

In The NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics: Vice-president Barkley, whose 74 years may not stop him from becoming a formidable candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, echoes in Chicago today President Truman's demand that the party stand on its record in office.

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The Veas is talking (and boasting) in terms of dollars. In Washington this morning, the Federal Reserve Board talks to the reporters in terms of BUYING POWER.

The Federal Reserve Board's survey of consumer finances (just issued) shows that average total income of "pending units" (mostly families) rose from \$3520 in 1950 to \$4840 in 1951—a rise of about 37 per cent.

But, it adds: "Consumer prices also went up nine per cent, WIPING OUT the income gain. And increased taxes tipped the scales AGAINST the average family. CUTTING BUYING POWER BELOW THE PREVIOUS YEAR."

There's the story of inflation for you. Inflation gives us MORE DOLLARS that BUY LESS. In time, it CUTS our buying power instead of increasing it. That time is now here.

New York: "Three cousins arrested early this morning while going through the pockets of a man sleeping in a hallway indignantly denied they were pickpockets. One of them explained: "Some money had fallen out of his pocket and we were trying to put it back."

You know, it MIGHT have been true. There ARE good people as well as bad people in this world. Personally, I choose to believe that for each bad person there are ten good persons.

But— One has to admit— Whenever some bad person does something bad, and gets caught at it, and it gets into the papers, he comes up with a high-sounding alibi that makes what he did sound good.

As a member of the Fourth Estate, I'm cynically convinced that a whole lot of people don't worry about WHAT THEY DO but WORRY FRIGHTFULLY when they get caught at it.

By the way, who knows, just off-hand, the origin of the term Fourth Estate?

It is supposed to have been first used by the great English statesman, Edmund Burke. In the course of a speech in the house of commons, he pointed to the reporters' files and said: "Yonder sits the Fourth Estate, more important than all the others."

That leads to another quiz question: What (in Burke's day) were the other three estates?

They were the three classes of people that made up the States-General of France: the nobility, the Second Estate, and the common people, or the Third Estate.

The States-General was France's first (quasi-)parliamentary parliament. It was formed in 1302 and lasted until the French Revolution in 1789.

It didn't meet at regular times. It was called by the king in times of "emergency" whose he wanted advice, or MONEY, or moral support. Recalling the character of the kings of France of that day, I imagine they called the States-General into session only when they needed an alibi.

I'm beginning to suspect that if congress met ONLY on the call of the President it would be used in about the same manner today.

What Burke really meant when he referred so flatteringly in the house of commons to the Fourth Estate was this:

By telling the people what is going on and why, the press enables the people to GUARD THEIR LIBERTIES against encroachment by the demagogues, the self-seekers and the ambitious and unscrupulous leaders who reach for power for more and more POWER.

Knowledge of that fact is what raised our Founding Fathers to guarantee freedom of the press in our constitution. Letting the people know is the high and sacred function of the press in a democracy.

Any newspaper that consciously poisons the news it gives to the people is recreant to its trust and betrays the confidence reposed in the press by Burke when he termed it "the Fourth Estate—more important than all the others."

OLCC Holds Hearings Here: An examiner for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission has concluded two hearings on law infraction charges against local OLCC licensees.

The examiner was Sam Motherhead of Portland, and the testimony received is to be referred to the Liquor Commission at its next meeting.

Northwest Woods Fires Controlled

By The Associated Press

Pacific Northwest foresters kept a wary eye on the barometer Thursday in the wake of an explosive outbreak of forest fires that claimed two lives and blackened thousands of acres of brush and timberlands.

Most of the fires were under control but state forestry officials said wind shifts or increases could set the blazes feeding anew on tinder-dry woodlands.

The fatal fire, located in rugged Cascade mountain country in northeastern Skagit County, Wash., claimed the lives of Shirley Cook, 45, Rockport, Wash., and his 20-year-old son, Charles, Marblemount, late Tuesday night.

The blaze roared from slashing into tall timber on Lookout Mountain, trapping the Cooks as the son attempted to carry his exhausted father from the path of the flames. Both were loggers. Four other loggers escaped.

Washington State Forester Bernard Orell said the some 250 men fighting the Lookout Mountain blaze had it nearly under control.

The Evergreen State's second-largest fire is a fire that blackened some 2,000 acres near White Salmon Klickitat County in the southern part of the state. Deputy Supervisor of Forestry Mike Webster said the fire was under control. It had cut a swath roughly seven miles long.

