

# CALIFORNIA OIL STRIKE LOOMS

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

More rioting in the prisoner of war camps in Korea and its adjacent islands. As nearly as one can gather from the censored reports, the army started some more "screening" of POWs yesterday ("screening" is a fancy modern word meaning separating the sheep from the goats.)

When the process started, communist fanatics in the camp began fashioning long, sharp, steel pointed spears from litter rails and tent poles. When camp officers noted their activity, American infantry guards laid aside their nightsticks for rifles and bayonets and entered the enclosure.

Vicious fighting broke out. Somehow or other (the dispatches are obviously censored) a Chinese prisoner was killed.

"Tough? I suppose so. But war is no pink tea—and prisoner of war camps are a part of war. I doubt if you can run a prisoner camp without discipline.

In fact, I doubt if you can run ANYTHING very successfully without discipline.

This is becoming an undisciplined world. What will come of it, I don't know. But history tells us that when the Roman empire declined and eventually fell and the world no longer had a BOSS capable of enforcing intelligent disciplines minding slipped into the muck and the shadows of the Dark Ages.

Nobody likes discipline, but nearly all of us need discipline.

From Seattle: "Youths at the University of Washington and Washington State College joined the latest college fad last night.

"At the University, an estimated 1,000 of them smashed windows and did minor damage in PANTY RAIDS in a women's residence hall and six sorority houses."

When these youths grow up and get married and have to buy pants down at the store and pay hard-earned money for them, they won't be so reckless with them or so eager to get them.

In Cleveland (Ohio) last night, Dr. Clayton S. White, research director of Lovelace Clinic at Albuquerque, New Mexico, told the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and the Cleveland Academy of Medicine that getting a rocket ship into the upper atmosphere is feasible but a great many problems must be solved before man can survive up there. Here are a few of the problems, as he outlined them:

"Oxygen starts to run out at 5,000 to 10,000 feet. Above 60,000 feet, there isn't ANY oxygen.

At 22,000 feet, the barometric pressure is down so much that decomposition sickness hits the pilot. His blood boils and there is no room for anything but water in his lungs, causing him to drown.

Around 60,000 feet, there is a poisonous concentration of ozone. Above that is intensive ultraviolet light from which earth dwellers are protected by the atmosphere.

Then come X-rays from the sun and cosmic rays in high concentration.

Pretty grim?

Nobody will face it, you think?

Wait a minute. When Columbus started westward from Spain, practically everybody but Christopher himself believed the world was flat. His sailors thought that at some point toward which they were heading the waters of the Atlantic poured over the edge into a boiling inferno inhabited by grisly monsters like of which man had never seen.

But they conquered their fears and went along on the trip.

Someday, SOMEBODY will sail quite a distance in a rocket ship (or some other contrivance) just to see what really is out there. Man's curiosity is insatiable, and there is practically no risk he won't take to satisfy it.

## City Plans Extensive Street Work

Five short-length paving jobs and possibly upwards of \$50,000 worth of street repair work will be contracted out by the City of Klamath Falls this summer.

The intention is to allow contractors interested in the work submit a bid on all the jobs at once, sometime early in June.

The improvement projects are:

No. 113, Pleasant from Upham to Delta, three blocks. This job was held over from last year. The cost estimate made by City Engineer Taxi Thomas was \$16,663 for asphalt paving, \$22,207 for concrete.

No. 115, Painter from an alley above Eldorado to Pacific Terrace, part of a long block. Estimated cost to property owners \$4770 for asphalt, \$11,170 for concrete.

No. 116, Lawrence from Eldorado to Newcanto. Estimated cost \$7,362 for asphalt, \$22,261 for concrete.

No. 117, Lowell from Eldorado to Pacific Terrace. Estimated cost \$1,509 for asphalt, \$13,144 for concrete.

No. 118, east half of California from Upham to Delta. Estimated cost \$14,232 for asphalt, \$17,346 for concrete.

The jobs also include sidewalks. The California Avenue job, the east half of a divided lane street is planned for 18-foot pavement. Lawrence Street is to have a 30-foot segment, and the remainder of the street jobs will be 26 feet wide.

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## Palmerton Management Shaken Up



JOHN GARFIELD

## POW Reign Of Terror Described

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Bridzen (R-N. H.) quoted Gen. Matthew H. Ridgway Wednesday as saying that Communist prisoners in U. N. prisoner of war camps have committed atrocities and conducted a reign of terror against other prisoners.

The general confirmed that bodies had been found in these camps. Bridges told reporters.

He said that in a closed door session with senators Ridgway also said it was true that Communist POWs flew red flags and had their own telephone lines inside the camps.

CONFIDENCE

Bridges said Ridgway expressed confidence, however, that rebellious and defiant Communist prisoners of war can be put under control.

