

Red Reports Hint Outbreak Of Bubonic Plague In Korea

By FRANK JENKINS
From London:
The funeral of King George VI cost 58,000 pounds—\$162,400. The government presented the bill to parliament today, asking it to vote the necessary money.

The solemn ceremonies are over. The king has been laid to rest. There remains only the detail of PAYING THE BILLS FOR THE FUNERAL.

After all, you see, the great ones of this earth and the small ones of this earth have much in common.

This, I'd say, would be a good time for Englishmen and Britsbers generally to re-read King's Resolutions—especially the second stanza of it, which goes:

"The tumult and the shouting dies,
The Captains and the Kings depart!
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart."

It was his "humble and his contrite heart" that endeared George VI to his people. He wasn't a great warrior. He certainly wasn't a great conqueror.

You know, OUR position isn't as impregnable as it once was. We have world-wide commitments which, if they all came due AT ONCE, could strain even our great resources.

At this moment, let's not forget that it isn't just a superman that we need. We need a GOOD man to lead us, and we need GOOD men to back him up.

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Red Cross Opens Drive



READY TO GO — Red Cross workers picked up their solicitation kits at the annual kick-off meeting this morning. Above left to right are: Mrs. Anna Felice, 2234 White St.; Mrs. Vera Vandiver, 2227 Reclamation Ave.; Mrs. Lois Simmons, 1414 E. Main St.; Mrs. Paul Farrens, 405 N. 4th St.; Mrs. John Shaw, 104 Washington St.; and Mrs. Larry Watkins, Lakeshore Drive.

Responsibility For Gambling In Klamath County Put Up To People As Panel Talks Law Enforcement; No Deals Made in KF

By DAVE UNDERHILL
Accusation of gambling activity in Klamath County was thrown right back in the lap of the people last night on the Herald and News-KF radio sponsored radio program, "Build the Basin."

State Sen. Phil Hitchcock set the theme in his opening remarks when he said, "The will of the people that laws be enforced is the primary factor for good law enforcement. It is not always the will of Klamath people that all laws be enforced here."

In countering a question from a radio listener asking if "horse parlors" were operating in Klamath Falls, Councilman Darrell Miller stated, "I don't know if they are operating here, but if they are they are doing so illegally."

State Police Sgt. Earl Tichenor voiced the opinion that even though gambling cases were brought for prosecution, it didn't do much good, because the people apparently did not want the law enforced.

Tichenor recalled how one year he brought six such cases before the grand jury—some years ago—and they were returned as not true bills with the now famous remark that, "due to the topography of the country there were no apparent crimes involved."

Darrell Miller stated the city does not condone gambling, that there is no outspoken agreement between the City Council and Police Department to enforce gambling laws in the city.

Fast Work Pledged By Work Units

A streamlined and high-powered drive for \$25,000 was launched late this morning by the Klamath County Red Cross chapter.

Some 200 officials and workers kicked the drive off with a pep meeting at the Willard Hotel at 10 a.m. Solicitors picked up their kits and received final instructions.

This year's drive is designed to be a quick, hard-hitting campaign with the hope the goal may be reached by mid-March. Normally, Red Cross drives extend through the entire month of March.

Klamath Exec. Secy. Virginia Dixon said this morning the chapter had already received a healthy \$4,200 boost toward its \$25,000 goal. The \$4,200 is early, unsolicited donations.

At this morning's session, John By Houston was emcee and introduced Red Cross leaders, some of whom made brief talks.

Speakers, visibly impressed by the enthusiasm of the crowd, stressed the importance of an "over-the-top" drive by pointing out the need for finances here to carry on important work.

In a skit designed to show the wrong and right way for solicitors to make calls, the Rev. Gordon C. Ashbee, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Bonanza, revealed himself as a highly-competent thespian.

The parson portrayed a bumbling solicitor with the skill of a professional comedian.

Weeks Faces Murder Rap In Knifing

Klamath County's first murder trial since the Homer Franklin case in 1946 seemed likely today.

Charge of second degree murder was filed this morning by the district attorney's office against 35-year-old Lorenzo Buford Weeks, Klamath Indian from Beatty.

Weeks is accused of stabbing to death a 38-year-old Mexican railroad section worker, Miguel Tenorio Mauricio, following an all-night drinking bout Monday night and Tuesday morning in a cabin at 1204 Adams St.

If the case comes to trial—as is apparent since Weeks would not plead guilty—two saloon questioning yesterday—the prosecution's case will depend largely on testimony of a 12-year-old Indian boy.

Arlan Jackson, son of Pearl Ray Jackson, renter of the cabin where the killing occurred, told the district attorney he saw Weeks thrust a long, sharp butcher knife into Mauricio's chest.

