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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

New York:

"The American Assembly, a national conference and research program established by General Dwight D. Eisenhower at Columbia university, states that INFLATION is the country's No. 1 problem today . . . Inflation was selected by the national policy board of the American Assembly, of which Lewis W. Douglas, former ambassador to Great Britain, is chairman.

"The subject was wholeheartedly endorsed some weeks ago by General Eisenhower, now on leave from Columbia. His endorsement was given at a conference in Paris with Mr. Douglas and Philip Young, dean of Columbia's graduate school of business."

After the conference in Paris, Mr. Douglas got this weighty load off his chest:

"There is no more important problem (than inflation) which affects our country and indeed the whole civilized world today, or one about which less is generally known. If we can clear up the confusion in people's minds AS TO WHAT INFLATION IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT, we shall have a good start toward dealing with this evil force which has already destroyed much of the value of the dollar."

Confusion as to what inflation is?

Shucks! Mr. Douglas. You know better than that. You know that among clear thinkers (you are a clear thinker yourself) there is no confusion whatever as to what inflation is.

It is what happens when governments GET DISHONEST and [illegible] sort to shenannigans with money and credit to get themselves out of the holes they've got into as a result of RECKLESS SPENDING.

Let's trace this money and credit business (especially money) back into history.

In the dim and foggy beginnings of commerce, there was no money. People just swapped what they had for what somebody else had. That was unhandy. So, in the course of time the idea of a MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE arose.

Cattle were among the earliest media of exchange. You've heard of "pecuniary" problems. Well, PECUNIA is the Latin word for money. It was derived from PECUS, meaning cattle.

For quite a long while, cattle worked pretty well as money. Practically everybody wanted them. They could be moved from place to place. AND cattle drew interest! The cows had calves and the calves grew up and thus money increased itself.

But, slowly, civilization advanced. People began to TRAVEL, among other things. When you went on a trip and put up at an inn, it was inconvenient to drag a herd of cattle along with you. Besides, it was bunglesome. Imagine handing a cow to the hotel cashier and getting a couple of calves back in change.

Out of all this inconvenience came eventually, with many intermediate steps which there isn't room here to describe, the more or less universal use of gold and silver as money. They were HANDY.

The practice at first was to WEIGH THE ACTUAL METAL. But, as in the case of cattle, that was bunglesome. So, in time, somebody evolved the brilliant idea of stamping the pieces of metal with a mark GUARANTEEING their weight and fineness.

That was progress!

At first the stamp was that of a PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL—something like what we now call a banker. As long as that lasted the scheme worked remarkably well.

THESE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WERE HONEST.

Then—

A change came.

KINGS (that is to say government) began to put on the stamp "guaranteeing" the weight and fineness. And, as GOVERNMENT came into the money door, HONESTY flew out of the window.

Here's how it happened:

The kings (like all governments sooner or later) SPENT TOO MUCH MONEY and got heavily into debt. So they went crooked. They "sweated" the coins they had stamped with their image. They

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USW EYE STRIKE

Air Force Brass Ponders Question Whether Russia Has U.S. Radar Gunsight

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP) — Is America's super-secret radar gunsight for jet fighters in Russian hands?

Nobody knows for sure.

If it is, America has lost one of its biggest edges in aerial combat against Russian-made jets in Korea.

Some officers at this big U.S. air base in West Germany think the secret is still safe. The closest they come to talking about its principles is to say that "it does everything but call the pilot for breakfast."

It is assumed the radar sight has been used in combat by F-86 Sabre Jets in Korea, although no one will say so officially. Some Sabre Jets have been lost in combat but Air Force officers hope the Russians haven't got the sight.

"Each one of those things has a special detonating device," one high officer explained. "A pilot whose plane has been disabled just touches a button and 'bang,' no more sight. Since it is fairly rare for a pilot to be killed outright, we think no sights have fallen into Russian hands.

"If," he added guardedly, "they are in use in Korea."

