



NEARS TOP OF LEVEE—With flood water still rising today, there's not too much space left to the top of the dike along the Missouri River. Wooden flashing atop the dike is an emergency measure placed on levee in hopes of containing flood waters should they go that high. In background, left, is the American Smelting & Refining Co., which stands well below the present water level.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Interesting—possibly quite significant—news.

At his press conference in Washington yesterday, President Truman was asked this question: "If it is proper to seize the steel mills, can you, in your opinion, SEIZE THE NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS?"

Mr. Truman replied that under similar circumstances the President of the United States has to act for whatever is best for the country.

"That," he said to the reporter who had asked him the question, "is the answer to your inquiry." His reply raises this further question: In such a case, WHO WOULD BE THE JUDGE as to what was best for the country?

Why the PRESIDENT would be the judge? As President Peron was the judge in a case which it seemed to HIM that was "best" for Argentina to seize the great newspaper La Prensa—which had consistently opposed Peron.

This is the point I'd like to make: President Truman's answer to the reporter's question reveals his conviction that this has become a GOVERNMENT OF MEN and not a government of laws.

History tells us plainly that when ANY nation reaches that point the liberties of its people are endangered.

I suppose you expect me as a publisher to explode with indignation at this suggestion that my newspaper might be taken away from me by the government.

I shall do no such thing. As a newspaper publisher, I am a private business man. All my adult life I have done business in a free private enterprise system. In a free private enterprise system, ALL business men face and accept the risk of losing their businesses.

If the system changes in America, I'll just have to put up with it and take the consequences. I'll protest, of course, but in the end I'll have to say to myself that it was one of the risks I had to accept when I went into business.

So much for the newspaper owner. But what of the PUBLIC if the newspapers were taken over by the government?

Let's put it this way: Newspapers, under private ownership, are not perfect. We all make mistakes. Some of us are biased and intolerant.

But—We are all in competition with each other. In the small cities, we compete with the newspapers from larger communities that enter our towns. We compete with the radio, with television, with the magazines. And all of these media compete with each other.

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FUNDS FIGHT
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman declared Friday he will keep Congress in session every day this year, if necessary to get the money he thinks is needed for national security.

U.S. Right To Seize Press Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Editors of leading American newspapers hoped Friday for White House clarification of President Truman's news conference remark which implied he felt he had the right to seize newspapers and radio stations, as he did the steel industry.

Some of the editors who were among the 520 newsmen present at the conference Thursday protested afterward that if such power exists the nation is close to dictatorship.

Richter quickly called the school, learned his son was gone, then decided to notify police. While Detectives M. H. Higgins and E. A. Tanton were enroute to Richter's store, his phone rang again.

"He gave me instructions to take the jewels and money to a phone booth in the Ponce de Leon Hotel," Richter related. "I told him the most I could raise was about \$15,000 in jewels and \$200 in cash. He said that would do."

Richter went to the hotel and waited in the booth. A bellboy told him he was wanted on the phone at the desk and the same man who had called earlier told him to put the jewels and cash in a bag in a coin locker at the Greyhound bus station, place the key with a wad of chewing gum under the counter of a certain telephone booth, and leave.

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When police reinforcements arrived, the key was gone, the locker was open and the key was in it, still sticky with chewing gum.

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Los Angeles Crash Kills 28

Kidnap Hoax Nets \$15,000

Man Duped By Phoners In Miami

MIAMI Fla. (AP) — A Miami jeweler paid \$15,000 for return of his six-year-old son Thursday in what police said was a phony kidnaping.

Daniel Richter was duped in paying \$15,000 in jewels and \$200 cash in what police said was "one of the cleverest and most perfectly timed" extortions in memory.

The boy, Richard, was never actually kidnaped, Police said, although Richter was convinced he was buying his son's safe return.

While police and the FBI marshaled forces to meet what they thought was a genuine kidnaping, the child was riding in a taxicab from a private school in Miami Beach to Doctor's hospital in Coral Gables, a distance of about 12 miles.

Scheme
Police said the plotters used the school, the taxi company and the hospital as unwitting dupes in their shakedown.

As police reconstructed the crime, it happened this way: A man who said he was "Dr. Heintzman" called the Yellow Cab Co. at Miami Beach and asked them to pick up Ricky Richter at Coburn school and drive him to the hospital, purportedly to be with his "gravely ill" mother.

Almost simultaneously, a woman's voice called the school authorities and said a taxi would arrive soon to pick up the boy.

