

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Something to think about:
The Associated Press has been making a survey of the views of members of the new congress as they arrive in Washington in advance of the beginning of the session. The survey covers their views on foreign spending.

Ninety per cent of those willing to be quoted favor a reduction in expenditures for foreign aid.
How do you feel about it?
Do you want to go on spending lavishly abroad in the hope that by scattering American dollars broadcastly, as a sower scatters seeds, we can convince the peoples of the world that we're a better outfit to tie to than Russia?
Or do you think we should get tighter and more realistic, counting through with money only where we get something definite and tangible in return for our help?

Maybe before answering you'd like a quick look at the figures. Since the war ended, the United States of America has spent approximately 87 BILLION DOLLARS overseas. Our underlying purpose has been to build up the peoples of the non-communist world so that they will be willing and able to join with us in resisting the menace of world communism.

I realize that in the past couple of decades the term BILLIONS has been batted about like a tennis ball in a hot match. As a result it fails to impress us. So maybe we'd better get down to brass tacks.
Roughly, each billion dollars spent by the government of the United States represents about seven dollars of YOUR money. Meaning you, AS AN INDIVIDUAL. If you happen to be the bread winner for yourself and three dependents, it means about \$28 to you.

So, you see, the 87 billion dollars spent by the United States for foreign aid has meant about \$600 to you as an individual, and more if you're a breadwinner.

This is the \$64 question:
Do you feel that the results of our foreign aid spending have been worth \$600 to you?
So if you're concerned, you're the one who counts.

How do I feel about it?
I'll have to confess I don't know. I'm a little country business man. I can't be well enough informed to pass an intelligent opinion on a subject having such VAST ramifications. But I know how I FEEL. I mean HOW I FEEL IN MY BONES. I know what my instinctive reactions are.

As I read and hear of the reactions of people all over the world to AMERICA and AMERICANS, the blood begins to pound a little in my ears and the hair begins to raise a little on the back of my neck and I feel like saying: "Well, if that's the way you feel about us, after all of these years of unexampled generosity on the part of one nation toward FULL nations, I think we'd better FULL OUT and leave you to stew in your own juice."

I know it's probably wrong. But I can't help it. It's my INSTINCTIVE feeling about it.
Also, I can't help feeling that Old Joe Stalin is sitting back WAITING FOR US TO BANKRUPT OURSELVES, at which time he'll move in on us.

Anyway, I agree with the 90 per cent of the new congress who think we'd better cut down on the money we've been spending (so recklessly) abroad.

Vets Approve Memorial Plan

Representatives of various county service organizations in a special session here last night decided the War Memorial shaft on the Court-house lawn should be renovated as soon as possible.

The wooden shaft, bearing the names of some 400 Klamath County men and their families who died serving their country in World War Two and the Korean campaign, has become somewhat ramshackle. The Allied Veterans Council in calling last night's meeting, wrote to service clubs that the memorial's appearance was "rapidly becoming a disgrace."

Coleman O'Loughlin, Allied Council member who spearheaded the renovation movement, was chairman of the committee which directed erection of the shaft in the early days of the past war.
Renovation plans call for the shaft to be recovered with 1/2-inch marine plywood. Names of the men honored, now painted on the shaft, would be placed on the new shaft on bronze plaques. Wooden fence and light posts would be replaced with steel.
Cost of the renovation is estimated at from \$2,000 to \$2,500.
At last night's meeting it was decided to appeal by mail to the approximate 100 service organizations in this area. The organizations are to be asked first, if they think the shaft should be renovated and second, if they will donate or pledge \$25.

O'Loughlin said that all contributions should be handed or mailed to Ted Case, county service officer, Klamath County Courthouse.
City Recreation Director Bob Kinnear suggested at last night's session that the new municipally swimming pool be named the War Memorial Pool. His suggestion was favorably received but it was decided that this should be in addition to the renovated shaft and not take its place.



SKI TOW at Moore Park gives an easy lift to skiers wishing to try their "slats" on the snowy slopes just outside town. Above Park Caretaker Bert Stott and City Recreation Director Bob Bonney survey the situation.

Taft Gains For Senate Leadership; Ike Neutral

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower was pictured today as "absolutely" insistent on maintaining a strictly neutral position toward Sen. Robert A. Taft and any other Republicans in the running for Senate majority leader.

An aide said that under no circumstances would the general talk sides—and that support for Taft voiced by two GOP senators after conferences with Eisenhower represented their own views.
This aide, who asked not to be named, said Eisenhower is so determined to be neutral that he has declined to discuss the leadership issue with even his closest associates.

The general takes the position, said the aide, that it is a matter for Senate Republicans alone to decide.
There were signs, meanwhile, that if Taft decides he wants the leadership post, he will have the backing of a group of GOP senators who supported Eisenhower against the Ohioan for the presidential nomination.

