

"Here we go again!"



In The Day's News

From Washington: President Truman has turned down suggestions that he call a White House conference with Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur on ways and means to END THE KOREAN WAR.

The little man first got peevish at his news conference this morning, he said of Ike: His (Ike's) campaign announcement that he would go to Korea was a "piece of demagoguery." He added that MacArthur should have reported to him (Truman) after the general returned from Japan following his ouster from the Far East Command. ANY DECENT man, he told the correspondents, would have done just that—thus implying that General MacArthur ISN'T decent.

Personally, I'm glad he refused to confer with Ike and General MacArthur. How could any good come of a conference preceded by poisonous personal cracks like those?

It will be far better to WAIT UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 20. A little incident that was reported in the news of yesterday may mislead shallow, thoughtless people. It seems that Ike and several of his associates aboard the Helena did some sketch shooting off the fantail of the big cruiser—which by the way, is a splendid place for any kind of rat shooting, as the shot falls harmlessly into the sea.

I suppose half the nit-wits who read that item are saying by this time: "Yeah, a bunch of big shots having a swell time out there in the warm, pleasant Pacific AT THE TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE."

At this point, let's interject a couple of paragraphs from the news of this morning: The top-level conferences aboard the Helena ended yesterday. What conclusions, if any, were drawn have not been disclosed. But John Foster Dulles (who will be secretary of state in Ike's cabinet) said the conferences will pay dividends to the American people for years to come. Dulles said the talks will be particularly effective because they continued WITHOUT OUTSIDE PRESSURE OR INTERRUPTIONS.

He added: "There won't be any immediate grand-scale payoff—but it will be a gradual thing, reaching its every part of the government's operations at home and abroad." He said that Eisenhower and his aides have now been able to form the framework of the new administration policy and that they all KNOW THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THEY ARE GOING AND THE GOALS FOR WHICH THEY ARE AIMING.

You're familiar, of course, with the ancient crack about Columbus—that he didn't know where he was going or what he would do when he got there and was making the trip on borrowed money. There has been too much of that in our government policies of recent years—which have amounted largely to improvisations from day to day. If, as a result of the top-level conferences that have been going on aboard the Helena, the upper echelons of the new administration "know the direction in which they are going and the goals for which they are aiming," GREAT GOOD will accrue to the American people.

*Now let's get back to the skeet-

Power, Phone Lines Out in Many Spots

The tedious, time-consuming job of rebuilding and revamping phone and power transmissions appeared to be the major chore remaining today following the big storm of last week, though snow removal operations were underway as is normal for this time of year here.

The mighty force of the storm did an estimated \$40,000 in actual damage alone to California-Oregon Power Company transmissions, according to a report from Division Mgr. Sam Ritchey, and there's still a long way to go. Numerous areas are still without power in the Klamath area. Ritchey listed them as Langell Valley, South Poe Valley, some districts around Dairy and Hillsbrand, Sprague River, Beatty, Williamson River, Cove Point, Geary Ranch and Maccold.

Growers Name Wiese, Ward

TULELAKE—Charles Wiese and Ron Ward, both Tulelake ranchers, have been named to the board of directors of the Tulelake Growers Association in a meeting held here yesterday afternoon.

They replace Bert Johnson and Dan Crawford on the board.

Other business taken up during the meeting included a discussion of the proposed potato district to determine their feeling on the district formation idea.

County Supervisor Jim Stearns told the board that it appeared such legal barriers which stood in the district's way could probably be hurdled without too much trouble. Most of the "bills" legislative, including the fact the district would cross the Modoc-Siskiyou County lines.

Other board business included the vote to have another assessment contract become effective as soon as 75 per cent of the Tulelake area farmers okayed it. The present contract expires this year.

New 'Saucer' Theory Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dense, swirling sheets of air high in the sky may have caused the "blips" to show up on radar sets, touching off last summer's reports of flying saucers.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) said Wednesday that radar screens, which pick up an object on the ground and make it look like something floating in the sky.

facts of what some oldtimers called the worst such storm that has ever hit here. Maurice Leslie, Copco's superintendent here for 36 years, said in all his time here he had seen nothing like it. Leslie sat at the Copco short-wave radio hut after hour during the first phases of rebuilding the damaged lines, and directed crews like a general directing armies.