There has been no chance for the Russians to get their hands on a radar gunsight in Europe. No U. S. Air Force planes are equipped with them.

Extortion Charge Filed In Ryan Case

The federal government yesterday afternoon filed an extortion charge against 31-year-old Pat Ryan, former U.S. Indian Service deputy special officer.

Ryan is also held in the county jail on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses filed here in the district attorney's office.

According to James B. Poster, special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, Ryan's federal commission was terminated by Indian authorities on December 1.

Poster related that on December 3 Ryan stopped a truck load of Christmas trees being transported from British Columbia to Los Angeles for sale there.

Ryan told three Canadians in the truck he was an Indian Officer and that a special permit was required to transport the trees across the Indian Reservation.

The truckers were still on Indian land when Ryan stopped them on U.S. highway 97 about one-quarter of a mile north of Algoma.

According to Poster, Ryan told the three Canadians there would be a penalty of $50 and a four day delay, but if they paid him $30, they would be allowed to proceed on their way.

One of the truckers gave Ryan two American Express Company checks and left. Shortly afterwards the three men contacted State Police and told them of the transaction.

Ryan was arrested in Chiloquin later that night and finally admitted cashing the checks at the Corner Store in Klamath Falls.

Ryan has been held in the county jail since December 4 on charge of obtaining money by false pretenses brought through the district attorney's office.

Dist. Atty. D. E. Van Vactor said that charge would be held until it was learned what the federal government intended to do with Ryan.

Ryan was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas here yesterday afternoon on the extortion charge.

He asked for time to consult an attorney and bail was set at $1000. Bond on the state charge is $5000.

Spruance May Be Philippine Aide

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Retired Admiral Raymond A. Spruance was reported Friday to be President Truman's choice as the new ambassador to the Philippines.

He had a meeting Thursday with Secretary of State Acheson and informed sources said he has indicated he would accept the post, as successor to Ambassador Myron Cowen.

Spruance, now 65, retired three years ago after a Naval career which included the post war command of the Pacific fleet, and since has made his home at Del Monte Calif.

Judge Slaps Probation To Youths

Three 19-year-old youths in Circuit Court this morning were given their "last chance" to go straight.

Judge David R. Vandenberg told Joseph Vern Barkdoll, Sheldon Abercrombie and Kenneth R. Lowry as he passed sentence on them, "I don't want to see you three in here again."

The three were placed on two years probation on conviction of entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal. They pleaded guilty to the charge.

A fourth youth, 18-year-old Johnny Hawkins, has been bound over to the grand jury on the charge and is free under $1000 bond.

Police arrested the three Dec. 14 near Eldorado and the North Entrance highway as they were gathered around a beer keg, siphoning its contents with a garden hose.

Hawkins escaped being caught that time but was arrested several days later.

The charge against all four boys involved breaking into a beer truck at Western Wholesalers, 1003 E. Main St. and making off with the keg and about seven cases of beer.

In passing sentence on Barkdoll and the other two, Judge Vandenberg had this to say in way of warning:

"I think you fellows feel that you can do as you want—take other people's property—and your parents will look after you, put up bond, get you free and then the court will put you on probation.

"It's a smart-alec idea. This is the last time you will come into this court and walk out without help."

The judge added, "I don't want to send anyone to prison that I don't have to."

He also advised: "Anytime three young men have to steal four cases of beer to get something to drink, you should stop drinking—besides you are too young to be drinking. If you can't earn the things you want, you had better do without stealing beer. You just have to read the paper yesterday to realize that."

As a parting warning Judge Vandenberg had this to say to the three youths.

"You'll either get better or worse and you had better start going uphill pretty fast . . . I don't want to see any of you three up here again."

One of the conditions laid down in probation terms of the three was they abstain from liquor in all forms, and also that they pay back for any of the property taken that cannot be returned.

Officials Say Flier Fine Paid

WASHINGTON (AP)—Qualified officials said Friday that release of the four American airmen by Communist Hungary meant that the United States had paid their $120,000 fines.

