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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
I find myself considerably intrigued by a run-of-the-mill dispatch that has just come off the wire from Portland. It starts out like this:

"The state liquor control commission may decide at its next meeting whether to adopt new ANTI-GAMBLING regulations. George Woodworth, commission attorney, said today he had prepared three new regulations which he will present to the commission. The regulations, drawn up after conferences with George Neuner, state attorney general, and Robert Elstrom, commission chairman, would:

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Are we working up toward making the liquor control commission THE agency for enforcement of Oregon laws against gambling?

If so, why?

Can't we depend any longer on the regularly established law enforcement agencies?

Or are we just whipping the devil around the stump by pretending that gambling is illegal in Oregon ONLY when it is done in places where intoxicating liquor is sold?

I'd like to call your attention here to Section 4 of Article XV of the constitution of the State of Oregon. It reads:

"Lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets, for any purpose whatever, are PROHIBITED, and the legislative assembly shall PREVENT the same by penal laws."

That prohibition has never been repealed. It is still in the fundamental law of our state. Lotteries are ILLEGAL in Oregon. You just can't get around that. Our basic law says plainly that they shall be prevented.

We don't need to empower the liquor control commission to prevent them in taverns, or elsewhere. All that is needed under the law is to call in the police, whose business it is to enforce the law.

But, you may say, the LETTER of the basic law prohibits only LOTTERIES.

All right. Since we're dealing here with a principle, let's go into that. Webster defines a lottery thus: "A scheme for the distribution of prizes by lot; especially such a scheme in which lots, or chances, are sold. Figuratively, an affair of chance."

Did you ever see a punchboard? Normally, it is a piece of material in which a lot of holes are bored. In the holes are pieces of paper with numbers or symbols on them. You are SOLD the right to punch out these pieces of paper, at so much per punch, with a nail or a wire or some other jigger. If you punch out the right one, you get a prize.

If that isn't a lottery, what IS a lottery? Why go around Robin Hood's barn to relieve the police authorities from their responsibility to deal with it as the law decrees and place that responsibility on the shoulders of the liquor commission?

I realize, of course, that I'm using up reams of space in dealing with what quibblers might term a triviality. But it doesn't seem to me that LAW ENFORCEMENT is or can be trivial. If you trifle with law enforcement, on whatever pretext, you inevitably build up DISRESPECT FOR LAW.

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US Closes Consulates

Liquor Board Looks Over Anti-Gambling Regulation, Portland Pinball Law Out

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American Travelers Now Off List

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The State Department disclosed Saturday that it has set midnight Monday as the deadline for Hungary to close its consulates in Cleveland and New York City—one of two major steps taken in retaliation for Hungarian treatment of four U.S. airmen.

The deadline was made known by release of the text of a note sent Friday night to Hungarian Minister Emil Weil. This accused Hungary of failure to "live up to accepted standards of international practice" and informed him that the consular offices "are required to cease all operations immediately and to be closed by midnight, Dec. 31, 1951."

The steps reduced contracts between the United States and the Soviet satellite to a bare minimum although a complete diplomatic break was ruled out, at least by this country.

U. S. retaliation for treatment accorded the airmen by the Communist nation came swiftly. The four spent 40 days in a Red jail. Haggard but jubilant, they won freedom Friday after the U.S. paid their fine—\$120,000.

Retaliatory steps were announced by Secretary of State Acheson Friday, coupled with a warning obviously aimed at the whole Communist bloc that reaction to similar incidents in the future may be much harsher.

By RICHARD K. O'MALLEY

ERDING AIR BASE, Germany, (AP)—Four American fliers ransomed from Hungary for \$120,000 Saturday night told a story of their ceaseless interrogation by Hungarian and Russian officers but said they were not physically mistreated.

The airmen were held 39 days in solitary confinement, they said, but their food was substantial and their quarters were fairly comfortable.

They told a news conference at their home air base here tonight that both Soviet and Hungarian officers attempted to get military information from them, but they were cautioned by an Air Force officer attending the conference not to elaborate on this phase of their interrogation.

Hughart is an ordained minister of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect. He makes his living operating a tavern, he said.

The council decided to give the matter more thought and will decide upon Hughart's application later.

Britain, Egypt Okay Buffer

CAIRO, Egypt, (AP)—British and Egyptian commanders have agreed on a six-mile-wide no-man's-land along the Cairo-Suez road, it was announced Saturday.

Gen. Saad el din Sabour, Egyptian Air liaison officer, said the arrangement was made to prevent possible clashes between the two forces.

The new buffer zone starts along a north-south line a little more than 37 miles from Cairo. Behind this, the Egyptians have strong forces guarding the approaches to Cairo. On the other side, the nearest British Army checkpoint is some 56 miles east of Cairo.

Mill Power Still Cut

Another week of power curtailment to lumber mills in this vicinity was ordered this morning by California Oregon Power Company, according to Sam Ritchey, local manager.

The power schedule for next week is the same as has been in effect for the past two weeks, cutting the supply to mills in half between 8 and 11:30 a. m. and 5 and 7 p. m.

Heavy domestic use of electricity is responsible for the curtailment, according to Copco.

CD Discipline Is Rough, Too

YONKERS, N. Y. (AP)—A Civil Defense worker has been suspended for complaining that proposed uniforms for his aides would make them look like "circus clowns, storm troopers and space patrolmen."

The worker, Maj. Charles A. Palmer, a World War II veteran and auxiliary CD police commander, earlier this week objected to the uniforms—white helmet, blue coveralls, white belt and short white leggings.

