



HUNDREDS OF HOPPERS still but a few days old move across 10-year-old Barbara McNulty as she sits in a "hotbed" along the south edge of Tule Lake farmlands.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
In Washington this morning, Bernard M. Baruch told the senate preparedness subcommittee (at an open hearing) that MORE THAN 20 BILLION DOLLARS IS BEING WASTED ON THE DEFENSE PROGRAM

This waste of defense billions, he said, resulted from failure to put into operation the vast system of ration controls that congress passed after the Korean outbreak. "These powers were not used for months during which living costs soared, all savings were cheapened and the real purchasing power of every defense dollar was slashed by one-fifth. "This needless inflation already has cost us 12 billion dollars in higher costs of defense and is likely to exact another 10 billion dollars in needless tribute over the next fiscal year."

Those are rough words, but they are substantially true. For months after war flared in Korea, we dawdled while prices soared. Then we applied ceilings that were so full of holes that nobody had any real trouble getting through them. The ease with which the ceilings could be penetrated soon became so apparent that the idea spread that anybody who didn't go out after higher prices and wages was a saps. The result was a tragic period during which the minds of Americans became fixed upon the making of a quick buck at a time when their minds and our hands SHOULD have been wholly occupied with preparations to defend ourselves against a powerful and brutal enemy.

Because of dawdling, profiteering and politics playing, Russia is now ready for IMMEDIATE war than we are. On that point, Baruch told the senators this morning. "No decisive victory in the cold war is possible AS LONG AS THE SOVIETS HOLD AS TERRIFYING AN EDGE IN MILITARY READINESS OVER THE WEST AS THEY DO TODAY."

Looking ahead, he urged congress to trim out all possible unnecessary and postponable expenditures. "When you live under the shadow of war, as we do today, all actions must be valued in terms of TIME."

That recalls a story told to me the other day by Major General Tom Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon. He was on the campus of one of our Oregon schools of higher learning recently, he said, at a time when high school seniors of our state were present for a look-see. A meeting was called to discuss membership in the Oregon National Guard with these youngsters. Some 500 or 600 of them were present on the campus, he told me, but ONLY SIX showed up at the meeting and what all six wanted to know was how to keep out of military service!

"I can't believe," he said, "that this attitude is the fault of our young men themselves. Our boys in Korea have given a thoroughly good account of themselves. They have met every test they have been called upon to meet. All accounts agree that they are as good soldiers as the world has seen. "I think it must be the fault of the parents. In their quite understandable yearning to keep their boys at home as long as possible, they must be unconsciously influencing them against the idea of military service."

Incidentally, General Rilea pointed out that if this is true parents are going against their

Grasshopper War Declared, Basin's Barley Menaced

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR. Farm Editor

TULELAKE — Battle lines are being drawn in this area for an extensive, all-out attack on a severe scourge of grasshoppers hatching out along the margins of the Klamath Basin's top premium brewing barley fields.

A combined force of public agency men and farmers plan to bait 25,000 acres of farmlands during the next few weeks with poisoned bran. Application is to be made by half a dozen airplanes. Sam Smith, agricultural of the USDA's Division of Grasshopper Control, is directing preparation of the bait with the cooperation of the California State Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Siskiyou, Klamath and Modoc Counties and the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The cost is to be divided between the public agencies involved and the farmers, Smith said, with the farmers paying about 40 per cent of the costs. Originally farmers were to pay 50 per cent of the costs, but since the hopper-eggs originating on public lands for the most part some consideration was given.

The hoppers — of the "Clear Wing" variety — have been hatching out for about 10 days, but have been under observation since eggs were laid last year. As yet they have remained in the hatching beds around the edges of the fields, and in but a few cases have moved into the barley. The insects are still but a fraction of an inch in size, and as yet have dealt no injury to the crops.

However, Smith pointed out \$2,500,000 worth of brew barley is threatened, and without control even greater damage could be done.

The poison bran is to be applied at rates varying up to or perhaps exceeding 10 pounds to the acre, depending on the need. The poison used is chlordane, and perhaps Aldrin. The bran will be scattered over the fields from an elevation of 50 to 75 feet. The operation being a big one, a large aircraft application company has been signaled in — the A. V. Pest Control Company.

Some hotbeds along the edge of the Lava Beds have produced grasshoppers at rates up to several thousand per square yard. Other hotbeds range through the margins of the Copplek Bay, the Panhandle, Lower Klamath and Oklahoma areas.

Smith said the bait would be applied at a rate of 18,000 pounds per day, weather permitting. A total of 125 tons of bait is to be distributed. The poison is applied in a bran by special mixing machines, three of which were imported here from Walla Walla. Six tons of bran per hour may be treated by each machine.

Cooperating in the venture are Bob Harper, State Dept. of Agriculture; Bill House, Siskiyou County; Loring White, Modoc County; J. D. Vertrees, Klamath County; E. L. Stephens and Luke McNulty, Bureau of Reclamation; Tom Horn and Jean Branson, Fish and Wildlife Service; Don Fisher, Lava Beds National Monument and George Fischer, Modoc National Forest.

