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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENNINS

A few days back Col. James Handley, head of the U.S. Eighth army war crimes section, reported that since the Korean war began about 13,000 United Nations and South Korean soldiers have been slaughtered by the reds after being taken prisoner.

Of these, he added, about 5500 were Americans.

Yesterday the reds went into action. Broadcasting from Peiping (China) and Pyongyang (North Korea) they accused United Nations forces of killing or fatally wounding 17,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners of war and of shipping out 1000 more for use in atomic tests.

Why this weird comeback by the reds? Are they just children "sneaking back" at our side? I think so. They are COM-MUNIST. Communists are past masters of the art of propaganda. As such, they know that if they answer our charge that they butchered thousands of our prisoners of war with a counter-charge that we butchered STILL MORE THOUSANDS of their prisoners of war the result will be to cause millions of people throughout the world to BELIEVE BOTH SIDES.

That's about the long and the short of it. Such is propaganda—and propaganda is an inseparable part of modern war.

Is that true only of modern war? Of course not. Propaganda has always been a part of war. The basic purpose of propaganda is to trickery, and it has always been known that if you can trick your enemy you will have him at a disadvantage. That was the purpose of the Greeks when they left the wooden horse outside the walls of Troy.

Propaganda, if you can get it believed, is useful in gaining allies for yourself and in preventing your enemy from gaining allies. It always has been used in war and it always will be.

The point is that in earlier centuries communications were slow and inefficient. It took a long time for news (true or false) to travel by word of mouth. Modern communications are fantastically swift and well organized. Within a matter of minutes, statements (whether true or lies) can travel ALL OVER THE EARTH.

That is why propaganda is increasingly useful in war.

Propaganda, unfortunately, is also one of the mainstays of politics. If you can put out a dis-credible story about your political opponent and get it believed you have him where you want him. In politics, as in war, the fabulous speed and efficiency of modern communications makes propaganda THEORETICALLY more useful now than ever before.

Notice, please, the word "theoretical." I think perhaps propaganda may be defeating itself here in our country, and in other enlightened and sophisticated countries. Personally, I'm finding it practically impossible to believe ANY statement that has ANY political implications. I just put it down instinctively as propaganda and let it go in at one ear and out of the other.

I imagine there are many, many people who feel as I do about it.

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Mark Smith Named By Mayor To Fill Ward Three City Council Position

A two weeks' accumulation of small business and some large matters were on the agenda of the Klamath Falls city council last night. The session lasted well over three hours, and first business was the appointment of Mark Smith to fill the vacant position of council member in Ward Three.

Smith was nominated by Mayor Bob Thompson as Ward Three councilman, and confirmed by the remainder of the council. He was called to the city hall and sworn in by Police Judge Bob Elder.

Mark Smith replaces Jim Kaler as councilman of Ward Three. Kaler resigned because of the pressure of business and personal affairs. Smith operates a filling station equipment business at 155 E. Main.

His appointment puts two Smiths on the council. Wendell Smith represents Ward Five. Mark Smith's term runs until the next general election.

Business last night included: Approval of just \$3150 worth of building permits.

Approval of 1952 alcoholic beverage licenses for Stevens hotel bar, Moose, Valler's, VFW, Molar's, Kern bar, Buffalo Lunch, Alameda grocery, Dick Walters, Louie's food store, M and M grocery, S. 6th market, Pelican cafe, Carol's cash grocery, Buena Vista grocery, Emil's No. 1 and Emil's No. 2, Unique market, Eagles, Bill's tavern, Sunrise, Dismick, Elka, Spot tavern and Waldorf.

Approval of 1952 hotel licenses for Hot Springs and Ascent hotels.

Approval of a 1952 second hand license for the Clothes Mart, and restaurant licenses for Squeeze

Ex-Husband Uses Former Wife As Shield In Battle With Police; Woman Shot

PORTLAND, (U)—Police and a man holding his divorced wife as a shield traded shots at close range last night in an apartment building here. When the shooting was over, the ex-wife was seriously wounded, two policemen and the apartment manager had been nicked and the ex-husband was gone.

Within three hours, though a police road block at Corvallis netted the ex-husband, Thomas G. Reames, 29, and he was returned here and booked on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, with bail at \$10,000.

This morning Good Samaritan hospital attendants reported the condition of the former Mrs. Reames, known by her maiden name of Dorothea Linn, as "serious," with a bullet wound in her back. It was supposed this was from one of the police guns, but that was not certain. Only a shotgun was seen in Reames' hands. Reames, unscratched in the shooting at 805 S.W. Vista avenue, was in court last February on Miss Linn's charge he threatened her with a gun. The charge was continued indefinitely and he was ordered to stay away from her.