SMALL FIRES: Other small fires were reported near Ellensburg and Gilmer, in the White Salmon area.

No large fires were reported in Oregon.

In British Columbia, fire fighters Wednesday controlled two fires, one near Nanaimo and another that swept the tiny community of Chief Lake, near Prince George.

The Nanaimo fire burned to within 75 yards of two homes at the summer resort town of Departure Bay before it was brought under control.

Relief supplies for families left homeless when a 1,000-acre blaze ripped into the house of comings at Prince George Wednesday night and were hastily loaded on trucks for movement to the stricken community, 35 miles north of Prince George.

Crews Control Fremont Fire

LAKEVIEW—A fire that burned through 20 acres of scattered timber 10 miles north of here yesterday was brought under control last night and mopping-up operations were underway today.

The blaze was apparently a "leaper" that started from the last thundershower in this area, according to Fire Dispatcher Jack Groom. It blossomed out into flame as surrounding forestlands dried off.

A 30-man mop-up crew was to be sent into the area today, Groom said. A bulldozer assisted the 30-man crew, which initially battled the flames.

This was the 24th fire of the season for Fremont National Forest, but it was the only actually big one.

State Game Commission Reveals Hunting Rules

Highlights in the tentative 1952 hunting regulations set last week-end by the Game Commission include a Sept. 27 to Oct. 17 buck deer season followed by a three-day hunter's choice deer season.

Nov. 1 to 20 general elk season, and a pheasant season opening Oct. 24 and ending Nov. 2, in Western Oregon and ending Nov. 9 in Eastern Oregon.

The hunter's choice season for one deer of either sex is aimed at cropping deer from agricultural areas and problem ranges where a browse shortage threatens heavy winter losses. The dates are Oct. 18, 19 and 20.

In Western Oregon the hunter's choice season would be outside national forest exterior boundaries and within one mile of established cultivated agricultural lands, thus offering protection to non-problem deer on the higher ranges.

With the exception of Hood River valley and White River valley (Wasco County), the hunter's choice area in Eastern Oregon lies east of the Dalles-California highway north to Redmond and east of the Jefferson, Wasco, and Gilliam County lines. The greater part of Central and Southeastern Oregon are included in the either-sex area, but Malheur County south of highway 20; all of Umatilla National Forest; portions of Ochoco, Wallowa, Whitman, and Deschutes National Forests; the Newberry Crater area near Bend; and the High Desert between Millikan and Wagonite Mountain are excluded from the proposed hunter's choice season.

One special deer season of 300 permits would be held in the Newberry Crater area of Baker County. A total of 1200 permits would be available for antelope hunters in the same three areas opened last year.

The special hunts allowing an extra deer or an antelope would be on a drawing basis. Hunters who received tags last year for an antelope or an extra deer will not be eligible to have their name included in this year's drawing.

Shortage Of Labor Faces Tule Farms

By RUTH KING

TULELAKE—An intensive campaign to stabilize the labor and wage picture in the Tulelake area for the coming potato harvest is to be waged between July 18 and 26 by the Tulelake Growers Association.

The association recently turned thumbs down on the responsibility of underwriting the program this year. Cost to the organization of last year's importation of labor was \$19,000, a prohibitive amount since only 75 per cent of the total crop acreage in the Tulelake area is represented in the association.

Ed Duckett, Association president, said today that prospects for one of the most critical harvest labor shortages since World War II face Basin farmers, and a solution to the problem is being sought through cooperation of all potato and onion producers.

It is proposed that all growers be asked to underwrite the cost of importing 325 Mexican Nationals at an estimated cost of \$20,000. The fund will be raised by a pledge of \$3 per acre on both crops.

Money is to be held in escrow in the Bank of America until enough contracts are signed to guarantee the contract for the 325 single men. In event the amount is not raised the checks will be returned to the growers.

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LOST HOUSING: The association lost most of the worker housing accommodations this year when the U.S. Bureau of Prisons took over the major part of the old internment camp.

Only six barracks buildings and one mess hall were allocated to the association. No housing accommodations are available for families, a source of harvest help that has been satisfactory in past years. Housing would be needed for 200 families to provide adequate help.

Duckett said it is impossible to rely on white single men to remain here and that the only solution apparently is importation of Mexican labor.

Contracts of Nationals are written on a 120 day basis and since the harvest here does not require that length of time, the association works through a state agricultural agency.

It is already being felt in the labor situation according to a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation who complained that men being sent to the Tulelake area by the bureau are being hired at higher wages by Tulelake farmers.