SHOOTING HOURS

December 30
Open 7:06 Close 3:43
December 31
Open 7:06 Close 3:44



STYMIED—Search for the Air Force C-47, missing since last reported over Klamath Falls, Wednesday afternoon, has been blocked by bad weather. Top members of a McChord Field air rescue team, put the wraps on a B-17 as snow swirls down. Center, Capt. Ray Costello (seated), commanding the McChord rescue outfit, lays out an aerial search area. Looking on are (left) Vic Douglas, of the Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit, and Lt. D. A. Fitzgerald, member of the McChord unit. Lower photo shows Lloyd (Pop) Newlin (left) and Max Menti, KASRU members, checking skis on a light plane that may be needed in the search or rescue.

Weather Halts Plane Search

As hope dimmed today for eight servicemen missing with an Air Force C-47 transport plane since Wednesday afternoon, bad weather continued hampering aerial searches.

The missing plane was last heard from at 4:17 p. m. Wednesday, as it flew southward 10,000 feet over Klamath Falls. Aboard were three crewmen and five passengers.

Since Thursday morning, search and rescue teams have been standing by here and at points to the south but continued rain and snow has prevented all but a few hours of actual aerial searching.

A few planes were up from Municipal Airport here yesterday afternoon for a couple of hours. And this morning, an Air Force plane working out of Red Bluff searched during a brief weather break to the south.

Air search and ground rescue teams are standing by here. The teams are comprised of about 25 men from McChord Field, Tacoma, and members of the Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit.

Weather forecasts at noon today gave little promise of any clearing weather during the afternoon.

Snow Pelts West Oregon

By The Associated Press
Rain that washed away Northwestern Oregon's sheath of ice turned into snow Saturday, and the Weather Bureau said some areas could expect half an inch on the ground by nightfall.

Warmer temperatures that accompanied the rain began dropping Saturday morning and were expected to be near the freezing point by night.

The snow was mixed with rain at some points, including Portland. But nearby Troutdale reported light snow and so did Gresham.

Redmond in Central Oregon had eight inches of snow on the ground. Farther east Burns reported a like amount. The Weather Bureau said a heavy fall could be expected in the mountains.

Heavy rain fell on the coast with North Bend reporting 1.25 inches in the 24 hours ending at 4:30 Saturday.

Storm warnings were hoisted for winds 25 to 35 miles an hour with gusts of 45 expected.

Baker had the state's lowest temperature reported to the Weather Bureau Saturday with 17 degrees.

Inspection By Air To Be Dropped

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—United Nations negotiators Saturday made their "most important concession"—and their final one—in an effort to break the long deadlock in the Korean truce talks.

The U.N. negotiators said they would abandon their demand for aerial reconnaissance and negotiate the question of troop rotation if the Reds would accept without change a new compromise plan for policing a truce.

Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner told the Reds the plan is the U.N.'s final offer.

NO FURTHER
"We have now conceded to your unreasonable views all that we can concede. From this moment we have and shall have nothing further to propose," Turner declared.

"It is now clearly and unequivocally up to you. The future is in your hands."

The Reds asked to consider the proposal overnight.

The Communists agreed Saturday to divulge the fate of some 50,000 unaccounted for war prisoners.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckolls, official U.N. spokesman, said the decision to withdraw the demand for aerial observation during an armistice was made "with the greatest reluctance."

MOST IMPORTANT
"This is by far the most important concession the U.N. command has made," he said.

Reas. Adm. R. E. Libby said the Communists "grudgingly" agreed to supply information on all U.N. and South Korean soldiers they have captured. In return, the U.N. Allies will give the Reds further data on the list of Red prisoners given the Communists Dec. 18.

The Communists indicated Saturday that many of the 50,000 prisoners the U.N. says the Reds reported capturing but failed to list on their official prisoner roster were released at the front and their names were not recorded. Most of the 50,000 were South Koreans.

Libby said the U.N. is not too hopeful the Reds will supply much additional information "but at least we got our foot in the door."

Nuckolls told correspondents the U.N. Command decided to take a "calculated risk" that ground inspection would detect whether the Reds were building up military air bases in North Korea.

More Rain For California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The rain that has been pelting Northern Californians since Christmas will continue Saturday, says the Weather Forecaster.

However, flood threats were minor and the most discomfort probably will be voiced by football fans who sit through the predicted "intermittent" showers at the annual East-West Shrine game at Kezar stadium.

Throughout Northern California, rivers were running bank full and heavy snow falling above 5000 feet was expected to continue.

The rain, caused by a single storm center lingering near Eureka, has virtually prevented a search for a missing air force plane with eight aboard.

Flood waters began dropping in the Sacramento River near Red Bluff and the Eel River on the northern coast. The latter left several thousand acres of ranch lands inundated on the Humboldt coastal plain.

Apartment Hotel Razed By Fire

KANSAS CITY, (AP)—Four persons were killed and at least 17 were injured Friday night in a fire which swept through an apartment hotel here.

Officials early Saturday said it was believed that all residents of the building had been accounted for.

The manager of the building, Ralph L. Davis, said about 250 persons lived in the half-block long structure.



TALKING IT OVER this morning were State Policeman Bob Milton and Sheriff Jack Franey. They didn't say what they were discussing.

9 O'clock Special



T'AIN'T NEITHER A POKER GAME—It's members of the Suburban Fire Department looking over tickets for their annual Fireman's Ball, scheduled for New Year's Eve at the armory. (l to r) Lloyd Mudder, on leave from the army, 2636 Gettle; Walt Schriber, 2342 Gettle; Henry Mudder (father of Lloyd), 2636 Gettle. Tickets are available from any volunteer Suburban Fireman.