STEEL STRIKE HITS DEFENSE

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Today's word from Stockholm:

"Infuriated Sweden kept up her search over the Baltic for a missing transport plane and sent along jet fighter escorts with ORDERS TO SHOOT if the Russians attacked . . .

"Some 5,000 furious Swedes, jeering and shouting 'we will see Stalin hanged' and 'down with the communist warmongers,' demonstrated in front of the Russian embassy."

That happens in neutrality-loving Sweden, which has stayed out of two wars and would like to stay out of all the rest of them.

But—

"Beware the fury of a patient man."

Anyway, the incident illustrates for us the hair-trigger temper of the present - day world.

From Washington:

The army disclosed today it has sent anti-aircraft batteries to defensive positions about some strategic industrial plants, big cities and air force centers."

More from Washington:

"Starting July 14, thousands of civilian defense workers will help the air force scan the skies over America's borders in a round - the-clock watch for POSSIBLE ENEMY PLANES."

Why?

General Frederic H. Smith, deputy director of the air defense command, explains: "The Soviets have had the capability for some time to attack us."

General Nathan F. Twining, acting chief of staff for the air force adds:

"We can have no assurance of long-range forewarning of a decision by the Kremlin to attempt an assault on us. The lack of a thorough, 24-hour watch is a weakness we can no longer afford."

Is war just around the corner? I doubt it.

But Cromwell's advice, given to his men some three centuries ago, is still good:

"Put your trust in God, my boys, and KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY."

Meanwhile we hear from Pittsburgh:

"The two-weeks-old steel strike slashed deeper than ever today into the nation's economy, as some plants making war munitions reported curtailments near because or a shortage of steel."

Bad?

Sure it's bad. Steel is the basic raw material of weapons. If we should run short of weapons and the Russians should attack us at that critical moment, it could be the end of us.

How did we get that way?

Well, it seems to me that the basic trouble is too much power in too few hands on both sides of the steel controversy. When too few men hold too much power in their hands too long, trouble nearly always follows.

Speaking of power, a Yakima (Washington) dispatch this morning says:

"Jack Hubbard, of Olympia, a meteorologist engaged in the bitter Yakima valley RAIN WAR between cherry and wheat growers, claimed yesterday he was using chemicals POTENT ENOUGH TO DRY UP A CONTINENT."

He adds:

"We believe that by enlarged and intensive operations it would be possible to dry up a nation for a considerable period of time.

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I dunno.

But it kind of looks to me like that's too much power for any set of men to hold in their hands.

City Budget Completed

A 1952-53 budget embracing property tax money expenditures totaling $363,073.87 has been prepared for the City of Klamath Falls and accepted by the City Council.

The budget document is now being prepared for legal publication.

The $363,073.87 total is about $32,000 higher than the total of the city's current year budget of $331,850.36. The swimming pool levy, sewer repair levy and public rest room levy voted in May account for much of the increase.

In the total is $179,782.32 in involuntary taxes, already involved in various millage levies, and $183,291.55 in voluntary levies. The latter includes the expected expenses of general administration, Police Department, Fire Department, administrative expenses of the Street Department, the dog pound and city lights and water costs.

Various departments get revenue from other sources than property taxation, which also is figured in their overall budgets. The Street Department anticipates $105,000 to come in from state motor vehicle and gas taxes.

The budget does not provide for any blanket pay raises for city employes, but Mayor Bob Thompson said a contingency item of $6,255.94 has been set up to pay for possible wage increases.

He said that raises would be given on a sort of merit basis, upon recommendation of the department head and the approval of the City Council. The Council may take the matter of wage adjustments up one meeting a month.

Mayor Thompson said the city just does not have enough money to give all employes a raise, so the contingency fund was created to enable boosts for key employes at least.

KLAMATH GOPs

A meeting of the Klamath County Republican Central Committee is scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight in the Circuit Court room.

Council Lets Bids For Paving

Asphalt Paving Company of Klamath Falls was the apparent low bidder for city street patching and five street paving jobs scheduled for this summer.

The company's combined bid on all work was just over $120,000.

Only two firms, Asphalt Paving and K. F. Jacobsen of Portland, bid on all six segments of the summer work. One other firm, Billings and Stahl, bid on cement paving of the remaining lane of California Avenue from Upham to Delta.

The bids were opened by the City Council Monday night and referred to the Street Committee for study.

