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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Chicago:

Democratic Chairman Frank E. McKinney, defending the administration against charges of corruption, told some 2,000 midwest party leagers at a $100-a-plate fund raising dinner last night that "some Republican critics are undermining confidence in government."

He termed these critics "disciples of doubt—trying to sneak into office in a cloud of negative criticism." He attacked them for "belittling every constructive thing accomplished by the government of the greatest nation on earth."

He added:

"In their frenzied scramble for power, they are resorting to tactics which are undermining confidence in government itself."

Washington:

Republicans met President Truman's assertion that he is taking continued action to clean up the government with demands for cabinet dismissals, a new congressional inquiry and a 1952 election test of the issue.

Senator Taft expressed doubt last night that the administration can ever succeed in reforming itself. He added: "Nothing President Truman can do now will prevent indignation of the people at what has already occurred."

Senator Ives (Rep., N.Y.) told a reporter that if Mr. Truman believes the controversy over the scandals which have been bared will die down before next November's presidential election, he is mistaken.

Ives added:

"The country is disillusioned and shocked by the continued revelations of corruption in the federal government. A change in party administration is imperative if the American people are not to lose faith in all government."

I'm afraid our politicians, on both sides of the fence, are vastly more concerned with the effect of these shocking scandals ON NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION than with getting our federal government cleaned up and made decent again.

The Democratic professionals are obviously afraid the public WON'T forget and will vote Republican next year. The professional Republicans seem equally worried that the people WILL forget and will revert to their two-decades-long habit of voting Democratic. Each appears more intent on SMEARING THE OTHER than in getting the mess in the Augean stables cleaned out as quickly and efficiently as possible.

As a private citizen, that shocks and disturbs me. What I want more than anything on earth is a government I can BELIEVE IN AND TRUST.

I'm a lifelong Republican, but if the Democratic party can throw these money changers out of the temple, if it can clean itself up COMPLETELY and honestly and genuinely so that it can and will give us the kind of government that Thomas Jefferson, the party's founder, would have approved, I'll vote for a Democrat for President for the first time in my life.

That's how strongly I feel about this whole nasty, disillusioning business.

I doubt, of course, if the Democratic party can clean itself up VOLUNTARILY. It has held too much power too long. It has come to think in terms of PRIVILEGE, rather than in terms of duty and responsibility. Too many of its leaders are thinking of themselves and their crowd and what is good for THEM instead of what is good for their country. That, history teaches us, is what practically ALWAYS happens when too much power is held in too few hands too long.

As for the Republican party—

If it is to win next year's election, it must divorce itself utterly from thoughts of power and privilege and must think WHOLLY in terms of duty and responsibility.

The Republicans held too much power too long. They lost the confidence of the people. They haven't yet regained it. They are still under suspicion. There are hundreds of thousands of independent thinkers who would, as of now,

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Reds Blast U.S. Planes

PELICAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS receiving trophies last night at the Lions club 13th annual football banquet are singled out for special praise by the main speaker, Forest Evashevski (left), Washington State college coach. Chick Quinowski (center) was named the "most inspirational" player. Floyd Pierce was chosen as the "outstanding lineman." A large crowd in the Willard hotel banquet room heard Evashevski blast those who are trying to de-emphasize football. "We should emphasize it even more," the Cougar coach said. Boyd Sprague, who was awarded for keeping the best football notebook on the 1951 Klamath Union high school squad, is not shown here.

Ground War Stays Quiet, Ships Strike

SEOUL, Korea, (AP)—Red Anti-aircraft guns shot down three Allied planes today while Mig - killing American Sabre jets destroyed one Communist jet and damaged three.

The U. S. fifth air force said all the Sabres returned safely from their two jet fights over northwest Korea.

So did two reconnaissance F-80 shooting stars that were jumped by six Red Mig-15s near the north Korean capital, Pyongyang. The F-80s outmaneuvered and outflew the Red pilots in the much faster Migs.

