

FBI ARRESTS NORTHWEST REDS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: President Truman used the words "big lie" today in assailing those who say he tolerates communists in the government. He mentioned no names in his angrily worded speech before the National Conference on Citizenship, but he asked the voters to defeat the users of what he termed the BIG LIE TECHNIQUE—regardless of party affiliation.

I'd say, Mr. the best comment on your statement is to be found in the words of Jesus (John VIII, 7) when the scribes and the Pharisees brought before him the woman taken in adultery and asked him to say what should be done with her under the Mosaic law commanding that such a case be stoned. He answered them: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

The abominable technique of the big lie and the big smear is far too common in our politics. Even Mr. Truman himself, when his administration was first accused of corruption, charged those who made the accusation with "dragging a red herring across the trail."

That turned out not to be true.

Bright spot in the news: A man named Winston helped catch a goldpan man who was attempting to rob an ice cream store. As a reward, the store promised that for a whole year Winston's three sons (aged 5, 7 and 9) could have all the ice cream they wanted FREE.

Result to date: With eight of the 12 months gone, the Winston boys have consumed 2,197 ice cream cones. Total cost of the free ice cream to date, \$293. Total the thief would have saved with if Winston hadn't nabbed him, \$40!

The bright spot lies in the fact that the ice cream store regards a bargain as a bargain and is going through with the deal cheerfully.

General Eisenhower tells the national convention of the American Federation of Labor in New York this morning that he favors changes in the Taft-Hartley law but opposes outright repeal of it. He is aware, he says, that the law in its present form might be used to break unions and adds that a change must be made in this because he doesn't want a law to injure union-busting.

He promised that as President he would not support ANTI-labor amendments and would ask the advice of all groups, labor included, as to proposed changes. He added that regardless of what action the convention takes toward his candidacy his labor views will not change.

A fair question: What's wrong with that — to a fair-minded person who doesn't want to see too much power concentrated in ANYBODY'S too few hands?

President Green of AFL spoke with pride a while back of the fact that the present membership of AFL now exceeds 8,000,000 — the highest figure in its history. In Portland the other day, Charles Dutton, CIO regional director, said there are now 17 million union members — a new high figure.

Do those statements sound like the hated Taft-Hartley law has been destroying the unions?

Durham Predicts Biggest Blast

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (AP)—The greatest explosion ever made will take place at the Eniwetok atomic weapons tests this fall, according to Rep. Carl Durham (D-NC), acting chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. In an interview with the Durham Herald yesterday, Durham declined to say whether the tests would involve the first hydrogen bomb.

He said that if the tests are successful, "there'll be an explosion greater than has ever been set off before. It will open up the gravest era in the history of the world."

X-Rays Aim At KF Business

An attempt to get downtown businesses to have 100 per cent of their employees X-rayed is being made by the mobile X-ray unit running from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Several firms have already put up 100 per cent signs.

Meanwhile the county-wide X-ray survey is pushing toward the 18,000 mark, with 17,627 snaps taken through Monday. The X-ray process, including registration, takes about 90 seconds, and involves nothing more than standing before the X-ray plate a few seconds after the signpost.

The whole process is free.

X-RAY BOX SCORE	
Monday	483
To Date	17,627
Goal	24,000
Thursday's schedule: J. C. Penney, Corner, 8th and Main St., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	

Eisenhower Favoring T-H Changes

By JAMES DEVLIN

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told the American Federation of Labor convention Wednesday that he opposed repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law, though he favored "realistic" amendments to it. His statement met with silence.

The Republican presidential candidate said he knew that the labor law as it stood "might be used to break unions" and added: "That must be changed. America wants no law licensing union-busting. Neither do I."

The more than 1,000 persons jamming the ballroom of the Commodore Hotel applauded at that point. In general the convention gave Eisenhower a warm but restrained welcome, applauding him 13 times in his 26-minute speech.