Police Sgt. Joe Friedhoff said Miss Linn and James E. McKillop, both employees of Associated Lumber Companies, Inc., were alone in the drug's office in the Yeon building in downtown Portland yesterday when Reames entered, carrying a shotgun.

There was an argument, overheard by occupants of an adjoining office, and the three then left by the building elevator with Reames holding the shotgun on the other two, the desk sergeant said. Reames made jesting comments to other occupants of the elevator and they apparently were unassuming. The three then drove around the West Hills section of the city and finally went to Miss Linn's apartment. McKillop said he thought Reames had decided that all he wanted to do was to talk with his

Yule Opening Program Set

Most city stores will remain open even though the four Fridays preceding Christmas, according to the Klamath Merchants Assoc. Beginning November 2, the stores are to remain open until 9 p. m. on the four Fridays.

A crew of city workers, directed by City Street Supt. Frank Steele, has been working at night for the past few days getting the Christmas decorations up on Main street.

Saturday is Christmas opening day with the annual parade scheduled for 11 a. m.

Tomorrow night merchants are to unveil their Christmas window displays in competition for Merchants Assoc. prizes.

Featuring this year's parade are to be more than 30 giant balloons and novelties seen in big parades across the nation. The giant balloons, some 14 feet high, depict famed nursery rhyme figures, clowns, animals, etc.

Directed a study and call for bids for repairing lighting of S. 6th viaduct, where the lights are completely gone now. Three electric companies have already looked at the job and made bids.

City Engineer Carl Thomas said the work would cost about \$1000 since the whole structure has to be rewired. The city still is trying to get the highway department to build a new viaduct and plans a commission meeting to argue for the construction.

BOND PURCHASE Approval of the purchase of five \$10,000 bonds with park board money as an investment. The money is on hand for development of the lakeside Veterans Memorial park.

Approval of sale of a city lot on Oregon near Academy to the Free Methodist church for a parsonage. The church offer to buy had been held up two weeks because the traffic safety committee and Councilman Wendell Smith did not think it was a proper location for a church because of traffic problems and lack of parking space. A church may be built on privately owned lots adjacent to the city property. But Smith was argued down by Councilmen Darrell Miller and Don Kenyon who held that if Rev. F. T. Newmann, pastor, offered to buy the lot at the appraised price it was none of Smith's or anyone else's business whether the location was suitable for what he wanted to build, so long as zoning restrictions were met. The sale price is \$900.

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Elementary Site Said 'Safeguard'

Purchase of a 19-acre elementary site in the southeastern section of the city was consummated last night at a joint meeting of school boards one and two.

Price for the tract, located between Shasta Way and Eberlein, was \$22,040. It was bought in two parcels from J. Frank Bryant and Alfred Collier. Bryant's share was \$10,500 and Collier's \$11,540.

City School Supt. Arnold Gralapp explained no immediate school construction was planned; that the site was obtained merely as a safeguard against possible future need.

There is only one home on the tract. That is on the Bryant portion and Gralapp said arrangements had been made that would probably erase any future condemnation trouble.

Present school facilities are adequate for the southeastern section, Gralapp said, but the rapid growth of the Mills addition area points to a future need.

He said the new tract had "good drainage, fine access roads" and could provide ample parking and playground space.

Gralapp praised Bryant and Collier for "their splendid cooperation" in consummating the deal.

In other school business last night, the elementary board: Appointed two new instructors, Ruth Jones, half time, for special education, and Vera Snell for the fourth and fifth grades at Fairview.

Discussed possible future enlargements at Conger and Pelican schools.

Approved final payment for fluorescent lighting at Roosevelt.

Heard a report on an Ashland language arts conference by School Superintendent Gary Robertson.

The high school board heard a report from Charles Carlson, an adult education plans, discussed a possible federal aid vocational home making setup and set May 27 as KUH's graduation day.

CAIRO, (U)—Two of the Arab world's largest newspapers said yesterday 12 British soldiers still were missing after the weekend fighting at Ismailia, in the Suez canal zone. A British spokesman here said the report was wrong.

The newspapers put the total death toll from the fighting at 30. A summary for the clashes in Ismailia, compiled last night from official British and Egyptian sources, listed these 18 dead and 30 wounded.

British officers killed: three enlisted men and two civilians wounded.

Egyptian—seven policemen and six civilians killed, 25 civilians wounded.

The British spokesman insisted again today that those were all the casualties his forces had suffered.

The report of the missing troops was published in the Independent at Ismailia and the pro-government Al Misri.

