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## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Today's political note: General Eisenhower said a few days ago that any cut deeper than a billion dollars in the proposed seven billion, nine hundred million dollar foreign aid fund would impair the nation's security. Senator Taft promptly and flatly disagreed, stating that a reduction TWICE that much would not hurt.

These directly opposing views on the part of the two leading contenders for the Republican nomination for President brought statements from the Deep South—Senator Ellender of Louisiana and Senator George of Georgia.

Senator George says: "I propose to support the billion dollar cut. I don't think, however, that a two-billion-dollar reduction would do any damage at all." Ellender says: "I think most people will like Taft's position better than Eisenhower's."

I wonder what Senator Ellender really means by his assertion that most people will like Taft's position on the foreign-aid cut better than Eisenhower's. Is he talking about informed, unprejudiced, thoughtful, patriotic citizens who are familiar with the problems involved? Or is he merely referring to the general run of us?

Personally, I think a lot could be trimmed out of our foreign aid spending without doing much, if any harm.

We Americans make war (including preparations for wars) more expensively than anyone since Darwin the Persian, and I think we could do it LESS EXPENSIVELY and just as efficiently—perhaps more efficiently.

But I doubt if my opinions on financing and fighting a worldwide war are of much value. I haven't had EXPERIENCE enough. I think perhaps I know something about the problems of running small newspapers. That comes within what might be called the "scope of my ken." The problems of preparing for a world war against a powerful enemy are quite beyond my "ken."

When it comes to what we ought to do and what we ought to spend to build up STRONG allies in Western Europe to fight at our side in the event of a war against a powerful and well-prepared enemy, I defer unhesitatingly to General Eisenhower's opinion. I have faith in him. I am sure he knows more about it than I do. I think perhaps he knows more about it than any other living man, with the possible exception of General Marshall, who also has had some experience. I'm certain he doesn't want to waste any money, for he knows what waste, if continued long enough, could bankrupt our country—and a bankrupt nation is in a poor position to defend itself effectively.

Let me put it another way: When it comes to getting ready for a possible worldwide war with communism (including the building up of allies) I have more faith in General Eisenhower's opinions than in the opinions of Senator Ellender of Louisiana or even in the opinions of Senator Taft of Ohio.

I have even more faith in General Eisenhower's opinions on that subject than in the opinions of the MOST PEOPLE referred to by Senator Ellender. That is because I am one of these "most people," and I know my own limitations.

Here are our greatest needs in this grave hour:

1. A President whom we trust and are willing and ready to follow.
2. A congress that can and will address our present problems from the standpoint of the nation's preservation rather than from the standpoint of "anything to get elected again."

In these days, we aren't playing marbles for fun.

We're playing for keeps.

## Bodies Found In River

The bodies of two men, missing for some time, have been recovered from rivers in Northern Oregon. Relatives Friday identified the body of Leslie Kearns Merritt, 21, Spray, Ore., found in the John Day River just Tuesday. Merritt disappeared Feb. 19 after telling friends he was going for a ride. Parts of his car were found on the river's bank.

The body of William E. Burdick, 49, Portland, was recovered from the Willamette River near Portland Friday. He fell into the water April 20 while fishing from a small boat. An autopsy will be held to determine the cause of death.

## Bread Prices Violate OPS

PORTLAND — Bread, short in Portland grocery stores because of a bakers' strike, has been selling for 25-30 cents a loaf, the Office of Price Stabilization reported Friday.

The ceiling price is 24 cents for the 1 1/2 pound loaf, Carl C. Donogh, Oregon district OPS director, said.

Some grocers have been importing bread and adding freight charges to the price. This is a violation of OPS regulations, Donogh said.

Bakers have been on strike since last week in Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland.

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## Reds Release U.S. General

### Swimming Pool Meet Set Monday

A volunteer group of citizens interested in obtaining a municipal swimming pool for Klamath Falls is to have another in a series of meetings Monday. The meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. in the office of City Recreation Director Bob Bonney at City Hall. Bonney said it would be a brief but important meeting that would wind up before 3 p.m.

From 40 to 50 persons have formed a special promotion team with the goal of having construction of the pool approved in next Friday's election.

The ballot measure will ask whether or not the city should have a 1.5 mill tax levy spread over seven years to pay for the pool. The levy would not be an increase in taxes since it would be a continuation of a 1.5 mill levy collected over the past 10 years for Memorial Park. The park levy expired with last year's taxes.

