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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE remnants of the Chinese nationalist government abandon mainland China to the reds and retire to the fortified island of Formosa . . . in Bulgaria, thecommunist government is trying alleged TRAITORS TO COMMUNISM and the suspects are "confessing" in the customary and to us mystifying manner . . . at Lake Success United Nations is wrestling with the problem of what to do with China's membership now that the communists have China in their grip.

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HO, hum. Kinda dull, isn't it? Let's shift over to the price of coffee, and why.

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THE National Coffee association is meeting at Boca Raton, in Florida, and quite a few of its members are picking on the housewife as the villain in the coffee drama. They say when the price bounced she began to buy by the case instead of by the pound. This buying bulge, they allege, kited the price still higher.

They mutter in their beards that if she'll stop hoarding the price of Java will level off.

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Market reports tell us this morning that coffee prices have STEADIED, and many storekeepers assert that coffee sales have dropped below normal as consumers START USING UP EXCESS SUPPLIES they bought during the scare a few weeks ago.

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HERE the search for the villain in the coffee plot shifts to Brazil. Some of our U. S. government officials think the Brazilians may have EXAGGERATED the effect of their drouth and started jacking up the price of raw coffee more than the situation justified.

Brazilians, you know, DON'T VOTE IN OUR ELECTIONS, so it's politically safe to point the finger at them as the culprit.

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OTHERS (that is to say, other government officials) at this point put the finger on our old friend the SPECULATOR. It seems, according to their story, that a while back it looked like the price of coffee might GO DOWN, so a lot of nasty traders "sold short" (meaning that they contracted to deliver coffee later at a lower price.) But the price went up, and the rush to "cover" (stock market language for going into the market and buying the coffee you've contracted to deliver) sent the price zooming skyward.

(That, too, is relatively safe politically, as everybody knows there aren't enough "speculators" to swing elections.)

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NOTE:

Up to date, nobody has paid any attention to figures showing we're drinking about three times as much coffee as we used to drink back in the olden golden days.

When I was a kid in high school wrestling with elementary economics and later on a stripling in college going to the mat with tougher and higher-up economics, that quaint theory prevailed that prices were

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Bus Ambushed, Seven Killed

MANILA, Dec. 8 (AP) — Seven persons, including four children, were killed last night in a burst of gunfire that struck a bus near Lipa City in Batangas province.

Responsibility for the shooting has not been fixed. A Herald correspondent who witnessed the in crossfire between constabularymen and unidentified dissidents.

Constabulary Chief, Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos denied the constabulary was involved. He said the bus was ambushed by political dissidents battling constabularymen in Batangas province.

Two Strikes End; Others Threatening

By The Associated Press

The nation s only major strike, involving some 17,000 workers in nine aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) plants, was over today but in New York City a wage and hour dispute threatened a pre-Christmas transit slowdown.

Alcoa's nine plants began opening today after a settlement which gives its CIO United Steelworkers wage adjustments, pensions and insurance. The agreement, reached yesterday, provides $100 monthly minimum pensions, including social security, and social insurance benefits. The strike began October 17.

The threat to slow down New York's transit facilities came from the CIO Transport Workers union. The union told the city's board of transportation that unless it acted "very promptly" on demands for higher wages and shorter hours there soon would be "a serious disruption of service."

Union Rebuffed

Mayor William O'Dwyer, however, rejected the union's demands and told the TWU not to engage in any slowdowns.

John L. Lewis awaited fresh signers after having negotiated contracts with coal operators representing an annual production of 7,340,000 tons of fuel. Most of his miners took their first day off under the new three-day work week.

Lewis is trying to use the short work week as a lever against operators still holding fast against his contract demands.

Operators who signed with Lewis have returned to a full five-day week. Lewis predicted "additional tonnage will sign" soon.

Oak Ridge Peace

At Oak Ridge, Tenn., a four-day strike of construction workers on the government's giant atomic project ended. R. W. Cook, manager of Oak Ridge operations for the atomic energy commission, said "it looks like a wholesale back-to-work movement."

