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## The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

...day gets into the Korean picture today. Like this: ...viet Foreign Minister Molo... has pledged 100 per cent back... to Chinese communist propos... achieve a Korean armistice."

...D, the dispatch goes on— The Soviet foreign minister in...ed that Russia will renew de...ds for membership in United ...ns FOR THE CHINESE AND ...TH KOREAN RED GOVERN...NTS."

...sounds almost as if Molotov ... trying to CURRY FAVOR ... communist China, doesn't it? ...ays to the Chinese commies, ...practically these words:

...viet Russia is all for your ... of bringing the bloody and ...s Korean war to a stop, and ...hink what you're doing is a ... act. What's more, we think ... and your North Korean neigh... ought to be taken into this ...sive social club that is known ...nited Nations, and we're going ... what we can to keep you ... bring black-balled the next ... your application comes up.'

...ing from the stern and rock... of Molotov, those are soft and ...ing words, bordering on flat... They convey plainly (to one ... inquiring turn of mind) the ...ht that red Russia wants at ... moment to be NICE to red ...a.

...at could it mean?

...is is an interesting train of ...mstances:

...r months, going well back be... Stalin's death, red China has ... an economic mission in Mos... This mission has been car... on some kind of negotiations ... Soviet Russia. Some days ago, ...TAP agreement between Chi... and Russia was announced. ...e has been comment from the ...omatic professionals to the ef... that in this agreement Rus... got the nice, clean, advanta... end of the stick and the ...e Chinese tomatoes got the ...ed.

...es—

...e Chinese mission comes home ...eeping.

...mes immediately afterward, ...ing springs the stop-the-war-...rea proposal.

...ould it be, do you reckon, that ...Red Chinese figure that after ... all the fighting and all the ... in Korea for more than two ..., with Russia losing not a ... they were TAKEN FOR A ...E in their Moscow negotiations ...are maybe a little sore about ...

...uld this proposal to QUIT ...TTING in Korea be a gentle ... to Moscow that after all red ...a is a fall partner with red ...a in this Asian ruckus (in ...g Korea, Indochina and all ...est) and deserves a little more ...deration at the hands of the ... in the Kremlin?

...ld the Kremlin (realizing per... that it HAS been running ... with a pretty high hand) ...stening through Soviet For... Minister Molotov to soothe ...China's ruffled feelings?

...a wild guess, of course, and ... a leg to stand on EXCEPT ... GUESS. But it's so UNUS... to hear kind and flattering ... for anybody from Moscow ...t starts one to making guesses ... what's in the wind.

...ld Mao's feelings really are ... it could suggest that he ... become another Tito. ...t wouldn't be good from Mos... standpoint.

## ...ssing Plane ...arch Opens

...HORAGE, Alaska (AP) —The ... for two Air Force flyers ...arachuted from their F-94-B ...ther jet fighter north of ...Tuesday was to be resumed ...n Wednesday.

...missing men are a pilot and ... observer. They had radioed ... international distress call ...0 p. m. Tuesday morning ... they were abandoning ship. ...Force officials also were to ... the search for another jet ... plane which has failed to ... to its base. The plane — ...n F-94-B jet — was last ...d about 40 miles north of ... Officials said an oil slick ... Tuesday night in Knik Arm ...eved to have no connection ...he missing craft.

... wreckage of the crashed jet ...spotted Tuesday some 82 ...northwest of here. No sign ... was seen at the wreckage. ...opter from the 10th Rescue ...on at Elmendorf landed ...scene and radioed the pilot ...ar observer definitely had ...out.

... planes which scanned the ...esday night in the hopes ...ing flares or fires indicat... whereabouts of the men ... to base at midnight be... poor visibility and low

# US Firm On POW Issue

**NO NEED TO HURRY** in this weather, say KUHS students, as they spill out the door after school. Senior Walk seems to be getting quite a play.

## Molotov Pledges Aid In Peace Try

MOSCOW (AP)— Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov pledged Soviet assistance Wednesday in trying to bring about an armistice in Korea on the basis of proposals by Chou En-Lai, the Chinese premier.

Molotov's statement was the first official Soviet comment on the latest Korean developments. It appeared in the form of a foreign ministry announcement issued through the official Soviet news agency Tass and broadcast by Moscow radio.

Molotov said the Soviet government "recognizes the complete justice" of the new proposals "and expresses its readiness to fully assist" in realizing them.

There have been two proposals — one from North Korea for the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners, and another from Chou En-Lai in Peiping for the repatriation of other prisoners of war. Under the latter proposal prisoners unwilling to return home would be handled by neutrals.

