

# Spud Shortage Sparks Hot Debate on Farm Programs



**READY FOR BLOOD**— When the Red Cross Bloodmobile set up shop at the Armory this morning, a final check was made by Ernest Gayman (left), Portland, Bloodmobile attendant, and Mrs. Robert Cooper, 900 Eldorado Avenue.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Hague (Holland): General Eisenhower told the Dutch cabinet today he came to Europe out of a sense of duty and that is the only way he will accept public office in his own country. "I will aspire to no public office in the United States," he said, "and will only accept one out of a sense of duty. That sense of duty must be communicated to me by the great political party to which I have given such allegiance as a soldier can."

Personally, I like that. I like it because I think Ike means it. If he didn't mean it, it would be ten times worse than useless. If he does mean it, it will be wonderful.

The big trouble with government in our country, as I see it, is that the struggle for public office has degenerated into a struggle for personal or GROUP power. That has been going on all over the world all down through history, and the net result of it has been BAD. Only in the occasional golden intervals when GOOD AND ABLE men have accepted public office out of a sense of duty and have given their best to the job have the people made progress toward peace with liberty and the inestimable blessings that go along with peace and liberty.

How can we know that Ike is the man we need?

We can't know it. We'll just have to take him on faith, if we do take him, and hope for the best.

AND Give him the best WE have if he becomes our leader and gives us the best HE has. A loyal leader who gives his best to his followers needs loyal followers who will give their best to the leader.

From London: "Tivy Wickens is a free woman after getting a divorce on grounds of desertion. She told the court her husband had himself committed to a mental hospital shortly after their marriage, and for 20 years has refused to come out."

Maybe the guy is smarter than he seems. Was Solomon, for example—generally described as the wisest of the kings of Israel, son of David and Bathsheba. He says (Proverbs XXI, 9): "It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house."

On second (and soberer) thought, I don't like that suggestion. It savors of the cynical male philosophy expressed in the French phrase, "Cherchez la femme," meaning that if you get into trouble and want to find out why search for the woman who got you into the hot water. That school of thought holds that women are responsible for ALL the trouble that men get into. It is very old. There was Adam. He got into trouble, and when called upon to explain he up and said: "The woman—she tempted me."

Adam ought to have been ashamed of himself. The millions upon millions of generations of men who have followed him and have used his same old excuse ought to be ashamed of themselves. I rather imagine that if some research outfit would turn in and make a careful study of all the trouble men have got into in these thousands of centuries it would be found that for every man of trouble there was another man of trouble that women GOT MEN OUT OF.

Anyway, the men haven't too much to be proud of in this world they have been running so long. I'm coming to think that probably we'd better take the women into the job of running the world in an increasingly big way. They certainly couldn't do much worse than the men have done.

## U.N. Guards Battle Red POW Rioters

PUSAN, Korea (U)— Communist war prisoner rioting spread to a Pusan camp Tuesday and flared in two new but minor revolts at violence-ridden Koje Island Camp No. 1. One Red POW was killed and 85 injured in Pusan. One American guard suffered a minor injury in the 2 1/2 hour battle of clubs and fists in Pusan Camp No. 10. No shots were fired by the combat-wise United Nations guards although they were armed.

## SETTLEMENTS

On Koje, it was disclosed that two mid revolts were settled without incident by the new camp commander, Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, during the first four days of his command.

These occurred while high-ranking officers of Gen. Mark Clark's Far East Command in Tokyo studied reports on February-March Koje riots in which 80 Red male POWs and one American soldier were killed.

One of the minor new Koje flareups involved the 400 women prisoners of war and civilian internees held on that island, 30 miles southwest of Pusan.

The other was a sitdown strike by prisoner inmates of a U. N. Command hospital and their prisoner-doctors.

## NO VIOLENCE

Boatner settled both with persuasion and firmness. There was no violence, no shots were fired, and no one was injured, he said.

At Seoul, Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the U. S. Eighth Army, said the Pusan outbreak resulted from "an attempt by fanatical Communist prisoners of war to resist proper medical treatment of patient inmates of enclosure 10."

All the prisoners at Pusan previously were reported to have been screened.

## Scout Leader To Aid Court

Appointment of Donald P. Adams, field executive, Boy Scouts of America, Modoc Area Council, as probation officer of the Klamath County District court, was announced Monday by Judge M. A. (Nick) Carter. Judge Carter said Adams was to serve voluntarily in rehabilitation of youth appearing before the court. Adams has had previous experience in that line in Yakima, Wash., before coming here. Judge Carter said Adams will have the powers of a peace officer in carrying out his duties.

