

FIRE THREATEN OREGON TOWNS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A JOINT house-senate committee reaches SWIFT AGREEMENT on the one and a third billion dollar OVERSEAS ARMS PROGRAM. That is to say, we'll spend that amount at once to help arm our friends in Europe.

We've been talking it a long time, but we ACT PROMPTLY when we learn that Russia too has The Bomb.

WE want national security more than anything else, because without national security (as the world is now organized) there can be no personal security.

But if we are to think straight we must remember that we are hearing the point where for each billion we spend for guns there will be a BILLION LESS to spend for other things.

BRITAIN is proving for us (if we are capable of understanding what is happening in Britain) that even GOVERNMENT stocks aren't bottomless.

IN Britain, Sir Stafford Cripps (who in Britain is what we would call the secretary of the treasury) raises Britain's profits tax 20 per cent to offset the inflationary effect of cheapening pound.

At the same time, he repeats his stand that personal incomes, INCLUDING WAGES, must stay at present levels.

He says to business: "If you try to make any more than you are making now, we will take it away from you." To wage earners, he says: "We won't pay you any more wages than you are getting now."

I UNDERSTAND Britain's situation, of course. She is in a jam, and has to get out of it. But it seems to me that if Britain is to pull out of her troubles and get back her old place in the world she must somehow provide an INCENTIVE for business to make more profit and for workers to earn more wages.

THAT'S the trouble with socialism. It is more concerned with dividing up than with producing. So its tendency is to STAND STILL instead of going ahead.

That may be all right for Britain. But we Americans want to GET AHEAD. Did you ever see a town that was satisfied when it was standing still? I never did. We want our towns to GROW. We're unhappy when they don't grow.

That's one reason why I think we wouldn't be happy with socialism.

SIR STAFFORD today warns British business men that:

"If there is any further breaking away from the VOLUNTARY limitation of dividends I shall consider myself at liberty to introduce LEGISLATION to restrict dividends."

That takes a bit of explaining.

Last year Britain's Labor government asked business to hold dividends at the 1947 level. Most companies complied, but a few balked and passed out more money to their stockholders as postwar profits rose.

Now Cripps has to say to business: "If you won't hold down dividends voluntarily, WE'LL MAKE YOU DO IT."

THIS is the point:

The totalitarian state doesn't come on us all at once. It CREEPS UP on us. When its planning doesn't work out, it's a voluntary basis (which is the foundation of the free enterprise system) it has to use FORCE.

THAT is one reason why this CVA (Columbia Valley Administration) business bothers me. It will be all sweet and lovely to begin with. Everybody will help everybody else and we'll all be better off in the long future.

But as the plans fail to work out AS PLANNED this all-powerful board of three men will feel that they are compelled to put the switch on us to MAKE the plans work out. (Just as Sir Stafford is now compelled to tell the British people that if they don't work together voluntarily to make his plans work he'll have to MAKE THEM WORK TOGETHER.)

That's why I feel that we'll be better off here in the Pacific Northwest if we hoe our own row than if we turn our future over to three planners in far-away Washington.

Rabbi's Son and St. Mary's

Al Jolson Visits Boys; He Never Sang 'Mammy' Better

BALTIMORE, Sept. 27 (AP)—Al Jolson sang "Mammy" and a couple of other songs for the boys at St. Mary's Industrial School last night and told them "St. Mary's did a lot for me."

Jolson was a St. Mary's boy for several months about 30 years ago after running away from his home in Washington. Another famous graduate of St. Mary's was the late Babe Ruth.

"I've been waiting to do this for a long time," Jolson said as he rolled up to the gray stone buildings with a police escort last night.

"Look, honey, (to his wife) that's where I used to play. The gate's open. It was always shut when I was here. I remember bars all around."

"They didn't let us smoke, so I got a plug of tobacco from an ice-

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WEATHER

Klamath Falls and Vicinity: High 60, low 40, with possible light rain. Thursday: High 60, low 40, with possible light rain. Friday: High 60, low 40, with possible light rain. Saturday: High 60, low 40, with possible light rain. Sunday: High 60, low 40, with possible light rain.

Deer Season Opening Menaced

Cripps Pits Tax Against Inflation

LONDON, Sept. 27 (AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps raised Britain's profits tax by one fifth today to offset the inflationary effect of cheapening pound.

The tax on profits now is 25 per cent. Cripps told the house of commons he is increasing it "as from today" to 30 per cent.

At the same time Cripps repeated his stand that personal incomes, including those from wages, must stay at present levels.