At the same time, Molotov strongly suggested the Chinese Communists and the North Koreans should be represented in the United Nations. He declared this would greatly assist in settling all issues of the Korean war.

From this it is obvious the USSR intends to continue its fight for Chinese Communist and North Korean representation in the U.N.

In regard to the specific proposal for exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war, Molotov said:

"Both the government of the Chinese people's republic and the government of the Korean People's democratic republic have stated that they agree to the proposal for the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war, and as before express readiness to reach agreement on the immediate settlement of the entire question and thereby of ending the war in Korea.

"I am authorized to state that its full solidarity with this noble act of the government of the Chinese People's Republic and the the Soviet government expresses government of the Korean people's democratic republic and has no doubt that this act will find ardent support among the peoples throughout the world.

"The Soviet government also expressed confidence that this proposal will be correctly understood by the government of the United States of America."

Molotov said that the Chinese proposal on repatriation "gives an opportunity to solve justly the question of the repatriation of war prisoners and removes the remaining barriers to realization of an armistice in Korea."

## Weather

**FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Thursday with high of 62. Low Wednesday night 28.**

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| High yesterday | 48 |
| Low last night | 21 |
| Precip last 24 hours | 0 |
| Since Oct. 1 | 11.65 |
| Normal for period | 9.38 |
| Same period last year | 14.09 |

## Legislative Highlights

By The Associated Press Tuesday

House killed 31-29 the bill to permit appeals from Hydroelectric Commission decisions.

Senate vote 13 to 12 against extending unemployment insurance to firms hiring fewer than four workers.

Senate passed unanimously the six-bill package of tax simplifying legislation and sent it to the governor.

Seven-man committee appointed to study building program.

## Key Jobs Are Filled By Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday accepted the resignation of James Mitchell as a member of the Civil Service Commission and immediately nominated him to be deputy assistant secretary of defense.

Eisenhower sent to the Senate the nomination of George M. Moore of Kentucky to succeed Mitchell as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

The President also nominated Judge Stanley N. Barnes of Los Angeles to be assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's anti-trust division.

And he nominated Gen. James A. Van Fleet, who recently returned from command of the Eighth Army in Korea, for retirement with the rank of general. Van Fleet's permanent rank now is major general.

## Second Crater Discovered

PRINEVILLE (AP) — Discovery of another mysterious crater near here was disclosed Wednesday.

And E. E. Gervais, a lumberman, said a third would be found. This then would cover the three explosions which he said jarred his house on the night of March 3. The first, some investigators believe, was caused by dynamite.

The new one was found about three miles south of the first one—by the side of a road leading from U. S. Highway 126 between Redmond and Prineville. It is about three feet deep and 9 feet across. The first one was larger—about 5 ½ feet deep, 12 feet across.

Remnants of pinewood boxes were found near the first crater. No such evidence had been found near the second hole.

First reports suggested that the first crater was made by a meteor.

### VISITORS

SALEM (AP) — Five hundred persons, mostly school children, visited the Oregon Capitol each day during March, James McGilchrist, Capitol guide, said Wednesday.

More than 125 schools sent classes or study groups to observe the Legislature during March. The peak day was March 24, when 1,400 persons were shown through the building and seated in the legislative galleries.

## Oil Title Bill Sent To Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Wednesday passed and sent to the Senate legislation establishing title for the states to oil-rich submerged coastal lands.

The measure was passed after a motion to shelve the bill was defeated, 283 to 106.

This compared with the 265 to 109 margin by which the House approved a similar bill in the last session of Congress. That legislation passed the Senate too, but was eventually killed by President Truman's veto.

President Eisenhower has endorsed the plan to give states title to the offshore lands within their historic boundaries. Truman, advocating federal control, argued that the lands belonged to the whole country, not the coastal states. Estimates on the oil value vary, but it is generally agreed to amount to many billions of dollars.

Voting for the bill on final passage were 188 Republicans and 97 Democrats, gainst it were 18 Republicans, 89 Democrats and 1 independent.

The motion, to send the bill back to committee, was offered by Rep. Celler (D-NY) and supported by proponents of federal control of the oil-rich offshore lands.

## Chamberlin Rites Set

Funeral services will be held from Ward's Funeral Home, at 2 p.m. Thursday for Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Chamberlin, beloved pioneer matron of Klamath Falls, who died March 30, as she slept, at the home of Mrs. W. P. Howard.