DEMOCRATS

Loud cheers have greeted Democratic administration speakers who have urged repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act before the convention. Next Monday the AFL delegates will hear the Democratic presidential candidate, Gov. Adlai Stevenson. They are expected to endorse him for the presidency.

The delegates also were silent when Eisenhower told them he believed they would join him in trying to clean up the "Washington mess."

Perhaps his greatest applause came when he said he believed employers and labor leaders should be required to take an oath of loyalty to the United States.

In coming out against repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, Eisenhower touched on a law which AFL president William Green two days ago called an "obnoxious, dirty legislation."

CONVENTION

The convention applauded Eisenhower when he praised the role of labor in World War II and also when he said "free labor can outwork, out produce, outearn and outdo slave labor, whether that slave labor be located in Nazi Germany or a Communist Russia."

But he got no response when he criticized the Truman administration in this fashion: "Under the heavy hands of men who regard power as their right and not their responsibility, this nation has come to take counsel of despair. Political leaders have allowed our nation to fall into war with no plans for its winning. Political leaders have allowed our abhorrence for Communism to divide us, not unite us as it could."

GREEN TELLS

At the conclusion of the speech Green told the general that the convention would give "careful consideration" to "every statement made in your address."

The GOP candidate said he believed that the AFL's own executive council had stated that it was prepared to take what it called a realistic view of amendments to the Taft-Hartley law.

"And that is my position too," he said. "I give it to you simply and clearly, I am in favor, not of repealing, but of amending the law."

Eisenhower said some of the principles he thought it was important to continue in the law were: "The encouragement of collective bargaining, the right to strike; an advance notice before a strike is called; a requirement that both unions and employers live up to their contracts; the assurance that union members get a regular report on their union's finances."

Eisenhower told the 800 delegates "you know me well enough to know that I have not come to carry any special favor."

"I have not come to bid or compete for your endorsement," he said.

"My views toward labor will be the same as they long have been, regardless of the action taken by the AFL at this convention in the matter of endorsing a presidential candidate."

"What is good for America — all America."

British Oppose Plan Alliance

STRASBOURG, France (AP)—British representatives carried on a vigorous campaign here Wednesday against threats of the six Schuman Plan nations to seek a West European federation outside the 14-nation council of Europe.

Both conservative and laborite Britons warned against splitting such continental union from other free nations of Western Europe.

Robert Boothby, British conservative, and Lord Alton of Liverpool, a member of the House of Lords, both urged that the projected six-nation community operate within the council's framework in accordance with Britain's "Eden Plan."

Their statements echoed increasing concern among Britons and Scandinavians that the Schuman Plan group, by creating an independent secretariat, might eventually break away from the European council to which Britain and the Scandinavians belong.

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Canal Yards Woman's Body

Pressure Mounts In Coal Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pressure mounted today behind a threat by John L. Lewis to call a push-button miners' strike.

Lewis' strike plans—calling for some members of his United Mine Workers to quit work Monday, some others 10 days later, while still others remain at their jobs without a contract—has the mine owners in a dither.

Selling coal is a competitive business and owners don't like to see their shovels idle while rival diggers are working and likely to take over customers.

Lewis has staggered his contract expiration dates so his union's agreement with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, representing the bulk of the soft coal mines in Northern states, principally those in Pennsylvania, Northern West Virginia and Ohio, expires this weekend.

His union agreements with the Southern Coal Producers Association and with the Pennsylvania anthracite producers end on Sept. 30. Lewis has said he expects to reach an agreement in the anthracite field this week. But, failing an agreement, a strike would develop in the Bituminous Coal Producers Association's mines, employing about 200,000, next Monday.

Members of the Southern association already are making plans to boost production once a strike starts in the Northern mines. They want to take full advantage of the 10-day leeway before their contract ends.

DECREE

Lewis has decreed that union members who work for mines that belong to neither of the two big employer associations should go right on working. This appears to be a shift in the union's traditional policy of "no contract, no work."

