure Mail' 2nd District Trend

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Oregon's 2nd district, one of the last frontier outposts as far as mail to congressmen goes, is gradually turning to the pattern of "pressure by mail" and "gimme letters" long popular with more populous and industrialized areas.

Lowell Stockman, 2nd district congressman, remarked in a newspaper interview today that he could read the trend in his daily mail. More and more, Stockman said, the mail reaching his Washington desk is originated by "organized minorities" having some demand to make rather than from individual constituents having a bone to pick with their congressman.

Stockman said his mail averages about 50 letters a day from the "home folks," not counting boxholders and organizational literature, and his office staff keeps busy separating what needs to be read by the boss himself from what can be handled otherwise.

"The girls (in the office) mark in red the lines of each letter which seem to hold the gist of what the writer wants to say," the big legislator said.

later said, "and that's what I look at first."

Stockman went on to say that he considered the trend toward "gimme letters" all right, but that the trend is indicative of the way of public thinking that has been going on for the past 16 to 20 years.

The congressman, whose territory is all of Oregon east of the Cascades, was in town today to attend a republican "report weekend" public forum tonight at the Willard hotel. This afternoon he visited Malin and Merrill and tomorrow he will drive back to his home in Pendleton and from there back to Washington.

He will have to pass up the Klamath Basin spud festival this year because congress probably will remain in session most of October. In recent years Stockman has performed the "queen-crowning" function at the Merrill festival.

Stockman undoubtedly will be the GOP candidate for congress again next year, seeking his fifth term in Washington.

Prison Dope Ring Broken

CANON CITY, Colo., Sept. 17 (AP)—One prison guard was in jail today and two convicts were in solitary confinement as the result of what Warden Roy Best described as the "smashing of a ring which was supplying inmates with benzedrine, bullets and narcotics."

Best said arrest of another person who was doing most of the "outside work" for the ring is expected soon. The warden said much of the dope, benzedrine and money supplied inmates by the ring was found in canned goods sent to prisoners.

STRIKE HEARING

OREGON CITY, Sept. 17 (AP)—The Oregon City Automobile Dealers association, whose mechanics have been on strike for 13 months, had an application before the national labor relations board today for a collective bargaining election.

Sports Bulletins

RED SOX WIN

BOSTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—Right Hander Joe Dobson bore down in the pinches today while hurling the Boston Red Sox to a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Browns.

YANKS WIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP)—The New York Yankees gave Fred Sanford a 5-0 lead through six innings, then were forced to stave off a ninth inning threat to barely come through with a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers today.

INJURIES FATAL

PORTLAND, Sept. 17 (AP)—Logger Walter Jusky, 27, Sweet Home, injured near Corvallis Wednesday died in a hospital here yesterday.

Steel Labor, Firms Agree To Talk Terms

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17 (AP)—The United Steelworkers of America have joined their voices to the chorus of steel companies willing to meet Monday in Washington to mediate the industry's contract dispute.

The session was called by Cyrus S. Ching, federal mediator, in an effort to avert a strike of steel production workers set for Sept. 25.

U. S. Steel corporation—big steel, the bellwether of the industry—already has agreed to attend the meeting. Bethlehem and Republic steel and others have joined in the acceptance. There have been no refusals.

Common Ground
Object of the conference is to find a common ground on which the union and the steel companies can meet to iron out their differences.

What common ground Ching has in mind he has not yet disclosed. The steelworkers, through their president, Philip Murray, have accepted in full the report of a fact-finding board named by President Truman.

The board ruled against a fourth round wage increase, but recommended a 10-cent hourly package for insurance and pensions.

Murray has made acceptance of these findings a basis for further negotiations.

But the steel companies almost unanimously say "no."

None of the steel firms have flatly refused to accept the fact-finders report. All have said they are willing to negotiate if not committed in advance to paying the full cost of pensions and insurance.

Cycle Hit Car, Boy Injured

Wallace Liechty, 17-year-old Klamath Union high school student, is in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from a broken right wrist and right thigh bone as the result of a car-motorcycle accident on Main street late Friday afternoon.

Liechty was operating his motorcycle when Mrs. Ruby N. Gatlin, 51-year-old Hines, Ore., housewife turned in the middle of the block toward a service station on Main between 1st and 2nd streets. Liechty's cycle struck the car broadside.

