

U. N. SOLDIERS BATTLE COLD

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
In Washington the other day Senator Margaret Chase Smith, our only woman senator (she's from Maine and is a Republican) told a reporter she "strongly hopes the senate elections subcommittee can find some way really to get an idea of how much money goes into a political campaign."

So I. Spending too much money in political campaigns is an old and sore subject. We've never been honest about it in this country. We have laws on it, but they aren't much good and even such as they are they are not enforced. If candidates for office can find the money, they seem to be able to spend it without much interference.

The British are much stricter about this business of spending money to get elected to office, especially in the case of candidates for the house of commons. They permit only a certain sum to be spent and if the candidate exceeds this sum and it can be proved on him he JUST ISN'T ELECTED, no matter how many votes he gets. In the curious British manner, they ENFORCE THIS LAW, as they do other laws.

It puts the kibosh quite effectively on heavy spending to get elected to parliament.

The British also pay their national legislators sparingly. I've forgotten the exact amount received by a member of the house of commons and at the moment this is written haven't time to get out the books and look it up, but it is less than \$3,000 per year.

Our members of congress get a total of \$15,000 a year—\$12,500 in regular salary, on which they pay taxes, and an additional \$2,500 in the form of an expense account, on which they DON'T have to pay taxes.

There is quite a difference in living costs, but it DOESN'T cost our congressmen and senators FIVE TIMES as much to live in Washington as it does their British counterparts to live in London. British members of parliament are supposed to work for less as a duty to their country.

I wish I could say that the QUALITY of the membership of the British house of parliament is HIGHER than the quality of our senators and congressmen, for I have long hugged to my bosom the admittedly idealistic theory that if we picked our state legislators and our U. S. senators and representatives from among the kind of people who are willing to serve their country for modest pay plus the knowledge of duty well done we would have better government.

But I reckon that after Britain's going off the deep end for socialism and the grave financial mess that has resulted therefrom I'll have to admit that my theory just doesn't work out in practice. The deep end of the pool is a little deeper and the Florida vacations paid for by somebody with an ax to grind and accepted by federal servants with their hands out for backwash leave very little doubt indeed that neither high salaries nor low salaries make very much difference in the quality of the hired help we get in our government service.

That is determined WHOLLY by the honesty or the lack of it in the people we hire to run our government for us. If, when election

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SHOOTING HOURS			
December 2			
Open 6:47		Close 3:35	
December 3			
Open 6:48		Close 3:35	



TROPHIES FOR SAILORS—J. L. Calhoun presents trophies to Klamath Yacht club winners Orth Sisemore and Lloyd Derby who won out in summer competition. Sisemore, (left) in his Lightning class sailboat, won the sailboat handicap race. Derby won the predicted log race—plotting his time before the race and then following up his timing. Calhoun is fleet captain.

McGrath Says 'Delighted' to Testify In Probe of Reported Tax Corruption

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Attorney General J. Howard McGrath says he would be "delighted" to testify publicly before a house ways and means subcommittee probing reports of corruption and irregularities in the nation's tax collection system.

This was his answer last night to demands by two Republican

Medford Boy Slays Father

MEDFORD, (AP)—A 15-year-old boy was in jail here today, held in the fatal shooting of his stepfather after a family argument last night.

The boy, Douglas Vernon Peters, told police Sgt. Clay Higgins that he warned the stepfather, Howard Eugene Vincent, to leave his mother alone after they began quarreling. The boy said he then went to his room and locked the door.

Higgins quoted young Peters as saying Vincent went after him and started to climb through a broken glass panel in the door. Peters told the policeman he hit his father on the head with the gun barrel but didn't remember that he shot Vincent.

A bullet wounded Vincent, a barber, in the back of the head and he died in a hospital after 2 a.m. today after four blood transfusions.

Higgins quoted the boy as saying that after he hit Vincent an 8-year-old half-brother told him their father was bleeding. Young Peters said he then examined the gun and found it had discharged.

There are several other children in the family, police said.



FIRST BIKE license for the new year went to Jimmie Easley this morning. Jimmie, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis, 320 Hillside, was waiting at City Hall when offices opened this morning. Grouped around Jimmie (l to r) are: Mrs. Bill Wentworth, 1717 Main; Eva Dickson, 2113 Madison; and Mrs. Jim Rogers, 2842 Kane. All three are city employees.

Klamath Water Group Keeps Eye On Trinity Water Steal Possibility

Work conceivably could begin next year on a \$150,000,000 system of tunnels to connect the Trinity river with Shasta dam, the first overt move by the department of interior to divert waters of the Klamath river watershed to use down the Sacramento valley.

The Trinity originates in the mountains below Weed, flows south and west to a point west of Shasta lake, and then moves northwest

War Surplus Deal Probed By Paper

By FRANK O'BRIEN
WASHINGTON, (AP)—General services administrator Jess Larson declared last night his hands were clean in a big 1944 war surplus sale the St. Louis Post-Dispatch said reportedly took place without competitive bidding.

The St. Louis paper said yesterday it had been told that Frank Nathan, who was arrested in Pittsburgh in 1946 on a charge of possessing false sugar ration documents, got \$35,000 from the surplus deal. Pittsburgh police records show no disposition of the Nathan case.

In a copyrighted dispatch from Los Angeles, the paper also reported that H. Turney Gratz, former executive of the reconstruction finance corp., and John Costello, described as a custodian of the building in Washington housing the Democratic National committee headquarters, were associates of Nathan in a group dealing with surplus materials. They were not named as partners in the particular surplus sale mentioned by the Post-Dispatch.

Gratz told newsmen here the newspaper's reference to him was "utterly fantastic" and that he had never heard of the surplus transaction. He said he did not recall "even meeting a man named Frank Nathan."