Cab driver Bert Walowitz, 24, was sent to the school and picked up the boy. One member of the gang must have watched him because a telephone call then went to the father's office in downtown Miami.

Warning
The caller told Daniel Richter he had Ricky in his custody and that no harm would come to the child if the father cooperated.

"He said, 'this is purely a business deal and will require \$50,000 in diamonds and \$5,000 in cash for you to get your boy back,'" Richter reported.

The caller warned Richter the boy's life would be in danger if police were notified, and gave him five minutes and cash in a bag in a coin locker at the Greyhound bus station, place the key with a wad of chewing gum under the counter of a certain telephone booth, and leave.

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State De Molays Meet Here

The 1952 Oregon Conclave of the Order of De Molay met yesterday at OTI this morning with early registration. Some 300 young Oregon De Molays are expected by the time final registration is completed tomorrow.

A tour of OTI was scheduled for this afternoon, and later welcoming ceremonies were scheduled in the campus theater. OTI Director Winston Purvine, Klamath Falls Mayor Robert Thompson and Edward B. (Dad) Beatty are scheduled welcoming speakers.

EDUCATION
Theme of the Conclave is "Education," and the Klamath Falls De Molay chapter, under Master Councilor Marvin Nerseth, is host.

Other speakers on the agenda this afternoon were Master Dale Beber of Klamath Falls Masonic Lodge 77 and State Master Councilor James Ward.

At 7 p.m. the Ritualistic Degree is to be presented by the Corvallis chapter; the De Molay Degree is to be given by the Medford chapter and Arnold Telford, Eugene, is to give the Flower Degree.

Ben Shepherd, Klamath Falls, is State Chaplain of De Molay. Tomorrow's schedule includes breakfast at the OTI cafeteria from 7 to 8 a.m., with business meetings scheduled for 8 o'clock, and until 2:30 after lunch.

Election of officers is scheduled for 2:30, and memorial services for deceased De Molays are set for 3:45.

Director Purvine of OTI will address the group at 4 p.m., and State Orator Bob Myrick, Ashland, will give an address "For the Good of the Order."

A banquet is slated for tomorrow night at 7 in the Klamath Armory. De Molay is a fraternal organization sponsored by the Masonic Lodge. There are 60 chapters in the Oregon district including Tulelake's. De Molay is not a Junior Masonic order.

Among top Masonic officials to be in Klamath Falls during the session will be Ralph S. Nesbitt, Grand Master of Oregon Masons.

Wage, Price Arguing Hit
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Maybank (D-S.C.) said Friday his Senate Banking Committee is in no mood to extend the wage and price control program while those handling it work "at cross purposes."

The committee twice has delayed work on a bill to extend the Defense Production Act, which provides authority for price, wage, rent and credit controls, and for the rationing of scarce materials. The existing law expires June 30 unless Congress acts.

A committee source, declining to be quoted by name, told a reporter the group has let the White House know it will insist on guarantees of better teamwork over 14 years old to angle for seven consecutive days for \$7.

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Small fees may be charged by stores and other agencies selling the licenses as a service retainer.

Big Plane Hits, Burns In Suburbs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A rancher who found a crashed two-engine plane Friday carrying 28 reported that "all were dead."

Hayden F. Jones, who lives in suburban North Whittier Heights, told reporters that he found no sign of life in the canyon where the non-scheduled C-46 ship crashed and burned.

The sheriff's office added that "there apparently is nothing left of the plane but ashes and a piece of the tail."

BODIES
Hayden counted 16 charred bodies. Some were still in the burned wreckage of the plane, others were scattered on the hillside.

The location, between Whittier and Puenente, Calif., is only about 25 miles and five flying minutes from the plane's destination, Los Angeles International Airport.

Hayden said the plane hit a hill of about 1,000 feet elevation, then bounced about 300 yards into a small canyon.

The area is one of hillside residences but there were no reports that the plane hit any house.

The plane was operated by North Central Airlines.

The flight, 417-W, originated in New York Thursday.

The airline said it stopped at Chicago, Kansas City, Amarillo, Tex., and Phoenix, Ariz.

RADIO TROUBLE
It was last heard from at 3:30 a.m. when the pilot told the Los Angeles control tower that he believed he was over LaHabra, Calif., and was having some radio trouble.

A few minutes before, the ship reported over Riverside and was cleared for an approach and landing at Los Angeles International Airport.