Ridgway, former commander of U. N. forces in the Far East, talked with senators for about two hours.

He was questioned extensively about the Kojima incidents but some senators said he could tell them little new.

Other senators said Ridgway told them the Communists have built up their forces in Korea during truce talks, and that the general was not optimistic that a satisfactory cease-fire agreement can be reached.

One Democratic senator, who asked not to be named, said Ridgway's picture of Far Eastern conditions was "the most depressing thing I have heard in months."

FAINT HOPE

This senator said he saw little chance for world peace, or even a trend toward it from conditions the general reported.

Sen. Russell (D-Ga.), presiding at the session, told the general that the Kojima affair has brought shock and a sense of shame here at home.



GETTING OUT OF HAND—Panty-raiding students at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis shown grappling with coeds were finally brought under control by the police with help of tear gas. Many of the adolescent males were not content with stealing lingerie but took to picking up anything loose, including sweaters and other expensive items.

## Firm's Top Officials Here Quit

By WALLACE MYERS

A shakeup in the Palmerton Lumber Company management here today had Loren Palmerton stepping out as general manager and executive vice president of the firm.

At press time today, Palmerton was not available for comment but a spokesman in his office said Palmerton was retaining his financial interest in the firm.

Also stepping out today was Harry Schoenberg, assistant general manager.

D. A. Weidler, Chicago, Palmerton Company president, announced the top brass changes in an informal note to all employees. In that note, Weidler said that Schoenberg had resigned "effective at once."

In another directive, posted at the firm's offices here, Weidler said that Palmerton "is no longer an officer" of the company.

RUMORS

Weidler's note to employees also spiked recurrent rumors heard recently that the firm might quit business here soon.

"Barring minor changes," the note said, "operations of this company will continue as they have in the past for an indefinite period and there are no major changes in policy contemplated at this time."

New general manager of the firm is W. H. (Cy) Cramer, described by Weidler as a "veteran Northwest timberman" who has been in Weidler's office in Chicago for the past two years.

HOW LONG?

This afternoon, Weidler told the Herald and News he would not hazard a guess as to how long the company might continue operations here.

"I said we would continue here for an indefinite period," Weidler said with a chuckle, "and the sawmill business being what it is, that could mean three weeks or 300 years."

As the Herald and News went to press, Palmerton was reported to have "just left off" at the Reames Country Club links.

## Wage Offer Turned Back By Workers

DENVER (AP)—Major segments of the nation's oil industry remained closed down Wednesday as an estimated 60,000 workers refused to rally or failed to reach back-to-work agreements.

Scattered settlements were reported, mostly among small locals.

O. A. Knight, president of the Oil Workers International Union (CIO) estimated that only about one-third of the 90,000 refinery and pipeline workers who walked out April 30 have returned to their jobs.

Knight predicted that nearly all the strikers would be back by the end of this week.

BREAKDOWN

However, talks between the CIO union and Tidewater Associated in San Francisco broke off Tuesday night with a statement by union representative Verlin McKendree that "if this is an indication of what the industry is planning here, a strike is inevitable in California.

California refineries have kept working to supply the Korean war effort.

The Tidewater refinery employs 1,300 workers. The union objected to a 7 1/2 per cent increase averaging 15 cents an hour rather than a straight 15 cent raise.

ADJUSTMENTS

A company spokesman said, "it wouldn't make a dollar's worth of difference. But over the years we have had so many percentage adjustments that there are miscalculations in our wage classifications."

Leaders of the coalition of 22 CIO, AFL and independent unions who called the strike three weeks ago said they would accept a Wage Stabilization Board suggestion that 15 cents an hour plus more pay for night work be used as a basis for settlement. The former scale was \$2 to \$2.10 an hour for day work.

## Glamor Gag Heart Ailment Unbearable

WILMINGTON, Calif. (AP)—Old tug No. 10 was a real tough and harbor-worthy vessel. It had hauled in some pretty big ships in its day.

Last Monday, however, No. 10 was cast in a new role—lowing a floating barge for a style show, thinking they were newsmen.

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## Heart Ailment Fatal to Actor

NEW YORK (AP)—John Garfield, 39 stage and screen "tough guy," died of a heart ailment Wednesday in the Gramercy Park apartment of an actress friend, Iris Whitney.

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## Annual Realty Meet Friday

The annual dinner of the Klamath Realty Board is scheduled for Friday, 6:30 p. m. at the Willard. It will be a dinner and a business meeting at that time winners of the Realty Board's model home and essay contests are to be announced.

The contests, open to high school students, involve construction of a scale model home, with drawn floor plan, and an essay of 200-1000 words on the subject "Why Own Your Own Home."

Tom Stoddard, vice president of Commonwealth Title Company Portland, is to be the principal speaker. Also expected to be present is Al Cross, Oregon Real Estate Commissioner.