City Councilmen last Monday moved to erase one objection that has been raised toward the pool ballot measure; objectors pointed out that the measure did not specify a site for the pool. Monday, the council resolved that the pool would be built on city-owned property at 1715 Main. The city several years ago bought a 2.28-acre plot there as a pool site.

There is a hot water well on the property that can be used to heat the swimming pool water and dressing rooms. The plot also provides ample off-the-street parking space and room for other recreational facilities.

The volunteer group striving for ballot approval of the pool plan to solicit the aid of youngsters; special handbills, carrying a picture of an architect's conception of the pool and pertinent information, are to be given to the youngsters for delivery to their parents.

Mayor Bob Thompson, a strong champion of the pool, says he considers the measure the most important city issue on next Friday's ballot.

### Panel Slates City Subjects

A five-man panel has been put together for Monday evening's "Build the Basin" forum on three important city issues to be voted on in next Friday's election. The panel: Russ Marshall, Buzz Larkin, O. D. Matthews, City Councilman Mark Smith and Sam Nestlin.

The issues: 1) a 1.5 mill levy for construction of a municipal swimming pool; 2) an increase in the mayor's salary from \$175 to \$500; and 3) reduction of the park Board to an advisory capacity, placing it under control of the city council. These are only three of seven city measures on Friday's ballot, but these three have zoomed to the fore in public interest. They were discussed on last Monday's forum and most of the participating audience appeared to be just awakening to the importance of the measures in the final few minutes of the broadcast. Because of this mounting concern, it was decided to schedule another forum on the three issues.

The air "Build the Basin" goes on at 8 p.m. over KFIW at 8:30, Monday evening. Persons with questions for the panel or brief comments on the issues may phone them in in advance if they wish. However, the Herald and News telephone switchboard will be manned during the broadcast Monday as usual.

### Clock Change Move Growing

The scattered islands of daylight time still are growing in Oregon. Several more cities make the change-over Sunday boosting the number on fast time to more than 25.

Portland and the area surrounding it is a solid island of daylight time, including Milwaukie, Oregon City, West Linn, Gresham, Sandy, Hood River, Tigard, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Scappoose, Forest Grove and Newberg.



CONFERRING on Federation business this morning as the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs convened in the Willard (above 1 to r), are Mrs. Cecelia Galey, state president, Miss Hazel Palmer, Sedalia, Mo., National Public Affairs Chairman, and Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, 1952 convention chairman, Lower center.



### Grants Pass Woman New BPW Chief

By RUTH KING  
Miss Fern Trull, Grants Pass, first vice president of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, was unanimously nominated this morning for the office of state president in 1953. Her unopposed nomination came during the reconvened session that opened at 8:45 a.m. in the Willard Hotel banquet room.

Presiding was Mrs. Cecelia Galey, Sweet Home, state president who officially opened the convention at a dinner in the Willard Hotel last night.

Miss Trull, an instructor in social sciences in Grants Pass High School, has served as international relations chairman in Oregon is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary sorority for teachers, and is active in civic and social work in her home town.

Nomination for 1st vice president was unanimous for Miss Laura York Medford, who has filled the office of second vice president this term.

Nominated for second vice president were Jessie King, Coos Bay, Helen Stein, The Dalles and from the floor Natalie Burns, Toledo. Up for recording secretary are Irene Graham, Albany, Joyce Gullits, Hermiston and Emily Reilings, Portland. P.O. corresponding secretary, Mary Wells, Grants Pass and for treasurer, Vivian Logsdon, Roseburg.

Three Klamath county BPW members are up for election as chairmen of important state committees. They are Mrs. Coral Sabo, Klamath Falls, for the Legislative Committee, Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, Klamath Falls, for the State Nominating Committee and Mrs. Lorena Hummel, for the Merrill-Main BPW club for the nominating committee of Southern Oregon District.

Delegates will ballot on candidates and the 1953 convention city lists by districts before the sessions close this afternoon. Grants Pass is expected to make a strong bid for next year's state meet.

Some 300 women were present at last night's dinner meeting to hear R. Frank Tucker, manager of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce bring greetings from the community.

"Women of the Oregon Federation..."

### Prisoners Win 'Minor' Concessions

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—The U. S. Eighth Army announced Saturday that Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd has been released—in good health and good spirits—by Communist prisoners of war on Koje Island.

Dodd, then commander of prison camps on the island, was seized by Red prisoners Wednesday as he conferred with them at the gate of compound 76.