The idea seems to be that enough union members will remain working, along with the relatively few non-union mines, to turn out about three million tons of coal a week. By this strategy, Lewis hopes to avoid any tangling with the national emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Lewis was to resume talks with anthracite mine operators today and it was reported that an agreement was imminent that would permit hard coal production to continue until an agreement is reached in soft coal. Lewis usually wins the same or similar terms from the anthracite owners.

Soft Coal Freeze Due

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government plans to issue an order Thursday freezing shipments from many of the nation's soft coal mines, to provide an emergency stockpile in event of a prolonged coal strike.

Vernon D. Northrop, under secretary of the interior, said Wednesday the order would be issued by the Defense Solid Fuels Administration of his department.

The order would bar coal shipments after midnight Sept. 18, from all bituminous coal mines which have received notices from John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers that would permit termination of the existing wage agreements on Sept. 20. Those are largely mines in the north, contracts with most southern mines expire Sept. 20.

French 'Bride' Hoaxes Stores

DAYTON, O. (AP)—The "French bride" explained to merchants she had been in Dayton only a few months—and she was bewildered by American currency.

Therefore, she explained, her husband had opened a checking account for her.

The merchants were entranced—so petite, so chic—and oh la la, that accent!

Then the checks bounced. Five of them, totaling \$160.

Detective Sgt. G. A. Young began to "cherchez la femme"—one Marie Ann de Debaraux. Yesterday he found her. She was identified as Ida Pearl Mole, 20, of nearby Fairborn.



WHITE-DRESSED student practical nurses utilize the OTI library for study hours. The course, given for the first time here and one of three such courses offered in Oregon, offers some of the finest facilities available for such training found anywhere, most of it from the Marine hospital equipment used on the OTI site during the war. Students seated above include from left: Marcie Gilmore, Lorraine Buck, Dorothy Brown and Nellie Shephard.

City Prepares Ordinance For Water Fluoridation

Another step toward eventual fluoridation of the Klamath Falls drinking water supply probably will be taken next Monday.

City Attorney Henry Perkins has drawn up an ordinance which, if approved by the City Council, would direct the Oregon Water Corporation to begin the fluoridation process, and stipulate that daily tests of the water be made under supervision of the city Health Department.

The addition of fluorides to drinking water in many instances has proved to be beneficial in cutting down tooth decay, particularly among children.

Several months ago Mayor Bob Thompson was reported to have made a study of the Klamath Falls water supply to determine if fluoridation would be feasible here.

The committee was headed by Dr. M. E. Cooper, dentist. Other

members were Glenn Bowen, manager of the Oregon Water Corporation; Dr. John D. Merryman, physician; Dr. S. M. Kerron, county and city health officer; and Matt Finnigan, then a member of the City Council.

The committee's report was that fluoridation of water should be instituted here. The process also has been approved by the American Medical Association, American Dental Association, Oregon State Medical Association, Oregon State Dental Society, the Klamath County Medical Society, Klamath County Dental Society, and the local health department.

The gist of the committee's report was that in its opinion the benefits of fluoridation outweigh any possible future untoward effects.

Its recommendation was that the incidence of fluorides in the water be brought up to from 1.0 to 1.5 parts per million.

A test of Klamath Falls drinking water run by the F. E. Meyers Company laboratories, Ashland, O., established the natural incidence of fluorides in the water at 0.25 parts per million.

The probability is that the city ordinance now drawn up will be approved, but that will not immediately bring about fluoridation of the water. The water company has not yet ordered the equipment necessary, and would also have to build a small two-story dust-proof building adjacent to its Conger Avenue pumping plant to house the injecting equipment.

Also, Bowen said today, the company wants to be very sure that most of its customers want fluoridation, and also wants written endorsements from the various medical, dental and health organizations interested.

Barley Harvest Nearly Done

Harvest of Klamath Basin's top-grade premium brew-barley is about 90 per cent complete, and grain bins and elevators are already near bursting points in many localities.

