

NEW STEEL PEACE HOPE RAISED

Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS subject of man-hours of employment that can be got out of a log, which was mentioned by Governor McKay the other night, is a fascinating one. It lies at the root of the problem of industrial growth in all of Oregon's timbered areas. It is the core of the program of the Klamath County chamber of commerce for future industrial development in the Klamath Basin. So let's take another look at it.

It appears that in the past we have been getting about two man-days of employment—one in the woods and one in the mill—out of each thousand feet of lumber we have produced.

With our present five-day, 40-hour week, allowing for vacations, shut-downs, etc., it seems probable that about 200 man-days constitute an average man-year—that is to say, a year of employment for one man.

A million is a thousand thousands. So, at the rate of two man-days per thousand feet, we have been getting about 2000 man-days of employment out of each million feet of rough lumber. That would be one year of employment for ten men.

THESE figures check roughly with experience. Let's take Klamath county as an example. In 1942, Klamath county cut about 850 million feet. Using the formula of ten man-years per million feet, that would be one year's employment for 8500 men.

This best figures we have indicate that this was about the number of men employed in the lumber industry in Klamath county that year.

THIS is what I'm driving at: Producing chiefly rough lumber, Klamath county got employment for 8500 men (or somewhere near that figure) out of its lumber industry in its year of greatest cut—some 850 million feet.

IF, BY FURTHER REFINEMENT (remanufacturing is the term we are currently using) WE COULD GET SAY THREE TIMES AS MANY MAN-HOURS OUT OF EACH THOU AND FEET, 850 MILLION FEET would produce employment for more than 25,000 MEN.

LET'S put it the other way around. If, by further refinement of our raw product, we could get three times as many man-hours out of each thousand feet, a third as much cut would produce as much employment.

It seems likely from the figures we have that Klamath county's sustained cut will stabilize at about one-third of the 850 million feet cut in the top year of 1942.

SO, you see, if we can properly develop our remanufacturing industry—making doors, window sash, chairs, tables, ironing boards, kitchen cabinets, etc., instead of rough boards—we can obtain PERCENTUALLY as much employment as we got out of our biggest year's cut.

What goes for Klamath county, of course, goes for all of Southern Oregon. If we keep on getting more man-hours out of each log, there need be NO REDUCTION OF EMPLOYMENT as our immense output of finished products of timber are reduced.

When it is fully understood, it changes the whole picture of our future economy.

Soviets Link Tito, U.S. Woman 'Spy'

MOSCOW, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Soviet Literary Gazette declared today that Yugoslav Marshal Tito is often seen in Belgrade "in the company of an American spy, Singer Zinka Kuntz."

The article, carrying a Belgrade headline, said the singer was married to a Yugoslav general and had become "a dictator of generals for wives of ministers and admirals" in Belgrade.

Gifts
"This woman married Yugoslav Trotskyite General Ilich in New York and thus got into Yugoslavia," the article declared. "Expensive diamonds are given her by Tito."

In New York, a representative for a singer who was born Zinka Kuntz said it was "ridiculous" that the woman who became famous as Metropolitan Opera Soprano Zinka Milanov could be an American spy.

The representative, Jack Adams, said "she's only interested in her music and her clothes."

Bang-Shooting Hours

October 27—
Open: 8:03 a. m.
Close: 4:04 p. m.

Atom Talks Fail; Blame Put on RUSS

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 26 (AP)—The United States and four other powers declared today secret atomic talks have failed because the Russians put national interests above world security.

The report came from the U. S. State Dept. in London, China and Canada. It was Britain along with a formal report of closed-door conferences they had with the Soviet Union in seeking to end the East-West deadlock.

Russia First
The report said "the government of the USSR puts its sovereignty first and is unwilling to accept measures which may impinge or interfere with its rigid exercise of unimpeded state sovereignty."

The Russians refused in the closed meetings to talk about disclosures of atomic explosions in the Soviet Union.

Cripps Warns U.S. Charity Not Solution

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps solemnly warned Britain today it could not exist on the charity of the United States.

Opening a two-day debate in the house of commons on the government's new 260,000,000 pounds (\$784,000,000) economy drive, the chancellor of the exchequer declared:

"At the root of our success or failure lies our own capacity to produce. The only real solution for our difficulties is more and more economical and efficient production."

