

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Communist war prisoners on one of our islands off the mainland of Korea capture an American brigadier general and expect to be holding him as a hostage to enforce demands they seem to be making on us in connection with the truce negotiations. They must have been reading about these penitentiary revolts in Michigan and New Jersey.

In Seoul this morning, General Van Fleet commanding our Eighth army in Korea says he will use force, if necessary "at an early date" to free General Dodd from the commies who seized him a couple of days ago.

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I suspect there is quite a little in this business. The Reds' formula, in my opinion, would better wait until the censorship turns loose a little more information.

In Berkeley, at 11 a. m. the other morning, a 46-year-old woman answered a ring of the doorbell. No one was in sight, but on the door sill was a plain white envelope containing \$11,700 in cash—exactly the amount she lost two weeks ago in a San Francisco bus terminal. She says she's not answering any questions.

Remember the case of the point crew who were making stuff around in the attic of a Los Angeles home they were painting and came across \$90,000 in cash—which they turned over to relatives of the owners, who was away on a trip? As I recall it the owner asked no questions in that case.

And do you recall the fellow in Reno whose house was robbed of uncounted thousands of dollars worth of property, including quite a wad of ready cash in bills of large denomination?

As I remember the circumstances, he displayed no great amount of curiosity and asked few questions.

What's happening?
Is money of so little use to people in these days that they leave large sums of it lying around and display little or no curiosity when it disappears?

I suppose I could ask other questions, but I might get sued for libel if I did. Nobody likes to be suspected of trying dodges to evade taxes.

These people might all have so much money that the loss of a few tens or hundreds of thousands makes little difference to them.

That leads to another thought: We'd ALL have plenty of money in these days if we could just keep old Uncle Sam from reaching into our pockets.

Forum Again On KF Issues

Monday's "Build the Basin" radio forum will again explore city issues to be voted on in next Friday's election.

Next Monday, five of the seven city measures were discussed on the program, this coming Monday, only three issues are programmed.

These three, which have come to be the most controversial of the new proposals, are:

- (1) a 1.5 mill levy for building a municipal swimming pool; (2) raise the mayor's salary from \$12 to \$500 a month; and (3) a proposal to curb the Park Board's authority reducing it to an advisory capacity thereby placing it under the thumb of the City Council.

INTEREST

Widespread and often heated comment on last week's forum discussion of these three issues prompted scheduling another go at them on "Build the Basin."

Judging by telephone switchboard activity last Monday, the listening audience was just beginning to awaken to the meaning and import of the three measures when the hour and one-half program ended. During the final 20 minutes of the program, incoming calls to the Herald and News switchboard flashed like a jittery Christmas tree.

"Build the Basin" is an audience participation feature offered as a public service by the Herald and News and its radio outlet, KPLW. A special telephone crew takes questions and comments phoned in and relays them directly to the forum table while the program goes on the air.

As usual, in selecting the forum panel, every effort is made to select persons without regard to their personal feelings; however, panel members are urged to take definite stands on issues once the program goes on the air.

PARTICIPANTS
Thus far, only three members have been named to Monday evening's panel. This number will probably be increased to six. The panel will be announced in Monday's paper.

"Build the Basin" goes on the air at 8:30 p. m., Monday. Persons with questions for the panel may phone them in advance of the program to avoid delay once the program starts. Questions phoned in prior to 3 p. m., Monday should be directed to the Herald and News news room.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity, fair through Friday night, increasing cloudiness Saturday. High Saturday 70, low Friday night 32. Northern California, occasional high cloudiness Saturday.

Welcome BPW



NATIONAL AND STATE officers here today for the 1952 session of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs are: (top, l to r) Hazel Palmer, Sedalia, Mo., national public affairs chairman, and Mrs. Cecelia P. Galey, Sweet Home, state president; (bottom l to r) Fern Trull, Grants Pass, first state vice president, and Laura York, Medford, second state vice president.

Over 400 Expected At State Meet Here

By RUTH KING
State officers and delegates to the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs began registering here at 1 p. m. today at the Willard Hotel, headquarters for the third BPW state convention to be held in Klamath Falls. Other convention years were 1932 and 1942.

Over 400 representatives of 56 clubs are expected. Registration for voting delegates will close at 10 a. m. Saturday.

A meeting of the state executive board at 3 p. m. was held in the Pelican parlor and the convention officially opens at 7 p. m. tonight with a dinner in the Willard banquet room.

Greetings to visitors will be given by R. Frank Tucker, manager of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce and J. W. Kerns Jr., chamber president. Mrs. Cecelia P. Galey, Sweet Home, federation president will preside.

CARNIVAL

A fun-filled carnival in the Armory will follow the dinner with Mrs. Dena Backes in charge.

Business sessions starting at 8:30 a. m. in the main dining room of the Willard will continue all day tomorrow.

Mrs. Galey will preside. Mrs. Hazel Palmer, Sedalia, Mo., BPW's national public affairs chairman will sit in on all sessions in an advisory capacity. Afternoon sessions open at 1 p. m.