Gomer Jones, president of the Realty Board, will make the awards to model homes and essay contest winners. The prizes are, for the model homes contest, \$25, \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$5; and for the essay contest \$15, \$10 and three prizes of \$5 each.

Judges of the model homes contest are Garrett Van Riper, Nina Pence and probably Francis Landrum; and for the essay contest the judges are Isabelle Brinker, Mary Boswell and Elton Smith.

## Three Robbery Suspects Held

Three Indians are held in County Jail here for investigation of a burglary Saturday night in Chiloquin. Brought here this morning from Chiloquin were Theodore Bita, 31, and Eveland Chiloquin, 31. They were apprehended by Police Chief Archie Huff of Chiloquin and Indian Service officers.

Arrested in Klamath Falls this morning about 4:30 a. m., and held for investigation of the same burglary was Francis E. Norton, California Indian.

The three are suspected of taking guns, a radio, camera and canned goods from the home of John Cole Saturday night at Chiloquin. All three were to be arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas here today.

## Death Takes J. R. Sisemore

James R. (Jerry) Sisemore, Fort Klamath rancher and member of Klamath County family, died late Tuesday afternoon at Klamath Valley Hospital. He was 55 years old.

Sisemore had been in increasing poor health for many months, and had been brought from Fort Klamath to the hospital Tuesday morning.

He was born in Sams Valley, Jackson County, in 1896, the son of Lindsay Sisemore, a pioneer of this area, and had lived in Klamath County since 1900.

His ranch is located on the west side of the Fort Klamath meadows. Survivors include the widow, Lois; a daughter, Jo Ann; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Jean Stewart; two brothers, L. Orth Sisemore of Klamath Falls and Emmett Sisemore, Tulelake, Calif.; and an aunt, Mrs. Ella Copchett, of Melbourne, Australia.

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At the University, an estimated 1,000 students smashed windows and did minor damage in panty raids in a women's residence hall and six sororities.

At Washington State, about 350 men invaded five women's living quarters.

Pullman Police Chief Archie Campbell said little damage was done, but two State Patrolmen were called in to help Pullman and campus police disperse the crowd.

Police in at least 20 squad cars in the vicinity of the raids at the University did not enter the fray. One policeman said the officers were reluctant to leave their cars because they feared the gang would damage the vehicles.

A member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority aimed a lusty swing with a baseball bat at one youth. He ducked and the bat demolished a window on the follow through.

## Bus Service Returns Here

Pacific Greyhound buses have resumed full time service here, according to J. K. Sayre, Klamath Falls bus line agent, after being idled by a strike since March 1.

Sayre said north and southbound trips to Portland and California are running as well as the schedule to Medford.

Bus operations, except for two runs daily by Trailways out of Bend, were suspended here during the long strike.



ACCORDING TO REPORTS seeping in from Reames Country Club, anything goes in a golf match between Klamath Falls industrial tycoons Loren Palmerton and George P. Davis. Here Palmerton, in conksin cap, attempts to distract Davis while the latter tries a mashie shot out of the rough.

—Photo by V. M. Hanks

## Instrumental Recital Friday

A year's training for city elementary school instrumental music students will be culminated Friday evening in the annual Instrumental Festival at Pelican Court.

Some 300 students are expected to participate in the festival at 8 p. m.

Combined participating groups and directors will be the all-city orchestra, John Drysdale; intermediate strings, John Drysdale and intermediate band, Freeman Yount. The program is open free to the public.

## Memorial Day Services Set

Klamath County's civilian and service dead will be honored in Memorial Day services May 30.

A Main Street parade, Memorial Day address and presentation of wreaths at the County Courthouse Memorial Shaft are on schedule.

Parading units will start down Main from vicinity of Klamath armory, Main and Spring Streets, at 10:30 a. m. (daylight time), to the County Courthouse, 3rd and Main.

Rev. Lloyd Holloway, First Methodist Church pastor, will give the address following playing of the national anthem by the Klamath Union High School band and a salute by the National Guard firing squad.

Organizations invited to participate in the services sponsored by Allied Veterans Council of Klamath Falls include all veterans groups, American Legion, Drum Corps, Boy Scout and Girl Scout units, fraternal organizations and a representative unit from OTI.

Organizations or individuals wishing to present wreaths outside those mentioned are asked to contact Ted Case, county veterans service officer in the basement of the County Courthouse.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Thursday, Low Wednesday night 32. High Thursday 67. High yesterday 53. Low last night 31. Precip last 24 hrs. 1.57. Since Oct. 1, 15.17. Normal for period 10.88. Same period last yr. 14.41.

(Additional Weather on Page 4.)

