

REPORT CHARGES ARMY BRASS

In The NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS
General Eisenhower tells American Legionnaires in New York this morning that if we're to STOP RUSSIA we must quit being scared and hysterical. Fear and hysteria, he said, breed waste and extravagance.

It's like getting lost in the woods. If you become scared and hysterical, you're probably a goner. It works the same way with nations.

He added: "From this time forward, we Americans can not tolerate the preparation and execution of our program (to stop Russian communism and save the free world) in a climate of fear and hysteria."

Right, Ike. We've got to get our nerve back. My personal idea of it is that getting leadership we can believe and trust will help.

Sign of the times—maybe? "Flash with good living, members of Hobbes of America, Incorporated, arrived in Hamburg, New York, today for their 44th annual convention . . . In automobile (their own) and by plane, the vanguard of 800 delegates poured in for the six-day gathering in Ed Haas' bar and grill.

Along with the speculators, the gamblers and the rest of the inflation-loving, get-rich-quick ilk.

Another sign—of something; I'm not sure what. Back in New Jersey, the NUD-ISTS are holding a convention. This time, they broke down and let the photographers in. The picture magazines and some of the Eastern newspapers have gone to town on it.

Don't pay too much attention to the hoboes and the go-nakeders. They're the act-up wall fringe. I suppose all nations have 'em. They make NEWS—but it's the decent, hard-working, save-something-for-a-rainy-day folk who keep civilization advancing.

Cause-and-effect note: Higher automobile liability insurance rates go into effect in Oregon today. The increase amounts to from \$3 to \$20 a year MORE for private passenger cars. The National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters announces the increase, adding that accidents have increased and so have costs of repairs and medical fees.

A point to remember: Insurance isn't manna from heaven. It's a wise and human modern BUSINESS device that spreads the loss so that the poor devil who gets hit doesn't have to stand it all.

You work and PAY for it. Like most of the things you work and save to pay for, it's GOOD.

But—The more accidents, the more cost.

Agriculture Secretary Brannan, in a book just published by this department, says man may be losing his age-old battle against insects.

He writes: "We have more insect pests, although we have better insecticides to use against them and better ways to fight them."

He adds: "Insects are costing the country approximately four billion dollars a year in damage to crops and property."

Cynical thought: Is that a build-up for four billion dollars more federal spending?

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Tuesday. Low Monday night 38. High Tuesday 78.

High yesterday 76
Low last night 35
Precip last 24 hrs 0
Since Oct. 1 0
Normal for period 12.57
Same period last year 14.84

(Additional Weather on Page 7.)



MARYGENE COLWELL (above), Keno, shows "Boxer," judged fat lamb champ yesterday at the Rotary 4-H and FFA livestock show and fair at the Fairgrounds.

Sheep Champions Named At Rotary Stock Show

Judge John Landers, OSC animal husbandry department, named champions and grand champions among the sheep ranks entered in the 17th Annual Rotary 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock show at the Fairgrounds yesterday, and today he and other judges named the judicial procedures of naming the tops in other categories of the show.

Grand Champion breeding sheep was entered in the show by Henry Williams, Henley, and reserve champ belongs to Katherine Ahern, Merrill.

Mary Gene Colwell, Keno, holds the grand champion market lamb and Sara West, Merrill, took the reserve championship.

First place Hamp ewe lamb went to Carol Reiling, Poe Valley; top Hamp yearling and champion in that class was entered by Bob Eaman, Henley; Virginia Roemcke, Poe Valley, had the first place Hamp Ewe, and Katherine Ahern, Merrill, had the champ Suffolk ewe lamb.

Suffolk yearling ewe topper belonged to Miss Ahern, who also held the Suffolk ewe champion. Dorothy Riker entered the Southdown ewe lamb, Josephine Colwell, Fairhaven, entered the Southdown yearling ewe first place, and Elliott West, Poe Valley, had the champion Southdown ewe.

Henry Williams, Henley, had the first place Columbia ewe lamb, and also the first place Columbia ewe yearling and champion Columbia ewe, while Helen Scherer, Keno, held the first place Shropshire ewe lamb. Henry Newhouse, Keno, entered the first place Corriedale ewe lamb and ewe, and Jim Parker, Malin, held top Rambouillet yearling ewe.

Purebred ram lamb first place went to Miss Ahern.

Beginner's sheep showmanship champ was Carolyn Garrison, Henley. Eileen Fitzgerald, Keno, took the advanced first place award in the showmanship division.

Carol Reiling's Hamp market lamb won first in that category. Kenneth Kennedy, Sprague River, topped Suffolk market lambs and Mary Gene Colwell, Keno, topped the Southdown market lamb bracket.

In the crossbreed division, Glynna Weatherly, Malin, won first place. In Horsemanship, Sydney Kerns was first in an award-winning field of 10 as judged by veteran horseman Jim Emano.

David Garrison, Henley, took the beginners dairy showmanship blue ribbon, while Mike Geraghty, Merrill, blue-ribboned his way through the advanced dairy showmanship division.