ASPHALT

Asphalt Paving Company's bids were:

Street repair $51,500; Pleasant Street $16,829.85; Painter Street $9,394.25; Lawrence $17,536.75; Lowell $11,015.87; and California $14,409.50.

The Jacobsen firm bids, also for asphalt paving, were:

Street repair $58,550; Pleasant $19,550.86; Painter $10,561.30; Lawrence $21,291.15; Lowell $12,751.55; and California $18,945.90.

The Billings and Stahl bid on California Avenue was $17,294.

City Engineer Taxi Thomas submitted to the Council an estimate of the cost of paving 5th from Willow to Elm and Elm from 5th to 6th. It would cost approximately $14,500. Some property owners had requested an estimated price on the job.

Other Council business Monday night included:

Approval of $22,900 worth of building permits, among them one for an $11,200 new residence at 1325 California.

Rejection of a request for a 15-foot extension driveway entrance at the Associated Service Station, E. Main and Oak, on the E. Main side. However, the station will be allowed to widen its Oak Street entrance to a maxium of 30 feet.

ADOPTION

Adoption of a resolution calling for transfer of $3,240 from the swimming pool construction fund to the swimming pool levy fund; a resolution allowing the Recreation Department to borrow $10,000 from the property fund, against a bond held by the Recreation Department, and various other fund transfers.

Introduction of an ordinance forbidding obstruction of sidewalks, running water over sidewalks and into streets and alleys. An earlier ordinance covering those situations had been repealed.

Adoption of the 1952-53 city budget.

Authority for City Engineer Thomas to contact tire dealers to obtain bids for tires for city equipment. None was received when bids were advertised.

Receipt of two applications for purchase of lots in Trailer Park, which was recently put on sale after being held off for recreation use. The purchase applications were ordered held up temporarily.

City Employes Want Change

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Some Klamath Falls city employes want to pull out of the state's governmental employes' retirement plan and get under federal Social Security, feeling the federal system offers more security for less cost.

Lester Finley, employe of the Street Department, acted as spokesman Monday night for a group of employes in asking the City Council to look into the possibility of withdrawal from the state pension plan.

City Attorney Henry Perkins was directed to investigate, and Mayor Bob Thompson said if federal Social Security would work out better for city employes, it should be adopted.

The 1951 session of the Oregon Legislature made a provision for withdrawal from the state system. Petitions bearing the names of 75 per cent of the employes of the particular municipal corporation must be obtained for the withdrawal.

Recently expanded benefits of the federal Social Security program apparently make that system more attractive—particularly to young persons in city employment and those with much previous social security covered employment credit—than the state retirement system.

The state system was set up in 1946, and Klamath Falls employes went under it in 1948.

It is based on employe contributions and employer contributions, but the cost is considerably more in some instances than Social Security.

Several months ago employes of Klamath County began signing petitions asking the same change, to get out from under the state retirement plan.

However, not quite 75 per cent of county employes have signed the petitions.

Saucers Back Again

Recent scientific reports still haven't dispelled the idea that there are flying saucers.

Joe Segoviano, gate man at Weyerhauser Timber Co., reported yesterday he saw a peculiar phenomenon in the sky which he couldn't explain. He said the idea suggested flying discs.

Segoviano reported spotting what appeared to be a star late in the afternoon high in the sky. It grew brighter and brighter, and then suddenly turned with a flash in the sun, much like an airplane does. Then, he said, it took a "V" shaped appearance and disappeared.

Midwest Heat Wave Subsides

Swedish Fighters Sent Up

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Infuriated Sweden kept up her search over the Baltic Tuesday for a missing transport plane and sent along jet fighter escorts with orders to shoot if the Russians attacked.

The traditionally neutral nation's stern action reflected the anger expressed by the government, press and people over the shooting down Monday of an unarmed Swedish flying boat by two Soviet MIG-15 jet fighter planes.

The seven crew members — two of them wounded — of the downed plane were picked up from the sea by a small German freighter and taken to Hangoe, Finland.

They had been searching for a Swedish transport DC-3 missing since Friday with eight men aboard. It was assumed here the Russians had shot down that craft, also.

JET ESCORT

A Swedish Air Force spokesman announced early Tuesday that all aircraft participating in the continuing search have been supplied with jet fighter escort. He said the fighters had been told to return fire if attacked.

Some 5,000 furious Swedes, jeering, shouting "we will see Stalin hanged," and "down with the Communistic warmongers," demonstrated in front of the Russian embassy.