## Police Nab 'Water Boys'

Four teen-aged Chiloquin youths aged 17 to 19 from Modoc Point were picked up by City Police about 1 a. m. Wednesday for questioning on a water attack of motorists on Klamath Falls streets.

Police said all four boys were in a Chevrolet coupe and were cruising the streets, shooting streams of water at other motorists from two fire extinguishers.

The boys were sent home after being questioned and warned by officers.

## Sound Yields Four Bodies

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP)—The wind-whipped wake of one of Puget Sound's worst yachting tragedies has revealed the bodies of four of seven persons who were aboard the 35-foot sailing sloop *Freddie* when it vanished Sunday evening.

An extensive search for the other three persons—now presumed dead—and the wreckage of the mysteriously missing boat is continuing Wednesday.

The bodies of Mrs. Ellen Fordyce, her son Kenneth, 12, Ed E. Jukes and Mrs. Donald W. Card, were found Tuesday in the waters between here and Orcas Island, some 13 miles to the southwest. Only Jukes was not wearing a life preserver.

Still missing are Paul Fordyce, the owner of the yacht, Donald Card and Mrs. Jukes. Only a mattress, lifeboat paddles, two seat cushions and an ice box door from the *Freddie* have been found.

## Toothache Suicide

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP)—Police reported Wednesday Raul Gonzalez, 25, shot himself because of a throbbing toothache. His mother, Mercedes, said dentists had not been able to relieve the pain.

## Homfolk Swat Solons For Voting Selves Aid

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional feelings were showing lumps Wednesday from the home-town meeting a lot of lawmakers are getting for voting themselves income tax relief.

In a word, the reaction on Capitol Hill might be summed up as: "Yow-w-w!"

Most House members were reluctant to stick their necks out on so touchy an issue. But privately they feel they have been badly misunderstood in voting to make their expenses, while away from home, deductible as business expense for tax purposes.

It's no more than everyone else is allowed, they contend. They have to keep up two homes, one here and one back in their con-



WAITING for the bus this morning at the Tower Theater stop on South Sixth were Mrs. Grace Lanier, 2505 Pershing Way, and Jeanne England, 1751 Washburn Way. Jeanne was on her way to kindergarten.

## Blood Donors Decline Here

The little logging community of Gilchrist almost equaled Klamath Falls in giving blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile this week. But it was only because Klamath Falls yesterday fell 99 pints, and its expected quota Tuesday at the Armory.

Monday at Gilchrist 95 pints of blood were collected in a four hour period by the Bloodmobile.

Yesterday 118 pints were collected here. Red Cross officials expected 217 pints from an anticipated 300 donors. Mrs. Virginia Dixon executive-secretary of the Red Cross chapter here, said there were many persons lined up who did not put in an appearance.

## Man Beaten, Two Jailed

Two men were given jail time and fined \$100 each for severely beating a third Monday night in a cabin at Chemul.

Harley John Thompson, 43, Chemul and Joe Henry Daniels, 33, Gilchrist, this morning in District Court both pleaded guilty to assault and battery charges. They were each sentenced 30 days in the County Jail in addition to the fines.

State Police arrested the pair at their homes about 2 a. m. today.

Police reported the two went to the cabin of Fredrick L. Beck at Chemul about 8:30 p. m. Monday, beat him so badly he had several cracked ribs, two black eyes, cuts of the head and face.

Beck was reportedly asleep in the cabin after working 16 hours that day as a cook at the Fastime Cafe in Chemul.

Daniels claimed he heard rumors Beck was trying to break up his home and went to the cabin with Thompson to straighten things out. The fight ensued, Beck signed the complaints against his two admitted assailants.

## Murder Guilt Ruled for Boy

EUGENE (AP)—A 15-year-old boy, convicted Tuesday of first degree murder, will be sentenced here Friday. Life imprisonment is mandatory.

The boy, Elmer Harlan Belcher, was found guilty of the April 4 gun shot slaying of Mary Ellen Campbell, an 18-year-old deaf mute.

A circuit court jury deliberated the case four hours before returning the verdict which also carried a recommendation for leniency.

Judge C. F. Skyrworth said the recommendation meant a life imprisonment sentence.

The boy, a neighbor of the Campbells who live on a farm near Cottage Grove, was arrested two days after the shooting.

He admitted he shot the girl because his school friends had taunted him about her pregnancy. District Attorney C. E. Luckey said.

But at the trial the boy repudiated the confession and testified that Mary Ellen's grandfather had borrowed his gun and had taken the girl into the woods where later her body was found.

The grandfather, William Howard, said that was not so and witnesses testified he was not in the area at the time of the shooting.

The boy is being held in the juvenile section of the county jail.

MOVIE FIRE

PORTLAND (AP)—Fire from a waste basket in a janitor's supply room halted the movie at the Mayfair theater Tuesday night.