

Northern California In Path Of Fresh Storm; Floods Rip Over Southern Area

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Interesting news from Tokyo:
In an unprecedented criticism of an occupation agency, Yomiuri, Tokyo's largest newspaper, said today Japanese are FED UP with an American-ordered radio soap opera on the democratic way of life.

The program relates the experiences of a "Miss Eriko," a mythical Japanese girl, in remodeling her life along democratic lines. It was written by Japanese UNDER AMERICAN SUPERVISION. It tells the Japs how WE think they ought to live THEIR lives.

I haven't heard it, but if it is as namby-pamby and stuffed-shirted as some of our propaganda stuff I have heard I don't blame the Japanese for rebelling. Personally, I doubt if democracy can ever be successfully forced on anybody FROM THE TOP. If it is to work, democracy has to come up from the bottom. People have to WANT it. It is in the hands of conquerors that they must take it or else, they may accept it outwardly but inwardly they'll rebel. That's just human nature.

It has seemed to me for quite a while that we are trying to force our brand of democracy on the rest of the world. I'm sure that's a mistake. The Japs have a pretty good kind of democracy and it has served them well. Obviously, they LIKE it.

But if somebody tried to FORCE the Swiss way of life on us we'd fight bloody murder against it.

Our way of life came to us BECAUSE WE WANTED IT. Our forefathers were fed to the ears with the medical mess in Europe and they were willing to risk even death to get what they wanted. Coming to us in that natural, logical way, our particular brand of democracy has worked.

Incidentally, another Japanese problem is facing us. Our boys over there are beginning to marry Japanese girls. They are marrying them by the thousands. They are bringing their brides HOME with them.

Also, in many cases, their CHILDREN. These Japanese wives (and the children) are coming to America under a temporary relaxation of our immigration laws which refuse American citizenship to Orientals. This temporary relaxation is due to expire soon. But it looks like America will be in the Orient (including Japan) for a long time. If nature continues to take its course, a lot more of them will marry Japanese girls.

What are we going to do about it? We're now beginning to look upon the Japanese as our allies. We're coming to RELY ON THEM as a bulwark in the East against communism. We're expending a lot of them to die in defense of our way of life against communist aggression.

As things are going now, it won't be long before the Japanese are going to want to know why, IF THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO DIE FIGHTING BESIDE US FOR THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, they aren't good enough to be common American citizens and SHARE in the American way of life.

Especially the Japanese girls who marry American boys and bear children who are HALF AMERICAN.

It's a tough problem. How are we going to answer it? If we're going to run the world, which we are apparently committed to do, we're going to face a lot of problems like that. We might as well be thinking about them now. Some of our thinking is going to have to run along this line.

If a guy is going to die beside you helping you DEFEND YOUR HOME, is he or isn't he good enough to be invited into your home? What kind of answer are you going to give to that question when it is put to you—as it certainly will be?

Spud Picture Gloomy As Dates Near

The potato situation, left in a state of confusion by the recent Office of Price Stabilization ceiling in price order, still is hazy and unclear to buyers and growers.

In Washington, D.C., the government yesterday announced that retail prices for white potatoes will be rolled back on Jan. 28 to reflect the lower ceilings at the farm-shopper level.

The ceilings to the growers will become effective this Saturday, Jan. 19.

Some buying was reported going on this week, but perplexed jobbers report they don't know what they can legally do.

Scott Warren, Klamath grower attending an OPS meeting in Washington, D.C., wired here yesterday that the OPS' present policy on the price ceilings would roll back present farm prices for spuds by around \$1.50 did not look too hopeful.

Warren said that when the farmers deal with the OPS, they are "dealing with organized labor."

Agriculture, he said, is up against it.

The state department of agriculture reported this morning shipments the past two days were 15 and 19 carloads of potatoes per day respectively. That is a great drop from peak shipments at the end of November when one day saw a pretty good kind of democracy and it has served them well. Obviously, they LIKE it.

Shipments have dropped off steadily since the OPS announced the first of the year that price ceilings would be imposed.

Potatoes reported this morning Army buying is actually the only stir on the market at present, and that is unsteady. Inspectors reported this week were still the "OPS" contracts being fulfilled.

Price Stabilizer Michael V. DiSalle said the order setting the maximum retail price markups will be issued the next few days.

The markups, he said, will take into account the "five to 10 percent cut in country shipping point prices" ordered to take effect Saturday.

OPS officials explained the retail price give stores an opportunity to dispose of potatoes they may have bought at prices higher than the ceilings.