The government handed Russian Ambassador Constatine Rodinov a "strong protest" against this "act of violence" and demanded "swift punishment of those responsible for the outrage."

BLOOD DONORS at Red Cross headquarters aren't treated like this! The three clowning men (above) are employes of City Ice and Supply and were at the Armory this morning to supply free ice for the blood donor canteen. Frank Fleet (center above) is the psuedo "donor." Bill Vannice makes ready with the auger and Bill Kafton holds the can.

Driver Jailed For Hit-Run

Edwin Elmer Grof, 23, of Merrill, was lodged in the City Jail early Tuesday morning on two traffic charges resulting from a sort of comic opera series of events in which he allegedly rammed two cars and tried to escape on foot.

Police were called to Walnut and Commercial about midnight to investigate a hit and run accident. A 1948 Chevrolet pickup, owned by Weyl-Zuckerman and parked at the residence of Earl Keske, 235 Commercial, had been sideswiped.

While officers were looking over that car, Lloyd Reed, 1125 Walnut, came up and reported the hit-run car had ducked into the Roy Call auto wrecking yard and was parked there among the wrecks.

The police car headed that way and at Commercial and 6th spotted the hunted vehicle coming up S. 6th. Meanwhile Reed had driven his car around on Broad to 6th and stopped there.

Grof, his 1940 Oldsmobile sedan already damaged from the first accident, made a turn onto Broad and smacked headon into Reed's 1938 Willys.

At that, police reported, Grof got out and ran down an alley, with police and witnesses at his heels. He was caught in the alley back of Betty and Walt's Cafe.

Grof admitted he had been drinking, and a couple of bottles of beer plus several empty bottles were found in his car.

He pleaded guilty to charges of failure to stop at the scene of an accident and reckless driving, Tuesday morning in Municipal Court, and was fined $50 on each charge.

O'Harra Gets School Post

T. J. O'Harra, 2325 Garden, was elected to a five-year term on the Klamath Falls elementary school board in voting Monday.

He polled 193 votes to 168 for Bud Chandler, Lakeshore Drive.

In county voting Roy Glenger of Chiloquin apparently was re-elected to the county school board, also for a five-year term. The terms of office begin July 1.

With 14 of the 17 county school precincts reporting, Glenger had 316 votes to 133 for Lloyd Nicholson of Fort Klamath.

Camp 4, Summers and Crescent Lake had not reported the result of voting in those precincts Tuesday morning.

A KFJI radio news broadcast at noon Monday may have had some small bearing on the city voting. The news broadcast inferred that O'Harra, a petroleum products dealer, was unopposed for the school board post. O'Harra had several spot advertisements on the station.

However, the station caught the error quickly and corrected it over the air three times later in the day.

Chandler is manager of radio station KFLW.

The board position they were seeking is being vacated by Mrs. Victor O'Neill, who was not a candidate for re-election.

Instructors Meet at OTI

A convention of Oregon vocational instructors which began yesterday at Oregon Tech here has drawn more than 600 visitors to Klamath Falls.

Some 315 instructors from high schools throughout the state have registered for the convention and many of the instructors brought their families. In addition, there is a large group of special guests and state officials.

Oscar Paulson, stated director of vocational education, is general chairman. He is being assisted by Robert Craig, OTI instructor and president of the Oregon Vocational Association.

A square dance, with Otto Ellis calling, was staged for the visitors at OTI last night.

Outstanding vocational students are to be recognized during the convention. Already selected as the state's top trade and industrial student is Donald Morris, an OTI graduate now employed here by Juckeland Motors. Others are to be announced later.

Nation's Top Rodeo Aces Expected Here

By WALLACE MYERS

Bucking horses from the Christenson Brothers 'world famed rodeo stock are already corraled at the Fairgrounds here and buckaroos are swelling Roundup files with entries for the big rodeo here July 2, 3 and 4.

The annual three-day rodeo, sanctioned by both the Rodeo Cowboys Association and the International Rodeo Association will offer the world's top cowboys.

Jim Shoulders, last year's national cowboy champion and also Basin Roundup champion, is to again lead the parade of star entries here.

Night shows are programmed for July 2 and 3 and the big windup performance will be on the afternoon of the Fourth.

PARADE

At 10 a.m., the Fourth, the big Roundup Parade will start moving along Main Street. The parade this year is being arranged by the Klamath Lions Club, with Jim Olson as chairman of the committee. Don Kirkpatrick, Roundup Association director, is handling liason between the Lions and the Roundup Association.