Weeks, Mauricio, Pearl Jackson, James Godowa and Lolana Grain (the latter two Indians from Beatty) had consumed two gallons of wine at the cabin between 8 p.m. Monday night, early Tuesday morning, according to Dist. Atty. D. E. Van Vactor.

Van Vactor said statements indicated the group then decided to go to bed, but he reported to Mauricio and the boy reportedly got a mattress and laid it on the kitchen floor, with Mauricio lying down next to the wall.

Weeks sat down a few feet away in a front room chair. Shortly afterwards, Van Vactor said, the boy stated he got up and went to the toilet, a few feet from the kitchen at the rear of the cabin.

The Jackson boy stated when he came out of the toilet he saw Weeks bending over Mauricio with a knife.

"Shall I kill you as now?" the boy quoted Weeks as saying. Then, according to the boy's statement, Weeks thrust the knife down into Mauricio's heart and said, "Now you are dead."

The terrified boy said Weeks then put the knife on a shelf in the kitchen and went back to the chair where he had been sitting in the front room.

A few minutes later, Weeks reportedly got up, attempted to wash off the bloody knife in a pan on the stove and also wash blood off his pants he had been wearing.



JUDGE VANDENBERG

Vandenberg Seeks Election

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Tuesday mailed to Salem his plan for reelection to the circuit bench in the 13th Judicial District, Klamath County.

The position is non-partisan and Judge Vandenberg probably will be opposed for another six-year term. He is now finishing his second year and will be eligible for retirement after 18 years in office.

The position of Circuit Judge of this district pays \$9,350 a year.

Child Slayer Faces Court For Murder

PORTLAND (AP)—A first degree murder indictment was returned Wednesday against Mrs. Jada Z. Kader, 21.

The county grand jury said the child's body was found in a drainage pit several days after the mother first had reported her kidnaped.

Another daughter, Vickie, 4, put the finger on her mother by leading detectives to the drainage pit.

The grand jury accepted asphyxiation as cause of death. At the preliminary hearing the district attorney said the child drowned after the mother quieted her by holding a hand over her mouth and nose, then tossing her into the pit.

The indictment came after Mrs. Kader's attorney, Nels Peterson, filed a motion for her release on bail.

She is not eligible for release now under Oregon laws. Arraignment will be Friday afternoon before Circuit Judge MacCormac Snow.

Germ War Use Denied By Allies

TOKYO (AP)—Red reports hint that bubonic plague and cholera may be sweeping North Korea.

The hints were contained in Communist charges that the Allies are using germ warfare in Korea.

For four days Red radios in Peking and Pyongyang have been repeating and elaborating the story.

The persistence and violence of the charges led to speculation in U.N. Command headquarters Wednesday that an epidemic may have broken out in North Korea.

Red China's official Peking Radio Wednesday linked the bubonic plague with its charges of bacteriological warfare.

It recalled "the horror of 1940 when countless civilians in Chekiang Province (of China) died of bubonic plague and cholera have been isolated."

In the Korean truce town of Panmunjom, a Communist correspondent said germs which produced bubonic plague and cholera have been isolated.

The correspondent, Wilfred Burckett of the Paris Ce Soir, said Communist forces have undertaken a widespread inoculation program.

Burckett said he and other Red correspondents covering Korean armistice talks were inoculated Tuesday night at Kaesong.

Peking Radio said China was ready to "organize anti-epidemic teams to send to Korea to fight the diseases spread by the American aggressors."

U.N. Command spokesmen said the Red germ war charges were false and ridiculous.

The U.N. has no intention of starting an inoculation campaign of its own because of the Red stories, a spokesman at the Mun-san truce headquarters said.

Taft Opposes UMT Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Taft Proposed Wednesday that a study of Universal Military Training be postponed "for about three years."

"I can't see why we should try to start UMT as long as the draft law is taking most young men into the armed services," the Ohio Republican told a reporter. "I could not vote to do it now."

Other protests were cited by Rep. Short (R-Mo.), a leading opponent of UMT.

Short predicted that northern Democrats from labor and farm districts would help Republicans kill the measure.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Palisades Dam project will be built "as rapidly as possible in order to produce power in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest where it is so badly needed."

Son Born To Herald Employee

Upside down type, wrong heads on stories—or any other blunders in today's paper are all directly due to the arrival of Daniel James Ludlow—six pounds-eight and one-half ounces; born to James and Mrs. Ludlow Feb. 26.

The proud father is make-up man in the back shop and has been walking around in a cloud all day. The rest of the staff have been, too, (a cloud of cigar smoke.)