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## Dance Spot Tax Halved By Council

By HALE SCARBROUGH

In this day of constantly rising taxes, the decrease of one is a noteworthy event. And the Klamath Falls City Council Monday night gave its approval to a measure which in effect cuts a tax in half.

It happens to effect only three business establishments in Klamath Falls. The Council passed an ordinance which sets the license fee for dancing in night clubs at \$250 a year. That fee replaces a \$500 a year liquor-and-dancing license the city previously assessed and which the Oregon Liquor Control Commission nullified recently with a ruling that OLC and not the municipalities has the right to charge liquor license fees.

The license for night club dancing at present applies only to Molineux, the Ponderosa and the Winema, and the Winema at present.

## TIME TILT

The subject of daylight saving time came before the Council Monday night in the form of a resolution of the Council's action in establishing DST for Klamath Falls and recommending its businesses and citizens go along.

The protests came from the Klamath County Pomona Grange, Henry Grange and from John Simmons, past department commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

The action of establishing DST was termed a "direct violation of the letter and spirit" of state law, among other things. But Klamath Falls remains on DST. Blachers from Recreation Park were to be moved to Conner Field starting today, and are to be put into shape the latter day. But until they are made safe, Recreation Director Bob Bonney said he would post a guard to prevent them being used.

OK Transfer Company equipment is being used in the moving job.

## NO BIDS

Bids for traffic paint and rental equipment to the Street Department were due Monday night but none was submitted. The Council now is free to shop around for the paint and equipment.

Other Monday night action of the Council included: Approval of \$230 worth of building permits.

Approval of a 10-minute parking zone to be established on S. 6th at the Model Cleaners, operated by Gene Williams.

Decision to proceed with the improvement of California Avenue between Upham and Delta, and to abandon the proposed improvement of the lower end of Radcliffe.

That connection, City Attorney Henry Perkins ruled that there was no way in which the city could bond itself for the cost of paving adjacent to eight city-owned lots on Radcliffe, and would have to pay cash if the work was done. That stymied the project.

Approval of a broom sale to be conducted by the Tektete Lions Club Saturday.

Call for bids for audit of the city's books and for gasoline, oil and board of prisoners for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

## Epoch Flight Date Marked

NEW YORK (U)— This is the 25th anniversary of the start of Charles A. Lindbergh's epochal solo flight from New York to Paris. Lindbergh was a little known mail pilot when he set out from Roosevelt Field on Long Island on May 20, 1927. He was acclaimed by the whole world when he set down his plane "The Spirit of St. Louis," at Le Bourget field 33 1/2 hours later. Now 50 years old and publicity shy, he lives quietly with his family at Darien, Conn.

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## HST Sees War Threat Fading

### Truth Fear Held Truce Block Cause

MUNSAN, Korea (U)— United Nations negotiators Tuesday accused the Communists of "seeking every vicious means" to block a Korean armistice because of their "fear of the truth."

The especially bitter 62-minute session at Panmunjon produced no progress on the lone issue blocking an armistice—what to do about captured Reds who do not want to return to Communist territory. The Communists want them back.

The truce delegations will meet again Wednesday at 11 a.m. (6 p. m. Tuesday PST). Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, closing out his last days as head of the Allied truce team, said that in 10 1/2 months of negotiations "I have not heard such vicious, degrading propaganda as that thrown at us today."

Joy declared the Allied stand that no prisoner be forced to return to Red control is governed by the humanitarian principles of the United Nations.

The U. N. command will not repudiate the principles on which the United Nations was founded, Joy added.

## Railroads Accept, Unions Study Plan To Settle Dispute

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.

WASHINGTON (U)— Three big railroad unions Tuesday studied a labor peace plan the White House hopes will end a three-year dispute on the nation's railroads.

The engineers, firemen and conductors, with a combined membership of more than 150,000 were handed the contract proposal by Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman Monday afternoon. So were the railroads, and they accepted it quickly.

The unions were set for all-day, separate sessions. But they agreed to act as one on final acceptance or rejection.

## Steelman's Proposal, Submitted on a Take it or Leave it Basis, Would Do These Things:

1. Boost wages for men in yard service 37 cents an hour, of which 12 1/2 cents is already being paid.

2. Boost wages for men who work on the open road — that is, not in the yards — by 22 1/2 cents an hour, five cents of which is already in effect.