Mrs. Gatlin—as charged with failure to yield the right of way to a vehicle and posted \$100 bail with a scheduled appearance in police court this morning. Through her attorneys, Farrens and Maxwell, Mrs. Gatlin entered a plea of not guilty and is to be given a hearing before Police Judge Leigh Ackerman October 3.

Young Liechty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Liechty, 826 California. The father is state livestock theft investigator.

Kaler's ambulance moved the injured youth to the hospital.

WEATHER

Klamath Falls and Vicinity—Fair early today. Increasing cloudiness tonight. Sunday cloudy with scattered light showers over mountains. Southerly winds 15 to 25 miles an hour tonight with gusts to 35. High today 65. Low tonight 45. High Sunday 66.

Season Low As Mercury Slips To 15

Nature laid a heavy hand on the Klamath basin early this morning and blackened spud fields from one end of the district to another.

Below freezing temperatures were felt in all points as Klamath folks shivered in a seasonal low of 29 degrees. That was CAA's report.

Heavy ice was reported by residents of the Hager, Malin and Merrill sectors.

At the Tulake experiment station it was 15 degrees, coldest point last night.

Copcock Bay homesteaders slipped on their shingles to go to work this morning. It was 19 minimum.

Timely For Spuds
Farmers, particularly the potato growers in the basin area, looked on the frost as timely. Grain harvest was over and there was a breather between the grain and spud cleaning.

Despite the heavy frost of mid-wintered brow among the growers, the potato harvest will just about hit a normal period.

Klamath County Agent Charlie Henderson said this morning that there was some light digging for cars being shipped out, but it would be shortly after October 1 that the basin-wide digging would get under way.

The probable date for general digging will be between October 5-8. This is only a couple of days off the usual schedule observed in the country.

Warmer Week-end
It will be a little warmer in these parts over the week-end, the government forecasts gave out, but along with higher temperatures there is a promise of light rain in the mountain area tonight and Sunday. At 10—Saturday there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

The U. S. weatherman also promised a windy week-end with 15 to 25-mile breezes whipping through this section and gusts forecast as high as 35 miles.

Fire Setter Held Insane

Orville Shewey, who set two woods fires in the Deschutes national forest Thursday night and was captured yesterday after a night-long search in the forest, has been adjudged insane and committed to the state mental hospital at Salem.

A sanity hearing was conducted yesterday afternoon, an hour after the husky, 37-year-old logger was brought to Klamath Falls from the Mowich area where he was captured.

Shewey was taken into custody after a struggle in which he fought five men who located him in a Little Deschutes river ranchhouse.

Deputy Sheriff Red Britton, who brought Devey down from Mowich, said the man's conversation indicated he may have set a woods fire at Sisters recently.

Bodies Everywhere
Fire Chief Sam Hill said most of the dead seemed to be elderly people who had been unable to leave their cabins.

"Everywhere you looked it seemed there was a body," he said. Two residents of Hamilton, 40 miles southwest of Sisters, were recovering today at home. A. H. Miller said he was taken off the Noronic to a nearby ship on which firemen were playing hoses.

"That fire spread as fast as anything I have seen," he said. "We had to go down in the ship to get 40 the gangplank and we had great difficulty because of the smoke."

JET CRASH

MOSES LAKE, Wash., Sept. 17 (AP)—An F-84 jet fighter plane crashed near here this morning while on a routine training flight. The pilot of the Hamilton field based plane was presumed dead. His name was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

COPIES NAB A SQUEALER

It takes something out of the ordinary to surprise a New York police sergeant. But that's what happened to Sgt. Arthur Rice when "Porky" was hauled in. Seems the pig is charged with squealing—that is, he was creating quite a disturbance in an empty building. Now Porky's in jail awaiting his owner while the puzzled sergeant awaits an explanation.



Toronto Pier Holocaust Scene; Excursion Crowd Trapped In Ship Cabins

TORONTO, Sept. 17 (AP)—A middle-of-the-night fire roared through the Great Lakes cruiser Noronic at her pier and by noon today, police said, 190 bodies had been removed from the wreckage.

Investigating officials at the scene of the Great Lakes worst ship tragedy in a century said they thought the death toll would amount to at least 192 and possibly to 226.

The fire, which raced through the 36-year-old vessel, broke out while most of those aboard were sleeping. Operating officials put the number aboard at 512 passengers and 170 crew members. The 6905-ton Noronic tied up at her pier in downtown Toronto last night with holiday trippers bound from Detroit and Cleveland for the Thousand Islands. It was to be her last cruise of the season.