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Oregon Long-Haul Truck Strike Deadline Delayed

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B-36 Explodes, 7 Missing

More Ships Tied Up In West Strike

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The crippling AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific strike Wednesday tied up at least 24 ships in harbors from Seattle to Los Angeles. Union members walked off their jobs Friday in a stop-work movement pending contract negotiations. They voted 3,510-68 Monday to strike.

Harry Lundberg, SUP secretary-treasurer, said his organization is well prepared for a long strike. He said the SUP's treasury totaled \$1,700,000. The shipowners, through president J. Paul St. Sure, of the Pacific Maritime Assn. said they will not settle for anything less than a one-year, no-strike agreement.

Chief point of dispute is PMA's demand that the SUP agree to a one-year, no-strike contract. The union is holding out for an agreement which can be canceled on 60 days' notice. The PMA said it had agreed to the union's other chief demands: A 5 per cent pay increase and overtime for Saturday work at sea. In other West Coast waterfront developments:

Henry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union announced it had tentatively agreed upon a new contract with the PMA calling for a 15-cent hourly wage increase, bringing the basic wage scale to \$2.10 an hour. The contract, which states wage negotiations can be opened in June, 1953, but carries no cancellation clause, also calls for a 4-cent hourly contribution by employees to a union welfare fund. The PMA presently is paying 3 cents an hour.

Hugh Bryson, president of the Independent Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, indicated his membership may not respect SUP picket lines thrown up in front of all PMA ships on the West Coast. The MCS and the SUP have been engaged in a jurisdictional dispute which recently caused the cancellation of a Hawaii voyage of the spunk passenger liner Lurline from San Francisco.

Six ships in the San Francisco area, ten in Seattle, two in Portland and six in Los Angeles were tied up as SUP pickets were established. Others were to be picketed as soon as they docked. Tankers and Atlantic Coast vessels touching port in the West were among ships not affected by the strike.

Police Chase, Arrest Driver

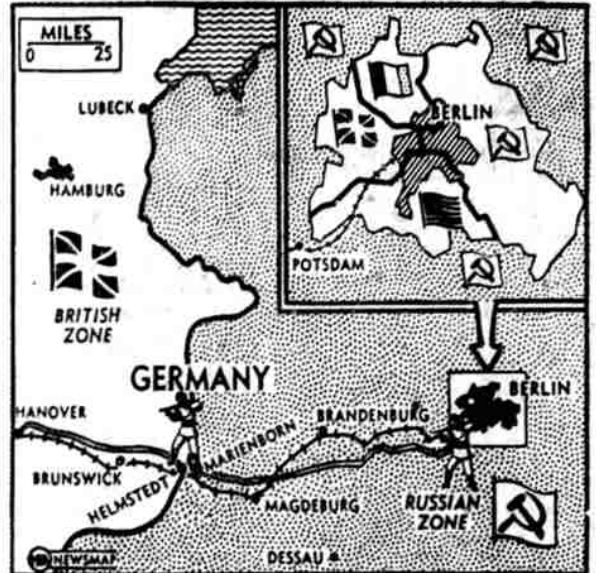
Five traffic charges were placed against Edward C. Pryor, 24, of 1430 Etna, after a race with City Police out of town on U. S. 97 shortly after midnight. He pleaded guilty in Municipal Court to all charges and was fined a total of \$45, or 2 1/2 days in jail.

Armed Forces Limit Sought

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The Western Big Three powers have agreed upon a proposal to set a ceiling of 1 1/2 million men each for the armed forces of the Soviet Union, the United States and China — provided that all three and the United Nations concur.

Arnall Gets Price Shock

WASHINGTON (AP) — Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall found he didn't know much about the price of milk when his wife sent him shopping. "When I handed the man a dime, I found out the price was about 28 cents," he told the House Banking Committee during a hearing on price controls Tuesday. He said he got the shock of his life. Arnall also confided to the congressmen that his wife "complains all the time about prices."



SOVIET SQUEEZE PLAY — Newsmap shows where Soviet forces sealed off the 110-mile highway into Berlin against Anglo-American military forces in a traffic squeeze resembling the blockade of 1948-49. The Soviet forces did not interfere with the non-military Allied and German traffic traveling in both directions along the Autobahn across the Russian zone. Inset shows how Berlin is divided among the Big Four.

Baruch Proposes Defense Shakeup, Sees Huge Waste

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernard M. Baruch told senators Wednesday that more than 20 billion dollars is being wasted on the defense program. He urged a broad overhauling of the multi-billion dollar defense effort with emphasis on faster production of aircraft, tanks, guns, and other weapons of war.