Officials said that after Jan. 28 retailers will be required to compare their prices weekly to the average costs in buying potatoes the previous week.

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Minus Five Chills KF



UP AND AT IT — Hose is pulled into the top floor of the Merchandise Mart on S. 6th St., as Suburban Firemen battle a stubborn blaze which broke out yesterday afternoon.

Missing Man Found Safe At Ranch

Downtown Klamath Falls temperature, skidding to a new season low of 5 below this morning, was 37 degrees colder than on the same morning a year ago when the mercury failed to go below the freeze mark and climbed to 45 during the day.

As usual, three big recording thermometers showed different temps in the city: while the Herald and News thermometer charted 5 below, the GAA at Municipal Airport recorded 1 above and Copco reported 1 below. Temperatures sometimes vary as much as 10 or 12 degrees at these three points.

Snow-burdened Northern California had more snow last night but the weather was reported clear this morning at Dunsuir, where the snow has reached an average depth of 4 feet.

William Dunn, Dunsuir rancher and taxi man, who had been unreported on snowbound Soda Creek since Sunday, was found safe at his ranch cabin by a search party that reached the cabin late yesterday.

Dunn left Dunsuir Sunday afternoon in an attempt to reach the cabin, five miles off U.S. Highway 99, and his fate was uncertain until he was found yesterday.

Chemult, holder of the dubious honor of being the coldest spot in the Klamath country again this winter, easily retained its icy crown last night with a frigid 16 below. Bly was in second place with 12 below and Keno was third with 8 below.

The U.S. weather forecaster in Portland, whose vexing duty it is to forecast Klamath weather from the distant point, missed last night's low temp by 30 degrees when he forecast last night's low here as 25 above zero.

Previous season low in the downtown area this year was 4 below, Jan. 2.

Crater Lake reports a new record snow depth for this time of year; the snow there is now 12 1/2 feet deep.

Willamette Pass, there is 128 inches of roadside snow. Chemult has 72, Keno and Bly 48.

Fire Damages Local Store

The Merchandise Mart, 2964 So. 6th St., escaped with comparatively minor damage from a fire Wednesday afternoon that sent large clouds of smoke and steam into the cold outdoor air.

Flames that started in a wall partition, apparently from a hot stovepipe, crept up to the second floor among mattresses and bed springs and ate through the roof.

Suburban firemen, with aid of the Klamath Falls department, confined the flames to the top floor of the building.

Twenty or 30 smoldering and flaming mattresses were thrown through broken windows to the snow-covered ground and extinguished there.

City firemen stationed a pumper at the city limits to boost water about a quarter of a mile to the fire.

One thousand boxes of shotgun and rifle shells were removed from the building without damage.

Time Oil Company, next door to the Mart, had 12,000 gallons of lubricating oil stored in barrels, but they were never in danger.

John Sterling, operator of the Merchandise Mart, estimated his stock and building at \$50,000, but could give no immediate estimate of the damage done.

Shrading said repairs would start immediately and the place would be reopened for business as soon as possible.

Vishinsky Says 'No Hope' For Armistice In Korea; Calls Van Fleet 'Cannibal'

By STANLEY JOHNSON
PARIS (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky told the United Nations Thursday there is "no hope" for successful conclusion of Korean armistice talks at Panmunjom.

In spite of this, the Assembly's Soviet Union's new omnibus peace plan, which included calls for an immediate cease-fire in Korea, retreat from the 38th Parallel by both sides and withdrawal of all foreign troops.

A Russian proposal to move the armistice talks from Korea to higher levels in Paris previously had been rejected.

Vishinsky said "unreasonable demands presented by the American command can give no hope for successful conclusion" of the armistice talks now going on at Panmunjom.

In a slashing speech before the United Nations Political Committee, Vishinsky called U.S. Gen. James A. Van Fleet a "cannibal" unfit to conduct the talks.

He also accused U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson of not wanting any form of atomic control and doing his best to undermine Russian attempts to get it.

Nevertheless, the committee sent Vishinsky's atom program to the newly created Disarmament Commission for intensive study. The vote on a British-French-American resolution suggesting this course was 53 to 5, with two abstentions.

The votes followed a two-hour tirade by Vishinsky in which the Soviet foreign minister, with mounting fury, shouted that "only hypocrites" could want to leave the Korean truce talks in the hands of Van Fleet and the U.N. military leaders.

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Snowfall In Oregon Gains

SALEM (AP) — Snowfall in Oregon's mountains is more than twice as great as a year ago, with the water content of the snow is 60 per cent greater than normal, the State Highway Commission said Thursday.