Dollar Imports
The cut in dollar imports—such as tobacco, food, cotton and gasoline—and a slash in government spending are essential, he said, "but cannot of itself bring success."

He said Britain wants to be able to afford a high standard of living "not through the charity of some friendly people, but because we can and do produce enough, currently to supply all our own wants."

County Gets \$65,455 In School Funds

Klamath county is \$65,455 richer today, the county's share of the first half of the 1949-50 fiscal year's apportionment of the state and county school fund.

The apportionment, made by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, is based on \$10 per year for each child between the ages of 4 and 20. Counties use the money to reduce property taxes.

Lake county: Douglas, \$8700; Deschutes, \$31,575; Coquille, \$68,530; Jackson, \$73,520; Josephine, \$37,215.

Britain Kicks About McCloy

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Britain has protested to the United States that statements made by High Commissioner John J. McCloy are seriously harming Western policies in Germany.

Diplomatic officials who reported this today said McCloy is going back to Washington early next week for special talks with Secretary of State Dean Acheson. They said he is expected to pass through London.

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POTATO CENTER—Merrill, shown here in a shot taken from the top of the town's water tank, is saluted this week by Klamath Falls residents, merchants and the chamber of commerce. A complete photorial covering Merrill scenes will be found on page 10.

Dragnet Out For Negro Prowl Suspect

A Negro man who reportedly entered two homes on Jefferson street was the object of an extensive search for several hours yesterday afternoon and last night but eluded police and had not been located today.

He was last seen when he ran through the new gymnasium being built at Sacred Heart school.

Two Entries
According to city police, the man entered the home of E. W. Moccabee, 535 Jefferson, and of C. E. Cummings, 521 Jefferson, about 3:30 yesterday afternoon but was scared off at both places.

At the Cummings home Mrs. Cummings was resting in a bedroom when the prowler appeared at the bedroom door. He was chased out of the house and down the street by the family dog.

Police called to the scene spotted the man and took up pursuit. He ran toward Sacred Heart academy and there several members of the academy football team also took up the chase. But the elusive prowler shook off his pursuers at the construction job and disappeared.

Police kept up the hunt in the hill neighborhood for several hours.

The Negro was described as dark, between 35 and 40 years of age apparently and of medium height.

Residents of Bristol street in the 3300 block had similar happenings Sunday and Monday nights when a man entered one home there Sunday but was chased away, and attempted to enter another home Monday.

Coroner Calls Fatal Plane Crash Inquest

Siskiyou County Coroner Roy Noble of Mt. Shasta has ordered an inquest in the fatal plane crash last Saturday morning which claimed the lives of Pilot Claude Stephens of Klamath Falls and Valmont Kittle, San Gabriel businessman, on the Clark Fensler ranch near Tulelake.

A third passenger in the plane, John Harvey Kittle, is recovering from second degree burns in Klamath Valley hospital here.

"Routine"
The coroner said the inquest was "routine" and would be held at the Tulelake city hall as soon as Ralph McMurry, Siskiyou county court reporter, was available.

Mrs. Valmont Kittle remains under care of a physician in her trailer house at the Ben Schultz boat landing where the Kittle party was staying during the hunting season.

FILE-UP
PORTLAND, Oct. 26 (AP)—Seven cars piled up on the Broadway bridge at the peak morning traffic hour today, closing the bridge completely for 20 minutes. Police said cars running too close together on wet pavement was responsible.

Potato Harvest Ends; Earliest in History

The last spuds were carted from the fields to the cellars today as the big Klamath basin potato harvest was wound up—earliest on record. Total acreage in the basin, as spud planting went, was 19,227.3, some 2000 more acres than planted last year.

Last year's yield ran around 49 bushels per acre, but this year the yield will only average about 70 per cent of that amount, according to County Agent Charles A. Henderson who attributed the production loss to the heavy June frost which blackened scores of fields.

Frost Free
Where fields were untouched by the summer freeze, there was a fine yield, some plots running around 475 sacks per acre.

Farmers are heartened by the fact that the market is better this year than last with spuds selling above support. Support on commercials is \$1.60 per hundred pounds. The market the early part of the week was as high as \$3 for No. 1's but had gone to around \$3.25 by Wednesday.