They said the arrangements between the United States legation in Budapest and the Hungarian foreign office provided that at the hour fixed for release, the Hungarians would deliver the fliers and United States diplomats would pay the fines.

The form of the payment, the officials said, was presumed to be a check or Treasury draft.

In that event the Hungarian government would have to cash the instrument before it would actually have the money in hand.

SHOOTING HOURS

December 29

Open 7:06 Close 3:43

President Will Battle Walkout

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The nation will escape a crippling steel strike on New Year's Day but will have to face the threat again on Jan. 3.

The wage-policy committee of the CIO United Steelworkers voted to defer a work stoppage for at least three days. That gives the special USW convention in Atlantic City the final say on calling a strike.

The convention also will make the union's formal answer to president Truman's appeal; to avert a strike and submit the steel contract dispute to the Wage Stabilization Board. The steel companies already have agreed to the President's proposal.

BATTLE SEEN

The action of the wage policy committee had been widely predicted. Mr. Truman, who says there must not be a steel strike in view of the national defense emergency, has declared he will use every law on the books to prevent a nationwide steel walkout.

If the convention accepts the President's plan, the Wage Stabilization Board will study arguments of both sides and outline recommendations. These will not be binding on either side.

An entire new contract between the big union and the country's steel companies is at stake.

22 DEMANDS

The union's 22 demands are topped by a call for an 18½ cent hourly wage increase. Murray also wants a guaranteed annual wage, union shop, and other concessions for the men in the mills. He says higher living costs and industry profits justify a substantial wage increase.

The 650,000 USW members employed in the industry now average slightly less than $2 an hour.

U.S. Jets Bag Red Mig-15

SEOUL, Korea, (AP)—Outnumbered American Sabre jets shot a Red jet out of Korean skies Friday while Allied infantrymen recaptured Christmas Hill on the snow-covered battlefront.

The Fifth Air Force said U.S. Sabres came out unscathed from their 20 minute dogfight. The battle was between 24 Sabres and more than 70 MIG-15s. Another high flying 60 MIGs in the same area did not get mixed up in the fight.

One Red jet was sent tumbling down in flaming pieces by the same flight of Sabres that killed two and damaged one Thursday.

The fight for Christmas Hill, scene of the fiercest fighting in 31 days of twilight war on the Korean front, was the only sizable ground counted for in last week's

450 U.S. GI's Die In Prison

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The U.N. command said Friday at least 450 American soldiers have died in North Korean prison camps.

An official communique said that is 77 percent of the United Nations troops known to have been imprisoned in rear areas and not accounted for in last week's list of living prisoners.

Simultaneously the Communists indicated a complete list of living U.N. prisoners already is in Allied hands.

The 450 soldiers were not among those listed on the Communist roster of 11,559 prisoners. They apparently were among 571 Americans the Reds said Wednesday had died of disease or were killed by Allied air raids or artillery fire.

The U.N. command said its announcement was based on a study of the Reds' Wednesday report.

"We must presume they died in prison camps," said Brig. Gen. William P. Nunneley, official U.N. spokesman. "This is the first time we have had any knowledge of any deaths in prison camps."

United Press Buys Acme Newspictures

NEW YORK (AP) — The United Press Association and Newspaper Enterprises Association announced Friday the purchase of NEA's Acme Newspicture Division by UP.

The joint announcement by Hugh Baillie, president of UP, and Fred S. Ferguson, NEW president, said Acme pictures would begin carrying the UP logotype beginning Jan. 1.

Ferguson said the "basic reason" for the sale is "the fact that pictures warranting transmission by wire and radio are news, just as much as the textual word and should move with the wire news."

Used Fists And Feet

THREE OF SIX YOUTHS who have admitted beating and robbing an elderly man are pictured here in the county jail. Left to right they are Claude Worley, Robert Gene Ambrose and Eugene Book. At bottom is an official picture taken of Gilbert Wick several days after he was robbed and beaten.