North Central said the ship was piloted by Louis Powell, 44, of Crescenta, Calif. Its co-pilot was Charles Waldron, 37, Los Angeles, and the stewardess was Miss Toni Bradford, 21, Burbank, Calif.

Cities Fight Raging Flood

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The mad Missouri threw its worst at Omaha and Council Bluffs Friday with an army of workers still winning the battle to hold the great river in its strait-jacket of dikes.

The river crest — stretch of maximum water flow — was so long and so subject to fluctuations that it couldn't be pinpointed but river forecasters said the rampaging river is at cresting stage and will continue to crest all day.

At 9:30 a.m. the level was 39.24 feet, compared with the flood stage of 40.

Some minor rising and falling will occur before the level begins to drop some 24 hours hence, the Weather Bureau said.

PREDICTION
The predicted high had been 31.5 feet. But at this near-phenomenal level even the action of the wind can raise or lower the gauge readings by a foot or more.

The critical hours began before dawn when the slow-moving flood crest began surging into the seven-mile long funnel of sodden dikes protecting the lowlands of the twin cities of Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The next 48 hours may determine whether the tremendous water pressures will burst through levees and cause more agony and damage along this river which has become a monster of destruction.

All night long soldiers and civilian workers — more than 24,000 of them — toiled under floodlights on the dikes here and on levees downstream where the rising waters are expected to smash through almost every farm dike all the way to Kansas City.

ALL HANDS
Doctors, lawyers, business executives, students, newspapermen and other volunteers took their turn heaving sandbags on the dikes to strengthen them against the most awesome floods the Missouri Valley has ever known.



PLAN COURSE—Looking over today's schedule of the De Molays are convention-minded (l to r) Kit Johnson, 3608 Bisbee, Jim Peak, 1945 Huron, and Charles Friedel, 1302 Lookout. Friedel is advisory chairman of the Klamath Falls De Molays, host group of the two-day state convention on the Oregon Tech campus.

PT&T Pickets More Active

By The Associated Press
The CIO-Communications Workers of America picketed 34 facilities of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in 19 Washington cities Friday in the heaviest picketing since the strike over wages and non-union employees.

Nearly all operators were respecting the picket lines, a company spokesman said. Attempts were being made to cope with the emergency by supervisory personnel and non-union employees.

In Oregon, where the union is striking against both the telephone company and Western Electric, supervisors manned the boards and the company said service was normal. Routine picketing was also carried on at most of the state's big exchanges.

The main telephone buildings in Seattle, Tacoma and both the main office and the manually-operated Broadway Exchange in Spokane were picketed.

The telephone company issued a statement in Seattle which said "it is a ridiculous situation when a few Western Electric employees throw road blocks" in the way of telephone people "who want to go to work."

The employees are finding the "entrances to their work locations blocked by pickets of another company," it added.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California—
Fair and warm Friday and Friday night, considerable cloudiness and cooler Saturday; high Friday 73; low Friday night 38; high Saturday 72; low Saturday night 34.

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NEW YORK (AP) — They didn't have to yell "Get a horse" at a Brooklyn bar Thursday night—they had one.

The customers were lined up at the Step Inn Bar and Grill when the animal clomped in, stuck its head over the bar and waited.

The bartender drew a pair of water and Bozo — the horse — downed it quickly.

Then a man at the end of the bar spoke up. He was Joseph Nardillo. He said he had been riding Bozo through a park, got thirsty, and decided to stop for a drink.

Bozo, apparently not securely tied, got the same idea.

Rioting Cons Hold Guards

RAHWAY, N.J. (AP) — A rebellion of more than 200 convicts raged at Rahway State Prison farm Friday in sympathy with a four-day mutiny at Trenton State Prison 40 miles away.

A band of 232 unruly prisoners grabbed control of a two-story dormitory wing Thursday night and held nine prison guards as hostages.

It was the fifth prison outbreak in New Jersey in three weeks.

Prison guards, reinforced by state police, regained control of the ground floor of the wing Friday morning by a ruse.

The convicts yelled down that one of their number had served his term and was due to be released Friday. They asked if he would be released if they let him out of the dormitory.

Prison officials told the rioters to send the man down to the first floor and remove part of the barricade at the entrance to let him out.

When the rebels did this the guards broke through the weakened barricade and swarmed into the ground floor of the building.

The rioters retreated upstairs and piled up more barricades in the stairways made of broken beds, mattresses and debris.