No official reason was given for the walkout, which involved about 3000 workers. It was understood, however, that it was in protest against the use of non-union workers by one contractor.

Ward, Staff Believed At Tientsin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP) — The state department received advices today indicating that Angus Ward and the American consulate group from Mukden may now be at the North China port of Tientsin.

A message from the U. S. consul general at Tientsin said the group's special train had passed Tangsan.

Based on the timing of the message, state department officials figured the Ward party of 20 should have arrived in Tientsin about 8 a.m. (PST) today.

Ward, a career diplomat and the American consul general at Mukden, has been a virtual prisoner there for more than a year.

The Chinese reds refused repeated requests for transportation out. Finally they threw Ward in jail and kept him there for a month on what the state department called "trumped up" charges of beating and insulting two Chinese in a wage dispute. A "people's court" then ordered him "expelled" from the country.

EVEN THE TOTS GIVE—Eddie Fernlund, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fernlund, Bonanza, is dropping his contribution in the Salvation Army's Christmas kettle. Fred Schreiter, blind Salvation Army member, is on duty with the kettle.

California Airliner Crack-Up Kills Nine

Indians Ask Agent, Clerk Be Removed

By BILL JENKINS

Meeting places on the Klamath Indian reservation echoed to complaints and requests yesterday as tribal members gathered to lay problems before William Zimmerman, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs, during his tour of the area.

Biggest issue of the day was the tribal demand that R. H. Bitney, agent, and George Smith, chief clerk, be transferred from their present posts. A resolution was filed by the council last August asking the transfer and charging that Bitney had "failed to cooperate with the Indians, had spent too much, had failed to turn over records on the tribal herd and bull pool and had been consistently rude to the members of the tribe."

Charge

Smith was charged, in the same resolution with "going out of his way to enforce regulations, thus putting Indians to great expense and embarrassment over individual monies."

Much of these same complaints were voiced at the hearings held yesterday at Sprague River, Beatty and Chiloquin.

The Chiloquin delegation, by an almost unahimous vote, demanded that agency employes, Bitney and Smith, be excluded from the meeting. The motion was made on the grounds that the Indians would not speak freely in their presence. Bitney and Smith left without protest, but Zimmerman pointed out to those present that the action served no purpose, in many ways defeated their (the tribe's) aims and was not "wisely thought out."

Protests

Individual protests made at the meetings almost all centered around the question of funds and the handling of the children's money. Most Indians expressed the belief that the current rules and regulations were being too strictly enforced, that they had been outmoded by advancing times and that they could no longer live on the amount of money allotted them.

They were dissatisfied with the amount of money paid them, felt that funds should be available for emergencies and that more flexibility should be allowed in the interpretation of the rulings.

Zimmerman and Bitney replied to these charges that it is not the duty of the local agent to make the laws and regulations, only to enforce them. The rules are made by congress and can be changed only by an act of congress.

Funds Flexibility

Zimmerman expressed himself as being in favor of certain changes in the present regulations which would bring about a more flexible

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Two Insane Escapees May Be Near Here

Possibility that two escapees from the Oregon state insane hospital had come into the Klamath area and possibly moved on into California was raised today with recovery of an automobile stolen from Salem.

The two fugitives are Marion Watson, 21, and Robert Melvin Burr, 23, both criminally insane and considered dangerous.

Four men broke away from the hospital at Salem the night of December 2, and two have been recaptured.

Car

The car recovered here is a 1937 Dodge sedan, bearing Oregon license 333-668, and was reported stolen from the vicinity of the state hospital December 4. It was abandoned on a side road off the state line road below Worden, just inside the Oregon border.

Apparently the car was abandoned Sunday night or Monday.

It was brought to Klamath Falls by state police to be examined for fingerprints in an effort to determine whether Burr and Watson drove it here.

Search for the fugitives has centered in the Willamette valley and Portland.