An Eighth Army statement said the general's release came after a meeting of Communist ringleaders of the compound. It was attended by prisoner leaders from other compounds on the island.

FORCE THREAT  
The concave of Communist POW leaders came after Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U.S. Eighth Army commander, made it clear he was preparing to use force if the general was not released unharmed.

The terms worked out at the conference of Reds were not immediately disclosed.

An Army spokesman said Dodd would be flown to Seoul Sunday and would hold a news conference. The spokesman said also that correspondents would be allowed to visit Koje Sunday. The island is 10 miles off the southeast tip of Korea.

Dodd will spend the night with Brig. Gen. Charles Colson, who was appointed commander of the Koje camps the day after Dodd was seized. He had been held there by Communist leaders for a conference.

Suddenly the red POWs grabbed Dodd and hustled him inside the compound. Raven manage to fight his way from the arms of the Reds and escape.

TALKS HELD  
For three days, the Reds held Dodd prisoner, meanwhile negotiating with him for settlement of the prisoner's grievances.

American proposals were passed in the 52-year-old general and he was allowed free use of the telephone inside the compound. Over this telephone he asked camp authorities to refrain from using force to get him out until the Red leaders had completed a list of their demands.

Saturday morning the Army said they had granted some of the Red demands—"minor requests" which included use of a telephone, writing paper and the admittance of prisoner leaders from other compounds on the island. Approximately 80,000 Reds are held on the island—most of them are among the 70,000 prisoners who have said they will return to Communism.

Koje has been the scene of two bloody earlier prisoner riots.

### Prosecutor Gets Threat

NEW YORK (AP)—The prosecutor in the graft trial of five New York policemen said Saturday he received a telephone threatening letter from the brother of the chief prosecution witness was beaten.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Victor J. Herwitz said a man telephoned his home this morning and declared: "You son of a —, you better lay off."

Herwitz quoted Jackie Gross, 24, was assaulted on a Manhattan street Friday night by two men as warning to his brother, Bookie Harry Gross, to stop testifying about paying graft to New York policemen.

Herwitz quoted young Gross as saying one gravel-voiced assailant told him: "This will teach your brother to keep his trap shut. Tell him not to testify at any more cops' trials."

Gross startled the department trial by declaring he paid graft to the city's three highest police officials, since retired, to protect his 20 million dollar a year bookmaking empire.

He also named 100 lower ranking police as having been on his payroll.

The reprisal moves brought immediate reminders of the slaying of Arnold Schuster, 24, Brooklyn pants salesman, after he gave police information that led to the arrest of bank robber Willie (The Actor) Sutton.

### 2 Policemen Shot To Death

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—Two Tuscaloosa policemen were shot to death here Saturday and a Negro suspect was arrested about nine hours later after a huge manhunt.

The Highway Patrol said the suspect was picked up walking on railroad tracks near Havana, about 23 miles south of Tuscaloosa.

J. Foster King, 69, and Homer P. Hubbard, 45, were slain as they stepped from a Negro cabin door about 1 a.m. Both were killed by a single charge of buckshot.



BETH GRIGGS is the subject of today's 9 O'Clock Special.

### Steel Men Tell Court Of Dispute

WASHINGTON (AP)—The steel industry told the Supreme Court Saturday the government seizure of the mills was "for the purpose of settling a labor dispute with executive fiat, inconsistent with and contrary to the remedy expressly provided by Congress to meet such a situation."

At the same time the CIO-United Steelworkers told the high court their pay talks with the companies were only a sham. The union said it was repeatedly told the outcome depended on the results of price negotiations with the government.

It said that situation made the steel crisis a price dispute instead of a labor dispute.

The opposing contentions were set out in briefs filed with the Supreme Court preparatory to oral arguments Monday on a government appeal from a decision by U.S. District Judge Davis A. Pine that the seizure of the plants was illegal.

Judge Pine issued an injunction against the seizure but that order has been stayed pending appeal and the industry still is technically in government hands.

Just before the briefs were filed in the steel case, Justice Reed declined to stay a no-strike order issued in Cleveland against three unions of workers on the nation's railroads, which also are under seizure.

The unions—the Engineers, Firemen and Conductors—also asked the court to pass on their arguments against seizure of the carriers at the same time it decides the steel case.

### Ike Refuses To Campaign

OSLO, Norway (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower said Friday that if the people like Ike for President "they know where to find me"—but repeated that he has no intention of campaigning for the Republican nomination.

