

By FRANK JENKINS

Something new is cooking in Korea. A revised truce proposal of some sort has been made to the communists. There is obvious fear that in an effort to avoid a split with our allies concessions may have been made that will involve retreat on our part from the principle that under no circumstances will we forcibly send prisoners home to face reprisals from their communist masters.

Sensing this fear, President Eisenhower says in Washington that the United States and its allies in Korea are sticking to the principle that prisoners of war must not be forced to go home. He adds:

"No prisoners will be repatriated by force. No prisoners will be coerced or intimidated in any way. And there must be a definite limit to the period of their captivity. The procedures used in handling the prisoners must reflect these principles."

Thank you, Ike. Everyone was sure you would feel that way about it. You were on the ground and saw what happened when we forcibly returned Russian prisoners of war to Russia after the end of the war in Europe. Many of these prisoners, when they learned finally and irrevocably that they were to be sent back to the tender mercies of the communists, masters of Russia, COMMITTED SUICIDE, preferring death by their own hands to what would happen to them when they were sent back.

One black mark like that is enough to have on our record. Our position on this forcible return of prisoners business is admittedly an idealistic one. It isn't shared by many of our older and more cynically realistic allies.

It isn't shared by all of our own people. Representative Hand, of New Jersey, is one of those who dissent from it. He takes issue in Washington with the no-forced-repatriation principle, and urges that the Eisenhower administration stop "splitting hairs" and get a quick truce—presumably at any cost, including abandonment to their fate of prisoners of war who have surrendered to us under promises of fair and honorable treatment.

He reasons that it is better to sacrifice a moral principle than to go on fighting a seemingly hopeless war. I suppose there are many who share that belief. I don't. By the hand of fate, we have been shunted into the position of leader of the free world. Goodness knows, we don't WANT the job. But apparently there is no one left who can fill it.

Even Britain, who in her hour in the sun displayed at times great courage in defense of many of the important principles of individual human freedom, is weakening in her old age and is showing signs of willingness to compromise with MORAL principles. If we are to read accurately between the lines of the news, we must come to the conclusion that Britain would be willing to buy a truce in Korea at the cost of sending these unfortunate home to pay whatever penalty they might have to pay for taking us at our word and surrendering as prisoners of war.

If we are to be the leader of the free world, if we are to lead the peoples of this world (including ourselves) on to a better and fuller life, we must exercise MORAL leadership. We can't talk out of one side of our mouths about the principles of right and justice while at the same time consenting out of the other side of our mouths to COMPROMISE with the principles of right and justice.

A leader who gets anywhere in the right direction must be TRUSTED by those who follow his leadership. You can't command faith and trust by double-talk.

Ike Against Cut-off Rider
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Thursday he does not believe Red China should be admitted to the United Nations under present circumstances.

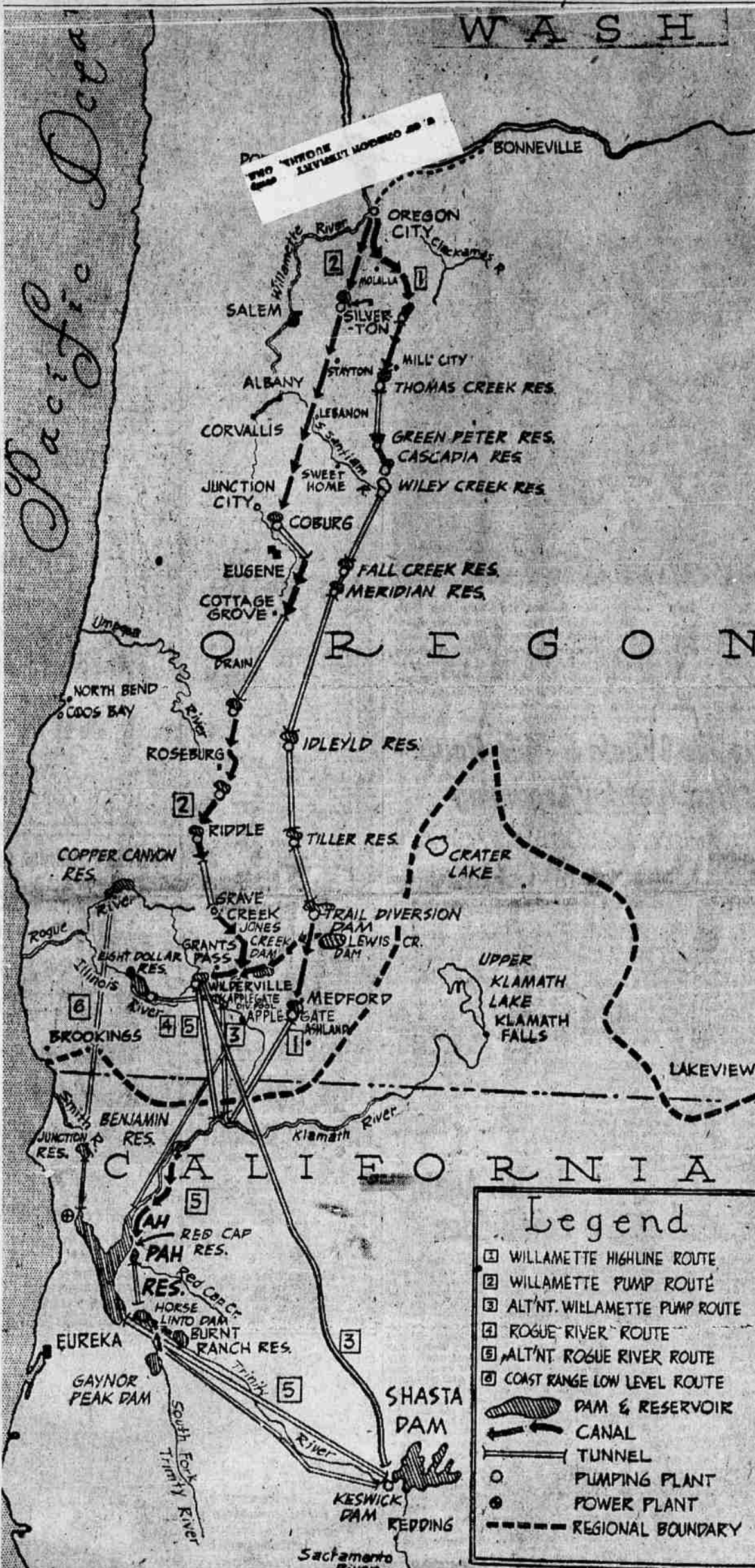
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PLAN TO REDISTRIBUTE WEST'S WATER — This map, which is used by courtesy of the Western Conservation Journal, shows the outline of six proposed plans by which the U. S. Reclamation Bureau could siphon off Columbia river and Oregon water for use in Southern California to supplement or perhaps replace the water now taken from the Colorado river so that more of the Colorado's water could be used in Arizona and possibly in New Mexico. Route 1—pump water into and out of Willamette Basin reservoirs, which ordinarily flow northward into Columbia, and then dump it southward into Klamath river via tunnel; Route 2—would run south in