Officer and Captive Killed in Portland Escape Gun Battle

PORTLAND, Dec. 8 (AP)—A handcuffed prisoner grabbed a special patrolman's gun early today and in the ensuing struggle both men were fatally wounded.

Aaron Robert Ball, 39, a special patrolman for nine years, died in a hospital. His prisoner, Louis C. Fugent, 46, surprised while prowling a tire shop on S. E. Powell boulevard, was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Ball had handcuffed Fugent's arms behind his back, then turned to a telephone to call the tire shop manager. Fugent, identified by Detective Rudolph Bouwman as a former convict with a long police record, backed up to Ball, pulled the patrolman's gun from its holster and fired.

The men struggled through three rooms as Ball sought to wrest the pistol from Fugent. When he finally got it, he fired as Fugent made a break for the door. Fugent fell mortally wounded. Ball staggered into the street and collapsed.

Detectives said the story of the struggle was reconstructed from brief questioning of Ball before he died and from evidence at the scene.

Police said they believed Fugent had been associated earlier with Charles Cottam, shot to death November 19 as he attempted to enter a veterinary hospital across the street from the scene of today's shooting.

Britain Eyes Today's Vote As Key Sign

BRADFORD, England, Dec. 8 (AP) Britain watched a special election to fill a vacancy in parliament today for signs of how the political wind may blow in the general election next spring.

Voters of the South Bradford constituency — one of four in this woolen mill city of 25,000 — are electing a new member of the house of commons. The former laborite member, M. F. Titterington, died recently.

Broad Issues

The local campaign has been fought on broad national issues — labor versus conservatives —with laborite Prime Minister Clement Attlee and opposition leader Winston Churchill both throwing their personal weight into the battle.

Just before the polls opened Attlees party sent War Minister Emanuel Shinwell to the bleak mill town to stump for the socialist platform of full employment, benefits of labor's health and social services and fair shares for all. The conservatives sent deputy opposition leader Anthony Eden up to attack the rising cost of living caused by devaluation and speak against nationalization of industry — against socialism in general.

The labor candidate's wife, 43-year-old Mrs. Doris Craddock, died this morning shortly after the polls opened. She fell ill six days ago while helping her husband in the campaign.

This is the first election in England since the government devalued the pound at the peak of a economic crisis last September. Living costs have risen slightly since then. Conservatives hope the hard-pressed constituents will turn to them for a letup in austerity.

New Potato, Vitamin Rich

SEATTLE, Dec. 8 (AP)—A new variety of potato which may increase greatly the nation's supply of vitamin C was described here today.

Dr. Kenneth Beeson, director of the U.S. plant, soil and nutrition laboratory at Ithaca, N.Y., told of its development at the laboratory.

The new spud has not been named. He said in an interview it is suited especially for growing in the Northeastern states, but that the same vitamin-producing qualities can be in-bred in potatoes in other regions.

UNMERRY CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP) — The Christmases are not so merry today. A burglar entered the flat of Mrs. Phyllis Christmas and stole £14 ($39.20) she had saved to buy Christmas presents for Diana, 8, and Richard Christmas, 7.

Fair Sex Fairness

Women Are Here to Stay Forevermore, Thank Heavens!

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—What is the matter with girls?

Why is it that when girl babies are born, the average congratulator congratulates as if he really didn't mean it? And why is it that the proud father sometimes acts as if he were embarrassed about it all?

There's no reason for this. I have wound up a little research project, and can faithfully report: Women are here to stay.

Right now there are 800,000 more females (a census bureau word, not mine) than males in the U. S.

High Places

Eight women are in the house of representatives, and a ninth will join them in January. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me) is a senator. And at least one other woman, Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Calif), wants to be a senator too.

Mrs. Smith has said she thinks it would be nice for the republicans to run a woman for vice president. She was too shy to mention names, but I don't think she meant Mrs. Alben W. Barkley.