The Commission, giving snow measurements as of January 14 compared with a year earlier, said the roadside snow at Government Camp was 120 inches deep, compared with 64 inches last year.

Santiam Pass reported 126 inches, with 65 inches a year ago. Willamette Pass had 126 inches, compared with 64 inches last year.

At Chemult, on the Dalles-California route, the depth is 73 inches, against only 18 inches a year ago.

The snow depth on the Pacific Highway in the Siskiyou is 62 inches, compared with 8 inches a year ago.

Mecham, on the Old Oregon Trail, had 28 inches, against a 13 inch total a year ago.

Ship Search Cut To Bone

SEATTLE (AP) — With help all but gone, the Coast Guard Thursday reduced its search for the freighter Pennsylvania and the missing crewmen to a one-cutter basis.

Aerial search was halted Wednesday night for the 45 or 46 crewmen who now have been unheard from for nearly eight days. Their last message apparently was their epitaph: "We're leaving."

The only search for the crewmen being conducted on a limited basis by the cutter Yocona of Eureka, Calif. Meanwhile, Coast Guard officials said they plan a full dress inquiry into the tragedy, making particular investigation of the ship's last previous voyage.

On that trip, from San Francisco to Japan, the Pennsylvania was forced to turn back after being 1,500 miles out and have repairs made to a split in her starboard side.

Crowd Jams Square Dance

The second week's square dancing at Fremont school came off "without a hitch" last night with more than 180 persons participating, according to Recreation Director Bob Bonney.

Otto Ellis was in charge of callers, who included Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Antle; live music was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gertler, Tullake, playing manual and electric guitars.

Bonney noted that the square dancing crowd has apparently stabilized; last week there were but few more on hand to open the community wide square and folk dance series.

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Klamath Men On Homebound List

Two Klamath Falls men are passengers aboard the Navy transport Marine Phoenix due in Seattle this afternoon from the Far East.

The Navy passenger list included Sgt. Wayne A. Gombert, Route 2 Box 564-A, and Cpl. William Douglas Rose. Both are Army combat veterans of Korea.

Plumas County Towns Cut Off

Torrential Rains Claim Five Lives; Roads Close

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The black mass of a new storm front rolled toward Northern California Thursday, threatening more rain and snow for areas already flooded and snowbound.

A five-day storm already has isolated towns, stranded the Southern Pacific streamliner City of San Francisco, whose 226 passengers and crew were rescued late Wednesday, disrupted transport and communications and sent hundreds of lowland residents from flooded homes.

Portola, Calif., railroad and lumber town of 4,000 high in the Sierra, was isolated and in critical condition until a Western Pacific emergency train bored in with medical supplies Thursday.

A woman died in a gas explosion there and a nine-foot snowfall collapsed buildings and stranded seven buses carrying 248 persons.

At least 13 deaths have been attributed to the storm and millions of dollars of property has been destroyed.

Isolated communities in the Sierra reported food supplies were running low and that some homes were buckling under the weight of snow that drifted as high as 40 feet.

No one knew how the 200 residents of Almaror and Prattville in Plumas County were faring. Their communications were cut off for the fourth consecutive day.

A torrential rain in Southern California took five lives, drove residents from low-lying homes and blocked highways and the two principal railroad routes to San Francisco.

Heavy snow in Utah and Idaho stopped highway transportation and stranded travelers.

Slides blocked both the Coast and San Joaquin Valley lines of the Southern Pacific, principal Los Angeles-San Francisco routes.

All passenger trains between the east and San Francisco were derailed from Salt Lake City south to Barstow. The detours caused delays of seven to 10 hours.

The highway patrol said it would be at least another 36 hours before U.S. Highway 40, east to Reno could be reopened.

The State Public Works Department said that no skiers would be permitted in the mountains this week-end. Motorists will be screened to keep them out of the area.

Two Held As Suspects In Mass Thefts

PORTLAND (AP) — Two teenage Portlanders were jailed Wednesday night and detectives announced solution to at least 55 burglaries, including a \$4000 safe-robbing.

Detective Capt. William D. Brown said the two—William Dean Morris, 18, and Robert Charles Poitras, 19—admitted a year-long crime wave and gave the details on some of their disappearances which had puzzled police.

Last August a large safe was taken from Strohecker's Grocery on S. W. Patton road. Brown said Morris showed where it was hidden in the West Hills before being cut open with a torch. It yielded \$4000, the biggest of the pair's hauls.

Morris was charged with burglary and attempting to obtain money under false pretenses. His bail was set at \$11,500. Poitras was charged with burglary and possession of stolen property, and was held under \$12,500 bail.