The going price on the barley appears to be stabilized at \$4.10 per hundred pounds. There were earlier rumors of offers ranging up to \$4.25, but no one would confirm for publication and there have been sales at the \$4.10 price though more recent truckloads have been going at \$4, buyers report.

There is about 80,000 acres of Hanneken barley in the basin area, of which more than 70,000 acres is estimated to have been already combined by the county agent's office.

The harvest was delayed a day or two by rainfall last week but picked up again and is still running strong. Some grain elevators in the Merrill area had trucks lined up for hundreds of feet awaiting dumping room. Similar scenes weren't uncommon here in town with grain trucks utilizing the wide Spring Street. Some elevators were having grain piled alongside them.

Meanwhile a slow trickle of potatoes was being shipped as the harvest there is building up a head of steam, but main digging operation is still in progress.

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Nurse Training Course At OTI

OTI this week started its first course in practical nursing—one of three such courses offered anywhere in the state of Oregon and utilizing probably the finest facilities for such a course available in the Pacific Northwest.

Some 23 women are taking the first course, which consists of four months of 300 hours of classroom instruction and eight months of actual hospital experience, with on-the-job pay during that period.

The course is being presented with cooperation of Klamath Valley and Hillside Hospitals, Oregon Technical Institute, Oregon State Board of Higher Education and Oregon State Board for Registration and Certification of Graduate Nurses.

In effect, the students who complete this course and pass the examinations at its conclusion will become Licensed Practical Nurses. They will carry on hospital routine under the direction of doctors and registered nurses.

At OTI the students are taking six hours per day of classroom instruction and when their four months are finished a new class is to begin. Already there are seven students ready to go when the next class starts in January.

OTI, the former Klamath Falls Marine Barracks site, is making use of a warehouse-full of Navy and Marine equipment, as well as the old barracks hospital. There a complete hospital unit has been set up specifically to train practical nurses. Everything from beds to bedding was already available, and nearby X-ray and dental equipment are available for the curriculum when found necessary.

Instructing the students is Mrs. G. C. Beddow, a registered nurse.

An advisory committee, comprised of representatives of the church, public, medical profession, hospital, nurses and practical nursing profession—as well as Oregon Technical Institute—meets monthly to set the direction and help where possible the development of the course.

The courses are limited to 25 persons, and thus there are complete hospital room-units for every two girls taking the course.

Only two other classes are underway in Oregon, both started since the Oregon legislature passed a law enabling such training. Those classes are being held in Portland and The Dalles. In both cases when students get into the hospital training, they are paid the minimum wage set by Oregon law—50 cents per hour.

However, Klamath Falls' hospitals are providing an 80-cent hourly wage, well above the minimum and are providing assistance in tuition as well. And persons who according to a recent law became licensed practical nurses through past experience but who still want to go through the OTI training are to get their full hourly wage of \$1.03 even when undergoing the eight-month on-the-job training.

In that final phase of training the state board of education will keep its finger in the course through a coordinator and thus make certain requirements are fulfilled.

TRAIN RAMS

MONESSEN, Pa. (AP)—A freight train rammed the rear of a crowded school bus Wednesday at nearby Collingsburg, killing four pupils and injuring 44 more, 13 of them seriously.

No Evidence Of Foul Play Found

The body of a woman tentatively identified as Mrs. Anna E. Averett, 59, was found in the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation canal shortly before noon today.

Apparently she was a suicide. The woman had been missing from her home, 1754 Menlo Way, since early Sunday.

The body was found caught in the branches of an overhanging tree about 250 yards above the Eberlein Street bridge. Carl Hamill flew a plane over the canal and spotted the body first, then notified police who were dragging the canal farther upstream.

The dragging, this morning, was being done by Bud Adkins, police officer, and two trustees from the City Jail, Raymond F. Parsons and Conrado Miranda. They secured the body to their boat and brought it to the bank.

The body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home.

REPORTED MISSING

Mrs. Averett was reported missing early Sunday morning, and later that day her purse and one shoe were found on the canal bank at the railroad bridge over the canal near Portland Street.