Women fill all sorts of lesser posts. They are truckers, glassblowers, cops, printers, mail carriers, tanners, steamfitters, embalmers and Western Union (you'll excuse the expression) boys.

Look where we'd be if there were no women.

Without the little dears, we would have no Mother's Day, no beauty pageants at Atlantic City, no grass skirts, no bobby sox, no mothers-in-law.

True, the picture has another side, a brighter side.

If there were no women, Al Jolson couldn't sing, "Mammy!," advertising men would have to think of some way to peddle their beer and cigarettes besides running pictures of cuties, and calendar makers would have to give up on that Indian lady in the canoe.

Good!

Still, the women are definitely with us, and I, for one, am glad. Yes, —.

When Margery Ann checked in 12 years ago, I was conscious of some condescending remarks. Especially from those who had spawned boys.

When Evelyn arrived nine years ago, so did the jibes.

When Judith appeared four years ago, the jibes turned to hoots.

And then, over the week-end, the doctor broke the news this way:

"Well, it's another girl." (short pause). "Heh, heh!"

Let him laugh. Susan was welcome. We haven't had much of a chance to get to know her, but she looks as if she'll be a wonderful girl.

Wreckage Found Near Vallejo

VALLEJO, Calif., Dec. 8 (AP)—Bodies of six adults and three children have been recovered from the wreckage of an airliner, a ground party radioed today.

The radio was intercepted by the Benicia police department, Chief of Police Vincent Warren of Benicia said. The ground crew said the plane had not burned but the wreckage was spread over a wide area.

The California Arrow Airways plane crashed last night in hilly country shortly after a takeoff from the Oakland airport.

The scene was placed at six miles from here and about two to four miles from Benicia.

No Survivors

The sheriff's branch office here said it was unable to confirm the number of dead but that there were no survivors.

In Benicia, the rescue operations ere watched through powerful field glasses by Mrs. Elizabeth Peltier. She telephoned he Vallejo Times-Herald that the ground crew drove within a mile of the wreckage.

Passengers

At Burbank, Calif., the civil aeronautics board listed these passengers aboard the plane:

James S. Garnett, pilot.
Meade Dillon, co-pilot.
Susan Devore, stewardess.
Mrs. George Batchelor and son, Pat, Torrance.
Mrs. Elsie Kimball and infant son, Pasadena.

(In Pasadena, John Morrison said his daughter, Mrs. Marian Kimball, and two sons, Leland III, 3 years old, and John Wesley, 1, were aboard.)

A Mr. Fighey, Laguna Beach.

Atom Probers Trail Russ Shipments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—House probers are on the trail of more wartime atomic shipments to Russia—shipments number 4 and 5.

They have reason to believe perhaps 500 pounds of uranium compound reached the Reds around July of 1944. And they think they may be able to spot proof that the Russians got 1000 grams of heavy water.

The un-American activities committee also is trying to find out just what former lend-lease officials William C. Moore and James P. Hoopes had to do with shipment number two back in the spring of 1943.

Why?

It wants to know why Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, boss of the atom bomb project, was reported to have approved the shipment when Groves said he didn't.

The committee is exploring, too, an idea that the Soviets might have side-stepped the lend-lease administration to get some atomic materials elsewhere.

But xcept for some checking on items like these by the committee staff, the latest atomic explosion on Capitol Hill apparently has just about subsided until December 19.

Moore, Hoopes, and former Vice President Henry A. Wallace may be witnesses then.

Wallace Chance

Wallace will get a chance to deny under oath what Groves has already denied for him—that Wallace put on pressure and overruled Groves to get atomic materials for the Soviets. Wallace has termed this "sheerest fabrication."

It was a radio commentator, Fulton Lewis Jr., who said Wallace was the source of pressure.

Wallace telegraphed the committee that "I would like to meet my traducers face-to-face before your committee at the earliest possible moment."

Groves, now retired, told the committee yesterday that the late Harry L. Hopkins, White House adviser and lend-lease expediter, didn't apply pressure on him either.