It is also rumored that there is a prospect of using top security federal prisoners to alleviate the labor shortage.

DEATHS TOTAL 75: MANILA (AP)—The number of persons killed this year in clashes between Huk and civilians or troops rose to 755 with eight new deaths Thursday.

S. E. Woodard Death Told

Samuel E. Woodard, 70, resident of Klamath County since 1890, died yesterday at his home in the Holly Hotel here. He had been a semi-invalid since suffering a stroke in December, 1946.

Two weeks ago, he had another stroke and had since been bedfast.

The widow, Mrs. Ethel Woodard, has operated the Holly Hotel for several years.

Mr. Woodard came to the Klamath country as a boy in 1890. His parents settled in Keno, where the elder Woodard operated a grist mill at the present site of the Copco dam. At 16, young Woodard became a blacksmith and when he was stricken in 1946, he was maintenance superintendent at the Federal Housing Project here.

Besides the widow, Mr. Woodard Castle Rock, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Norman, Bremerton, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Lawrence, Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Mary Pringle, Portland; three grandchildren and five step-children.

Funeral services are to be conducted Saturday, 11 a.m., from Ward's Funeral Home.

1953 Wheat Goal Down

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's farmers have a lower wheat goal to shoot for next year but it still, in the opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, is "on the side of abundance."

Brannan called Wednesday for a 1953 crop of 72 million acres—roughly 1,080,000,000 bushels based on normal yield.

This year's estimated production is about 170 million bushels more. Other 1953 goals set by Brannan include: barley—12 million acres; 282 million bushels; rye—1,700,000 acres; 31 million bushels. Oats (in 11 South states where oats are still seeded)—5,610,000 acres, 89,397,000 bushels.



THEY'LL BUILD A PLATFORM— Chairman John McCormack of Massachusetts, arrow, opens the first meeting of the preliminary drafting committee for the Democratic National Convention platform committee at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

Driving Test Judges Named

Judges for this Sunday's Jaycee-sponsored Road-o have been named, as well as a full afternoon of demonstrations and driving contests.

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Ten-aged contestants in the Road-o were given written examinations last night at the high school, and the top winners are to participate in the actual driving portion of the competition this Sunday.

Winners are to be announced Friday.

Sunday's runoffs are slated to begin at 2 p.m., according to Junior Chamber Pres. Gail Osborn, with the best teen-aged driver to be awarded not only a trophy—but also a free trip to Portland to compete in the state contest.

State winners, in turn, will go to Washington, D. C. to compete in the national contest, with a \$1000 scholarship at stake.

Judges for the driving test are Raymond A. Clark, examiner for the state driver license bureau here; Traffic Sgt. Odell Olson, city police; Paul McCall and Bob Henderson, who teach driver-safety at Klamath Union High School, and new Police Judge Frank Blackmer.

Demonstrations on schedule Sunday include the driving and handling of a semi-truck and trailer outfit in tight spots, and the new city fire ladder truck.

The tests and demonstrations are to be held at the Saturday Parking Lot, 8th and High Streets.

The program is sponsored nationally by the Jaycees, and is to assist in educating young drivers in safe driving methods.

Chamber Drive Shows Growth

Twenty-six luncheon setups were ordered yesterday for a report meeting in the Klamath Chamber of Commerce's membership drive and 43 workers showed up. That pretty well illustrates the enthusiasm that has fired the campaign since it was scheduled several weeks ago and actually got under way Monday.

The membership teams, striving to approximately double the chamber's strength, yesterday checked in with 48 members and reported 21 present members had increased their membership fee.

Prime reason for the membership drive is to make the chamber program to bolster existing Klamath County business and draw new industry here.

Next report luncheon in the report membership drive is set for tomorrow noon at the Willard Hotel.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through tomorrow. Low tonight 52, high tomorrow 90.

High yesterday 89, low last night 53, Precip yesterday 0, Precip since Oct. 1 17.11, Normal period last year 14.84, Normal for period 12.32

Test Pilot Tells Of 1200 mph Flight

By BILL BECKER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The hottest plane in the free world, the D-558-2 Skyrocket, holds a new speed record of 1,238 miles an hour, says the Navy.

And the hottest test pilot, lanky Bill Bridgeman, says zooming at that speed is "no different than flying 750 miles per hour."

The real kick comes, Bridgeman said in an exclusive interview last night, when the rocket-propelled hummingbird runs out of power at a record altitude of 79,494 feet and swoops down 15 miles for a dead-still landing on the desert.