When found, the body was fully clothed except for one shoe.

Mrs. Averett's husband, Robert Averett, 54, was arrested twice last Sunday, once for drunk driving and once for drunk, and said at the time he was arrested on the first charge that his wife had left their house and he was driving around looking for her.

He was taken into custody the second time after his wife's purse and shoe were located on the canal bank.

Averett was held in jail from Sunday night until yesterday, and was released after he apparently convinced police he knew nothing of his wife's whereabouts.

Mrs. Averett has been employed at the Pelican Cafe.

Tax Probers Call McGrath

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath today makes his second public appearance before House investigators of the Justice Department.

A judicial subcommittee headed by Rep. Clegg (D-Ky.) called McGrath primarily to ask him about the 1951 St. Louis grand jury probe of tax scandals.

McGrath was in office when District Judge George H. Moore rejected an alleged "whitewash" attempt and demanded a grand jury investigation that led to the indictment of James P. Finnegan on charges of misconduct in office. Finnegan, a friend of President Truman, was collector of taxes in St. Louis.

After Tuesday's meeting, the first since 25,000 A.M. members struck Lockheed Sept. 8, Vice president Cyril Chappell of the company announced that a new offer had been made.

He said the offer would mean at least 7 cents more an hour for each worker and as much as 9 cents additional for some.

Hope Dims In Plane Strike

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Despite resumption of negotiations at one point, there was little if any indication Wednesday of an early end to the strike which has crippled Southern California's warplane production and killed 40,000 aircraft workers.

Representatives of Lockheed Aircraft Co. and the AFL International Association of Machinists negotiate here again Wednesday afternoon before Federal Mediator Harry Malcom.

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FOOTBALL COACH

Rex Hunsaker and Dean of Men Johnny Hobson were the objects of the 9 o'clock cameramen's flash bulbs this morning as Oregon Tech jumps with Registration Week activities.

Five Taken In Oregon, Washington

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department announced Wednesday the arrest of 18 Midwest and West Coast Communist Party leaders on charges of conspiring to advocate overthrow of the government by force and violence.

Attorney General McGrath and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said those arrested included the leaders of the party in Missouri, Washington State and Michigan. Arrests were made in St. Louis, Rock Island, Ill., Charleston, Mo., Seattle, Detroit, Los Angeles, Portland and Eugene, Ore., Chicago and Minneapolis.

All the arrests were made on warrants issued by U. S. commissioners and federal judges on complaint of FBI agents. The attorney general authorized the filing of the complaints.

LEADERS

Communist leaders rounded up, together with a brief FBI description of each and the place of arrest included:

John Shields Daschbach, 38, member of the District Review Commission, District 12 (Seattle) of the party arrested at his home in Seattle.

Barbara Hartle, 44, active in Communist affairs in Seattle since 1942, at her home in Eugene, Ore. Mrs. Hartle was graduated from Grants Pass High School, and is thought to have worked in Southern Oregon in the mid-twenties under the name of Barbara Hofmeister.

Henry P. Huff, 58, chairman of District 12, at his home in Portland, Ore.

Karly Larsen, 47, active in Communist Party affairs since 1936, in a Portland hotel.

William Jonathan Penneck, 37, active in Communist affairs since 1936, at his home in Seattle.

Perry Pettus, 48, of Seattle, Northwest editor of the "Daily People's World," West Coast Communist newspaper, arrested in Minneapolis.

SMITH ACT

Those arrested were charged with violating the Smith Act. This is the law under which top leaders of the party were brought to trial in New York, and under which, "second team" leaders have been accused in various parts of the country.

The Smith Act provides a maximum penalty upon conviction, of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

Penneck and Daschbach were arrested in Seattle, R. D. Auerbach, FBI agent in charge of Seattle, announced. He said Huff and Larsen were arrested in Portland, Mrs. Hartle in Eugene, Pettus in Minneapolis, and Bowen in Chicago.

Auerbach said all were arrested (Continued on page 4)

