

By FRANK JENKINS From Washington (mostly political)

"President Truman's assignment of Attorney General McGrath to clean up the government drew angry protest from senate and house Republicans today and silence from the Democrats."

Well, if you were an able, honest Democrat, for example, Fulbright of Arkansas, Keifer of Tennessee, Douglas of Illinois or Byrd of Virginia what would you do? You'd KEEP STILL, I expect.

On the Republican side, Senator Nixon of California sizes it up pretty well. He says mildly: "The public will have no confidence whatever in an investigation of the justice department by THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT."

Let's put it this way: If I were under suspicion of wrongdoing and the district attorney put me up to decide whether I was innocent or guilty, I'm afraid I'd whitewash myself.

Last year, according to the reports of their national committees in congress in compliance with the federal corrupt practices act, the Democrats took in \$1,318,574 and spent \$1,311,052, leaving a net balance of \$7,522.00. The Republicans collected \$679,137 and disbursed \$334,473—a net gain for the year of \$344,664.

One can at least argue from those figures that the Republicans are BETTER BUSINESS MANAGERS than the Democrats—and the Lord knows that in these days we need better business management in Washington.

Tell me something: Do you have any faith in the federal corrupt practices act as an efficient tool in preventing the spending of too much money in political campaigns? I don't either.

Tell me something else: When you have the feeling that some candidate is spending too much money to get the office he's running for, how do you feel about it? Does his over-spending influence you to vote for him? Or does it incline you to vote AGAINST him?

AGREES pretty sure my inclination, everything else being equal, is to vote against the too heavy spender.

I think that's the way it should be. If the idea gets around that spending too much money to get an office is a good way to GET DEFEATED, there will be fewer candidates who will spend too much.

After all, responsibility for most of the things that are wrong in our politics tracks back to us who do the voting. If we all voted more intelligently, we would have a cleaner and better government.

Here's a new figure I just ran into. It interests me. Oregon pays total taxes TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT of about \$11 million dollars, which amounts to about \$335 per person for us who live in Oregon.

Oregon gets back from the federal government by FEDERAL GRANTS AND AIDS (which includes the bulk of what we loosely term bondfinancing) about \$4 million dollars or some \$35 per person.

The moral: If we're going to boondoggle, we'd better DO OUR OWN BOONDOLLING, instead of asking the federal government to do it for us. It would be cheaper.

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Hope Fades For Crew Of Ship Adrift In Cold Sea



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Truce Talks Break Down Over Airfield Repairs

by OLEN CLEMENTS MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Allied truce negotiators handed the Reds a virtual ultimatum Friday. They demanded an explanation of an alleged contradiction in the Communists' announced stand on construction of airfields during an armistice.

MIGS Invade UN Area, Four Lost

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Red jets dashed south almost to Parallel 38 Friday—and paid for their audacity with loss of four MIG-15s. They were shot down, and a fifth was damaged, in five blazing battles with American jets.

Tule Camp Eyed For Subversives

The Bureau of Prisons announced in Washington today, according to the Associated Press, that the former Jap Camp near Tulelake would be prepared for "detection of subversives if the need arises."

No Parking On Main At Night

Police Chief Orville Hamilton today ordered no parking on Main between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. tomorrow, to aid the Street Department in snow removal.

Auto Dealer On Unfair Listing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A national Labor Relations Board trial examiner Friday found a Salem automobile dealer guilty of unfair labor practices.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Snow flurries through Saturday. High today 30, low tonight 20. High tomorrow 27.

Captain Tells Of Harrowing Days On Board Doomed Ship; Going Back To Sea

By EDWARD CURTIS FALMOUTH, Eng. (AP)—Safe ashore, Capt. Kurt Carlsen told the story Friday of his monumental fight with the raging Atlantic—wind, waves and cold.

Planes Join Search Over North Pacific

SEATTLE (AP)—Seven airplanes joined the ships of three nations early Friday in the expanding North Pacific search for the abandoned freighter Pennsylvanian and its 45 or 46 crew members.

Calif. Solon To Oppose Trinity Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Scudder (R., Calif.) said today he opposes diversion of the Trinity River in Trinity County, to provide additional water in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and to generate power.

Ordinances Redrawn By Councilmen

Six revamped ordinances, drawn up in the work of recodifying Klamath Falls' many statutes but not changing any present laws or regulations, were acted upon at an adjourned meeting of the City Council last night.

Phone Rate Hike Granted

SALEM (AP)—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was granted permission Friday to increase its Oregon rates by \$633,441 a year.

Camp Fire Brass Visits

Miss Martha F. Allen, national director of Camp Fire Girls, Inc., was feted this morning at a coffee hour in the Pelican Club on her arrival here—the first of a number of affairs to be presented in her honor today.

Night School Classes Start

Night classes for adults are underway at Klamath Union High School, with registration in all of them still wide open.

OTI Heating Unit Blows

A heatless holiday has been called today at OTI and all buildings on the campus are closed, according to Winston Purvine, director of Oregon Tech.

Schuman Plan Agreed To

BONN, Germany (AP)—The lower House of the West German Parliament ratified the Schuman Plan Friday after a tumultuous session marked by opposition jibes at Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and shouts that he "got out" of office.

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CATHY HARGIS, who lives at Algoma and works at the J. C. Penney store, was caught by the photographer this morning as she mounted a ladder to hang a stockroom sign.

Traffic No Trouble For Topsy Once She Gets Under Way-- And She Made Lights

Topsy the horse really went to town yesterday. . . . And she did not stop. She didn't even slow down. She went like a train.

Cabbie Narrowly Escapes Death

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A cabbie showed police his cigarette lighter, fused with a .38 bullet, and said it had cost him \$25, but saved his life.

Fremont Ski Area Blocked By Snow

Fremont National Forest Supervisor John McDonald said mid-morning today that the road to the ski area is blocked by snow but may be opened later today.

Whatever it was, it caused Topsy to jump the coral fence and take off like a bat out of the Hot Place. As Topsy raced along a dangling halter rope was flapping her forelegs making Topsy think, no doubt, that some strange danger was flying along with her.



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