Timber Strike Peace Sought

PORTLAND (AP) — CIO Woodworkers, on strike for the past 12 days to back up their demands for improved working agreements, resumed negotiations with eight Pacific Northwest employers Friday.

The conference was with eight Central Washington mills. Federal mediators said they also had arranged for a meeting between the union and the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators' Association Saturday.

The Friday session was scheduled shortly after four companies—two of them in Northern California and two in Washington—had reached agreements with the union. Similar agreements were reported earlier in scattered locations throughout the five Pacific Northwest states affected by the walkout.

INDEPENDENTS
In each case the settlement was reached by the companies acting independently, rather than through employer organizations.

The new contracts, in most instances, provide for a 7 1/2-cent hourly pay increase, an added 2-cent hourly night differential, three additional holidays—making a total of six—and an improved vacation program.

In earlier negotiations the union also demanded that the companies finance a health and welfare plan, which would cost about 9 cents an hour. The companies wanted to retain the present program where the 7 1/2-cent welfare payment is deducted from the worker's paycheck. In most of the new contracts the present welfare program is retained.

Employers who have reached agreements with the union in the past few days include: The Ralph Smith Lumber Co., Redding, Calif.; The Forest Products Company, Redding, and the Diamond Match Co., Newport, Wash. An employer spokesman at Spokane said the CIO local at Sandpoint, Idaho, conducted independent negotiations and reached a settlement.

Negotiations between the union and the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee, with the Tri-County Lumber Association and the Long Bell Lumber Co., participating, will begin Tuesday.

Tentatively scheduled for next Wednesday morning is a meeting with the plywood and door industry.

Red-Captive Gen. Dodd Relieved of Command



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Taft, Ike Split On Foreign Aid

By The Associated Press
Republicans had foreign aid spending as an issue in their presidential campaign Friday while Democrats wondered anew if civil rights would split their party again.

The top contenders for Republican nomination—Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower—were at sharp odds over the amount needed to finance assistance abroad.

Eisenhower, in a cable from Paris to Sen. Tom Connally of Texas, said a one-billion-dollar cut already proposed in Congress would hurt any deeper slice of the \$7,900,000,000 asked by President Truman would endanger the nation's security, he said.

Taft promptly replied that even a slash of two billions would not imperil the program for U. S. security. After telling this to reporters, Taft said in a Hartford, Conn., speech: "I don't think the American people ought to run the world (or would) be good at it if they tried."

REQUEST
Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had asked Eisenhower's views. He released their message exchange Thursday after Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, who seeks the Democratic nomination as President, called Eisenhower. Russell wanted to know if the general thought \$6,900,000,000 approved by Connally's committee would cover the cost of European defenses.

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Reds Destroy U.S. Planes

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Twelve fast jets were shot down on eight raids wrecking Allied F-80 shooting stars today and one of the Reds was reported damaged in the ensuing fight.

The Fifth Air Force did not say how the comparatively slow F-80s fared. Allied losses, if any, are announced weekly.

The battle was fought near Kung, 30 miles south of the Yalu River which separates Korea from Manchuria.

American fighter-bombers blasted 26 cuts in Red rail lines in the Sonchon vicinity near the Yalu River before noon.

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THEY LIKE IKE—naturally, being members of the "Klamath for Eisenhower" committee. Chet Hamaker, Bob Veatch and Roy Murphy point to a magnified likeness of the general on the side of a truck brought here by Howard Dent, candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention, who is campaigning for Eisenhower.

Devastating U.S. Atomic Gun Heralds New Era in Warfare

NEW YORK (AP) — An atomic gun developed by the U. S. Army was described Thursday night as an accurate and devastating weapon, providing field commanders with tremendous "finger-tip" fire power — and heralding a new era in the waging of war.

The description of this country's first atomic artillery weapon — a gun that can "hit its target under any weather conditions and give ground troops the kind of devastating close support never before available in warfare" — came from Army Secretary Frank Pace.

Pace said the new weapon "is essentially an artillery piece — but with immeasurably greater power than any artillery hitherto known."

"Such atomic weapons," he added, "eventually will bring 'significant changes' in the Army's traditional mission of closing with and destroying an enemy."

Pace's claims for the weapon came in a speech before a meeting of the National Wool Manufacturers Association.

The weapon has been tested by the Army with non-atomic ammunition out of official specifications of the gun remained a secret until Thursday night.

Pace, in disclosing for the first time some of the weapon's specifications, gave this picture of the gun:

"It weighs about 75 tons but is highly mobile and is carried on a platform suspended between two engine cabs at its front and rear."

"It can travel at a speed of about 35 miles per hour on highways — and it can cross bridges 'which Army engineers are already trained to build for present heavy divisional equipment.'"

It can travel cross-country. And it can fire with accuracy comparable to conventional artillery, and tests indicate it is much more accurate at long ranges."

Pace also said that in addition to "tactical" atomic bombs being developed for use by aircraft, this country also is developing atomic artillery which can outrange the gun-type weapon.