Six Youths Admit Guilt In Beating, Robbing Man Of 72 On Christmas Night

Six rough looking teenaged youths have admitted their guilt in the coldly calculated strong-arm robbery of 72-year-old Gilbert Wick Christmas night of $340.

Wick, who lives at 1820½ Wantland, was attacked and severely beaten by three of the group about 10 p.m. Tuesday near the SP roundhouse.

Three of the six, Claude Clark Worley Jr., 17; Robert Gene Ambrose, 18 and Eugene Phares Book, 18, were arrested at their homes here Wednesday night and pleaded guilty to charge of robbery by assault, force and violence, not being armed with a dangerous weapon yesterday in circuit court.

Jack Ambrose, 19, brother of Robert; Kenneth Smith, 18 and Jerry Tucker, 17, pleaded guilty to the same charge this morning in court.

They were arrested in Ashland Wednesday afternoon and returned here late yesterday by State Police.

With the exception of Smith, all the youths have admitted in court that the robbery was planned. Smith in court this morning just yawned and said he didn't remember what was said when the robbery was being planned.

Tucker, Robert Ambrose and Eugene Book admitted being the three who actually attacked the elderly man with fists and feet, while the other three waited in a car, belonging to Worley's father, near the east end of the S. 6th viaduct.

Book said he came up behind Wick and knocked him down, Tucker said he hit the old man twice, once while he was lying on the ground. He said as far as he knew, "when they left the old man he would just lie there and die."

Ambrose admitted he took Wick's wallet from a hip pocket while the other two were assaulting the old man.

After the robbery all six drove away in the car, bought gas, split their loot and then went to a dance at Malin.

On the way back to town from the dance about 2:30 a.m., the youths stopped long enough to rob a cash box in the Henley school of $4.

Tucker said in court that they couldn't get the safe open.

All of the six boys have past records here and in other Oregon and California towns.

Here's what they told Judge Vandenberg about their records:

Robert Gene Ambrose: Stole a tire a year ago in Bend and also mud flaps from a motorcycle. Got $100 fine and 60 days suspended on the tire deal and served 20 days on the flaps.

Eugene Phares Book: Three or fours years ago was in juvenile court for theft of a pickup; traffic violations and also arrested for game law violations (shooting out of season).

Claude C. Worley Jr.: Am on probation from Woodburn training school. Have been in and out of juvenile court here for the past five years.

Jack Ambrose: Placed on probation from juvenile court in 1950 for forgery; also had disorderly conduct and vagrancy charges brought in Redmond.

Jerry Tucker: He wasn't asked in court about any past troubles. But the district attorney's office says he has been in juvenile difficulties in the past.

Kenneth Smith: Spent 8 months in a California youth camp for burglary. He is free under $100 bail from District Court here on charge of giving liquor to a minor.

All six will be sentenced in Circuit Court Monday by Judge Vandenberg.

Bird Count To Be Made

The fourth annual Christmas season bird count of the Klamath Basin will be made by the Nature Society of the Klamath Region, Sunday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This annual check of bird life in the Klamath Basin will be held in connection with the 51st annual Christmas count held across the nation by the National Audubon Society which first started the idea in 1900 when 27 observers took part. Since that time the idea has grown until in 1950 there were more than 4500 people taking part.

The Christmas count this year will be under the direction of J.L. O'Donahue. The 1950 count in the Klamath Basin was conducted by five parties who spent 18 hours in the field to tally 7,831 birds of 69 species.

Raging Stream Batters Worker

GRANTS PASS (AP)—A Southern Pacific bridge department employe was knocked into flood-swollen Jump-Off Joe Creek near here Thursday, and was still in a hospital Friday exhausted from his struggle to live.

The workman, Harry Hawkins, was trying to protect bridge piling from debris carried by the swift-flowing steam. He was accidentally knocked fom his feet and for 15 minutes he struggled against the current. Finally other workmen got a line to him and pulled him to safety. Hospital attendants said he was recovering.