PLANES DOWN

In unrelated actions Red flak brought down a Shooting Star, an F-84 Thunderjet and an F-51 Mustang. All three fell in Communist territory.

Fifth air force planes flew 663 sorties up to 6 p. m., chopping up Communist transport lines.

Friday's two jet battles came less than 24 hours after the American Sabre pilots scored their greatest all jet victory — 13 Red jets downed, two probably destroyed and one damaged.

In a 25 minute battle Friday morning between 48 Sabres and more than 100 Migs, one Red jet was shot down and two damaged. Another Red was damaged in an afternoon scrap.

The Friday morning flash of action emphasized the current leading role of air in the Korean war.

Warships and carrier planes hammered at the edges of North Korea. But the ground troops stuck closely to their defense lines.

For the third day the U. S. eighth army sent out a raiding party to hit Communist positions, but this did not change the basic defensive characteristic of the fronts.

QUICK RAID

A Friday morning raid hit northwest of Korangpo near the 38th parallel on the western front. A Red platoon was routed. The raiders retired to their own lines as they did on the two preceding days.

Several other small clashes were reported along the center and east in actions described in a U. S. eighth army communique as "light to moderate."

American warships moved in close to blast Red front line positions in the Kansong-Kosong sector.

The battleships shelled the Reds every two minutes for 12 hours through the night and into Thursday morning. The big guns kept roaring at irregular intervals through the day, with air spotters calling the shots.

Reds Refuse Info About POW Camps

MUNSAN, Korea, (AP)—The Reds flatly refused today to lift the curtain of secrecy surrounding their prison camps, but said they would okay the rotation of 5000 troops a month if the Allies accept other Communist terms for enforcing a Korean truce.

The limited rotation plan was part of a new six-point Communist proposal which made little impression on Allied negotiators. An official U. N. communique made no mention of rotation and said the proposal showed "little significant departure from the unacceptable proposal of December 3."

In Stockholm, the Swedish foreign office said the U.S. had asked if Sweden would join a neutral inspection commission to help police a Korean truce. It said Sweden has made no decision.

NO AGREEMENT

Negotiators have not agreed on how an armistice would be enforced. The Allies have indicated they might accept a Communist proposal to use representatives of neutral nations for behind-the-lines inspections.

Red delegates said international Red Cross inspection of Communist prison camps was "out of the question."

They again refused to turn over lists of Allied prisoners unless the U. N. command first accepts the Communist idea of exchanging all prisoners. Rear Adm. R. E. Libby wanted to know why. He asked:

"Is it because your list contains just a handful of names and you are ashamed to give it to us?

The Reds complained the great majority of prisoners held by the U. N. would not be returned if an exchange were made of a man-for-man basis as the Allies want.

A U. N. spokesman called the Communist's remark a slip.

A U. N. command broadcast from Tokyo to Korea again charged that the Red secrecy concerning prisoners was "blackmail" to win their armistice demands.

Snow Plasters States Today

By The Associated Press

Snow, freezing rain and sleet pelted wide areas from the Rockies to the mid-continent today. Subzero and sub-freezing temperatures were reported over much of the wet belt.

A snowstorm whipped out of the Rocky Mountain region and blew across prairie lands into the middle Mississippi valley today. Heavy falls were reported in Wyoming and parts of Colorado and Nebraska. More than a foot of snow fell in northern Nebraska and Denver reported a fall of more than four inches.

Highway travel in many areas was hazardous.

Freezing rain, sleet and snow hit the northern half of Missouri while snow fell in parts of Kansas.

The rain line extended over the southern plains and the middle Mississippi valley. Generally fair weather was reported in the far west and in the eastern states.

It was 13 below zero in Bemidji, Minn., early today and thermometers dropped to 16 below zero in West Yellowstone, Mont. The cold air extended across the northern plains eastward to the northern Great Lakes region to New England. It was mild from Texas eastward to Florida.