Morris was arrested Sunday night and charged with trying to pass checks stolen in a burglary Saturday. Questioning on that led to other burglaries, Brown said.

Both have records as juvenile delinquents.

Youth Panel To Go Again

By popular demand the Herald and News — KFLW sponsored "Build the Basin" panel discussion radio program next Monday night will continue with a discussion of the youth problem.

Based on ideas emanating from last Monday's program, the topic Jan. 21 will be "How Can We Best Put Our Youth Ideas into Immediate Action?"

Plans are still formulating for selection of a panel and names of those participating will be announced soon.

As was done last week a public opinion poll is printed on page 7 of today's Herald and News.

According to KFLW Manager Bud Chandler, the program will again run from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, but can carry over to 10 p.m. if public response is as good as last Monday night.

Panel members will again answer questions on topic discussed that are phoned in by the radio audience.

Japs Elude Navy In North Guam

GUAM (AP) — A 20-man patrol failed Thursday to find a group of former Japanese soldiers apparently still roaming Northern Guam, unaware that the war is over.

The stragglers are believed to be well armed with guns and ammunition stolen from a U.S. Navy dump.

The unsuccessful patrol was led by William H. Brock of Winder, Ga., who captured five Japanese in the same area not long ago.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Clear Thursday and Thursday night. Partly cloudy Friday. High both days 25. Low tonight, 6. High temp yesterday 15. Low last night 3. Precip last 24 hrs 0.55. Since Oct. 1 9.53. Normal for period 5.73. Last year, period 9.11.

Medford Man Up For Bum Coins

PORTLAND (AP) — A Secret Service agent accused a Medford man Wednesday of making counterfeit coins to try to beat slot machines.

In a preliminary hearing for Vern L. Bechtel, 23, charged with counterfeiting, the Secret Service agent said Bechtel admitted making 200 half-dollars and 700 quarters, all counterfeit.

The agent, Frank J. Kenny, said Bechtel told him he played them in machines at Winnemucca and Reno, Nev., and Weiser, Idaho.

Warren Says "GOP Can't Turn The Clock Back" And Expect To Win This Year's Presidential Election

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gov. Earl Warren of California told Republicans bluntly Thursday they cannot "turn the clock back" and expect to win this year's presidential election.

Warren, an announced candidate for the GOP Presidential Nomination, opened his party's national committee meeting with a luncheon speech.

He outlined "liberal" platform planks he said his party must adopt if it expects to get a majority in the November election.

Warren made no mention of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, another GOP presidential candidate. But it was obvious his remarks were directed primarily toward national committee members who are backing the Ohioan's bid for the nomination.

Taft has stood for many "social progress" measures but he generally is accused by most of his

not tolerate socialist government, but they definitely are committed to social progress," Warren declared in a prepared address.

"Any party which turns its back on social progress will be repudiated by the people."

Warren said he thinks the people want a change in national government "for the sake of change itself."

"They want us to present a program that will make them want

Truck Smacks Into Canal

A truck-trailer loaded with dried fruit crashed through ice into canal water and a coupe was damaged early this morning on U.S. 97, two miles south of Worden.

Except for a dunking in the icy water suffered by an unidentified man in the truck, there were no injuries.

State Police say this is what happened:

Roman Amador Talamantes, Worden, driving north, stopped his car on the road in a fog bank to clean off the windshield.

Ed Reis, Maderia, driving the truck north, saw the car too late, swerved left and clipped the rear of the car. The truck then overturned and slid into the canal ice and broke through, half submerged.

Willard T. Hull, Chiloquin, escaped injury yesterday about 3:45 p.m. when his car skidded, climbed a snowbank and turned over on its top about one-half mile north of the city on U.S. 97.

Columnist Ahead Due To Holdup

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP) — Columnist Sam Gordon of the Des Moines Register and Tribune Syndicate was among the snowbound passengers on the City of San Francisco high in the Sierras for three days—and, for him, the time was well spent.

With plenty of color and quotes at his elbow, Gordon wrote during the monotonous hours of waiting for rescue—and got enough columns written for two weeks of publication.

"I was supposed to have had a speaking engagement in Bellingham, Washington," Gordon commented, "but couldn't get word to them. I doubt if they know yet what happened to me."

He is from Portland, Ore.

9 O'clock Special

SEATTLE (AP) — The Weather Bureau issued small craft warnings Thursday for inland waters of Washington north of Everett, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Tatoosh to Astoria. It forecast southeasterly winds increasing to 25 and 35 miles an hour Thursday night and Friday.

Chinfest

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