Mrs. Chamberlin, mother of Mrs. C. H. Underwood, Klamath Falls, and Mrs. W. L. Bridgeford, Olympia, Wash., was taken to Mrs. Howard's home only a few days before her death when Mrs. Underwood became ill and was taken to a San Francisco hospital.

She was 92 years old, a native of Scranton, Pa., and a resident of Klamath Falls for 47 years.

Her late husband was one of the early building contractors in Klamath Falls.

Survivors besides her two daughters, Mrs. Underwood and Mrs. Bridgeford, include a sister, Mrs. James Alexander, Santa Ana, Calif., two granddaughters, Jean Underwood of this city, and Mrs. Adolph Schmidt, Olympia, Wash., and two grandsons, George Underwood, U. S. Navy and Wayne Bridgeford, Olympia, Wash.

The service will be read by the Rev. William F. Templin of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Commitment service and interment in the IOOF section of Linkville cemetary.

Her son-in-law, C. H. Underwood and daughter Jean are leaving for Mrs. Underwood's bedside in Franklin Hospital, San Francisco, Friday and Mrs. Bridgeford returns to her home late Thursday

### ENVOY BACK

LONDON (AP) — Britain's ambassador to Moscow, Sir Alvary Gascoigne, arrived by plane, Wednesday for urgent consultations with British officials on Russia's new "peace" campaign.

## Reds Claim Intimidation Of Prisoners

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States was reported today as determined to stand firm, in any truce talks which develop in Korea, on the principle that prisoners of war shall not forcibly be returned home.

Officials puzzling over a Korean armistice plan broadcast by Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai and distributed among the United Nations asserted there can be no compromise on this point and no acceptance of any complicated formula which would have the effect of compromising it.

Chou's statement indicated the Reds might be prepared to accept voluntary repatriation of prisoners, but whether that is their real intention remains to be spelled out in further exchanges and almost certainly in renewed negotiations at Panmunjom.

In his message, the Chinese leader said there are soldiers captured from the Communist forces "who, under the intimidation and oppression of the opposite side, are filled with apprehension and are afraid to return home."

He proposed that they "be handed over to a neutral state, and that explanations be given them by parties concerned, thus insuring that the question of their repatriation will be justly settled and will not obstruct the realization of an armistice in Korea."

Assuming that agreement can be reached on a state which is truly neutral, informants here suggested it would be necessary to spell out safeguards to make certain that any prisoners of the U. N. forces who are determined not to go home would not be compelled to go home.

In other words, the U. S. government, which has responsibility for the U. N. Command in Korea, is described as unwilling to enter into an arrangement by which a neutral state would become simply a channel for ultimate forced return of prisoners.

On the surface Chou's proposal has been widely interpreted as approximating a plan adopted by the U. N. General Assembly Dec. 3 and shortly rejected by the Reds.

This plan was advanced by India in an effort to break the truce deadlock over forcible versus voluntary return of POWs. The Indian proposal would make use of neutral governments to help handle repatriation but would provide that in the end prisoners who were unwilling to return to Communist rule would become the responsibility of the U. N.

The State Department has said that as it understands the Indian plan, the U. N. would "care for and dispose of" such prisoners and that "the U. N. would not, of course, return them by force to the Communists."

Officials here are generally moderately hopeful that Chou's message, following upon Communist acceptance last Saturday of a U. N. proposal for exchange of sick and wounded prisoners, means that the Communists are now actually ready to bring the Korean War to a close on terms acceptable to the U. N.

They are holding their optimism under tight rein, however. For they see a possibility that the Reds are simply maneuvering in a peace offensive and that when the truce talks are resumed and practical questions have to be worked out in negotiation, the Red position may turn out to be not greatly different on the critical point of voluntary repatriation.

## Mau Mau Unit Fights Troops

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Mau Mau terrorists battled with government forces for the first time Wednesday in this British East African colony.

At least 20 terrorists were reported slain with the fighting still in progress.

The battle is taking place in the Kiambu reserve not far from Nairobi, the capital. It was in this area that Mau Mau terrorists killed about 150 Kikuyu tribesmen loyal to the British last week.

The Mau Mau, sworn to drive the white men out of Kenya, have restricted their operations to terror raids and have avoided open clashes with government forces in the past.

### FINISHED

SALEM (AP) — The House completed legislative action Wednesday on a resolution to create an interim committee to study boating and recreation facilities in the Columbia Gorge.

## Palmerton Attorneys Rest Case

Shortly before noon today, Atty. Dick Maxwell rested the Palmerton family's suit against W. D.