Reds Pledge Peace Temple

TEHRAN, Iran, (AP)—Some 10,000 defiant Communists massed before their burned out "peace" headquarters here today and announced they will rebuild it stronger than ever.

The crowd let out frequent roars of "death to (Premier Mohammed) Mossadegh," but neither police nor pro-government Nationalists intervened.

Nationalist demonstrators burned and wrecked the Reds' peace headquarters on December 6 when they smashed an attempted Communist student demonstration. At least eight persons were killed and more than 200 injured in the bloody clash.

At today's rally Red speakers said the pro-government wrecking crews had "plunged us like steel into the fire and hardened us. Our unity and purpose have been strengthened."

Students went through the crowd collecting contributions for rebuilding the quarters. Delegations of carpenters and masons bearing Red flags pledged themselves to start work without pay on the rebuilding tomorrow.

Observers expressed surprise at the size of the Red turnout in view of the fact that the Nationalists have dominated the local scene since the December 6 riot.

When the Nationalists held their giant demonstration in Majlis square yesterday, there were no Reds in evidence.

All political parties including the outlawed Communist students have been stepping up their activities in preparation for national elections which begin December 18.

Skating Party To Spark Anniversary

MAYNARD, Mass., (AP) — A skating party on Christmas Day will highlight the golden wedding observance of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Larkin of 8 Hillside street.

The couple has gone skating on each wedding anniversary with the exception of last year when there was no ice.

He is 75; she's 71. Mrs. Larkin has worn the same skates since she was nine.

Are You On The List For The Fatal Date?

CHICAGO, (AP)—Here is a box score of the approach of the 1,000,000th automobile death:

Death total as of last week . . . 998,100. Death totals as of today . . . 998,900. Deaths short of one million . . . 1100. Expected date of millionth death . . . December 22.

The national safety council last week forecast December 21 as the day the millionth death would occur. The date was moved up one day because of fewer traffic deaths during the first two weeks of December than had been expected on the basis of statistics.

The council said the difference between the current total of 998,900 and last week's 998,100 represents adjustments due to delayed deaths from injuries suffered earlier, to delayed reporting of deaths and to addition of deaths occurring the week of December 7 to 13.

Government Steps Into Steel Talks

PITTSBURGH, (AP) — The federal government took a seat today at sensitive contract negotiations between the million-member CIO united steelworkers union and U.S. Steel Corp., top producer of the industry.

Cyrus S. Ching, director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, ordered two ace mediators to Pittsburgh yesterday after CIO President Philip Murray surprised the industry by calling union policy-makers to a meeting.

Clyde Mills, assistant chief of the U.S. mediation service, and Walter A. Maggiolo, acting general counsel, arrived by plane too late to attend yesterday's session of company-union talks.

Mills immediately sought to spike talk of a breakdown in the negotiations by saying:

NO WAITING

"Nothing specific prompted the government to take a hand in the steel wage talks. We weren't going to wait until the last minute."

The New York Herald Tribune said today the USW plans to authorize Murray to call a strike against the steel industry. It stated:

"The authority is slated to be granted, on Mr. Murray's recommendation, in Pittsburgh on Monday at a meeting of the union's wage policy committee, which Mr. Murray has summoned because of lack of progress in negotiations."

The newspaper said the union "is not expected to strike on the heels of the authorization," adding "The move is to get the case into the hands of the government."

Murray was not immediately accessible for comment on the report.

Murray set off a round of speculation when he stepped from a session Wednesday and announced union negotiators will meet with the decision-making USW executive board and the potent wage policy committee on Monday.

The wage policy committee usually is called only to ratify a strike or make a wage settlement.

Arthur Capper Seriously Ill

TOPEKA, Kas., (AP)—Arthur Capper, former U. S. senator from Kansas, was reported somewhat better today but still critically ill.

The 86-year-old publisher has suffered from pneumonia in recent months. Yesterday his condition became much worse, but his physicians reported he rallied stongly last night.