McKay Resigns As Governor

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay resigned at 10 a. m. Wednesday, and State Senate President Paul L. Patterson was sworn in immediately as Oregon's 25th governor.
McKay, who becomes secretary of the Interior Jan. 20, ending four years in office by signing a letter of resignation, addressed to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

As soon as he signed the letter, Chief Justice James T. Brand administered the oath to Patterson, the 52-year-old Hillsboro lawyer who will serve until Jan. 10, 1955.
Patterson issued a statement that he would continue the McKay program as governor.
About 50 persons attended the brief ceremony in the governor's office.

They included Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Patterson and members of Patterson's family.
McKay will remain in Salem until he leaves for Washington, D. C., soon after Jan. 1.

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POTATO REPORT
The Department of Agriculture, in its final report of the year, today estimated the 1952 national potato production at 347,504,000 bushels, a drop of nearly two million bushels from the November estimate. The 10-year average production stands at 414,523,000 bushels, and the 1951 crop was 326,519,000 bushels.
REDS KILLED
TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Two more convicted Communist agents were executed today, bringing to 61 the number of alleged spies put to death on Formosa since Nov. 26.

Red Premier Reports Iron Curtain Unrest

Herald and News

Raver Calls For Regional Power Plan

SEATTLE (AP)—A sweeping plan for a regional corporation or authority to take over all federal power projects and transmission lines in the Pacific Northwest was laid before the Bonneville Regional Advisory Council Tuesday by the area's No. 1 government power man, Dr. Paul J. Raver.

Dr. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, made the "exploratory" suggestion at the council's meeting here after a research committee had presented a plan for financing new hydro-electric projects by revenue bonds.

Raver told the council he would like to see power taken "completely out of the hands of the federal government and placed in the hands of a regional board."

Such a board, he said, could be appointed by governor of the Northwest states involved, or elected by the people, and should be given full power to finance and build dams.
"It would be nothing but a power agency set up to conduct power business only," he said, adding the reclamation bureau would handle irrigation, and the Army Corps of Engineers would continue to take care of navigation and flood control.

Raver said the change would require legislation by the states and the board or agency would have to obtain congressional approval for dam construction.
INVESTMENT
Earl D. Ostrander, BPA controller, told the council a regional authority or corporation would control an investment of about \$5,400,000 when all contemplated projects are completed. He estimated the federal investment in present power projects to be about \$1,250,000,000.

Ostrander said financing the overall holdings by 3 1/2 per cent revenue bonds might raise the cost of power, now sold by Bonneville at a basic rate of \$17.50 a year, to about \$20.
The controller added if the federal government would permit the present investment to be used as an equity, the cost of power might be held to about \$23 on the power investment alone. Because of the increased cost of dams now under construction, power rates will rise to about \$21 in any event, he said.

Milk Control End Urged

PORTLAND (AP)—Samuel B. Weinstein, attorney for the State Board of Agriculture, proposed Tuesday that the state abolish its price controls on milk sold in retail stores.
That would permit grocers to sell milk at reduced prices by cutting the milk law which he said was meeting the newly appointed advisory committee on milk legislation.

Weinstein also proposed that the state retain its controls on wholesale prices to stores and on home delivery prices. That presumably would assure producers about the same margin of profit they now receive.
Herbert Hardy of Safeway Stores, Inc., one of several committee members who opposed the plan, said the wholesale price should be reduced and that it could be if distributors put certain "economic" into effect.

Hardy also criticized a section of the milk law which he said controlled distribution.
"Safeway was denied admission to the Salem market on the basis that an additional distributor would disrupt the market. Yet within 18 months a new distributor was allowed on that market," he said.
Weinstein defended the licensing policy but said that the state should be cut up into four or five districts so that hearings could be held more frequently on milk prices.

The advisory committee is made up of representatives from consumer, distributor and producer interests. It is to meet again with the State Board of Agriculture next month.
Marshall Dana, Portland, is committee chairman.

Shopping Days Left
Bull Christmas Seals



YULE MUSIC from students at KUHS as a gift to the Klamath community is scheduled for the high school auditorium tomorrow night at 8. Above, members of the cappella choir, the glee club and orchestra tune up before part of the extravagant stage setting which has been built by students.

Bob Thompson Dinner Slated

"Bob Thompson has been a good mayor. . . He has done a lot for this Klamath County in the past four years and we ought to at least show him a measure of appreciation."
Thus spoke a Klamath Falls business man late yesterday in announcing that the retiring mayor is to be honored at a no-host, testimonial dinner Dec. 29. The event is set for the Willard Hotel banquet hall at 6:30 p. m.

Tickets for the dinner go on sale at City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Because of the banquet hall's serving capacity, there are only 300 tickets and they will go on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
Thompson became mayor in 1948. He had planned to run for the City Council from Ward 4 but friends prevailed on him to go for the mayor's job instead. An active movement to have him run again this year was started by a group of friends and business men but Thompson declined. He is to be succeeded by Paul Landry.

Prior to taking the mayoralty post in 1948, Thompson had spent more than three years in the armed services. In declining to run for reelection this year he said that it rapidly grew.