Both the speed and altitude marks were confirmed here by Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball, Bridgeman flew the Douglas-built rocket ship to unprecedented heights last Aug. 7 and set the speed record Aug. 15 in tests at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The Navy previously had admitted only that the research plane had "climbed at 1,000 miles an hour."

In all, Bridgeman made six rocket flights last summer after the Skyrocket was launched at 35,000 feet from a B-29 mother ship.

Each time, the 35-year-old Douglas test pilot said, the needle-tipped 40-foot ship rammed smoothly through the sonic barrier—which is reached at about 600 miles an hour at 35,000 feet and above. In pressurized suit and cockpit, Bridgeman said he was "no especially conscious of speed."

"You notice the high speed only when you make a mistake," the ex-Navy bomber pilot said. "Then she really jumps and gets hard to control. Generally, though, there's too much blue sky and so many things to do that the speed isn't noticeable."

The record speed was made in level flight after the Skyrocket had reached the apex of her climb. It was measured by instruments in the plane and radar ground readings carefully checked by the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics.

That moment, that sends "your gut into your shoes," Bridgeman declares, comes when the last of the four rockets used by the plane loses its thrust.

"Then you have to bend 'er over fast, level off and start gliding for home."

Waldrip Wins Arizona Farm

MERRILL—One hundred and fifty-one acres of seeded and cultivated land and three miles south of Yuma, Ariz., is the plum plucked from a capsule in a recent home-stead drawing by Bill Waldrip, Merrill.

Waldrip long-time resident and farmer of Merrill was No. 3 man in the original drawing but with disqualification of the first two names moved up to first place to get the pick of the 27 units opened. There were 411 applicants.

He flew to Yuma this week to look over the land and found it all in crop, principally alfalfa and grapes. The unit has been the site of an experiment station and is in a high state of cultivation.

Waldrip farms 1,000 acres of grain and potatoes with two brothers, Tom and Sherman, in the Klamath Basin. He served in the Navy during World War II and saw action in the South Pacific. He is a member of VFW Post 4056, Merrill.

He will remain here until harvest is over and then leave with Mrs. Waldrip and three young daughters to build a home.

Tule Growers Name Head

TULELAKE—John Seus, head of the claims department for the U.S. government in Munich, Germany, is the new manager of the Tulelake Growers Association. Announcement of his appointment was made today by Ed Duckett, president of the association.

Seus will fill the office vacated by the death of Glendon Smith in an airplane accident here in early April. He is enroute to the states at the present time, has been in Europe since 1943.

He is a native of Hillsboro, Oregon, is 39-year-old, a graduate of Pacific University and of the Portland School of Law. He was employed for several years as field man for the Birds Eye Snyder Division of the Best Foods Company.

Ed Seus, 1947 home-steader here, is a brother.

Murray Says Strike End Not In Sight

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Philip Murray, president of the striking CIO United Steelworkers, waited Thursday for the White House or industry to take some step toward breaking the paralyzing 46-day-old dispute.

There has been no visible effort on either side to reach a settlement in the scores of stricken steel strike since Monday when negotiations arranged by Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman ended in deadlock.

A maze of rumors sprang up around the coast about possible secret settlement of the strike that has idled more than a million and one half workers, but Murray brushed them all aside with: "They are without foundation," or "that simply isn't so."

TRADE JOURNAL: Iron Age magazine, a trade journal, said Murray's rejection of the industry's compromise offer at the last peace talks did not meet with approval of his union lieutenants.

But union officials said Iron Age's report is without foundation. The issue of a union shop, which would require all workers to join the union, or some modified form of it appeared to be the big stumbling block in the path of a settlement.

Murray wants compulsory membership, but the industry is holding out for union membership on a voluntary basis only.

Murray has called the steelworkers 170-man wage policy committee to meet in Pittsburgh Monday. That committee makes all major union decisions.

Murray said he will report on the strike and ask the group to map a course of future action.

Meanwhile the longest strike in steel history drifts along in its seventh week.

It is costing the nation about 40 million dollars a day in lost wages and steel production alone. In addition to the idle steelworkers there are nearly a million breadwinners on furlough from industries that depend on steel for raw material.

The best available estimates by observers are that steelworkers have lost something like \$7 million dollars a day in wages since the strike started June 2.

Workers in allied industries have lost an estimated \$5 million dollars a day in wages.

Steel demand is strong through the strike is valued at \$1,650,000,000.

President Has Better Night

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman spent a "very good night" at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital, aides said Thursday.