Wage, Hour Breaks Found

SALEM (AP)—State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey said Wednesday he has found several violations of the state wage and hour law in Portland.

So far this year, Kinsey said, he found 27 children under 18 years of age working in Portland without work permits. Downtown Portland theaters accounted for more than a third of the violations.

Two employers were found to be paying less than the minimum hourly wages, and another was ordered to establish a regular pay day as required by law.

Thirteen firms were found to be working women and minors overtime in violation of the law.

PORTLAND (AP)—Damage was estimated at \$25,000 in the fire which broke out Tuesday night in the Fowler Manufacturing Company.

Two Quit City Police Force

Badges No. 3 and 4, two of the newest in the office of the police department, will have new owners.

Traffic Patrolman Bud Switzer, wearer of Badge No. 3 for 10 years resigned from the department Monday.

Patrolman James Brown, Badge No. 4 on the force for nine years and seven months, has been granted a six months leave of absence.

Switzer and Brown have indicated they are going to Medford to start a merchant police patrol service.

Police officials said the badges they turned in would eventually go to new officers.

Power Hookup Draws Denial

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Reclamation Bureau's 40 million dollar budget recommendation for California's Central Valley project contains 2 million for the controversial power inter-tie.

The bureau earlier proposed that it run a power line to near Klamath Falls, Ore., and connect there with northwest power pool. It started a survey.

There was Congressional objection, and when survey work continued, Congress rebuked the bureau and ordered the work to halt.

The Bonneville Administration also had recommended the inter-tie as a means of providing some 100,000 kilowatts of firm power to Southwestern Oregon.

However, Bonneville's role was only that of recommending and it had no construction project connected with it.

Scenic Siskiyou Route Gives Up Ghost; Trains, Buses Take Cascade Trail

The Rogue Valley line still operates a railroad from Grants Pass to Dunsuir through the scenic but unprofitable Siskiyou.

The last trains went over that route, northbound and southbound, Tuesday, and today the territory is covered by Pacific Greyhound buses, chartered to the Southern Pacific.

Abandonment of the section of line probably will be missed only by about 15 persons a day. That has been about the usual number of passengers for some years, and sometimes, SP officials say, the run would be made with maybe only six or seven aboard.

The line was built in 1887 and at one time was part of the Southern Pacific's original north-south route from Portland to San Francisco.

But the Cascade line, which runs through Klamath Falls, is faster and more heavily used, so it has the through trains and the through passengers.

Fund Cuts Held Threat To USBR Future

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Stratus stressed that the \$224,620,000 is earmarked for continuing work on going projects with one exception, the Glen Elder dam in Kansas, for which \$3,620,000 is requested to begin construction.

"The bureau's program is declining at a rate all out of proportion to its value to the Western States," Stratus said.

The request for \$224,620,000 in new funds compares with the \$234,522,000 appropriated for the year ending June 30, 1952. Of the new money, Stratus said, \$194,720,000 is slated for construction work.

Every effort is being made, the commissioner said, to bring in new power plants to aid in defense work.

For the 12 months ending Dec. 30, the power plants on reclamation's projects generated 23 billion kilowatt hours," Stratus said.

"This tremendous output of electrical energy, which brought the government a cash revenue of about 40 million dollars, was utilized to turn the wheels for defense factories throughout the Western states, light the homes of farm and city workers alike, pump the irrigation water, operate the mines, and support the military agencies engaged in defense work.

9 O'clock Special

Call: Cachuma \$8,500,000 and \$8,270,000; Central Valley \$51,398,000 and \$40,000,000; Kern River \$15,000 and \$15,000; Colano \$4,958,000 and none.

Idaho: Minidoka-American Falls power \$1,300,000 and none; Minidoka-North Side pumping \$603,000 and \$10,000,000.

Mont.: Buffalo Rapids — First Division \$222,000 and \$222,000; Buffalo Rapids — Second Division \$111,000 and \$111,000; Hungry Horse \$13,245,000 and \$13,245,000; Sun River \$40,000 and \$40,000.

Wash.: Columbia Basin \$24,600,000 and \$20,000,000; Yakima-Kennecott \$2,560,000 and none; Yakima-Rosa \$886,000 and \$106,000.

Bus Strike Truce Sought

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins meets Wednesday with Pacific Greyhound and union officials in an attempt to head off a seven-state bus strike.

The AFL Motor Coach Employees Union has voted to walk out at 12:01 a.m. Sunday if no new contract is agreed upon.

Wages are the key point of dispute. The 3,500 member union wants driver mileage pay increased from \$7.26 to \$8.50 per 100 miles and hourly rates on short runs increased from \$1.63 to \$2.04.

The company has offered a four per cent increase in a two-year contract.

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