"There is no one group nor organization behind this thing," said one of the men at yesterday's announcement meeting. "It's just that a lot of us like Bob and appreciate the services he has performed. We don't want our names used in connection with this. We don't represent anyone but ourselves."
Tickets were mimeographed at the Chamber of Commerce.

Price is \$2.50. Reservations are by ticket sale only but a block of tickets was set aside to assure all city employees and officials a chance to obtain them.
There is no planned program, no lengthy speeches. Theme of the whole affair will be informal with the probability of a good deal of horseplay and good-natured kidding.

The Circuit Court trial of Keith Edson Peck, 33, of Irvington, Calif., was in its third day today, with the prosecution testimony still unfinished at noon.
Peck is being tried on a negligent driving indictment, accused of the death Sept. 6 of Lowell Eugene Wilson, 43, of Dorris, in an auto accident.

The accident occurred on U.S. 97 a few miles south of town. Officer Anderson and Badde were at the scene, investigating another minor auto wreck, when Peck's sedan hit the back end of the flatbed truck driven by Farrell.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Considerable morning fog, otherwise fair through tomorrow. High both days 46, low tonight 28. High tomorrow 46, low tonight 28. Low last night 23. Precip yesterday 0. Since Oct. 1 4.22. Normal for period 3.74. Same period last yr 3.75.

Communist Boss Admits Czech Strife

VIENNA (AP)—Czechoslovakia's Communist premier admitted Wednesday there are "discontent and rebellion" in the nation, and indicated the Red regime has not yet been able to bring popular defiance under control.

This startling admission was published in Rude Pravo, official Czechoslovak Communist newspaper. Premier Antonin Zapotocky was quoted as blaming the rebellion on shortages of food and coal.
The Communist president, Klement Gottwald, previously admitted that the production of milk, eggs and farm goods in Czechoslovakia has fallen lower than it was in 1947, before the Communists seized power.

WEIGHT
The admissions lent weight to Western reports that the Soviet Union's industrial demands on Czechoslovakia have been severely milking the nation and producing chaotic conditions. The production of heavy industry goods for Russia has cost the satellite country terribly, pushing down its former high standards of living. There have been reports of open "hunger demonstrations" in the hands of Communist police.

Zapotocky's admission came in an address to miners in Klado. He said:
"People complain among other things that they cannot buy coal for the winter and that their food rations are insufficient. We cannot provide for the people with coal that is required for our industrial plan and the plants lack hundreds of thousands of tons of coal."
NO HELP

"Among the people there is discontent and rebellion, but against this rebellion there is no help. It can only be eliminated by fulfillment of the plan. . . .
"People say that although we have done away with capitalist profits, we have replaced it with profits for the state through the exploitation of human labor and that there is no difference."
The premier complained that Czechoslovakians "go to work, but they do not work, and they oppose the new Soviet working methods."

The Klado mine, where he spoke, employed 1,282 workers in 1949 but only 1,132 today because of absenteeism and other causes. The premier said, adding that though production had risen 40 per cent over 1948, wages had to be raised 104 per cent.
"When our people run into difficulties," he said, "they ask if we have not exaggerated our plans and whether the plans can be fulfilled. They can be, if we apply our selves."
The recent purge trial of Rudolf Slansky and other top Communists who went to the gallows was a reflection of this economic difficulty for which the Gottwald government apparently had to find scapegoats.

KUHS Concert Due Tomorrow

Klamath Union High's annual musical Christmas Gift to the Klamath Community is slated for the school's auditorium at 8 p. m. tomorrow, with no admission or reservations necessary.
It is to be presented upon a stage with a 60-foot set painted by art class students under the direction of Ruth Zueckel, and varied lighting effects may make the setting one of the cleverest of local sets devised.

The Christmas gift is presented by the music department with assistance of art, drama and mechanical departments at KUHS. This year it is entitled "Festival of Christmas Music."
About 400 students are connected with the production, the musical portion of which is to be directed by LaMar Jensen, Don McKenzie, Walter Smith and Andrew Loney Jr.

Special feature is to be the singing of Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis" by the combined choral groups with the orchestra.
And an extra-special feature, according to Loney, is the invitation to all past members of the cappella choir to come up on the stage and join the present choir in singing "Beautiful Savior" and "Silent Night."
Doors to the auditorium are to be opened at 7:15 p. m.

Downtown stores participating in the Klamath Merchants Christmas shopping schedule will remain open until 9 p. m. next Friday night and Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, for the convenience of local shoppers.

Judge Hears Of 'Cruelty'

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Mary Chojnowski, 37, filed a suit for divorce Tuesday, and charged her husband, Leon, 52, with cruelty.
Circuit Judge Julius H. Miner granted Mrs. Chojnowski a temporary injunction restraining her husband from molesting her.
She charged in her suit that her husband, in 1945, threw a hatchet at her and missed; in 1946, fired a shot at her and missed; in 1947, attempted to choke her, and on Dec. 11 stabbed her with a butcher knife.

Her attorney, Joseph F. Haas, said Mrs. Chojnowski is in fair condition in a hospital.
Her husband, Haas said, is awaiting trial in felony court on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

9 O'clock Special
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