Cause Of Mine Blast Not Sure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bureau of Mines said Friday electricity or a lighted cigaret may have killed 119 coal miners last week at West Frankfort, Ill.

The report was made on the basis of preliminary findings by bureau experts who investigated the disastrous blast in Orient mine No. 2.

BODY FOUND

YREKA—Jacob Christian Larsen 66, of Sacramento, was found dead Thursday afternoon in his car just off U.S. 99 five miles south of Mt. Shasta. Investigation indicated that death was due to natural causes.

Coddington Wins Painting Contract

The KC Painting company, owned by Keith Coddington was low bidder on the job of painting and decorating the downstairs portion of City Hall, now being remodeled for offices.

Coddington's bid was $392. Other bids were put in by L. P. Brockman, $653; Roper and Roper, $466.50; and A&B Paint Store, $524.

California? Still Raining

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Storm-drenched Northern California got more rain Friday — threatening damage to highways and railroads and flooding farmlands.

Landslides closed highway 101 from Willits to Laytonville; highway 1 along the coast from Albion to Fort Bragg, and blocked northwestern railway tracks in Mendocino County, isolating Eureka by rail for hours.

Melting snow and heavy rain sent the Eel and Sacramento rivers roaring over their banks, flooding farmlands. Farmers moved livestock to high ground. The Russian River was expected to flood Friday.

A section of track washed out by heavy rains again halted train service into Eureka Friday morning.

Thousands of dairy cattle were removed from flooding ranches 20 miles south of Eureka.

Pedestrians In Portland Better

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland motorists and pedestrians skidded a bit on the streets and walks Friday, but had a much better time of it than the day before. The Weather Bureau said there would be non-freezing rain Saturday.

Elsewhere in the state the weather ran along the conventional winter pattern—some rain showers in Western Oregon, some snow in the eastern part of the state.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Snow flurries occasionally mixed with rain through Saturday. High Friday 35, low 26. High Saturday 37.

High Temp yesterday	31
Low last night	29
Precip last 24 hrs	1.18
Since Oct. 1	8.33
Same period normal	4.40
Same period last yr	8.21

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Treatment Said 'Okay' By Sergeant

By CURT HAMPE

NICKELSDORF, Austria (AP) — The four American airmen jailed by Communist Hungary for 40 days came back to freedom Thursday night.

The fliers crossed the Hungarian frontier into Austria at 5:01 p. m., 7:01 a. m., PST. Within a few minutes they were sped on their way back to their base at Erding, Germany.

U. S. officials at the border kept the four men under wraps, but as they were starting to drive to Tulln Air Base, outside Vienna, one of them was asked by a reporter how he was treated in Hungary.

TREATMENT OK

"All right" was all that Sgt. Jess Duff, of Spokane, Wash., replied. He was the mechanic aboard the C-47 transport forced down on Hungarian soil by Soviet fighter planes Nov. 19.

The four men appeared through the mist of the raw, damp evening, looking tired. They were hustled into a room of the Austrian border police building. Eagerly they drank coffee and ate the sandwiches provided by the welcoming party. Two stiff Russian officers and the American party joined in the snack.

Walter J. Donnelly, the U.S. ambassador in Vienna, came to the Austrian frontier to greet the fliers. The U.S. had agreed to pay $120,000 in fines levied against the men on a charge of violating the Hungarian border, provided the men were promptly released.

HELD UP

Donnelly announced in Vienna earlier Thursday that the fliers would be released at 4 p.m. 7 a.m. PST. He then sped to the frontier, but it was not until 4:38 o'clock he received Soviet permission to cross through the frontier barrier past Soviet guards.

The fliers were accompanied across the border by Lt. Col. William Alden Somerby, U.S. Air Attache in the American legation at Budapest.

Immediately upon reaching the Austrian side of the frontier, the fliers went into a police post building, accompanied by High Commissioner Donnelly and Col. John Guillett, commander of the U. S. Air Force Base at Tulln, along with other members of the American welcoming party.

The airmen wore their Air Force uniforms.