The soldiers, said Al Misri, "might have been thrown into the canal."

British sources reported all was quiet today in Ismailia, which Britain's army held under a firm truce agreement yesterday.

Health Office Raps Annex

The county medical officer and sanitarian have ordered an immediate cleanup or closure for Klamath Annex, the 50-cent a bed flophouse on S. 6th.

Dr. Seth Kerron and Sanitarian Bill Green have directed that the cleaning and renovation work be done in 30 days, and their directive has been okayed by the city council. The medical officer and sanitarian can close the business up if the order is not obeyed.

Klamath Annex is owned now by Al Schmeck and Harry Bolvin, who recently bought the property from Bill Elliott. It serves as a home for men who probably would not be able to get a bed indoors anywhere if the flophouse were gone.

The work ordered by Dr. Kerron and Green included: Window washing and repair, interior painting, more washing and toilet facilities, more light inside, improvement of showers, more space between bunks, fumigation and insecticide spraying, hand towels, regular laundrying of bedding, more trash receptacles and more ventilation.

SHOOTING HOURS November 21 Open 6:35 Close 3:41

PROBE SECRET



CIVIL DEFENSE leaders of Oregon met Monday with local leaders of the civil defense organization to discuss organizational problems and Klamath county's part in the state setup. In the picture are (left to right) Frank Wetherell, George Emigh, Jack Hayes, Bob Sandstrom, Joe LaClair, local CD head, Dr. Robert M. Heilman and Thomas Brucke.

Addition Of Fluorides To Klamath Water Supply Draws Support Of Dentists, County Health Department

By HALE SCARBROUGH The possible addition of fluorides to Klamath Falls' water supply has the okay of the Klamath county Dental Assoc., as well as of the county medical department.

Dr. Seth M. Kerron, county medical officer and the dental society have put on record with the city council their recommendation that a committee be appointed to study the possibilities of fluoridation, and also the incidence of tooth decay in grade school children.

"The injection of fluorides into drinking water has been proven to lessen tooth decay among children, and a number of communities are doing it. It also has the sanction of the Oregon board of health and dental association."

Glenn Bowen, manager of Oregon Water Co. here, said his company stands ready to install the equipment to put additional fluorides in the Klamath Falls water, if the public demands it.

But, he said, there is always the possibility that it might backfire and in some way have a harmful result. Addition of fluorides is purely mass medication, Bowen said, and any such action would leave the company wide open to a lot of complaints, real or imagined.

Therefore, he wants to be sure the public wants the fluorides added. If the public wants the fluorides, the company will deliver.

The two chemicals used in obtaining the fluorides are sodium silico fluoride, both of which in sufficient doses can be lethal.

The dosage figured out for infusion in the local water supply is about 9 parts to a million parts of water. The natural water already

contains, according to last analysis, 3 parts to a million, so the additional would make the fluoride content 1.3 parts to a million.

The cost would be negligible, Bowen said. He figures it at about \$6000 a year, which wouldn't necessarily call for an increase in water rates. Broken down, it would cost just about 75 cents a year on each of the 8000 meters on the local water system.

La Prensa (?) Printed Again

BUENOS AIRES, (U)—The newspaper La Prensa appeared on the stands Monday for the first time in almost 10 months. It looked like the old La Prensa, but its voice was that of its new boss — a man named Peron.

Pictures of Peron and his wife, Evita, and messages from them appeared in the first edition.

Martiano Passo, former editor of the Pro-Peron newspaper Democracia, is La Prensa's new editor. Alberto Gainza Paz, who formerly edited La Prensa in 1938 and developed it into one of the greatest independent newspapers in the Americas, now lives across the river from Buenos Aires in Colonia, Uruguay. Gainza Paz, editor when Peron's general confederation of labor (CGT) closed down the paper last January 26, said he would not return to Argentina for fear he would be arrested.

Passo's name did not appear in the masthead. But an editorial titled "La Prensa at the service of the people," charged the former owners with concocting "anti-Argentine schemes."

There was no immediate comment from Gainza Paz who had just returned to Uruguay from a visit to the United States, where he was paid new honors as a leading exponent of a free press. Closing down the newspaper caused a great storm of protest in all countries where a free press exists, but the Peron administration turned a deaf ear to pleas that it be permitted to reopen under Gainza Paz, direction.

LEAVE SLATED WASHINGTON, (U)—The air force will suspend most training activities between December 22 and January 2 and will give Christmas leaves to as many men as possible. The action, announced yesterday, is similar to that ordered by the army last week. The air force said leave will be granted as liberally as training schedules and local conditions permit.