Immediately following the rodeo performance the evening of July 3, the Klamath Merchants Association will touch off a giant fireworks display. The colorful aerial show will be fired from Gems Stadium so as to make the show clearly visible from the Fairgrounds.

As plans for these events shape, eight girls are marking time for the gala Queen's Ball at the Armory this Saturday night. One of the eight beauties will be crowned queen of this year's Roundup by Margy Brown, last years queen.

YACHT CLUB

Tomorrow, the queen candidates, Queen Margy and two Saddle Club chaperones are to be guests of the Klamath Yacht Club. The girls and chaperones will have luncheon and an afternoon of boating fun.

Advance ticket sales for the rodeo performances are running ahead of previous years, indicating another record smashing attendance. Last year's turnouts set new crowd records.

The tickets are on sale at Roundup Headquarters, 234 Main Street, in the Patterson Furniture building.

'Operation Skywatch' To Protect US Border

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army disclosed Tuesday it has sent anti-aircraft batteries to defensive positions about some strategic industrial plants, big cities and Air Force centers.

An announcement said the move "has no special significance" but it came on the heels of Air Force orders for an around-the-clock watch for possible enemy planes.

Civilian defense workers will keep the 24-hour vigil, beginning July 14, Maj. Gen. Frederic H. Smith, Jr., deputy director of the Air Defense Command, said it is necessary because "the Soviets have had the capability for some time to attack us."

To which Gen. Nathan F. Twining, acting chief of staff for the Air Force, added:

"We can have no assurance of long - range forewarning of a decision by the Kremlin to attempt an assault on us. The lack of a thorough 24-hour watch is a weakness we can no longer afford."

Twining said intelligence estimates credit Russia with being capable of launching at any time more than 400 four-engine bombers loaded with enough bombs—atomic and otherwise — to blast all U. S. metropolitan industrial target areas.

The start of "Operation Skywatch" was announced Monday by the Defense Department after a conference of civil defense directors from all states and territories. The border watch had been scheduled to start May 17 but was postponed to allow more time for organizing spotter crews.

Smith estimated from 50 to 80 volunteers will be needed to man each of the thousands of posts. Their special job will be to spot planes flying below 5,000 feet — those difficult to pick up on radar.

The network of lookouts will be coordinated with the Canadian air defense program. Smith said "sky-watching in Alaska and Hawaii is not linked with this continental organization but operates under local commanders.

Observers will be spotted in 27 states including Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

Klamath CD Gets Air Aid

Klamath County's Civilian Defense forces received a shot in the arm and augmented strength last night when 56 aviation enthusiasts were sworn in to the aviation division of the county program.

In case of disaster or emergency, the air group will furnish air support for evacuation, transportation of supplies and other needs.

Most of the group is made up of members of the Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit, under whose supervision many local disasters have been handled in the past few years.

KASRU will remain a unit under the defene plan, which will call on the organization only in case of mass disaster. Joe Steele is deputy director for the civil defense division O. D. Reeder is president of KASRU.

The sign-up, complete with photos and notarizing, was handled by KASRU Flight Commanded Ed Scholer, Ground Commander Dan Emrick, State Board of Aeronautics Ground Designee Vic Douglas, and Air Designee Lloyd E. Newlun.

Joe LaClair is general chairman of the county defense plan which has enlisted the aid of approximately 3000 persons. However, a number of volunteers are needed in several divisions, and interested persons are asked to contact Personnel Deputy Director Guy Barker, phone 7701.

U.N. Forces Hold Hill

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Chinese Communists Tuesday shot off their big guns at probably the fastest clip of the Korean War. They failed to budge United Nations infantrymen defending a T-shaped knobby hill.

A battalion of about 750 Chinese struck at the hill three times in 2 ½ hours and were turned back each time by bayonet wielding U. N. doughboys standing fast at the bottom.

The six-day-old fight for the Western Front high point near Chorwon is the biggest and bloodiest of the war since January. Allied troops won a foothold on the bumpy formation last Thursday. They now hold three of its rocky knobs. The Reds have been counterattacking bitterly.

A U. S. Eighth Army briefing officer said shelling by both sides was "very heavy" Monday and that the pace held up Tuesday.

Chinese tanks and self-propelled guns poured 5,000 shells on the three Allied-held knobs Monday. U. N. fighter-bombers and tanks delivered answering fire.

An Allied officer at the front said the Reds have lost more than 1,000 killed and wounded in the fight for hill T and that Red dead are "still piled up" on its approaches.