Capper held a senate seat for 30 years before retiring in 1949. Capper publications, which he heads, publishes two daily newspapers and eight farm periodicals.

Mysterious 'Dutchman' Pulled In

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Charles Oliphant linked the name of "mystery man" Henry (The Dutchman) Grunewald with another big tax case today and quoted Grunewald as saying he was "helping" Senator Bridges (R-NH) on it.

Oliphant, resigned chief counsel of the internal revenue bureau, told house tax investigators that Bridges himself made an inquiry about the case—involving a jeopardy assessment against Human H. Klein of Baltimore.

The amount of the assessment was not brought out but reporters were told it was "at least six figures." Many other angles also were left hanging temporarily amid hints the investigators were building up to new sensations.

For the second day, Oliphant was in the witness chair before the house ways and means committee investigating tax irregularities.

In highlights:

1. Oliphant acknowledged that he left a tax deficiency prosecution against a Washington meat firm drop because Rep. James Morrison (D-LA) had interested himself in the case. He said he let it drop despite instructions from George Schoeneman, then commissioner of internal revenue, that it should be prosecuted.

2. Oliphant admitted he tipped T. Lamar Caudle, assistant attorney general who was fired last month, that Senator Williams (R-Del) was looking into Caudle's income tax returns.

3. Oliphant and Rep. Kean (R-NJ) disputed whether it was a "fair" inference that Grunewald once intimated to Oliphant he had influence expending into the White House itself. Kean said it looked that way to him. Oliphant denied it.

HIGH-LEVEL TALKS

In a development outside the hearing, Chairman King (D-Calif) had a conference at the White House with President Truman. Presumably it was concerned with Mr. Truman's intended actions to "clean house" in the government but neither King nor the White House would talk about it.

Grunewald is a man-about-Washington whose activities have become a matter of major interest to the house tax investigators. Just what he does is one of the matters of mystery. Sometimes he has been called an investigator and at other times a public relations man.

He lives in a swank apartment house and apparently has a large income. In any event, the internal revenue bureau filed a tax lien against him today for $51,157.71 on his 1950 income.

At the moment, Grunewald is in a hospital. He was located there, suffering from what his physician has diagnosed as nervous tension, when committee aides were looking for him with subpoena to testify at the house hearings.

Cattle Hides On Cutback List

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Price ceilings have been rolled back on cattle hides, calfskins and some rugs and carpeting but the orders are not expected to affect market prices for the items.

Generally they have been selling at prices below even the new ceiling.

Yesterday's office of price stabilization orders:

1. Rolled back cattle hide ceilings five cents a pound below levels set in an order issued last March 15.

2. Reduced calfskin ceilings about 18 percent, a cut of 10 to 15 cents a pound below last March.

3. Withdrew a 15 percent hike in ceiling prices granted manufacturers and wholesalers of soft surface floor coverings last March 12. This restores the general freeze ceilings of the last Jan. 26 for carpeting and rugs made of wool, synthetics or a combination of both. Cotton rugs are not affected by the order. The OPS said its action was possible because of falling wool prices.

Teen-Agers Face Jury In Second Trial For Alleged Kidnap In Klamath Falls

SACRAMENTO, (AP) — Two St. Paul, Minn., youths of 17 told the judge yesterday they were both dizzy on beer bought for them by the man they are charged with kidnaping.

Buford F. Faust and William C. England, who hitchhiked from home to join the merchant marine in Los Angeles, testified at their second trial before U. S. District Judge Dal M. Lemmon.

They related that they bought a gun in Butte, Mont., as a souvenir; found themselves broke in Medford, and met James R. Edwards, 24, a Roseburg, truck driver.

Edwards gave them a ride to Klamath Falls, and, after buying beer and food for them, offered them a night in a motel.

Both boys stuck by their story they robbed Edwards after he made an improper advance toward England, who got in bed with him.