The chancellor of the exchequer also warned British business men: "If there is any further breaking away from the voluntary limitation of dividends I shall consider myself at liberty to introduce legislation to restrict dividends in the next financial bill."

Cripps opened the crucial debate in the house of commons on the devaluation of the pound. He was fortified by a labor party caucus which, informants said, decided to stand behind the government on the currency issue.

Cripps' Authority

A treasury spokesman said Cripps has authority to raise the tax on business and industrial profits at once. Later, the spokesman said, the chancellor formally will submit some sort of formal motion asking house of commons approval, which would be virtually automatic in view of the heavy labor majority.

Informed observers saw the action as a sop to rank and file labor which has been complaining that the little people will suffer most from the cheapening of the pound from \$4.03 to \$2.80.

The Trades Union Congress has been insisting that even a slight rise in the cost of living would prove unbearable to the lower paid British workers. The TUC has not yet given the government, of which it is the most powerful pillar, its public support on the devaluation policy.

Man Believed To Have Shot Self; Critical

Carl Elmer Erlich, 34, was reported in a critical condition early this afternoon at Klamath Valley hospital where he was undergoing surgery for a gunshot wound in his abdomen.

According to information received by state police, the wound was self-inflicted. Mrs. Beatrice Erlich, his sister-in-law, said Erlich shot himself with a .44 calibre Winchester rifle at their home, 3908 Green-springs drive.

She brought him to the hospital in mid-morning and Erlich was placed in surgery immediately.

Minton Gets Senate Bid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—The senate judiciary committee voted 5 to 4 today to ask Judge Sherman Minton to come before the group for private questioning on his nomination to the supreme court.

Acting Chairman Kilgore (D-W Va.) told reporters that Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) moved to request the appearance of Minton.



CRUEL, STARK DRAMA is depicted in this "gripping" scene in the Lions' club benefit Fun Frolic which is presented for the first time tonight at the Pelican theatre. Wednesday and Thursday night performances follow. Lola Whisenant takes notes on the tussle in which Ernest Taylor and Lyle Kellstrom, (derby hatted), participate. Show time tonight is 7:30.

Fun Frolics Show Tonight For Students

Tonight will be the initial presentation of this year's Lions Fun Frolic at the Pelican theatre. The show will be for students with performances for the general public both Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Certain time tonight is 7:30 and tomorrow and Thursday, 8:15 p. m. Scenes in the musical variety show range from comedy with "Sam Shovel Hires a Detective" to the colorful "Viva La Fiesta" number featuring Catherine Blanas. Many musical and specialty numbers are on the program, which closes with "Minstrel Moderns", a modernized version of an old-time minstrel show.

Reserved seat tickets may be obtained from the ticket booth in front of The Gun Store, or general admission may be purchased at the box office.

Single Route Into Deer Hunting Area

Access to the Weyerhaeuser timber tract within the Klamath Indian reservation by deer hunters will be by the Head-of-the-River road only, according to Raymond Bitney, superintendent of the reservation.

Signs leading to the popular Kings Cabin area, open to hunting, are posted at the junction of this road with the Sprague river road and Silver Lake road, primary routes across the reservation.

As in the past, hunting on the reservation proper is restricted to Indians. All secondary roads are closed to travel except by permit and violation of the hunting or travel orders will be handled according to law, Bitney said.

REAR ADM. KILPATRICK

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 27 (AP)—Rear Adm. Walter E. Kilpatrick, 62, (Ret.), who served in World War II as chief of staff to Vice Adm. John Greenleaf, commander of the Western sea frontier, and also to Adm. Jonas H. Ingram, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, died yesterday.

Federal Tax Revision Scheduled for 1950

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—A general revision of federal tax laws was assigned top priority today for produce some new taxes in a drive to balance the nation's budget.

Whether the new tax law will Truman's now-abandoned 1949 proposal for a \$4,000,000,000 increase—no one now can say. As a general rule, congress is not disposed to raise taxes in an election year—which 1950 would be.

There were indications that, while hunting for new sources of revenue, congress may actually reduce some levies—probably in the excise list. Some members believe the wartime excise rates to be burdensome both to taxpayers and to business.

House Speaker Rayburn disclosed the tax bill priority for 1950 in calling for immediate house action on a pending measure calling for expansion of the government's social security program.

The idea, Rayburn said, is to clear the way for the house ways and means committee to tackle overall tax revisions early next year.