Blistering Heat Leaves 125 Dead

By The Associated Press

Mid-continent areas got welcome relief Tuesday from hot and muggy weather that has enveloped most of the eastern half of the nation.

The mid - June blast of midsummer heat and humidity left a death toll of more than 125, including 19 heat prostrations and 109 drownings.

The break in the heat wave over the Midwest came after several days of temperatures in the 90s and above 100.

COOL AIR

The cool air mass from the Pacific Northwest, with refreshing showers, first hit the plains states and temporarily ended the more than week-long siege of collar-wilting weather.

Temperatures were from 15 to 25 degrees lower Monday from the Dakotas southward to the Texas Panhandle.

The heat-snapping air mass moved into other hot spots in the Midwest during the night. Chicago, limp from two straight days of 95 temperatures, received the cool air and showers shortly before midnight. The temperature dropped into the high 60s after the hottest day in nearly three years.

RECORD

Scores of other cities reported record heat marks for the date. Temperatures ranged from 90 to 100 degrees along and east of the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Coast with the exception of the New England states.

The heat was blamed for halting production in three big Detroit auto plants, making idle some 13,000 workers. The employes in the Hudson, Chrysler and Ford plants were sent home after groups of workers left their jobs because of the 96 degree temperaturs.

Bonus Checks Due Tomorrow

SALEM (AP) — The first checks to pay Oregon's bonus to World War II veterans will go in the mail Wednesday.

The first check goes to Dallard L. Whitmore, 42, Beaverton, whose name was chosen in a drawing several months ago.

FIRST CHECKS

Stanford Revenue, 3503 Summers Lane, is to be the first Klamath veteran to receive his bonus, according to the A.P. in Salem.

The first Lake County check is to go to Andrew Milton Deier, Lakeview.

Hopes For Settlement Fading

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The two-week-old steel strike slashed deeper than ever into the nation's economy Tuesday as some plants making war munitions reported curtailments near because of a shortage of steel.

In addition to the 650,000 CIO United Steelworkers who walked out June 2 when the U. S. Supreme Court ruled President Truman had no right to seize the industry, more than 100,000 workers in Allied industries are idle.

These include nearly 50,000 coal miners in seven states and more than 30,000 railroaders employed by a dozen carriers.

Nearly 25,000 more are idle in industries dependent on steel. These include sailors on Great Lakes ore boats, ore miners, coke workers, river boat crews, oil and gas pipeline workers, construction crews, and workers in other steel-related fields.

MUNITIONS

Announcements that three companies will be forced to stop making munitions this week came as the government and the USW sought to work out a plan to start enough steel flowing from the struck mills to prevent a crippling halt in the production of weapons.

At Cleveland, Lempco Products, Inc., said it was forced to halt making mortar shells Tuesday because of steel shortages and to lay off 500 employes on the shell line. Lempco had been producing 4,500 mortar shells a day.

The Oldsmobile division of General Motors said a shortage of seamless steel tubing will force it to shut down its 3.5-inche rocket plant at Lansing, Mich., on June 23.

The government has been assured by Philip Murray, president of the CIO and the USW:

"Count on us to produce the essential military products necessary to carry on our fight against the menace of Communist aggression."

DEFENSE PLAN

Murray has directed a four-man committee of the USW to help work out an acceptable plan for defense needs for steel. So far the government has announced no specific way of achieving this output, although it said a plan had been worked out to transport steel stored in struck warehouses to weapons manufacturers.

The union and the industry have been unable to agree, not only on contract terms, but also on just where they are in disagreement.

Murray claims the companies have failed in many respects to meet Wage Stabilization Board recommendations which, among other things, call for a 26-cent hourly "package" wage boost and a union shop. The industry says the union shop, which would require all steel workers to join the union, is the only bone of contention.

The industry, which wants a higher price for steel to help cover any salary increase, says its final offer was a 24.6-cent-an-hour package deal which would cost it 400 million dollars a year. Murray says the offer was not that high.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Sunny and warm through tomorrow. Low tonight 49, high tomorrw 86.

High yesterday	**75**
Low last night	**49**
Precip yesterday	**0**
Precip since Oct .1	**15.79**
Same period last year	**14.84**
Normal for period	**11.6**

(Additional Weather on Page 4.)

PRETTY DARLENE GASTER (right) was an interested spectator this morning as preparations were made at Red Cross headquarters in the Armory for blood donor activity today. With Darlene is Mrs. Otto Ellis, a Red Cross worker.