The truck driver denied attempting to molest England. He repeated his testimony that he was forced to drive the youths south from Klamath Falls. That was on September 20.

As at the first trial, which ended November 9 with a jury deadlocked 11 to 7 for acquittal, the defendants' mothers, Mrs. William England Sr., and Mrs. Jess Faust, sat across the table from them.

The maximum penalty for kidnaping is death.

England and Faust said the $12 pistol they bought in Butte was involved that night at the motel but denied threatening to kill Edwards there or after they drove a short distance south with him across the California state line.

Edwards turned back at the border agricultural check station. The boys were arrested by Dorris, Calif., Police Chief Fenton Martin on Edward's complaint.

The boys said they had agreed before going to bed that if Edwards made any improper advances they would take his money.

It was to back them up in any such robbery, they said, that they loaded the gun and placed it under the pillow of Faust, who was to sleep on a cot.

Mahrt testified the boys told him, after their arrest, that they should have killed Edwards for making the advance.

The trial continued today, when it may go to the jury.

Bank Thieves Picked Up

RENO, Nev., (AP)—A man identified as a former Oregon bank robber was sentenced yesterday to 5-10 years in the Nevada state prison after admitting the holdup of a big Reno hotel.

Joseph Berry Bishop, 32, was arrested with Jesse Junior Adams, 25, less than an hour after the two took $161 from the night clerk at the El Cortez hotel in downtown Reno. They were picked up five miles west of here, heading for San Francisco.

Police quoted the pair as saying they lost all their funds on Elko, Nev., gambling tables and decided to stage the holdup to get their losses back.

After Bishop was sentenced, Adams' case was continued. Joe Berry Bishop was sentenced in 1943 to 2½ years in the Oregon state prison for his part in two 1947 Oregon bank robberies. The bandits got $31,431 in May, 1947, at Oakland, and $57,500 in August the same year at Sweet Home.

Three others received prison sentences for the holdups.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Mostly sunny today and Saturday, continued cool. High today 28, low tonight 3. High tomorrow 30.

High temp yesterday	26
Low last night	5
Precip last 24 hrs.	0
Since Oct. 1	5.75
Normal for period	3.57
Same period last year	7.63

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SHOOTING HOURS

December 15

Open 6:59 Close 3:35

Skating Okay In Boat Pond

The Moore park ice skating arena still isn't ready for the blades, but a good substitute skating area has been found close by—in the boat harbor across the road from the park entrance.

City Recreation Director Bob Bonney announced late yesterday that the harbor was safe for skating, and last night about 60 persons took advantage of the place.

The harbor, which is but four feet deep, has ice on it from four to six inches thick. Though there are no lights, the recreation department is providing a nightly bonfire, and skating will be under department supervision until 10 p.m.

"The harbor is perfectly safe," Bonney said, "but anyone skating outside on the lake does so at his own risk."

The lake is often treacherous for skating, Bonney noted, with warm springs and thin spots providing dangers along the innocent-appearing surface.

Work is still progressing slowly on the park rink, Bonney said, with crews working nightly to build up a skating surface. The rink is lighted.

Crater Lake Snow Crusted

A ski forecast of "fair" was predicted by Crater Lake Ranger Bernie Packard this morning on Crater Lake national park's slopes, with a possibility that if more snow is added skiing should increase.

All roads are open at present, Packard added, but said that chains are advised.

Snow depth this morning was 71 inches at the lake, with a breakable crust on top. Packard said the ski tow would operate Sunday, while the warming hut would be open all weekend.

Last week 239 persons visited the park, 70 of them skiers. Two accidents, both sprained knees, were reported.

Three feet of snow fell last week during heavy storms.

The park, plus the warming hut and ski tow, will operate during the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Producer-Husband Of Actress Joan Bennett Shoots Down Agent In Row Over "Breaking Up My Home . . ."