3. Give the train unions substantially what they wanted on a highly controversial working and operating rule involving crews which take a train through a divisional point. A change in this rule demanded by the carriers was described by union officials as the major obstacle to settlement.

They said that if the carrier demand went into effect workers in many cases would have to travel twice as far and move their homes to new terminals.

The carriers had wanted any dispute over the new divisional rule automatically submitted to binding arbitration. But the Steelman proposal does not include a provision to that effect and substantially meets union demands.

## HOURS

4. Lay the groundwork for a five-day, 40-hour work week for men in the yards who now work 4 1/2 days. The 40-hour week would take effect on three months' application by the unions, provided a neutral referee appointed by President Truman decided enough management requirements.

A four-cent pay boost would go to all men switching from a 48 to a 40-hour week when the change was made. This four cents would come on top of the basic 37-cent wage boost for all yardmen.

5. Put into effect a cost of living escalator clause, tying wages to the cost of living. Wages would go up or down one cent each three months for each one point change in the bureau of labor statistics cost of living index.

## Bug Bilker Busy as Bee

Several persons here in town reportedly have been taken in by a springtime bugco game pulled by a man representing himself to be a "shrub and garden expert" from Ashland.

His method of operation is to approach a homeowner and give a sales talk about how the flowers and shrubs around the place need spraying.

He can do the work, he says, and at a reasonable cost. But the most effective time for the spraying is very early in the morning.

The homeowners—the ones who bite—are asked to pay up in advance, because "I'll be here so early in the morning to get the work done you won't even know we're around."

That last statement is very, very true according to several persons who have fallen for the dodge. The their depredations unmolesied.

## Reds' Plan In Korea Said Failure

WEST POINT, N.Y. (U)— President Truman said Tuesday, the Kremlin's desire to dominate the world is obviously unchanged, "but I believe we are well on the way to preserving our freedom without paying the frightful cost of world war."

"The plain fact is," Truman said, "that the Communists have utterly failed in their objectives in Korea."

"The Communist aggression failed to shatter the United Nations. Instead, the Communist attack has made the United Nations stronger and more vigorous and has demonstrated that it can and will act to defend freedom in the world."

He added: "But we must also be alert and ready to meet treachery or a renewal of aggression if that should come."

## SOLID WALL

If it should come, the President said, the Communists will run against a solid wall of free world resistance — with the growing might of this country and its new atomic weapons in the key defense position.

Truman's speech was prepared for the 150th anniversary convocation of the U. S. Military Academy.

The President came here by train to deliver it in the role of commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

This role, providing civilian control over the military, is "enshrined" in the Constitution, Truman noted.

And in what could have been an illusion to such steps as his dismissal of Gen. MacArthur — he went on to say:

"Many presidents, including the present one, have demonstrated that those words in the Constitution mean what they say."

## Seattle News Veteran Dies

SEATTLE (U)— Floyd Anson Fessler, Sr., 59, an assistant feature editor of the Seattle Times and long-time newspaperman, died in his sleep Monday night. He had suffered from heart trouble a year but was at his desk Monday.

He began his newspaper career as an apprentice printer and later owned a weekly newspaper in Burns, Ore.

He served with the Oregon National Guard during the First World War and later became managing editor of the now-defunct Portland News, a Scripps-Cannfield newspaper. He came here in 1929.

## Strike Ends, Buses Roll

SAN FRANCISCO (U)— Pacific Greyhound buses began rolling Tuesday after 79 strikebound days in seven western states.

Company officials said main lines from El Paso, Tex., Salt Lake City, Albuquerque, and Portland, Ore., started operating westward at dawn.

Commuter service also began out of San Francisco. A negotiated contract grants an immediate 4.6 per cent pay hike to some 3,000 drivers and station employees; a gradual change from a six-day 48 hour week to five days and 40 hours with no loss in pay, and cost of living increases if the federal index rises.

The San Francisco area local of commuter drivers voted 128-35 last night to return to work immediately, completing favorable action on the new contract which runs two years.

Some 2,000 main line drivers had approved the pact last week about 2-1 and some 600 station employees ok'd it 5-1.

The local first rejected the settlement 104-85, but reconsidered. Rejection by any one unit blocks settlement.

## Fight Asked On Black Marketeers

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (U)— This year's potato shortage seems to be providing just about as heated a debate on the federal farm programs as did the government project of killing little pigs to raise pork prices in the early 1930's.