They reported that Truman expects to get back to the White House by Saturday.

The 65-year-old President entered the hospital Wednesday, marking the first time he was hospitalized since he took office more than seven years ago.

He is undergoing a series of tests as a result of a mild virus infection with which he has afflicted Sunday.

Joseph Short, the President's press secretary, said Truman is keeping busy going over the great number of bills passed in the closing days of Congress and still requiring his signature. He has about 50 bills to go.

Mrs. Truman came home by train Thursday from Independence, Mo.

She drove directly to the hospital, where her husband occupies the Presidential suite.

The first lady, who had spent 10 days in Independence with her ailing mother, declined to discuss the President's health, but allowed photographs to be taken. She was dressed in a black suit and a white hat.

No appointments were set up for the President. This seems to rule out any possibility that he will confer with Thomas J. Gavin of Kansas City, the man who will cast Truman's ballot at the Democratic National Convention next week.

Short said he sees no prospect of any personal get-together between Truman and Gavin.

Short said that Truman's physician, Maj. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, expects the President's temperature "may go up a teeny little bit" again Thursday afternoon, as it has been doing since Sunday. Truman had no fever Thursday morning.

And, Short added: "The President expects to be back in the White House by Saturday."

Short emphasized again that the President went to the hospital, not because of his illness, but to facilitate running the medical tests Dr. Graham wanted to make.

Democratic Hopefuls OK 'Fair Deal'

By JACK BELL

CHICAGO (AP)—President Truman's fighting declaration against any convention "betrayal" of his political creed paced a new trend among Democratic presidential aspirants Thursday.

Without any apparent advance knowledge of Truman's blunt demand for endorsement of his "Fair Deal" program, at least two candidates moved to put themselves in a position—if they get the nomination—to lead a fight against what they called "Republican reaction."

Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, plagued by his designation as the anti-Truman candidate of the south, bid for northern labor and "fair deal" support with a denunciation of the Taft-Hartley law he helped enact.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, self-abbed peoples' choice for the nomination, called for a fight on what he labeled "Republican isolationism and reaction."

Their declarations seemed to indicate a developing pattern of thinking among the presidential hopefuls: support with a Republican choice of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will force the Democrats to pick a nominee who can call himself a progressive.

In words that paralleled Truman's official message to the convention delegates, Kefauver told a news conference Wednesday: "The Democratic party must continue to be the liberal, progressive party of the nation. We cannot retreat on either foreign policy or in the domestic field."

LEADS: Kefauver leads in the Associated Press delegate tabulation with 256 votes to 120 1/2 for Russell, based on the 1275 delegates, and known first ballot preferences.

Mutual Security Director Averell Harriman, an all-out supporter of Truman policies, is running third with 112 votes. It takes 616 to win.

Truman said in his message, to be printed in the official convention program handed to every one of the 1275 delegates, that no other political party has "done so much so well, for so many people." He declared: "There must be no turning back or faltering on the great course our party has pioneered. There must be no betrayal of the New Deal and Fair Deal."

Matching the call of General Eisenhower for a "shining promise" crusade by the Republicans, Truman sounded the battle notes of a "burning faith" crusade by the Democrats.

"TURN ASIDE": "There will be voices calling us to turn aside from the path to victory," the President said. "We cannot afford to be beguiled by the weary or the faint-hearted."

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Recalling what he said were gains made by farmers, labor, business and the aged and unemployed, Barkley said the Democratic party has "earned the confidence of the American people."

Truman's message, apparently written well before he went to Walter Reed hospital in Washington for a check-up after his tussle with a virus infection, exploded a new bomb under efforts of National Chairman Frank McKimney and others to compromise a civil rights plank in the party platform.

And it threatened further complications in the contest over the setting of rival delegations from Texas.

'SWAM' DOWN THE MOUNTAIN

This is Dan O'Neill, 34, of San Francisco, after he narrowly escaped death or serious injury when he slid head-first a mile down the snowy slope of Mt. Shasta. He and Carl Miller of Oakland, Calif., were attempting to scale the peak and were nearing the summit of the 14,165-foot mountain when O'Neill slipped in soft snow.

O'Neill, who is an expert swimmer, said, "I kept my head, used my toes as brakes and steered with my forearms." He suffered painful snow burns and serious bruises.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—The Majlis—lower house of Parliament—Thursday night nominated Ahmed Qavam, 77-year-old rightist politician, to succeed Premier Mohammed Mossadegh. Qavam is a former premier and foreign minister.