By GENE HANDSAKER

BEVERLY HILLS Calif., (AP)—Before the horrified eyes of his wife, Joan Bennett, producer Walter Wanger shot down her agent in a parking lot last night "because he broke up my home."

The greying movtemaker approached the pair as they were chatting and without saying a word fired two shots from a .38 caliber pistol at point blank range.

The agent, Jennings Lang, 39, was seriously wounded in the groin and leg and underwent surgery lasting an hour and a half. Miss Bennett said she and Lang had been together on business during the afternoon. She denied any romantic interest in him.

Wanger was booked on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder. He spent the night in jail and was to be arraigned later today on a similar formal charge or one of assault with a deadly weapon.

A bullet ripped through the left front fender of Miss Bennett's green cadillac convertible. She was sitting in the car when the gun roared, about 5:30 p.m., in a parking lot across the street from the Beverly Hills police station.

Lang was standing by the car, talking to her. He doubled over, clutching at his abdomen.

Chief Anderson quoted Miss Bennett as saying she told Wanger:

"Get away and leave us alone."

She told the police chief that her relations with her agent were purely business.

Sid Holtzman, manager of a service station in the parking lot, drove Lang to his doctor's office on Wilshire Boulevard in Miss Bennett's car. She went along. Lang was later removed to a hospital.

Two policemen took 57-year-old Wanger into custody on the parking lot.

Miss Bennett, 41 — one of the movies' "glamorous grandmas" like Marlene Dietrich and Gloria Swanson — was quoted by Chief Anderson as relating:

JOAN BENNETT
. . . not true!

About 2:30 p.m. she went into the nearby Music Corporation of American building to see Lang, her agent for 12 years.

They took a drive around Beverly Hills and Hollywood in his car, discussing a proposed television show for her. They returned to the parking lot about 5:20.

She and Lang got out of his car and walked over to hers. She got in, he stood beside the door. They talked a few minutes. She had turned the motor and lights on when the gun flashed and roared and she saw Wanger standing nearby.

Police said Wanger tossed the gun into his wife's car.

The shooting—across the street from the city's towering, gleaming Christmas tree—left an irregular, five-foot-long pool of blood on the parking lot's asphalt paving.

The veteran producer of many films, including "Stage Coach," "Foreign Correspondent" and the financially ill-fated "Joan of Arc," was questioned at length and fingerprinted.

Chief Anderson quoted Wanger as saying he warned Lang last January, in New York, that he'd shoot anybody who might break up his home.

The hint of discord between the couple was as shocking to Hollywood as the sudden burst of gunfire.

The producer said he noticed his wife's convertible parked in the lot as he drove past about 2:30 p.m.

A half hour later, Wanger was quoted, he again saw the car there and stopped to wait until she returned.

Lang, the father of two children, is head of West-Coast television operations for Music Corporation of America.

His wife, Pam, was driven to the hospital by actress Jane Wyman, who said she is a close friend of the Langs. Mrs. Lang and Miss Wyman were at a dinner party when the physician phoned word of the shooting. The victim's attractive wife is the niece of actor Hugh Herbert.

Chief Anderson told reporters that Miss Bennett thought her husband has been on the verge of a nervous breakdown because of financial troubles.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was brought against him by the Bank of America for $178,476. To satisfy unpaid loans to Wanger, the bank moved last September to foreclose on the couple's $150,000 home in fashionable Holmby Hills.

The producer's money troubles were blamed by him on complex business arrangements.

Jerry Giesler, noted criminal lawyer, arrived at the station and conferred with Wanger.

Miss Bennett was taut-faced but still glamorous-looking when she arrived at the police station. Her dark, bobbed hair appeared carefully groomed, and she wore a chic dark-blue dress with white lace collars and cuffs.

EARLY SHOPPERS—This trio was waiting for the stores to open when the Herald and News cameraman happened along this morning. Left to right, are Mrs. Bruce Blew and son, Billy, of Medford, and Mrs. Blew's mother, Mrs. Nancy Linder, 3018 Austin.