Oslo was Eisenhower's last stop on the Scandinavian leg of his farewell tour as Supreme Allied Commander. His assignment ends June 1 and he plans to return to the United States then to be available if he is nominated by the Republican convention in July.

He said he will resign his general's commission as soon as he is nominated so that he can resign without hindrance.

### Rodeo Queen Signup Set To Go; Trips, Prizes On List Of '52 Activities

By WALLACE MYERS  
Which young Basin horsewoman will draw the No. 1 post position in the annual Klamath Basin Roundup Queen Sweepstakes?

And which of the several girls expected to toss their 10 gallon chapeaus in the contest this year will succeed Queen Marjory Brown as ruler of this year's gala three-day Roundup?

The Roundup spotlight was thrown on those big questions this morning with the announcement that three downtown Klamath Falls stores are now ready to receive queen candidates' entries. The girls may enter at any one of these three places: Town Shop, 500 Main; Charlie Reed's Saddlery, 627 Klamath; and Drews' Manstore, 733 Main.

LEAD OFF  
First of the nine candidates for queen last year was brunette beauty Sue Sessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mill Sessler, 3518 Homedale. Sue signed her entry blank May 11.

The other eight entrants were: Janet Dierdorf, Merrill; Shirley Ralston, Henley; Carolyn Dickson, Henley; Barbara Dunlavy, Klamath Falls; Sydney Kerns, Keno; Aurelia Patterson, Klamath Falls; Sylvia Hills, Klamath Falls; and Margy Brown who was later crowned queen.

Several of these girls plan to enter again this year.

Ex-Queen Helen Bertram who resigned in 1950, was here from her Phoenix, Arizona, home to

## California Refinery Strike Off

DENVER (AP)—A government order reserving supplies of motor gasoline to maintain essential transportation went into effect Saturday in 32 Eastern and Midwestern states and the District of Columbia.

The order, issued by the Petroleum Administration for Defense (PAD), concerns operators of bulk gasoline plants, terminals and large filling stations at the coast.

About one-half of all service stations in the area, stretching from the Atlantic Seaboard to Kansas and Oklahoma, will be involved, the PAD estimated.

That was the latest step resulting from the 11-day-old strike of refinery and pipeline workers in the oil industry.

Previously, steps had been taken to cut down on use of high-octane aviation gasoline in commercial, private and military fleets.

Meanwhile, an extension of the nationwide strike to California was cancelled early Saturday by CIO oilworkers.

At San Francisco, Union International Representative James Thornberry said a strike at the Shell Chemical Corp. plant at Pittsburg was called off at the request of union headquarters in Denver.

The decision came as the refinery was closing down part of its operations.

LIMITS  
The new PAD order, which went into effect at 12:01 a.m. (PST) Saturday, holds that supplies may not drop below "3,000 barrels of motor fuel or a quantity equal to five per cent of total storage capacity, whichever amount is smaller."

The 3,000-barrel inventory requirement for bulk plant and terminal operators is equivalent to 126,000 gallons, the basis of 42 gallons to the barrel.

While supplies of automobile fuel are dwindling in some cities and voluntary rationing has been reported in a few areas, the nation is not expected to face a major shortage of gasoline for at least a month.

### Boys Queried Over Thefts

Four boys were questioned by City Police Friday night and District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor in government proceedings regarding the theft of hub caps, floor mats and other articles from automobiles.

They were identified by police as William Nendel, 18, 216 E. Main; Roger Allen Biles, 18, 4305 Homedale; Tom Cobbs, 18, 2615 Ward; and Dean Schubert, 15, 2615 Ward.

They were not placed under arrest, but did admit taking some articles from a car parked in the H. E. Hauger used car lot Friday night and also some other car parked nearby.

The articles taken from the auto Friday night were later returned to the vehicle before police located the boys. After they were questioned and told of putting the articles back in the car, floor mats, mirror—back in the car police went to the lot again and found the car gone.

It developed Saturday morning that the owner had taken the vehicle home.

### U.S. Savings Going Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans as individuals are saving more and more money despite inflation and heavy consumer buying, the National Savings and Loan League reported Saturday.

It said a money inventory in the major types of savings agencies increased 24 per cent from 1946 to the end of 1951.

At the start of this year, the league reported, individuals had 186 billion dollars invested. This is 18 per cent from commercial investments.