Spirited Men Take Plunge

Two Indians and a palefaced companion, lately from Pennsylvania, inaugurated the outdoor swimming season in the canal near Eberlein St. bridge this morning.

The Indians, Beatty John, 46, and Harvey Wilson, 25, both from Beatty, are in County Jail charged with being drunk on public highway.

Their companion Donald Stanton, 22, staying at Chiloquin with a brother after arriving from Pennsylvania last week, was treated at Klamath Valley Hospital for a three-head gash.

State Police reported the three were in a pickup truck belonging to Stanton's brother, which rolled completely over in the canal.

Stanton was taken to the hospital by Kaler's ambulance and was to be released when he found some dry clothes.

All three, officers reported, were stumbling around on top of the canal bank when the ambulance arrived at the scene about 9 a. m.

French Attack Vietminh Base

PHY LU, North Viet Nam (AP) — French legion troops wading knee deep through rice fields and propped by an umbrella of heavy artillery fire launched a new offensive at dawn Friday.

They hoped to wipe out Communist led Vietminh troops in this important sector of the vital Red River delta.

The French, attacking the Vietminh in a V-shaped area between Colonial Route No. One and the Canal des Rapides, 18 miles northeast of Hanoi, captured a number of villages and rounded up hundreds of suspected Vietminh soldiers in the early stages of the new drive.

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Going Fishing? Here's Where and When Info

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.
Fishing season opened today in the Willamette Valley and along the Oregon Coast, but the rest of the state must await May 3 to generally wet the line.

However, there are some Klamath and Lake county localities which have been open all year, which have special rules prevailing.

According to the State Game Commission, the list includes: Blue Lake, in the Gearhart Mountain area, is closed to all angling.

Campbell Lake, in the same area, is closed to angling from motor-propelled boats, or by fishing tackle assembled in them. The same goes for Deadhorse Lake, not far away.

Drew's Creek and its tributaries below the first railroad crossing one-half mile above the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway are open March 15 to October 12, inclusive. Dry Creek, also in Lake County, is under the same regulation.

Ewauna Lake, which borders on Klamath Falls itself, is open to trout fishing the year around with the summer bag limits prevailing.

Hart Lake, too, has year-long season. It lies at the foot of Hart Mountain.

The Klamath River is open from October 1 to June 1, inclusive, excepting a segment starting at a point 4900 feet below Spencer Creek's mouth to 2000 feet above it, which is closed to all angling.

All tributaries to the Lake of the Woods are closed to angling, while Link River (in Klamath Falls) is open the entire year excepting from Copco Dam to a point 200 feet below. The summer bag limit there, too, prevails the year around as it does on Lost River, which is open to trout angling the entire year.

The mountain lakes of Rogue River National Forest lying to the East of the Cascade Divide, and consequently in the State Game Commission's Area 6 (including most of Klamath and Lake

Counties), are open May 30 to

September 30, with some possible exceptions.

Spring Creek, at Collier State park, is open to trout May 30 to October 12, inclusive, from the mouth to a point 100 yards upstream.

Few local residents may realize that Upper Klamath Lake is one of the very few in Oregon which is open to fishing through the ice.

The lake is open the year around to trout angling in that portion south of a line from Modoc Point to the northernmost point of Eagle Ridge, but exclusive of Shoalwater Bay. Summer bag limit prevails.

The Williamson River, one of the Klamath's more popular streams, is closed to fishing from any boat or other floating device above the bridge where it's crossed by U.S. highway 97.

Exclusive of tributaries except as mentioned above, the river opens May 30 for a season lasting

through October 12 inclusive. Minimum length limit this year, the Game Commission notes, is six inches in this part of the country.

Fishing time: it's against the law to fish any time between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, except in the case of (ugh) catfish.

Incidentally, warm water game fish—sunfish, perch, crappies, catfish and black bass—are legal game the entire year in this part of the country. The only bag limit on these fish has been placed on bullhead catfish . . . and the limit is 100.

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local sporting and other stores. A resident angler's fee costs \$4, the same as a hunter's license. A combination of the two costs but \$7. Nonresident anglers over 14 years of age must pay a \$15 fee, but a special vacation angler's permit allows nonresidents over 14 years old to angle for seven consecutive days for \$7.

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SIGN UP—Sam Montgomery, publicity chairman for the De Molay convention now in progress at Oregon Tech, was busy on the registration desk when the Herald and News 9 o'clock photographer wandered by.