Ritchey said that in the Beatty-Whiskey Creek area some of the greatest forces of the storm must have struck. He described one portion in that area where 67 power poles were laid flat by the storm in almost five miles of line. "We have to start rebuilding from scratch there," he said. "It's the saddest transmission line I've ever looked at."

He described it as being a prone line rather than vertical, with poles snapped off as though huge boulders had struck them. The line is vital to service of Lakeview and Bly in case power connections coming through Alturas and north into the area.

Ritchey said crews are working steadily in all directions where there is trouble, handling both big and little jobs as they come to them. He predicted only that by this weekend the last few circuits on last-end lines should be picked up.

Yesterday such areas were brought back into the local circuit as Benama, Dairy, Olene, remaining portions of Keno, Pine Grove, Wocus, Miller Hill, Chelsea Addition and the DeWitt Tracts of Stewart Lenox.

Ritchey described this as the "most difficult period of all" because so many families out of power for some length of time—most since Saturday night—are getting a little weary.

No casualties or injuries were suffered during the storm by power crews, the manager said. Meanwhile, phone line troubles were rapidly being repaired as well. Like transmission power lines, some of the phone poles were flattened in many areas. Many communications were initially knocked out by the storm, but are being put rapidly back into service.

HST Plans To Organize WSB

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman said Thursday he expects to replace the resigned industry members of the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) before the end of the week.

All seven members representing industry quit last week in protest against the President's action in overruling the board in the coal mine wage case.

HST Rejects Meeting With Ike, MacArthur

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Bulletin

PATTERSON SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court ruled today that Paul L. Patterson of Hillsboro will be the next governor of Oregon. Patterson is president of the State Senate. He will succeed Douglas McKay as Governor.

Reds Launch Assaults On Korea Hills

By GEORGE McARTHUR SEOUL (AP) — Chinese Communists stabbed through withering Allied artillery fire Thursday to hurt South Korean defenders from Little Noi hill on the Western Front for the second time in 47 hours.

Frontline officers said the Reds hurled 2,000 men into the attacks their biggest in a month. An estimated 10,000 rounds of artillery and mortar fire fell on Allied positions.

CASUALTIES Parnell said the Reds suffered an estimated 270 casualties—102 killed and at least 114 wounded. Ritchey said that in the Beatty-Whiskey Creek area some of the greatest forces of the storm must have struck.

Both Big and Little Noi are located along the Imjin River in the freezing Kelly Hill area, where gnarled knobs rise irregularly to form stepping stones in the bloody Battle of the Hills.

THREE ASSAULTS The Chinese Reds hurled three assaults along the area early Thursday, with the Nori heights the principal targets.

Associated Press Correspondent Milo Parnell reported from the Western Front that Republic of Korea troops were digging in on Little Noi this afternoon, after regaining lost ground in bloody counterattacks.

SHOOTING HOURS

DECEMBER 12
Open 6:57 A.M.
Close 3:35 P.M.

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HARD AT WORK planning the OTI Christmas dance are (l to r) Sally McMahon, Betty Starr and Janet Beason. The frolic is scheduled for Dec. 16 at the Willard. The theme this year is "Holiday Inn."

Students Give To Bloodmobile

OTTI students, faculty members and families presented the Red Cross bloodmobile with a total of 174 pints of blood at the Student Union yesterday, bringing the two-day Klamath County offering to 457 pints.

Some 221 prospective donors presented themselves at the bloodmobile, Exco, Secy, Virginia Dixon announced. The OTI Practical Nursing class acted as nurses aids during the operation, and OTI co-eds assisted in the canteen.

The City Ice and Supply Co., donated chopped ice for the affair, as they have in the past, and mill and cream used in the canteen were given by the Klamath Falls Creamery.

Morse Sees Loss in '56

FOREST GROVE (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse heads into Eastern Oregon Thursday, fighting against a conviction that he will be defeated in 1956.

"I fully expect to be defeated in 1956," he told a capacity crowd of 300 at a town forum here Wednesday night. He added at once that he would go down fighting.

Committee Calls for Homesteading of Klamath Lease Lands

Members of the County Land Use committee cannot see eye to eye with this program. They fail to see why revenues accruing from the land should be used for further land purchases and game development programs. The committee feels unanimously that private lands in the overall picture provide much more feed for birds than do lands under government control.

Sports Bulletin

HANEY IN PITTSBURGH (AP) — Fred Haney signed a one-year contract Thursday to manage the hapless Pittsburgh Pirates. The announcement came after a conference between Haney, skipper of the champion Holywell Stars of the Pacific Coast League, and Pittsburgh General Manager Branch Rickey.