Betty Scala, Henley, placed champion on her Jersey Yearling Heifer, and Sherlee Rabston held the reserve champion. Bill Beasley, Merrill, entered the reserve champ Guernsey heifer calf, and Dick Reiling topped the Guernsey

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Three Killed In Head-On Auto Crash

Positive identification of one of three persons killed in a highway collision near Collier Park Saturday was not made until last night on the arrival here of a Richmond, Va., man, son of two of the three victims.

The third victim was identified as Mrs. John W. Wilber, 56, Richmond. The other two killed were Mrs. Wilber's husband, 67, and Mrs. Ralph Howard, 916 E. Main Street, Klamath Falls.

Two other persons, Ralph Howard and Dr. Florence Owens, a Richmond physician, were critically injured and are in Klamath Valley Hospital.

Until Ralph Wilber arrived here from Richmond by plane last night it was not definitely known whether one of the dead was Mrs. Wilber or Dr. Owens. The injured woman

was only semi-conscious and could not be questioned. However, Dr. George Adler in a long-distance phone conversation with young Wilber Saturday evening obtained physical descriptions of Mrs. Wilber and Dr. Owens that indicated the dead woman in question was Mrs. Wilber.

11 Klamath County Traffic Fatalities in 1952

The deadly crash occurred some six miles north of Collier Park on U.S. 97. The northbound Howard car and the southbound Wilber car smashed head-on when, according to State Police, the Wilber car veered across the highway's center line. The wreck occurred on a straight stretch of road about 1:30 p.m.

State Police said their investigation indicated a tire blowout caused the Wilber car to swerve and hit the Howard car.

Tire marks on the road show that Howard made a strong brake application in trying to avoid the collision.

Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Wilber were killed instantly and Mrs. Howard died en route to the hospital.

The Howards were en route to Portland for the Shrine charity football game. The Wilbers and their guest, Dr. Owens, were on a motor trip that had taken them from Richmond into Canada and were on their way to San Francisco from Seattle when the wreck occurred.

Howard is a partner in and general manager of Basin Building Materials, 4764 S. 6th Street. He and Mrs. Howard have lived here for the past 17 years. Besides the widower, Mrs. Howard is survived by a daughter, Mary Jane, Klamath Falls, and a son, Dr. Richard Howard, Portland. Other survivors are listed in an obituary elsewhere in today's paper.

The Wilbers operate a florist business in suburban Richmond. Their son, Ralph, said today that his only brother had been killed in a car wreck in the Virginia capital in 1944.

Bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber are to be returned to Richmond by Ward's Funeral Home for funeral and burial services.

Mrs. Howard's funeral is to be conducted Wednesday, 2 p.m., from the First Presbyterian Church here and she is to be buried in Klamath Memorial Park, with O'Hair's Memorial Chapel in charge.

OTHER DEATHS
Elsewhere in Oregon during the weekend, according to the Associated Press, nine other persons lost their lives in accidents. Four of the nine drowned, two died in a Portland home fire and the other three were highway accident victims.

None of these other deaths occurred in this area, and no local persons were involved.

Miners Take 'Memorial'

PITTSBURGH (AP)—John L. Lewis' memorial holiday idled his nearly 400,000 coal miners across the nation Monday.

Some grumbling was reported over the United Mine Workers' chief ordering the 10-day holiday to call attention to the safety conditions of the mines.

Said a miner in a western Pennsylvania section where steel companies operate pits: "The miners are not saying much. Rumors—just rumors—are that they might not go back. I think if it is up to the men they will go back. They don't think too much of the holiday. They want to work due to idleness during the steel strike."



"Looks like quite a convention city. Maybe we ought to try it someday."

Basin Reports Spotty Frosts

Spotty frosts were reported from some areas of the Klamath Basin early this morning, but apparently no real crop damage was inflicted.

The temperatures dropped to freezing levels in several sections at about 6 a.m., and some farmers reported white frost settled on the fields at that time.

Gardens in and around Klamath Falls seemed hardest hit of all, and it was here that the lowest temperatures were noted. One home's thermometer reportedly showed a low of 24 degrees, but for the most part temperatures were hitting closer to the 32 degree freezing point.

A recording thermometer on the Elmer Lemler place noted a low of 32 this morning. Lemler reported a slight frost settled on everything at about 6 a.m., but there appeared to be little or no damage in the Merrill area.

Burt Hoyle, Tulelake experiment station, marked up a surprisingly warm 38 degrees on his official thermometer, while the same reading was noted in the Algoma area.

A good frost at this point could well mean the difference between a poor crop and the expected pretty fair yield on potatoes. County Agent C. A. Henderson said the spuds need until Sept. 5 to 10 to finish out in the fields and provide the fruits of what so far looks as though it will be a top yield.

A frost June 12 has set back the whole crop several days, and consequently maturity will be a little later than usual anyway. A good frost could knock off 10 to 20 per cent of the prospective crop, Henderson reported.

Late grains—there is lots of oats and some barley still coming along—could well have been hit by this morning's frost if it were as severe as first indications seemed to show. However, Henderson said the alfalfa clover is generally well enough along to the point where nothing much more would seed-out anyway.

A heavy frost could also have knocked off a possibility of a third-cutting on the alfalfa hay crop, a practice sometimes maintained by certain farmers here.