Willamette valley, collect water from the Clackamas and Willamette, then to Klamath; Route 3—same as Route 2, but would run via tunnel from Wilderville directly to Sacramento river; Route 4—would collect Rogue river and Illinois river flow in Applegate pool, then dump into Klamath above Ah Pah reservoir; Route 5—By-pass Ah Pah reservoir site, instead five dams would be built in Northern California; Route 6—would add Copper Canyon water from the Rogue to water from other Oregon dams, bring flow into Ah Pah reservoir by long tunnel, then dump into Klamath river, southward bound. Interior department has never released plans.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers through Friday, High Friday 63; low Thursday night 38.

High yesterday 51
Low last night 39
Precip last 24 hours Tr.
Since Oct. 1 14.12
Normal for period 11.14
Same period last year 15.17

Sheriff Will Be At Prison Gate

When the gates of Oregon State Prison at Salem open Friday for Lloyd Dowler, check forger, his liberty will be short-lived.

Waiting for the convict will be Sheriff Murray Britton of Klamath County armed with a warrant. Dowler is under indictment in this county for passing a forged check for \$86.27 at the Hatter Furniture Co. in September, 1950. He was in-

Two Plead Innocent Of Tax Charges

PORTLAND (AP) — Two Oregon men pleaded innocent Wednesday to federal income tax violation charges.

Wickie Bridges, Newport building supply merchant, was accused of not reporting a \$24,600 income for 1949 within the filing time limit. Walter Leverette, Medford, was accused on four counts of false income tax returns.

Memorial Closings

All city, county, state and federal offices and many stores are to be closed Memorial Day (Saturday).

Members of the Klamath Merchants Association have voted to close and two large food markets, Piggly Wiggly and Carters will not be open.

Safeway Stores will not open until noon. Other of the larger food markets and most of the smaller grocery stores will be open all day.

Ike Disagrees With Taft On 'Forgetting' United Nations If Truce Fails

Reds Seize 5 Allied Hills In Big Attack

By FORREST EDWARDS
SEOUL (AP) — The Chinese Reds sent 4,500 troops smashing into western outposts near Panmunjom Thursday night after 4,500 Communists seized five hills in Central Korea.

In one of the biggest attacks of the year the Reds struck behind thunderous artillery fire in the west, hitting outposts Vegas, Carson, Elko, East Berlin, Berlin and the Hook.

The Hook and Vegas, two of the most bitterly fought-over hills in the west, took the brunt of the Chinese attack and apparently held firm.

The Hook, one of the major positions guarding the invasion route to Seoul from the northwest, was hit by three Red battalions, nearly 2,000 men, in three assaults. The main blow was parried but fighting still was going on early Friday.

An officer at the front, where earlier attacks by the Reds had been reported stalled, said the skies over the Hook were lit continually by the fierce artillery barrages.

The attack began about 8 p.m. Thursday. By midnight the Chinese had overrun one outpost position in front of the Hook.

The chief Red thrusts against the main positions were repulsed in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Allied soldiers on Vegas counterattacked before midnight and were fighting with Chinese soldiers who had swarmed into the trenches on one finger of the hill.