'Around Support'
Klamath 2's and 3's (small 1's) are selling right around support, Henderson said, with an occasional car purchased by the government. These spuds will go for stockfeed and are selling below support.

Transient workers have pulled out of the basin and have gone south for the Southern California valley field work. Cellar jobs in this territory are being done by local labor.

SWAP
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson indicated today the United States is considering swapping 1,000,000 tons of American wheat for Indian manganese and mica.

'Check Flash' Trips Alleged Check Artist

Lyle Polk Grace, 35, of Twisp, Wash., ran afoul of the "check flash" system of communications between business houses here yesterday and consequently is held in the county jail on a charge of forgery.

He is also wanted in Grants Pass for the same thing.

First Try
Grace first came to police notice yesterday morning when he attempted to cash a \$20 check at the Juckeland motor company.

The check was drawn on a local bank and signed by "Carl Anderson and Sons." Grace reportedly said his firm was doing some work for the state highway department and had opened an account at the bank the day before.

But a suspicious cashier learned from the bank there was no such account and notified police that a "bad check" passer was at work.

Watched
From then on Grace was under surveillance while merchants were notified of his activities. Meanwhile, a message had been received from Grants Pass saying a felony warrant was held for him there.

At least three checks reportedly passed by Grace turned up—one for \$25 at the Klamath Army store, one for \$15 at Baisler motor company and one for \$25 at the Hart hotel, where he was staying, and he was reported to have attempted to get rid of several others.

Confession
About noon yesterday Grace was arrested at a Klamath avenue cafe and readily admitted authoring the bogus checks. A charge of forgery was placed against him by Dan Ehrheart, assistant manager of the Army store. In justice court Grace waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury under \$1500 bail.

The arrest of Grace was the first attributable to the direct operation of the "check flash" system set up for protection of merchants.

Red Cross Volunteer Setup Studied

Mrs. Richard J. Maxwell, volunteer service chairman for the Klamath county Red Cross, and Mrs. Kenneth B. Hall, volunteer field consultant, are conferring this week on organization of volunteer activities in the county.

Mrs. Hall is a Clackamas county volunteer worker in addition to her post as field consultant for the national Red Cross, and visits various Red Cross areas giving advice and assistance on volunteer activities.

Vets Hospitals
Mrs. Maxwell is stressing Klamath county's participation in the veterans hospital programs at Medford and Roseburg which, while not in this area, are of interest to the county because veterans from this community are sent to the two hospitals.

Volunteers will endeavor to contact service clubs and other interested groups to advise them of the needs of the hospitals and solicit their assistance.

Mrs. Hall will also meet with project workers, Junior Red Cross volunteers and other chapter workers while she is here.

Amtorg Agrees To Obey Law

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (AP)—Russia's Amtorg Trading corporation announced today that it will obey the law requiring it to register under the foreign agents registration act.

The corporation and six officials were indicted last Friday on charges of failure to register.

Announcement that the Soviet purchasing agency will comply with the law was made at a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Edward W. McDonald on the question of removing five of the officials from New York to Washington, where the indictment was handed down.

Maryland Plane Crash Kills 4

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Oct. 26 (AP)—A private plane plummeted out of an overcast sky and crashed into the side of a hill last night, killing four persons, including H. L. Straus, a wealthy horseman.

The plane was owned by the American Totalizer company, of which Straus was president.

Others aboard were identified as Arthur J. Johnston of Baltimore, general manager of the company; Walter H. Maier and Delbert Raymond Osborne, both from West Palm Beach, Fla. Maier and Osborne were pilot and co-pilot.

Britain Ponders Greece Pull-Out

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said today Britain now is considering whether to withdraw some of her 3000 troops stationed in Greece.

He told the house of commons he hoped to make a statement on the question of the troops soon.

Hang the Food, Doll Up The Service

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26 (AP)—A Philadelphia restaurant has favored its suggestion box for customers after a two-day trial.

The reason:
Of 35 notes deposited in the box the first day, 34 suggested prettier waitresses. On the second day, 28 of 40 made the same recommendation.

Not one suggestion mentioned the food being served.

Weatherman Says Warmer, Cloudy, Rain

Fog and haze shrouded the Klamath country this morning, but with cloudy weather will come warmer temperatures, the weather bureau forecasts.