### NO CHANGE

**At mid-afternoon today, opposing attorneys were still arguing the dismissal motion in the Palmerton case, but there were no changes in the status of the trial.**

Weidler and Weidler's attorney, James Dezendorf immediately moved for dismissal of the suit.

Judge William East, after reading aloud from records of similar actions in like suits, adjourned court for lunch without indication when he would give a decision on the dismissal motion.

The Palmerton's are suing to regain from Weidler operational control of the Palmerton Lumber Company. Weidler wrested management of the firm from the Palmertons last May.

As court convened this morning, the Palmerton attorney, Maxwell, continued his attack along the same tangent he worked on yesterday. He was evidently attempting to weave a snare for Weidler from a mass of freight bills, invoices, purchase orders and other papers concerned with sales of Palmerton products under Weidler's management.

The Palmertons are charging Weidler with mis-management, contending his policies and practices are threatening the firm's future.

Maxwell's attack through records of Weidler transactions is obviously concerned principally with freight rates and subsequent freight refunds allowed on mill-in-transit tariffs.

The Palmerton attorney has repeatedly brought out that pine products have been shipped on a higher mahogony rate, thus affecting the amount of the in-transit freight refund to the company. Witnesses, however, have testified that such practice was not new under Weidler's management; that the application of a certain rate was governed more by a time schedule of incoming shipments of raw lumber than by the nature of the outgoing products.

Maxwell's final witness this morning appeared to be one of his most valuable. Ralph Ovgard, employed jointly by the Lawrence Warehouse Company and Palmerton firm, said that he was aware there had been a great deal of plywood moving to Brooklyn under the mahogany rate. He testified further that he had called this to the attention of Weidler and other of his superiors. Weidler's attorney, Dezendorf, argued strongly against acceptance of Ovgard as a witness on the grounds he was not a Palmerton employe. After he lost that fight, Dezendorf repeatedly objected to Maxwell's questions and Maxwell had to go "under the rule" to obtain the Ovgard testimony referred to above.

As his first witness this morning, Maxwell put Weidler on the stand. The timber man appeared to be a good witness for himself. He had prepared for questioning by Maxwell by making detailed reports on each of several Palmerton sales files. He readily explained each document in the files and disclaimed any knowledge of the choice of freight rates applied.

Weidler is also head of the Weidler Lumber Company, Chicago. All the transactions Maxwell has introduced involve Palmerton sales made through the Weidler firm as a sales agency.

A principal Palmerton contention is that these sales have been so engineered as to unduly benefit Weidler while damaging the Palmerton Company.

## Failure Of Discipline At Prison "Worst To Date" Says Report Of Wardens

SALEM (AP)—Virgil J. O'Malley was fired as warden of the Oregon State Penitentiary Tuesday night.

The State Board of Control said Clarence T. Gladden, 58, of Tacoma, had taken over the job temporarily. He is a retired federal prison warden.

Gov. Paul Patterson indicated that Prison Supt. George Alexander, former warden who has been in charge of business matters at the prison, would be retired soon.

Announcement of the shakeup in top personnel was withheld until 11 p.m. so that all the convicts would be locked up when the news was broadcast.

O'Malley's dismissal was the outgrowth of an investigation of the prison by Wardens Joseph Ragen of Illinois, G. Norton Jameson of South Dakota, and L. E. Clapp of Idaho. The report on the survey, made two weeks ago at the board's request, was highly critical of O'Malley.

Citing cases of what was called "failure of discipline and breakdown of control," the investigating wardens said: "We do not hesitate to state that the degradation, lack of control and general confusion in the Oregon State Penitentiary is without parallel in our experience."

They said that control of the prison "has almost completely left the hands of authorities and passed to those of the inmates."

Numerous cases of convicts attacking guards and receiving little or no punishment were cited. The convicts were allowed to curse the guards, carry tools to their cells, possess knives and liquor, engage in homosexual practices, dig tunnels, and forge passes —all without fear of punishment the report said.

The Board of Control, made up of Gov. Patterson, State Treasurer Sig Unander and Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, said that despite O'Malley's dismissal, the prison's new rehabilitation program will continue.

The program was launched in 1951 when O'Malley came here from Soledad, Calif., where he was an assistant state prison warden, to succeed Alexander.

Since that time, the board said, "the incidence of escape, the conditions at the penitentiary, prevalance of homosexuality, use of intoxicating liquor and general conditions of discipline at the penitentiary have steadily deteriorated.