Reds Trump Up Atrocity Charge In Answer To US; Allies Hold Lines

TOKYO, (U)—Allied headquarters said today there is "considerable evidence" that about three dozen can soldiers died in Red atrocity killings although bodies of only 365 have been recovered.

The statement from Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters made no mention of Communist countercharges of Allied atrocities. Each side accused the other of atrocities in Korea while the Panmunjom circus tent truce talks were in a one-day recess called by the Communists. The Reds wanted time to study a United Nations proposal for a tentative cease-fire.

General headquarters of the U. N. command made it clear the report of wholesale Red atrocities issued last week by Col. James M. Hanley did not involve an increase in the known American dead in the Korean war.

Broadcasts from Red radios in Pyongyang and Peiping conceded some American prisoners of war had died in prison camps but denied the report issued by Colonel

McGrath To Keep O'Gara In Office

WASHINGTON, (U)—The congressional committee making a many-sided investigation of federal tax scandals went behind closed doors today to take a look at activities of its own chairman.

The house ways and means subcommittee probing irregularities of the internal revenue bureau decided to look further into rumors Rep. King (D-Calif.) had brought "improper influences" to bear on certain California tax cases.

King said the rumors were false, and called the full inquiry himself.

The committee expects to quickly get back to its investigation of the internal revenue bureau, shaken again yesterday by the resignation of another top official.

Daniel A. Bolich stepped aside as assistant internal revenue commissioner. He said he was quitting because of his health.

Bolich's resignation was the third among the bureau's top officials since last June. It came at a time when the committee reportedly had him under investigation.

NO FIRING There were these other developments: 1. Senator Williams (R-Del.) announced that Attorney General McGrath had assured him Charles O'Gara would not be fired as assistant U.S. attorney in San Francisco for telling senators there was "a shocking system of corruption" in the San Francisco internal revenue bureau.

2. An official announcement impending involving the office of the Detroit collector of internal revenue—the nature of which was not disclosed.

Bolich's resignation was announced yesterday by Senate Commissioner John B. Dunlap, following a hurried secret conference with the King subcommittee.

Bolich was one of two assistant commissioners under former commissioner George J. Schoeneman, who resigned in June because of the physical demands of office after 42 years in government service.

Bolich was reassigned at his own request in August to the management staff of Schoeneman's successor, Dunlap. He gave ill health as the reason for the requested change in duties.

Last month Deputy Commissioner Carroll E. Mealey resigned suddenly for reasons of health following a heart attack.

Following Bolich's resignation, Attorney General McGrath said the King subcommittee was investigating the past several months' by committee and internal revenue investigators.

"The investigation will continue," Dewind told newsmen.

Plane Money Suit Filed

WASHINGTON, (U)—A legal battle begins in a U.S. court today for control of possibly \$7,000,000 of the Chinese Nationalist government's assets in the United States to buy air force planes and equipment.

An attorney for two Nationalist procurement officers who have defied a Formosa order to turn over a money said they would boycott a federal court hearing on the dispute set for today.

The two officers are Lt. Gen. P. T. Mow, former director of the Chinese air force procurement office in the U. S., and Col. V. S. Hsiang, Mow's executive officer.

The attorney, William A. Roberts, contended American courts have no jurisdiction over the dispute. He said Mow and Hsiang "are out of town" and have never been served with the Nationalist government complaint against them or with any order to appear in court.

The Nationalist government last week obtained a temporary restraining order from Federal Judge James R. Kirkland to prevent Mow and Hsiang from using unexpended funds estimated at more than \$7,000,000.

SCHOOL BURNS PORTLAND, (U)—Student, a janitor and an off-duty fireman who lives nearby, put out a fire yesterday noon in the Woodmere grade school here. Most of the school's 750 students were out of the building when the blaze broke out. The others marched out. Damages estimated at \$500. No one was injured.

LITTLE ACTION The eighth army said that aside from the Yoncheon and Punchbowl fights there was "no other significant action" along the entire front.

U. N. jet pilots swept North Korean skies without finding traces of Red Mig jets up to noon, the fifth air force reported.

However, Allied fighter-bombers and B-29s found a harvest of targets as they pushed their attacks on Red traffic and front lines through the night.

The fifth air force said B-29 bombers and marine fighters bombed or strafed about 1500 trucks and two supply trains. Explosions from trucks and trains lit up the night.

The Yoncheon hill fight, an estimated Red battalion charged up the slopes about 3 a.m. Flashes of gunfire lit up the night as Allied infantrymen pulled back slowly before the assault.

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GLENN MORAN, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Moran, 722 Roseway, appeared carefree this morning despite the fact he was on his sixth grader at Sacred Heart.