The Reds apparently were ready to throw even more men into the swaying struggle.

The front line officer reported Allied artillery had smashed several Red troop concentrations north of the Hook.

The situation at Carson, Elko, East Berlin and Berlin, a string of hill positions near the Hook, was not clear. However, the officer had reported earlier in the night that "we are in control of the situation."

Heavy fighting also was in progress on the Central Front, where early Thursday 6,500 Chinese seized five outposts along a 20-mile sector, and were battling the South Koreans for four more. The South Koreans had beaten the Reds back from five other outposts.

The Chinese swarmed across a narrow land in the wake of a roaring artillery barrage which sent an estimated 10,000 shells screaming into allied territory.

Allied lines in the Finger Ridge sector of the East-Central Front bore the brunt of the Red charge, the Army said.

"It could have been a limited offensive action to take outposts," an Eighth Army briefing officer said, "or it could have been a large-scale harassing action."

Allied fighter-bombers streaked across the battlefield to bomb and attack Red troops and Communist artillery and mortar positions.

Other fighter-bombers pounded Red supply centers northwest of Yonan and north of Shinchon in Western Korea, the Air Force said. Pilots reported 13 buildings destroyed.



RACHEL EAST, 74 1/2 years old, was on her way to work this morning at the Chilcote Insurance Agency.

Ike Endorses Airforce Cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Thursday he can give his personal assurance that proposed Air Force budget cuts will not reduce America's defenses beyond a margin of safety.

The question came up at his news conference in the wake of sharp debate at the capitol which raised critical questions about his defense spending plans.

Rep. Yorty (D-Calif.) Thursday accused Secretary of Defense Wilson of proposing cutbacks without knowing what effect they would have.

A reporter told the President that some Republican senators would like his personal assurance, based on his long military career, that the proposed budget cuts would not reduce American defenses below the safety point.

The President replied no. He made the statement in a speech read for him in Cincinnati Tuesday night.

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Views Widest Since Ike Took Office

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower declared Thursday he doesn't share Sen. Taft's view that this country might as well forget the United Nations as far as the Korean War is concerned.

"If you are going to go it alone one place, you of course have to go it alone everywhere," the President commented at a news conference.

He said too: "Our whole policy is based on this theory: No single free nation can live alone in the world. We have to have friends."

The importance Eisenhower attached to his remarks was emphasized when White House, several hours after the conference, authorized direct quotation of them. Ordinarily, his news conference statements may not be quoted directly.

The President also told a news conference that the forthcoming Big Three meeting in Bermuda may not necessarily lead to a Big Four session with Russia.

Developments would have to justify a conference with Soviet leaders, he said.

The Big Three session is a planned meeting of Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Churchill and the French Premier, to be held at Bermuda in the latter part of next month. Churchill has said he hopes it will be followed by a top-level meeting with the Russians on East-West tensions.

Eisenhower's declaration that he disagrees with Taft was in response to a question. It is the widest divergence of opinion that has developed between the President and the Senate Republican leader since the new administration took office.

Eisenhower emphasized, however, that he believes Taft has a right to his convictions.

The question, as put to Eisenhower, was whether he shares Taft's view that the United States might as well forget the United Nations as far as the Korean War is concerned.

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Bonanza High's Next Yell Leader New Roundup Bidder

Another real cowgirl has joined this year's bevy of Klamath Basin Roundup queen candidates. This latest member of the Roundup Royalty Court is 17-year-old Catherine Dearborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. (Wes) Dearborn, Lorella.

Catherine is a Bonanza High School girl and next year as a Senior she will be Yell Leader for the Bonanza Antlers.

This sixth candidate for Roundup queen is a cute brunette, with dark brown hair and blue eyes. She has spent all her life on the Dearborn ranch and devotes virtually all her spare time to horses and beef. Catherine has been active in 4-H work ever since she came of age and has won several prizes with her calves. She has had entrants in both 4-H stock shows here and the big Pacific International in Portland.

Catherine hasn't yet decided on her mount for the Roundup events. Her personal horse, "Scamper," isn't docile enough for show events yet. Catherine has been breaking the mare herself and is afraid the horse is still a bit wild for drills and downtown streets.

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Bandit Robs Tower Theater

Police here today were seeking a bold bandit who calmly held up the Tower Theater box office about 9:40 last night and walked away with \$82.70. That was the amount the theater management said was taken. Bert Hansen, general manager of the four theaters here, said the thief missed approximately \$700 because of the special safe used in all theater box offices here.

The safe is a double compartment style and when receipts reach \$100, \$50 is deposited in a compartment that can be opened only with a special key not kept in the box office.

Nola Day, 19, attractive box office attendant, was so upset by the robbery she could give State Police little description of the thief. She said the man approached the box office, pushed a bag through the grill and told her to "fill it up." She said he had a gun pointed at her, partly concealed by a bandana handkerchief. He was not masked.



THIS FETCHING LASS is the sixth candidate for this year's Klamath Basin Roundup Queen. She is Catherine Dearborn, Lorella.