Baruch, 81-year-old financier and ex-adviser to presidents, testified at the open hearing of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee. In a prepared statement, Baruch joined forces with members of Congress who have been urging greater air power, to match and outstrip Soviet Russia's.

Robbers Hit Two Stations

Two local service stations were burglarized last night or early this morning. Deputy Sheriff Dal Reed reported that the North Entrance Union station on U. S. 97 above town was broken into and a box containing about \$750 worth of tools taken. The burglary occurred sometime after 11:45 p. m.

Court Stops Business Try

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that when a man sells his business and agrees to stay out of that business, he has to stay out of business. The case was appealed from Union County, where Harold Johnston sold his meat packing business to D. W. Eldridge. Johnston then went back into business, and Eldridge sued him because Johnston had violated his agreement not to engage in the business.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Thursday with occasional thundershowers in the Cascades. High today 78, low tonight 48. High tomorrow 75. High next yesterday 85. Low last night 48. Precip yesterday 0.5. Same period last year 14.84. (Additional Weather on Page 4.)

Big Bomber Cracks Up In Texas

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — A giant B-36 bomber exploded and burst into flames at Carswell Air Force Base Wednesday and there were indications some of the crewmen perished. Seven of the crew were reported missing. Public relations officers at the base said ten were taken to the base hospital for treatment.

An airman at the field was asked if any of the crew were saved. "They didn't have a chance," he replied. NO WARNING The big bomber reportedly came in for a normal landing and did not appear to be in any trouble. Shortly after the wheels hit the runway there were three sharp explosions, followed by a tremendous blast. Dark blue smoke billowed skyward.

First report of the accident was telephoned by Martha Cole and Garth Jones of the Associated Press who were returning from the Republican convention at Mineral Wells. The B-36 is the Air Force's largest operational bomber. It carries a crew of 15 or 16 men and can stay aloft for more than 40 hours. The bomber has ten engines, six piston and four jet.

Its fuel capacity is 22,000 gallons of gasoline, plus about 4,000 additional gallons of jet fuel, carried in four separate tanks. The B-36's mission is the ability to deliver the atom bomb anywhere in the world.

Reds Continue Attack Threat Spring Snow Shovels Used

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — For the second straight day Communist troops negotiators Wednesday hinted that Red armies in Korea would march because of Allied handling of captured Reds. The U. N. command delegation dismissed the threat as propaganda.

North Korean Gen. Nam II repeated Red charges that captured Reds had been mistreated. Then he added: "The Korean Peoples Army and the Chinese Peoples Volunteers absolutely will not sit idle while their fellow combatants are being wantonly murdered by your side."

He said almost identically the same thing Tuesday. Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., senior Allied delegate, told Nam II his statement "is indicative of your obvious intentions not to use these conferences to arrive at an agreement, but merely to generate your propaganda."

Meanwhile, KFFA fire school was underway at the fire office's headquarters today, with some mock fire battles set for staging this afternoon. About 35 fire guards were being put through the fire-fighting paces, including a sprinkling of visitors from other fire protective agencies of the basin.



MR. AND MRS. CLYDE I. BROWN, owners of Western Oil and Burner Co. here, were caught by the Special Camera this morning.

Negotiators Far Apart On Contract

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PORTLAND (AP) — The AFL Teamsters Union Wednesday postponed a strike that would have idled big, over-the-road freight trucks in Oregon Saturday. A spokesman said this meant Oregon drivers would no strike at midnight Friday, as scheduled earlier.

Drivers of smaller trucks which make pick-ups and deliveries for the big trucks' terminals, are included in the strike plans. J. M. Scudder, secretary of the Truck Operators League of Oregon, said the two sides were far apart in working toward a new contract. A union spokesman agreed that was so. He said negotiations began in March and the contract expired May 1.

Issues are a pay increase, holiday on Washington's birthday, and a 40-hour week for the in-city drivers. The increase asked would put over-the-road drivers at \$16 a day, up from \$14.25. Portland city drivers asked \$14.76 a day, up from \$12.80, and drivers in up-state cities asked \$14.76 also, an increase from \$12.20.

An embargo has been placed on perishables handled by the big trucks, Scudder said. The trucks, operating between fixed terminals, handle all kinds of freight including a limited quantity of perishable foods. Local cartage drivers are not involved. The only ones affected — and there are some 1,500 of them — are those employed by the 33 firms making up the operators' league and the added independent firms which tie themselves to the teamster-operator contract.

Apparently four trucking firms with offices here will be affected by the strike, including Consolidated, Bend - Portland, Pacific Motor Transport and Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight. One trucker manager here said if no settlement comes soon, his yards would be cleared before the strike deadline Friday midnight.

It might well be summer-time-like outside, but there's still some snow to be contended with hereabouts, and not very far from town either. Klamath Forest Protective Association foresters had to shovel their way through four-foot snow drifts in order to set up the Hogback Mountain lookout overlooking town. The lookout went into operation Monday, with Mike Beldrahe up.

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