The speaker did not say definitely what he expects in the new tax law, but he did comment significantly that the government cannot indefinitely continue deficit financing—that is, borrowing to pay for day-to-day spending.

This followed a recent statement by Ways and Means Chairman

'Unmentionable' Loot Found But Shocking Theft Unsolved

FORT KLAMATH—This item is addressed to those who have been interested in the unprecedented clothesline robbery two months ago, on the night of July 20, to be exact, when some nocturnal thief raided the clothesline of Myrtle Wimer, making off with a wardrobe of female attire chosen carefully from the wash hanging on the line.

This was something unheard of here, and created quite a bit of speculation as to "who dun it" and why.

Well, the clothes have been recovered, by two local young women who prefer to remain anonymous for obvious reasons.

While enjoying a drive in the lovely warm fall weather one day last week, the two girls stopped at a long-deserted ranch house near here, and decided just for curiosity to explore the premises.

They found nothing of interest downstairs and went on upstairs when, to their surprise, they found the identical clothing taken in the theft which had aroused such lively interest.

None the worse for their two-month absence, the clothes were returned to the owner who is still pondering on who took them, and then left them in a deserted, unfurnished and isolated ranch house several miles from Fort Klamath.

Maybe the truth will out some time, but it looks as though this will always be a deep, dark mystery, the first of its kind on record in our little community where thievery is rare indeed.

Dry Forests May Delay Hunting Date

Forests in this area got a good wetting last night and more rain is probable tonight, but today in Salem the state forester's office was making a survey to determine whether deer hunting season will be allowed to open Saturday as scheduled.

The action follows a big forest fire situation in the northern part of the state.

Governor Douglas McKay said he would know by 5 p. m. whether the forests will be closed.

If a closure comes it probably will be statewide, with any days lost from the start of deer season tagged on at the end.

Scheduled Oct. 1

Deer season runs from Saturday, October 1, through October 20 and already several parties of hunters have set up camps in this area, particularly in the Fremont forest country around Bly.

When the state forestry office queried Hal Ogle, KFPFA superintendent and district fire warden here, about condition in the woods, Ogle replied that he would not recommend a closure, that danger of fire was not acute enough to warrant closing the forests locally.

Last night's rain, the first of any consequence in many weeks, was general over the Greenuplands and east into Fremont national forest, where most deer hunters will congregate.

No Serious Fires

Although the woods have been dry this summer, no serious fires have resulted on this side of the state line. California deer season has been in progress since September 15 with no great hunter-caused fires.

The critical area of the state apparently is west of the Cascades and Governor McKay said he has received several requests from lumber interests in the northwestern part of the state to postpone deer season.

If the state forestry office survey determines that the woods should be closed, the closure order would come in the form of a governor's proclamation. The governor can order a closure on the grounds that one of the state industries would be endangered if hunters were allowed in the woods now.

Acting State Forester George Spaur said Northwestern Oregon is the critical area and that Northwestern and Southwestern Oregon are bad spots.

Copco Lines Knocked Out, Blazes Lit

Rain, wind and lightning last night caused the California Oregon Power company some trouble, but the rain furnished a welcome dampening of powder-dry woods in the Klamath district.

Lightning struck in east Poe valley at 7 p. m. Monday, grounding a line. Some 50 ranchers in the east Poe valley and Bonanza section were without electric service from 7 to 8:15 p. m. while Copco crews repaired the damage.

One fire flared up in the woods as a result of lightning last night, but Klamath Forest Protective association's head, Hal Ogle said the benefit of rain to forests more than offsets possibility of small fires caused by lightning strikes.

The blaze was near Bull springs in the Yainax butte country, but very small damage was done before KFPFA fire crews had things under control.

In recent days, fire danger has been high in the woods with low visibility hampering work of look-outs in spotting fires.

Forecast for today through Wednesday is for continued high cloudiness with thunderstorms in the woods and mountains.

In Klamath Falls, 13 of an inch of rain fell Monday and Monday night. At the peak of last night's storm about 8 o'clock, the CAA weather station recorded a wind which ranged from 34 miles per hour to short gusts of 44 miles velocity. Throughout Monday, the wind velocity went into the high 20's and 30's.

YANKEES WIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (AP)—The New York Yankees moved within a half game of the league-leading Boston Red Sox today as they squeaked out a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics behind the fine, four-hit pitching of Vic Raschi. The Red Sox meet the Senators in Washington tonight.

Two Suspicious Characters, One Alley

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 27 (AP)—Two detectives were sent out last night to investigate a suspicious-looking man standing in an alley.