"The change-over is expected to accelerate the rehabilitation program in that it will increase the discipline among the inmates and strengthen the custodial personnel."

O'Malley told reporters: "Without giving me a hearing, this is really something. But maybe it's better for me, but it sure comes as a surprise." He added he would have a statement for the press Thursday.

Gladden, whose most recent job was associate warden of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., retired in January after 23 years in the federal prison system. He was recommended by James B. Bennett, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

In connection with Alexander, the governor said the board would talk with him in a few days about putting him on retirement.

Gladden, he said, already "in complete charge," will remain until a successor to O'Malley is found.

## Troops Wait Final Fight Over Truce

By GEORGE McARTHUR

SEOUL (AP)—Small-scale but bitter fighting erupted along the Korean battlefront today as U. N. troops anxiously awaited the outcome of Communist truce overtures.

Most combat veterans were hopeful but wary.

The Fifth Air Force reported Allied Sabre jets blasted 33 Red MIG jets out of the Korean skies for only two Sabres lost in aerial combat in March.

The monthly air summary showed, however, that 18 Allied planes were lost to all causes — 2 to MIGs, 7 to Red ground fire and 9 to other causes.

Army Secretary Robert T. B. Stevens, Gen. Mark Clark, Far East commander; and Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Eighth Army commander, toured the battle zone and visited an observation post overlooking Communist - held Old Baldy Hill north of Seoul.

Stevens, in Korea to inspect the combat zone and for a first-hand survey of ammunition supplies, visited several U. S. divisions. At the 630th Ordnance Ammunition company, the Army secretary was told the ammunition supply at the moment was above normal.

When he returns to Washington, Stevens is expected to testify before a Senate subcommittee investigating reports of ammunition shortages in Korea.

Weather hampered aerial activities again.

American Marines on the Western Front turned back four small Red attacks Tuesday night, one against Bunker Hill. The Leathernecks listed 41 Chinese Reds killed and wounded.

In Eastern Korea South Korean troops reported killing or wounding 64 Reds in raids west of the Nam River and near Anchor Hill.

The monthly air summary revealed the big role warplanes played in the savage Western Front fighting last week.

The Air Force said its planes unloaded 3,480,000 pounds of bombs on Old Baldy and nearby Red positions in around-the-clock strikes. All told, 1,740 missions were flown against Communist defenses on Old Baldy.

### TRIPLETS

BRIGHTON, England (AP) — Mrs. Ivy Spencer, 48, and a grandmother, gave birth to girl triplets Tuesday night. One baby was dead at birth but the other two were doing well in a local hospital.

**HICK DAY AT ALTAMONT** brought about this strange garb for LeVonne Yunck, 2231 Homedale, and Peggy Shannon, 5120 Miller Ave. The Oriental cast is brought about by the girls wearing hose pulled over their heads.

## Youths Held In Car Theft

Three Portland boys were being held in the Juvenile Home here today for Multnomah County authorities after one of the boys had told how his companions had stolen two cars.

Two of the boys were picked up by City Police yesterday morning after a women had phoned the police that three boys were trying the door handles on a car at 5th and High. When the police arrived, they found James Manning, 13, and Daniel Grady, 14. These boys were taken to police headquarters and a short time later, the third youth, Albert Thomas, 15, appeared at the station evidently looking for his companions.

The boys told City Police they had hitch-hiked here from Portland. But Juvenile Officer Francis Matthews in questioning the boys learned from Thomas that they had stolen two cars since running away from Portland several days ago.

Thomas said they had taken a car in Gresham to drive here Monday. They started on into California but were afraid to drive the stolen car through the plant inspection station at the state line. In trying to skirt the station by a side road, they ran out of gas Monday night. Yesterday morning, they said, they obtained some gas from a farmer and drove back here, where the car again ran out of gas at Cedar and Washington.

Thomas said he and the other two boys then went to 6th and High and took a car belonging to D. D. Ervin, 2630 Turnage. They finally parked this car at 5th and High, where the Manning and Grady boys were picked up by the police.

## Saddened Duke Sails for U.S.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. (AP)—The Duke of Windsor, a sad and lonely figure, sailed for America Wednesday just 24 hours after the burial of his devoted mother, Queen Mary.

The duke, who gave up the throne in 1936 to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, cut short a Florida vacation three weeks ago to hurry home to the bedside of ailing Queen Mary. He left the duchess behind in New York.

The duchess has never been received by the royal court but there have been suggestions in the British press that the bar would drop with the death of Queen Mary, a staunch upholder of court bias against divorced women.