Hundreds of passengers escaped in a frantic, screaming, pushing mob, after they were awakened by alarms and cries of "fire." Some leaped to the pier, some to other vessels, some into the water.

Eyewitnesses Saw Horror And Heroism
Others were trapped and their uncounted bodies were still believed to be huddled in the submerged C-deck. The death toll rose as firemen kept bringing up the charred, broken bodies of the victims.

They said it might be three days before the fate of all those aboard could be established. It was impossible to compile a list of survivors for the time being. The total number aboard was not accurately known, because neither passenger nor crew lists were available.

Two women died in a hospital. One of them was identified as Mrs. Eunice Dietrich of Cleveland, O.

Firemen had to cut through the steaming wreckage with torches to bring out 11 charred, unidentified bodies from the saloon section by 7:15 a. m.

One fireman coming out of the blackened ruins of the forward part of the main deck shouted to Fire Chief Sam Hill: "There must be 25 or 30 bodies up there."

All but about 20 of the 529 passengers were said to be United States citizens. There were 189 crew members.

Several scores were on hospital injured lists, at least 16 seriously hurt.

Hundreds Escaped
Hundreds of others, awakened by the flames, escaped by jumping to the pier, into the water, or clambering over rails to ships tied up nearby.

Captain William Taylor, of Sarina, Ont., the ship's master, smashed in cabin doors to waken many passengers and carried at least one woman to safety. Crew members said he leaped over the bow as flames closed in on him.

The fire broke out in the after-section and then roared through the wooden deck structure of the 36-year-old vessel.

Some of the survivors escaped entirely naked. Sam Graham, a Canadian employee of the steamship line, described himself as "very lucky" to escape in his underwear and without shoes.

"Some of those people were partying and after they had gone to bed I'm afraid many of them wouldn't smell smoke or hear any shouts of fire," he said.

Firemen Blocked
The night blaze burned for almost five hours before firemen could go aboard. The first alarm sounded at 2:38 a. m.

Eighteen fire trucks and two fire boats, called by three alarms, fought a futile battle against the blaze.

The ship settled by the stern, her bow pointing toward the city. Her name, "Noronic," gleamed almost unblemished in the daylight with wreckage and ruin all about. The wooden superstructure of the two upper decks was burned away and the ship's skeleton was buckled in at least two places.

As the burned corpses were handed up from the amidship area where the saloon was located. They were wrapped in tarpaulins and laid on the pier in the haze of smoke and steam.

Bobbing life belts floated in the water near the pier. Lifeline crews dragged for bodies of any who might have drowned in their frantic attempts to escape by plunging into the water or sliding down ropes.

No Strike Mention
Lewis, in announcing the cutoff of welfare payments, refrained from any mention of a strike.

But 8000 miners in Wyoming and Utah already were out of the pits in what union officials called a spontaneous stoppage. Union officials in the West said they had nothing to do with the walkout; at all, that the men were protesting the lack of a contract. Operator spokesmen said men heading back into the pits were stopped by union officers.

Storm Flags On NW Coast

SEATTLE, Sept. 17 (AP)—South-east storm warnings were hoisted at 6:30 a. m. today from Tatoosh to Cape Blanco, including the outer strait of Juan de Fuca and mouth of Columbia river. South to south-east winds of 10 to 20 miles an hour were forecast for this morning increasing to 45 to 55 miles along the Washington coast and 35 to 45 on theregon coast by tonight.

They are expected to shift to westerly by Sunday and diminish. A storm centered 500 miles west of Tatoosh this morning was reported moving northward with increasing intensity.

Rescuers Answer Ship's SOS

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 17 (AP)—Rescue craft were rushing today to aid the 2500-ton Belgian freighter Brabant grounded on rocks off the southern coast of Cuba.

An SOS signal was picked up from the vessel shortly after 1 a. m. (EST). Ships at sea were alerted and the coast guard in Miami stood by ready to send help if needed.

Coast guard air sea rescue headquarters said the Brabant's master reported the vessel was "taking on a little water but was in no immediate danger."

The vessel was last seen on Sept. 16 at 11:30 p. m. (EST). The Brabant was carrying a cargo of iron ore and other minerals. It was bound for Miami from Havana.