They found the man was the watchman at an industrial plant. He told them that for half an hour he had been keeping an eye on a suspicious-looking man at the other end of the alley.

"Fine," said the detectives. "Keep it up. We'll circle and get him from behind."

They did.

Suspicious-looking man No. 2 explained: He is watchman for another plant and for half an hour had been keeping an eye on a suspicious-looking man at the other end of the alley.

24 Dead, 39 Missing In Air Crashes

By The Associated Press

Twenty-four persons died and it was feared 39 others lost their lives in four plane mishaps in this country, Mexico and England yesterday.

The most spectacular accident involved a Mexican Airlines plane with 24 aboard. A shepherd said he saw it fall into the snow high on the slopes of Popocatepetl volcano.

Rescue workers toiled toward the scene. Mexican Senator Ramon Millan, chairman of the national corn commission, was reported aboard. The line said two of the passengers may be Americans.

B-29 Crash

A B-29 air force bomber on a training flight from Smoky Hill base, Salina, Kas., crashed and burned near Tallhoma, Okla. A rescuer said he had counted 10 bodies. It was believed the other three crewmen also perished.

Twelve British fliers died and two were missing in the air collision of two four-engined RAF bombers in central England. The accident occurred during exercises testing Western allied air strength.

Two University of Tennessee students were killed in the crash of their single engine plane near Heiskell, Tenn.

Soviets Agree To Return US Naval Vessels

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—Russia agreed formally today to return 30 American naval vessels loaned to the Soviets in World War II.

The ships are to be given back by December 1. They include three ice-breakers and 27 frigates which are small patrol craft.

The United States has been trying to get them back for four years.

Part Signed

Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panuskin and Willard Thorp, assistant secretary of state, signed an agreement at the state department today for negotiations which started early last month.

The ice-breakers will be returned to U. S. naval authorities at the port of Bremerhaven, Germany, and the frigates will be delivered to Yokosuka, Japan.

There were originally 28 of the frigates, but Russia advised that one had run on the rocks.

Many Blazes Race Across NW Sections

By The Associated Press

An ocean fog rolled in today, checking a forest fire that threatened two North Oregon coastal communities, but scores of serious fires were being fought elsewhere in Western Oregon and Washington.

One fire fighter was killed last night when a tractor used in building a trail around a blaze 26 miles east of Molalla, Ore., rolled over on him. He was James B. Zachary, 41, a logging camp superintendent.

At least three of the Oregon-Washington fires were major and burning out of control. Scores of others were potential dynamite as an east wind picked up this morning following a night's lull.

A blaze that caused residents of the resort towns of Cannon Beach and Tolovana Park to pack up in readiness to flee last night, was calmed by a night mist. Fog was carried over it by an offshore wind at mid-morning and men directing some 200 fighters said it was "in hand" but not "under control." An east wind could kick it up again—and the weather bureau said such a wind was in prospect late today.

Smoke clouds hung over Western Washington and Oregon, hampering evaluation of fires and location of any ones that spotted the forested mountains in the wake of a searing wind yesterday.

Some 80 persons left farm and lumber camp homes west of McMinnville last night as three fires threatened to merge.

The coastal fire recalled the destruction of the beach town of Bandon 13 years ago yesterday. A grass fire swept into the town.

Foresters were fearful too that the McMinnville area fire may become worse. This fire zone was southwest of the 200,000 acre Tillamook burn area which was gutted in the 1930's of virgin forests in the worst forestry disaster of Oregon history.

The coast fire had scorched 2000 acres yesterday. The McMinnville area, some 2000 acres, was gutted up to over 1000 acres. In Southwest Washington, the Pinchot national forest had a 1500 acre timber fire. South of Grand Ronde, Ore., some 3000 acres were burning.

One farm home was destroyed yesterday, but McMinnville firemen saved 14 others in the Pea Vines canyon sector. Reports there said the fires along the mountains last night made the countryside look like a vast camp ground. In another small fire east of Portland a barn was leveled.

Sharp 'Quake Rocks Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 27 (AP)—A sharp earthquake rocked this area for about a full minute today at 7:31 (PS).

Chief U. S. Weather Forecaster Roy Fox said that it was "most severe in the five years I have been here." He said that the bureau had no way of measuring the severity of the quake.

The quake was generally felt in Portage and down the peninsula to Seward.

The only early damage reports were from Seward, where dishes were reported broken.

Meet the People



HATTIE BROWN at her sewing machine in a Klamath Falls cleaning establishment beams for the Meet the People photographer.