This development, he explained, involves "guided" missiles and rockets to receive atomic warheads."

Brief Truce Session Held

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Deadlocked Korean truce negotiations met for only ten minutes Friday.

A U. N. Command spokesman said the Reds probably awaited new instructions from higher up.

The 10 months old negotiations are stalled over the issue of prisoner exchange, the only major block in the path of an armistice.

After Friday's brief session, Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U. N. Allied spokesman, said he did not think the Communists have had an opportunity to "get new instructions."

He called attention to recent statements by top officials in the U. S. and Britain and Canada supporting the uncompromising U. N. Command stand that no prisoners will be forced to return to Red rule against their will.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il again demanded unconditional return of U. S. and British prisoners held in the hands of the Communists and rejected the U. N. proposal to return only those who would go voluntarily.

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief U. N. delegate, replied: "The firmness and finality of the United Nations Command position should be unmistakably clear to you by this time. I have nothing else to say."

They agreed to meet again Saturday in Panmunjom at 11 a. m.

Van Fleet Refuses To Humor Reds

By DON HUTH
SEOUL (AP) — Gen. James A. Van Fleet said Friday night he will use force if necessary "at an early date" to free Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd from Red war prisoners who seized him on Kojado Island two days ago.

At the same time the U. S. Eighth Army chief announced that Dodd no longer was the commander of the unruly prison off the southeast tip of Korea. Van Fleet also ordered an investigation of the incident.

Whether Dodd might be returned to his command after release was not made clear by Van Fleet.

ON HIS OWN
He said Dodd henceforth was talking to the Reds as an individual, not as camp commander.

The camp was placed under the command of Brig. Gen. Charles F. Colson "with full authority and command to handle the situation," Van Fleet added.

Van Fleet declared he never would give in to the Reds' "unreasonable" demands for special privileges in return for the release of Dodd.

One thing that may be staying the hand of prison authorities now is that they do not know in what tent or building Dodd is being held.

While Dodd has sent out written messages and has talked by telephone, authorities have been unable to trace the telephone line. It runs from an undisclosed spot. The Reds set up the phone lines themselves.

QUIET
Van Fleet said other compounds on the sprawling island were quiet. About 80,000 Red prisoners are being held there.

He emphasized that the Eighth Army had taken "sufficient action to make available all means necessary" to free Dodd but did not amplify his statement.

The U. S. Eighth Army commander made his statement after a flying trip to rebellious Kojado, off the southern tip of Korea.

Van Fleet was under orders from Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme Allied commander, "to use whatever force is necessary" to free Dodd without delay.

Ridgway issued the order on his final visit to Korea before leaving the Far East to take command of NATO forces in Europe.

He flew back to Tokyo Friday with Gen. Mark Clark, his successor in the Far East.

The 52-year-old Dodd has been a prisoner since Wednesday, when North Korean POWs seized him at the gates of a compound.

Reno Jolted By Earthquake

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A sharp earthquake jolted Reno just after 8:30 a. m. (PDT) Friday.

There was no report of damage in the city.

The quake was accompanied by a low rumble.

Prof. Vincent Gianella, University of Nevada seismologist, said the shock knocked the needle off the recording tape on his seismograph.

The jolt was not felt at Verdi, 13 miles west of Reno, where a heavy quake damaged buildings in December, 1948.

In Pasadena, Calif., Dr. Charles F. Richter, seismologist at California Institute of Technology, said the shock was sufficiently strong to cause some damage — such as toppled chimneys — at its center.

He rated its magnitude at 8.7 on a scale which puts the largest quakes at 7.5 and above.

It was timed at 8:32 a. m. in Pasadena, with a second shock at 8:34.14.



MRS. GEORGE MYERS was chosen 9 O'Clock Special for today.

Fire Season Opens May 15

May 15 is opening day for fire season in Southern Oregon forests, and the Klamath Indian Reservation and Klamath Forest Protective Association have announced burning permits will be required after that date.

During dry season on the reservation, campfire permits will also be required of Klamath Indians, according to Suplt. E. J. Diehl.

The KFPA has asked that persons burning debris merely phone the forest headquarters at 3282 or 3217, give place and time of burning and the material to be burned.

KF Involved In Vote Duel

The duel is set for May 16, the weapons are votes and the distance is 500 miles.

The town of Visalia, Calif., has challenged Klamath Falls to a competition to determine which can get out the most voters. The cities are of comparable size.

The prize? Klamath Falls is putting up its traditional spuds—Netted Gems—while the California city has put up its crop—grapes.

Senators OK McGranery

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee Friday approved the nomination of Federal Judge James P. McGranery of Philadelphia to be attorney general.

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) said opponents of the nomination had obtained permission to file a minority report. He said he would carry the fight to the Senate floor.

McGranery was nominated by President Truman early last month to succeed J. Howard McGrath in the cabinet post.

Chairman McCarran (D-Nev.) announced the committee vote after a brief closed session.