Ship Sinks In SF Bay

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Norwegian freighter Fernstream sank after colliding with the freighter Hawaiian Rancher, but the Fernstream crew escaped in lifeboats.

The Hawaiian Freighter immediately flashed an SOS and the Coast Guard sent three rescue boats to the scene.

The Coast Guard later reported the Fernstream's crew of 42 men had taken to the lifeboats when their ship started to go under.

The 12 passengers on the combination freight and passenger vessel also escaped safely before the Fernstream sank, stern down, and disappeared in about 100 feet of water. Not a trace of the ship showed above the bay.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: A few sprinkles with partial clearing Thursday afternoon. Partly cloudy Thursday night and Friday. High both days 44, low tonight 38.

Klamath Spud Price Climbs

Klamath potatoes advanced as much as 20 cents on the Los Angeles market for U.S. No. 1A's on carlot truck sales, according to the weekly potato and truck crops review of the Oregon Extension Service.

On Dec. 9, the same grade brought \$4.25 to \$4.50 per hundred pounds through street sales.

On the Portland market U.S. No. 1 russets from Oregon wholesaled from \$4.50 to \$4.75, with U.S. No. 1 Bakers wholesaling for \$5.50 a hundredweight.

At Chicago market, supplies were still light, the demand slow and the market dull. Carlot track sales of washed Idaho russets, U.S. No. 1A's, brought \$5 to \$5.20 per hundred, about a nickel lower than the same class a week ago.

At Idaho Falls on Dec. 8, potato offerings were moderate with fair wire inquiries. Demand was slow and the market slightly weaker.

A few cars rolled unloads. Sales for shipping point, for washed U.S. No. 1 Idaho russets, medium to large in size, ranged from \$3.65 to \$3.85 per hundredweight, about five cents below a week earlier.

McKay Due To Return

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Douglas McKay is expected to return to Salem Monday from his conferences with Gen. Eisenhower.

The governor, who will be secretary of the interior when the Eisenhower administration takes over Jan. 20, left here last Friday to join Eisenhower aboard the USS Helena.

His secretary, Miss Alene Phillips, said she heard that the governor had made an appointment with a friend in his office in Salem for Monday. He hasn't sent any direct word as to when he would return.

President Doubts Mac Offers Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman said Thursday he doubts that Gen. Douglas MacArthur has hit upon any new solution of the Korean war, and declared that in 1950 the general told him he was sure the war was over then.

Truman, in an unusually stern mood, also told his news conference that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was guilty of demagoguery when he said in the presidential campaign he would go to Korea.

Truman summed up that he doesn't see how any good could come of any White House meeting with the two to talk about Korea. Senator Watkins (R-Utah), had suggested earlier that Truman "set aside" his doubts about MacArthur and President-elect Eisenhower to a White House parley.

UNBENT The President unbent only a little. He said that as a matter of courtesy he would be glad to see either of them, if either had anything to discuss.

He said too he would be happy if any good came out of the Korean trip Eisenhower has now concluded.

Also on the subject of courtesy, he said MacArthur should have reported to him on the situation in Korea when he came back from the Far East last year—even though Truman had fired him.

Any decent man would have done that, Truman added. He said it was called for in military etiquette. When he did get a report from MacArthur in 1950—that was at the Wake Island conference six months before Truman recalled his Far East commander—about all he got was misinformation, the President said.

REPORT He said MacArthur told him: 1. The Chinese would not move into Korea. 2. A U. S. division could be spared from Korea for occupation duty in Germany.

3. He was sure the war was over. 4. He said at the conference were in general agreement they had rarely seen the President speak with so much feeling as he did Thursday on the Korean problem.

Senator Watkins called the President's remarks, turning down the suggestion of a MacArthur-Eisenhower-Truman meeting, "amazing words." He told a reporter that was all the comment he could make now.

Sen. A. O. Welker (R-Idaho) called the words of a pretty sick, frustrated man, and seemed slanderous to him.

"What could have been more fair and proper than a meeting of those two great generals with the President to explore this problem?" Welker exclaimed.

He said Truman's own record "will live forever as a record of demagoguery of the highest rank." Truman spoke up in response.

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increase agricultural production, it however undoubtedly will increase revenues to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The committee doubts very much whether it will increase game birds; in fact it may actually de-