Officials say there's considerable criticism of ceilings on potato prices and a lack of price supports. The pig-killing program raised such a furor that, every time meat has become scarce since then, the Agriculture Department has been flooded with an avalanche of mail harkening back to those days. That plan, sponsored by Henry A. Wallace, then the agriculture secretary, was designed to boost hog prices by reducing pork supplies.

## CAUSE

The current potato shortage developed largely because farmers cut production 20 per cent last year. Most of this reduction came in the late potato crop — that portion which goes into storage for use during the winter, spring and early summer.

Farmers reduced their output after Congress directed the Agriculture Department to withdraw price supports. Congress did away with supports because they had cost the government more than 600 million dollars over a 10-year period.

Fearing a possible price collapse, farmers turned to more promising crops.

When it became apparent that stocks might not be large enough prices started moving upward. The Office of Price Stabilization stepped in with ceilings. But until corrected, inequities in ceilings as applied market by market served to divert supplies to some markets and away from others.

The shortage has been aggravated by black markets which have given some consumers more than their share.

## GOUGES

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall urged Monday that the public fight against black marketing by refusing to pay more than ceiling prices.

In a statement, Arnall praised the Super Market Institute, the Philadelphia Hotel Association and the Philadelphia Restaurant Association for urging their members not to pay above-ceiling prices.

Arnall predicted the shortage would be relieved in the next four to six weeks by the movement of new potatoes to market. This early crop is grown mostly in Florida, Alabama, Texas and California.

But the shortage is not likely to be fully overcome until the intermediate crop is harvested. This is grown in midland states—the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Maryland and New Jersey.

Both the early and intermediate crops this year are later than usual—a fact that is prolonging the shortage. Weather conditions and desire of growers to let their potatoes grow to full size are factors delaying marketings.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair Tuesday night; partly cloudy Wednesday; low Tuesday night 40; high Wednesday 65.

High yesterday 65  
Low last night 43  
Precip last 24 hrs. 0.4  
Since Oct. 1 15.7  
Normal for period 10.85  
Same period last yr 14.84

## Silly Snatch Stupes Stuck

CORVALLIS (U)— A party-snatching party didn't quite come off at Oregon State College Monday night as coeds joined campus police in thwarting a raid by 250 men.

Less than a dozen of the students, bent on lingerie larceny, got inside the two dormitories and locked the doors and windows.

The crase that has hit other campuses throughout the country got rolling at OSC shortly before midnight after a series of phone calls told students to gather in front of the Memorial Union Building.

Trundling ash cans, wastebins, horns and other noisemakers, the raiders first rushed Waldo Hall, a women's dorm. About 10 managed to get inside, but the women, aided by L. E. Darling, assistant dean of men, and two campus policemen, shoved them back outside and locked the doors and windows.

The raiders moved to Sackett Hall, the other women's dormitory. But there none gained entry. From there they started down sorority row, stopping first at the Alpha Chi Omega house.

A few got inside there, but the organized sorority sisters threw them out. Some windows were broken at the Delta Delta Delta house, but there as at the Alpha Omega Pi house, none of the men got inside.

The raiding party gradually dwindled away as it moved from house to house. Fraternities, at the request of Darling, called their members from the group.

Darling said he did not know whether disciplinary action would be taken, but that the group would have to pay for the broken windows.

## Purged Nurses Kill Selves

HONG KONG (U)—A Red China dispatch said Tuesday five Canton student nurses killed themselves Saturday after leaving a joint suicide note saying they had been forced to denounce their parents in a Red purge.

The independent Sing Tao Jih Pao said the dispatch was received from an underground correspondent. He reported the suicide note ended with this sentence: "We hope to become devils after our deaths and seek revenge on the Communist executioners."

## Worm Turns

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (U)— There it was on the complaint — A hit-and-run pedestrian.

Eugene Burton, 21, told police that he was waiting to get into a downtown service garage and his car momentarily blocked the sidewalk.

A pedestrian trying to get past smashed his fist through the car's ventilator window, kicked a dent in the door, knocked the chrome from the front fender, reached down and bent the license plate—then fled.



GOING TO SCHOOL isn't nearly so doleful now that the start of summer vacation is only a few days away. Above (l to r), Gilbert Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roberts, 138 Mortimer Street, and Kenneth Arne, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Arne, 122 Mortimer, prepare to take off for Mills School.