The fog was just a slight sample of a heavy blanket which has covered the Northwest for some days.

Football fans planning to be in Grants Pass for the Klamath-Grants game Friday night were eyeing weather forecasts anxiously hoping for clear weather for the ride over the Grants Springs highway.

No Comment
The weatherman has no comment yet on Friday's weather, but predicts continued cloudiness with light rain tonight, and showers Thursday. Instead of dipping into the 20's where it has been consistently, the mercury will hit a low of about 39 tonight, the weather bureau says.

Czech's Spy Charge Trick, Says Acheson

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today spy charges brought by Czechoslovakia's communist government against U. S. embassy employees in Prague are "obviously trumped up."

He announced however, that the United States had "succeded to the request" to withdraw two accused American diplomats from their assignments in Prague. He said that the embassy is attempting to see a third American representative, who lacked diplomatic status and who was imprisoned Friday by the Czech government on spy charges.

Accused
The two regular diplomats whose recall the Czechs demanded on 24-hour notice are John G. Heyn, assistant attaché in the political department, and Isaac Patch, the political attaché. The man thrown into prison is Samuel Meryn, embassy clerk, who has been held incommunicado since Friday.

Dallas Blast Injures 14

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 26 (AP)—Fourteen persons were injured, three seriously, when an explosion late last night ripped apart a four-apartment building in a housing project.

The blast and what residents of the stucco structure called a flash of flame left it a mass of debris—caved-in walls, smashed furniture and crazily crumbled roof.

It threw some persons in nearby units in the Cedar Springs housing project in North Dallas out of bed. Every one in the building was hurt.

Battleline Fire Chief J. W. Owens said he had no idea what caused the explosion.

RADIOMAN INJURED

PORTLAND, Oct. 26 (AP)—Delmar M. (Sammy) Taylor, announcer and disc jockey for radio station KWJ, was injured early today as his car failed to make a curve and crashed into a tree. He suffered a leg injury, cut lips and possible rib fractures.

Meet the People



U.S. Steel Head Hints Compromise

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—An industry leader's suggestion that a steel strike compromise is possible encouraged government officials today in their efforts to settle the coal-strike.

These officials saw a chance of getting company-union peace talks started, on the steel pension financing dispute.

They pinned their hopes on remarks made by Chairman Irving S. Olds of the U. S. Steel corporation in New York yesterday after a board of directors meeting.

Olds reminded newsmen that neither U. S. Steel nor the striking CIO Steelworkers union has made a direct move to resume negotiations since the strike began October 1.

"Sensible"
"It seems to me," Olds said, "the sensible thing would be to sit down and see how far we could get toward agreeing on a pension program. We might even reach some common ground on contributory and non-contributory features."

He implied that the amount of proposed pension and insurance might provide a basis for bargaining. That issue has never come up, he said, because of disagreement over another matter.

Stumbling Block
U. S. Steel has agreed to install a pension-insurance plan for workers costing up to 10 cents an hour, but insists the employees contribute something, too. Philip Murray, head of the CIO and the striking union, has insisted on a presidential board's recommendation that the workers contribute nothing.

It is this question, Olds said, which has blocked discussion of actual amounts.

U. S. Steel's directors, declaring a regularly quarterly dividend, announced that the corporation's net income for the first nine months of this year was \$13,232,409. This compared with \$8,942,150 for the same 1948 period.

KF Fugitive Said Held By Roseburg

Robert Steven Gordon, second man wanted here in connection with an ambitious bad check flurry last summer, was reported to be in custody in Roseburg.

Gordon is reportedly implicated with Louis E. Murphy, a soldier, in passing over 4500 bad checks in this area. Murphy was indicted here for larceny by impersonation but his case has been resubmitted to the grand jury because of a clerical error in the indictment.

'Alteration'
Sheriff Jack Franey said Gordon is charged with forgery by alteration and his bail is set at \$2500. He will be brought here from Roseburg.

The two men purportedly passed numerous checks drawn on the Arundel construction company, a firm working on the Tokotee Falls dam project.

Meet the People



RANDEL FOSTER completes a florist's piece on which he was working when the curious Meeter the People photographer happened to drop in on him. Foster has been at this work for a number of years.