The four fliers went into a room from which photographers and reporters were barred. They appeared tired.

The fliers are:

Capt. John J. Swift of Glens Falls, N. Y., pilot.

Capt. Davis H. Henderson of Shawnee, Okla., co-pilot.

T-Sgt. Jess A. Duff of Spokane, Wash., mechanic.

Sgt. James E. Elam of Kingsland, Ark., radio man.

Miner Dies Of Poisoning

YREKA—Claude Bolton Jr., 28, of Horse Creek on the Klamath river, died Friday morning in Siskiyou general hospital from the effects of what was termed mercury poisoning.

Bolton, a carpenter who mines for gold as a hobby, apparently panned gold Christmas Day and tried to extract the ore from the rock by a mercury method.

He put the rock into a frying pan along with two pounds of mercury, and heated the solution.

A dog in the house keeled over, the first indication of the mercury fumes, but Bolton, his 3-year-old son Clyde and his mother, Mrs. Emma Bolton, 52, became ill and were brought to the hospital.

The youngster and his grandmother were reported recovering today.

Mail From U.S. POW's Arriving

TOKYO (AP)—A nine-pound bag holding the first batch of letters from Allied prisoners in North Korean camps started toward the United States by plane Friday.

The mail arrived from Korea earlier in the day and was speeded along after processing at an Army post office. The Communists turned over more than 800 letters from Allied prisoners to United Nations delegates at the Panmunjom truce talks Wednesday.

It was not determined immediately if the Army released all letters for forwarding.

9 O'clock Special

DEPUTY SHERIFF RED BRITTON (left) gets a light for his stogie from County Jailer John Whalen.

Clearing Weather Puts Search Planes In Air; No Trace Of Transport So Far

By WALLACE MYERS

Bad weather that had blocked aerial search for a missing plane with eight men aboard since yesterday morning cleared a bit early this afternoon and search planes began taking off.

The missing plane, a C-47 transport, has not been heard from since Wednesday afternoon. At 4:17 p. m., Wednesday, the plane in a routine radio check with the airport here reported it was flying at 10,000 feet southbound from Spokane to Travis Field in the San Francisco Bay area.

Aboard were three crewmen and five other servicemen which the Air Force described as aerial hitchhikers.

An aerial rescue team flew in here from McChord Field, Tacoma, in two B-17s and a C-82 "Flying Boxcar". Later, trucks arrived from McChord a mobile field radio station and other equipment for air and ground searching and rescue.

The McChord team of some 26 men and members of the Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit have been standing by at the airport since yesterday morning but were unable to launch an aerial search until this afternoon because of low visibility.

Since Wednesday night, countless promising clues to the missing plane's whereabouts have been checked but practically all of them have fizzled out, according to Capt. Ray Costello, directing the search from here.

If the lost transport is spotted from the air, specially equipped ground rescue teams are ready to go. The Flying Boxcar carried a Weasel for heavy snow and rough terrain travel and KASRU has its power wagon standing by. Experienced guides for any of the several rugged mountainous areas in the search vicinity are also on the alert.

The initial aerial search area is immediately south of Klamath Falls, an area approximately 75 by 45 miles.

At Red Bluff this morning, Capt. Clarence Molder, directing the search in that area, told the Associated Press all planes were grounded by the weather there.

He voiced a fear that the missing plane might have crashed at high altitude and would be covered by new snow before the aerial search could get under way.

The Air Force identified six of the eight missing men early yesterday and said the other two were then unknown. But last night, identity of the other two men was listed. They were: Capt. Thomas E. McCartney, Spokane; and Cpl. Jesse Keller, Elloree, S. C. The other six men were: Capt. John O'Dell, Vacaville, Calif.; Capt. Vermon Moe, Vallejo, Calif.; Cpl. A. G. Gracia, Spokane, Sgt. Y. M. Mikimi, Spokane; S-Sgt. R. H. Peterson, Spokane; and Cpl. L. N. Peterson, Fort Cronkhite, Calif.