TRAFFIC DEATH

PORTLAND, Dec. 8 (AP)—Pedestrian Gustav W. Lesch, 79, Portland, was injured fatally last night when struck by a car southeast of the city.

Red Bloc Fails To Defeat U. S. Authored Plan

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—The United Nations assembly today called on all the world to keep hands off China and to respect her treaties. The assembly also decided to keep a continuing watch over the Chinese problem—and Nationalist charges of Soviet intrusion—by referring it to the year-round little assembly.

The hands-off policy was initiated by the United States with four other powers as co-sponsors.

Nationalist China had urged strong action condemning Russia as an aggressor and urging all nations to refrain from diplomatic recognition of the Chinese Communists. The Chinese delegation, however, agreed to shunt the problem to the little assembly after it became apparent it faced certain defeat on its own resolution.

Surprise

The quick disposition of the Chi-Most delegates had expected the debate to continue throughout the day. This made adjournment of the 1949 assembly by tomorrow virtually certain.

The assembly put over until tomorrow its final action on a committee-approved plan to make Jerusalem an international city, a project that has failed in the last two years and is opposed by the occupying powers, Israel and Hashemite Jordan.

The assembly adjourned at 11:23 a. m. after meeting only 37 minutes. It will meet again at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow when it hopes to clear its calendar.

No Russ Mention

The American plan—also sponsored by Australia, Mexico, Pakistan and the Philippines—made no specific mention of Russia.

The five-power resolution was approved first by a vote of 22 to 4, with 3 abstaining, and many of the 59 national delegations absent. Chile challenged the vote on the ground that no quorum was present. On the second ballot the proposal was approved by a vote of 45 to 5 with no abstentions.

The negative votes were cast by the Soviet bloc.

'LUCIA BRIDE'—Norma Freeman, 20, of Chicago wears a crown of six lighted candles after being chosen "American Lucia Bride" or "Queen of Light" in New York City. She and four runners-up will fly to Stockholm, Sweden, to participate in the Christmas holiday Santa Lucia festival. The festival is held in honor of Lucia, a Sicilian girl who was burned at the stake for witchcraft in the year 304 A. D.

Two Wreck Principals Fined $25

Two soldiers involved in an accident which injured Mr. and Mrs. George C. Rice on highway 97 north late Wednesday morning, were charged with traffic violations, brought to justice court at Chiloquin and fined $25 before going on their way to report to a Tucson, Ariz., air base.

Arrested by state police were Pfc. Raymond A. Fox and Pfc. Harold G. Watson, both of headquarters, Seattle air base. They were drivers of two coupes, one of which attempted to pass a sander on the crest of a hill, crashing into the northbound Rice car.

In Hospital

Mrs. Rice, mother of Don Rice of Dairy, remains in Klamath Valley hospital with injuries but her condition was reported good today. Mr. Rice, who headed Klamath Basin Seed company here for a number of years, was dismissed following treatment for cuts and bruises.

Kermit Sheets of Klamath Falls, whose car was following the Rice machine and plowed into the rear, suffered a hand cut. Another soldier, Pfc. Otto Pfeiffer, suffered minor cuts and bruises. Pfc. Robert Graham was uninjured.

It's Up To You, M'lady

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 8 (AP)—"Bare your bosom lady, but do it coyly."

That's fashion advice from Marusia, whose spring and summer collection for 1950 is bosom-accented, but more subtle than the daring plunging neckline of last season.

The dresses which have a deep center slash, also have exaggerated collars of huge revers which may be pushed up around the throat or draped around the shoulders. In other words, you decide yourself whether to cover up or reveal, and how much.

Another demure bosom-baring device was illustrated with the deep square decolletage. As much or more of the chest is visible, but it doesn't have the seductive look of the vertical plunge.

Meet the People

THE DAY'S BUSINESS started early today as the Meet the People photographer snapped Sam Neslin at the entrance of his Main street store.