Costello could not be reached for comment.

The sale reported by the Post-Dispatch was of equipment from the Torrance, Calif., aluminum plant operated during the war by the Aluminum Company of America. The plant and its equipment were government owned.

Gratz, a 48-year-old, charged with disposing of surplus wartime stocks, equipment and plants acquired by the government.

Tavern Owners May Need Stamps

PORTLAND, (AP)—Most tavern operators who have punchboards in their establishments may be violating a new federal law.

A spokesman for the internal revenue department said yesterday he believed punchboard operators were violating the new gambling tax law unless they had purchased tax stamps from the federal government.

Only 21 persons in Oregon have applied for a stamp. A spokesman for the tavern industry said there were 1500 legal beer outlets in Portland. At least 700 of them sell punchboard chances, he said.

Fines of a few dollars to \$10,000 for flagrant violations are provided in the law.

Anybody Here In That Class ... ?

PORTLAND, (AP)—What kind of a man should the president be? Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) gave this answer yesterday. He must have:

- The intellectual ability of Jefferson.
- The steadfastness in adversity of George Washington.
- The honesty of Grover Cleveland.
- The compassion of Abraham Lincoln.
- The vitality of Theodore Roosevelt.
- The political astuteness of Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- The physical constitution of Sandoz or an Atlas.
- The patience of Job.
- The psychiatric abilities of Dr. Freud.

Douglas said his party still is looking for such a man.

Traffic Lights On Fritz Sunday

Traffic lights in Klamath Falls downtown area won't be operating tomorrow and the city police department has asked motorists to use utmost caution.

The master control for the lights which has been in the city hall, will be removed and transferred to the new city hall tomorrow. The lights will function as usual tonight, and should be operating on schedule again Monday.

Canadian Takes Gloomy View Of War; NBC Offers Cease-Fire Recording

OTTAWA, (AP)—Brig. C. M. Drury, Canada's deputy minister of national defense, said last night the temporary halt in Korean fighting last Wednesday was not the result of an order from this continent.

"But I suspect that at some high level in Korea, some officer did suggest a 'go slow,'" he said in an address at the St. Andrew's dinner of the officers of the Cameron Highlanders of O. V. C.

The order may have been prompted because "it is difficult for Allied commanders to install an offensive spirit with the thought that if an armistice is reached, they will be censured for unnecessary loss of life."

Brig. Drury also said "things are not going particularly well" in Korea.

"There are disquieting signs that it may not be the intention of the Communists to negotiate an armistice."

"While our forces in Korea have not been getting any substantial strengthening, the opposing forces have shown signs of growth, in strength and there are some disquieting indications that they are getting organized to fight a well-planned and well-supported offensive."

OTTAWA, (AP)—The National Broadcasting company representative here today said he had offered to send to President Truman the recording tape which NBC said caught the voice of army officers on the western front ordering men to hold their fire except in self defense.

George Thomas Foster, Far

Allies Fear Growing Red Air Power

SEOUL, Korea, (AP)—United Nations foxhole infantrymen today battled the bitterest cold wave of the winter and for the most part the Reds probed near their positions.

A U. S. eighth army communiqué said a U. N. unit yielded advance positions northwest of Yoncheon on the western front to a grenade-throwing group of Reds.

Other U. N. troops threw back a platoon-sized Communist probing attack after a three-four fight southeast of Kumsong.

Action elsewhere along the frozen front up to noon Saturday was insignificant, the communiqué said, or "light contact with small enemy groups."

KF Pioneer Passes Here

Death last night took Mrs. Elda Houston, 62, member of a pioneer Klamath county family, at her home, 2800 Homedale. She had been in ill health many years.

Funeral arrangements are to be made by Ward's funeral home, and services probably will be held Tuesday.

Mrs. Houston was a native of Yakima, Wash., but she and her parents, John and Mary Nelson, came to Klamath county in 1900. They first lived in the Loretta area.

Elda Nelson attended Loretta school and was a graduate of St. Mary's convent, Jacksonville, Ore. She was a member of Sacred Heart church.

She and Fred L. Houston were married in January, 1906.

Survivors include the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Tillotson of Chicago; three sisters, Mrs. L. F. Kirkpatrick of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Gladys Terhune and Mrs. Ora Dahl, Los Angeles; nephews Floyd Sparks of Hayward, Calif.; Don Kirkpatrick, Klamath Falls; and four grandchildren, Suzanne Mitchell, Geoffrey and Stephen Tillotson.

Her daughter was enroute to Klamath Falls by plane today.

Storm Roughs Klamath Area

Stormy weather buffeted the basin yesterday and last night but there was no serious damage nor mishaps reported because of it.

Municipal airport's GAA instruments recorded wind gusts of 42 yesterday afternoon.

The temperature in downtown Klamath Falls last night hovered around 47 until about five o'clock this morning, when it plummeted to 29 and held there until almost noon.

California Oregon Power Co. instruments showed a little over one-inch of precipitation since the rain started yesterday morning.

Woman Injured; Hit by Car

Rose Faith, Kern hotel, suffered severe bruises early this morning when she was struck by a car at S. 6th and Kane. Mrs. Faith was treated at Klamath Valley hospital.

State police said the woman was walking and a passing motorist had stopped to give her a ride when the accident occurred about 1:30 a.m.

Joe Santo, Holly hotel, stopped his car to pick up Mrs. Faith, a car driven by Frank Skelton, 5419 Avalon, was following Santo and hit Santo's car when it stopped. Santo's car was knocked forward, striking Mrs. Faith.



HOME WORK—Durwood Foster (left), 4626 Cannon, should be in good stead at home. He was out early this morning to pick up some cabinet supplies for the house. George Wheeler (right), Route 2, is opening the shop, where he is employed.