Car Shortage About Over

PORTLAND (AP)—Seven hundred freight cars entered Oregon from California Sunday and the shortage in Western Oregon should be ended by Tuesday, the president of Southern Pacific said here.

Build The Basin No. 7

Cash Registers Active During Convention Time

By WALLACE MYERS

A pleasing part of the noise those American Legion convention visitors made here in late July was the merry jingle of cash registers; it's a pretty safe bet that the delegates and their guests spent more than \$150,000 while here.

And now mind you this: The Legion is only one of half-dozen big outfits which have held state conventions here this summer and last. In addition, there has been another half-dozen smaller state groups convened here.

Being very conservative with all available figures we can't help but come up with more than half a million dollars cash spent here by these conventioners.

Here's how: The International Association of Convention Bureaus informs us that the average convention delegate spends \$24.51 per day in the host city. The type of convention and the convention scene will make the actual figure vary say as low as \$15 to as high as \$40 a day. For instance a folksy gathering of retired preachers in Zion City won't have the monetary pace of an oil tycoons' rally in Las Vegas.

Organizations which convened here these past several months were such groups as the Legion, VFW, Eagles, Oddfellows, Jaycees, Oregon Federation of Labor and the Business and Professional Women. Since representatives of these clubs have a behavior pattern somewhere between elderly pastors and oil nabobs . . . And since Klamath Falls is not a Las Vegas and decidedly not a Zion City, we feel fairly safe in holding that the average daily spending of our convention visitors is about \$20 per day as compared to the \$24.51 average.

The American Legion Convention drew an estimated 2,000 visitors here for four days. That figures a total of \$160,000 the convention left in the city. Total up those other get-togethers and you will easily go over the half-million dollar mark we mentioned.

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce has long recognized the value of conventions to the Basin and right now, Chamber Manager Frank Tucker is tossing convention lures in all directions. The state

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's production workers had average weekly earnings of \$79.55 in July, a decrease of \$1.24 from the preceding month, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said Monday.

However, weekly pay of construction workers reached a new high of \$93.21.

Printing and publishing workers, who averaged \$92.27 in June, dropped to \$88 last month. The weekly pay of lumber and logging workers fell from \$87.82 to \$85.45.

Engineers Accused In Airbase Job

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON
WASHINGTON (AP)—Pentagon officials studied today a scorching Senate report that charged some top military men with "confusion, delay, indecision and waste" in the rush construction of U. S. air bases in North Africa.

Hearing a long list of conclusions and recommendations was a directive to Secretary of the Army Pace to "take appropriate action" against Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The blistering report came from the armed services preparedness investigating subcommittee headed by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex).

After thousands of words of detailed criticism and complaints about the multimillion-dollar air base building job in French Morocco, the report said Pick had not given the committee "full, frank, and comprehensive" testimony about the project.

RESPONSIBLE
As chief of the Army Engineers, Pick was responsible for the construction job which already has cost taxpayers 220 million dollars and is expected eventually to total more than double that amount.

"The secretary of the Army should review carefully the testimony of the chief of the Corps of Engineers before this committee in the light of his knowledge, at the time, of conditions in Morocco, and take appropriate action," the Senate report said.

The senators did not indicate just what they regarded as "appropriate action" against Gen. Pick.

Pace previously has carried out numerous earlier recommendations of the Senate probes, including a shakeup of the Army Engineers who started the project and a threat to cancel the contract awarded to a group of five large contracting firms.

Contract spokesmen said Pace is due back here tomorrow from an inspection tour of overseas installations.

They added that Gen. Pick had not seen the report before it was made public and so had no comment at this time.

JOHNSON
Chairman Johnson reported some improvement since the probe got under way but noted in a statement that "much of this activity bears suspicious resemblance to the practice of locking the barn after the horse has been stolen."

"Funds have been wasted which cannot be recovered and time has been lost which cannot be regained," Johnson said.

The rush air bases project was decided upon shortly after the surprise Communist invasion of South Korea began in June, 1950.

Original plans called for improving four air bases used in World War II in North Africa and construction of a huge new air depot, an estimated cost of 300 million dollars.

REPORT
The report said costs have been generally expanded by delays from lengthy negotiation with French officials, both in France and Morocco; frequent changes in sites and plans; and the order to get the job done quickly without regard to costs or usual standards.

It said only two of the bases now are partly operational, work has been started on a third and sites surveyed for the two others.

"For this, we have spent 220 million dollars—more than two-thirds of the 300 million that was supposed to buy all five bases," the report said. "The Air Force has requested a total spending authority of 420 million dollars for the whole project and it is clear that this will not be the ultimate cost. It will almost certainly be even higher."

"Large-scale looting, drunkenness, and failure properly to attend to duty was rampant at least throughout the initial stages of construction," the report said.

It found no effective check on frauds, kickbacks, theft and pilfering and a lack of an adequate staff of army auditors to keep tabs on payrolls and expenses.

JOHN HELLEKSON, Langell Valley rancher, was at the Fairgrounds early this morning for breakfast before the Rotary livestock show and fair got under way. Hellekson is the father of Basin Roundup Queen Marianna.