

Gaymon Free of Manslaughter

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In The Day's News

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Two pleasant things are happening as these words are written. The sun is shining down out of a cloudless sky and the telephone is tapping out a story from Korea to the effect that O' Man Rhee may have decided to accept the terms of the truce.

The old gentleman has just come from a conference with our Assistant State Secretary Robertson and our Far East military commander, General Mark Clark. The talks were secret, but indications are that they went off pretty well. Rhee, the correspondent reports, seems happy. Any way he trotted off to call a secret session of his cabinet—presumably to report to them what happened.

High sources are quoted as saying he might agree to the truce if the United States gives him a solemn pledge that we will come to his aid in the event of a new communist attack on South Korea.

Well, what else could we do? We regard Japan as our outermost bastion in the Far East. For approximately a century, the Japanese described Korea as "a dagger pointed at the heart of Japan."

The tip of the Korean peninsula is only a hop, skip and a jump over water from Japan. From it, an enemy could raid Japan constantly from the air. Using guided missiles, he could keep all of Japan under constant bombardment.

If we're to base our military position in the Far East on Japan, we've simply GOT to hang onto our toehold in South Korea. Even if there is an uneasy truce in Korea we wouldn't dare to pull our troops out, because we just couldn't afford to turn South Korea over to the communists.

I rather imagine that 75-year-old President Rhee knows that. But we must not forget that for all the years since the war he has been watching our attitude toward his country. What he has seen hasn't been reassuring.

First we gave the Russians half of Korea. They started in wholeheartedly arming and training the North Koreans. We got AFRAID to arm and train the South Koreans. Reasoning that if we did they might FIGHT. So we pulled out. When we moved out, the communists moved in. We then had to come back under great handicaps.

You can hardly blame the old man for worrying about what we might do for we got a truce.

What seems reasonable is that he has been putting on a show to scare us into a flat, definite commitment to STAY IN KOREA. Not only has he seen what we did in Korea, which wasn't anything much to inspire confidence. He saw us PULL OUT OF EUROPE in late 1945 and 1946, when the shooting ended, thus turning Europe over to Russia. He could hardly help being afraid that if we didn't help when the shooting stops in Korea we might do the same thing all over again.

He probably realizes the pressures that will be brought to bear to bring the boys home from Korea if a truce is signed. What he is going all out to force us into a position where we will HAVE to stay there.

Judging by the tenor of the news this morning, he may have got such a commitment from us.

Mutt Show Brings 'Em In On 3 Legs, Even
A throng of youngsters turned out this morning for the annual "mutt show" sponsored jointly by the Big Y Market and Swift and Company.

Prize for the best dressed dog went to Gary Bucholz of 2349 Galt with his dog "Pancho." The blackest dog contest ended in a tie between "Duffy," owned by Ginger Learning of 1101 Mitchell and "Effie," who belongs to Trudy Evans of 5409 Independence.

Other prizes included: Longest tail, "Larch," owned by Rose Marie Miller, 1727 Ward; Shortest tail, "Penny," owned by Kelly Smith of St. Francis Trailer Court; Longest hair, "Lady," owned by David Morrow of 2706 Dayton; Smallest dog, "Dango," owned by Mickey Golder of Airway Avenue; the trick dog prize was captured by "Copper," and his owner, Conrad Schweitzer of 316 East Main.

Special awards went to: "Totale," racing dog, owned by Butch Jeschke, 1511 Pleasant; "Tiny," best mutt, owned by Jo Ann Olson, 5011 Harlan Drive; "Mittens," kitten in burgundy, owned by Velva Lee Cook, 2128 Get'e "Nero," dressed up dog, owned by Susie Crank, 5218 Alva; "Laddie," a three-legged dog, owned by Lois Chaney, Airway Drive; "Pili," the "Red Ryder" dog owned by Joanne Merritt, 5221 Cottage; "Gretchen," the longest dog owned by Susan Albert of 2435 Eberlein and a cowboy dog, unnamed, entered by Johnny Bond of 4339 Altamont.

Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy Sunday.
High yesterday 69
Low last night 37

Truman Finally Opens Up, Hits Defense, Foreign Cuts

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman condemned defense budget slashes by the Eisenhower administration last night and chastised what he called a "reckless" wing of the GOP, blaming it for cuts in the Mutual Security program.

In his first formal speech since leaving the White House, private citizen Truman said he wanted to warn the people "soberly and plainly" not to be misled by the desire for lower taxes "into cutting corners on our national security."

"Increasing the risk of World War III means increasing the risk of atom bombs on our own homes," Truman told a national convention of the Reserve Officers Association.

He said a "balanced program" of military goals was worked out by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1951, and that they urged the targets to be achieved just as soon as possible after 1954.

"Because it was about that time," said Truman, "that they expected the Soviets to have amassed a stockpile of atomic bombs that would put this country in the gravest kind of danger."

"It is of the highest significance," he went on, "that Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg (retiring Air Force chief of staff) and Gen. Omar Bradley (retiring chief of staff) testified a little while ago that nothing has happened to change the strategic estimate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on which that program was based."

"As the President has said, our government sees no reliable evidence of any modification in the fundamental Soviet aim of world domination," Truman declared. "... if the Soviets are genuinely interested in real settlements, we must be able to negotiate from strength."

"If they are tempted to make war, we must be able to deter them by our strength."

Truman contended that the Soviet leaders "watch our national defense appropriations" and plan accordingly. He said there can be no doctrine "more dangerous than the notion that we cannot afford to defend ourselves."

"I am sorry to read, however," said Truman, "that a great deal has happened to cut that program down."

Obviously enjoying his out-of-office role, Truman began his talk with mellow mildness, confiding:

"I'm glad to be here as a private citizen—a retired colonel, if you please."

First reaction to the Truman address came from Leonard W. Hall, chairman of the Republican National Committee who declared:

"Mr. Truman is back at the old stand—sort on economy, sort on money and sort on communism."

In a statement issued in Washington Hall declared Mr. Truman was given a well-deserved rest by the American people, and he should take it.

Republican senators reactions to the speech were chilly. Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, said Truman is "still hooking feathers on dollar bills and calling them Air Force wings."

The Michigan senator said Truman "apparently forgot he impounded some 700 million dollars Congress voted for Air Force expansion." (This was in reference to action Oct. 29, 1949, when Truman ordered placed "in reserve" a \$15 million dollar item in military appropriations to build the Air Force to 58 groups, saying the size the House wanted would be inconsistent with a realistic and balanced security program which we can support in peacetime.)

"The American, British and French high commissioners for Germany discussed for two hours 35 minutes the dynamic developments of last week's workers' rebellion in the Soviet sector of Berlin and East Germany."

After the session, in French headquarters, U.S. Commissioner James B. Conant, British Commissioner Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick and French Commissioner Andre Francois-Poncet left for Bonn, the West German capital.

There was widespread speculation the Kremlin was about to offer new proposals for settlement of the German question and some expectation Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir Semenov might present them at Saturday's session.

One Western side said last night there was "just a chance" that Semenov might attend the meeting. He belatedly cleared away protocol obstacles to such a move last week by notifying the West he had taken over civilian occupation authority in the East zone from Soviet Gen. Vassily Chulikov.

The Western high commissioners left Bonn last night en route to their meeting here shortly after a rigged demonstration of loyalty to the East zone Communist government by East Berlin workers.

'No. 1 Headache' Nearly Saws Self Out of Jail
Harold Leroy Frank, who has been described as Klamath County law enforcement official's "No. 1 headache," pleaded guilty to attempted jail break Saturday.

District Judge D. E. Van Vactor remanded the defendant to the County Jail in lieu of \$500 bond and set Tuesday, 2 p.m., for sentence.

According to Sheriff Murray Britton, an "obliging girl friend" smuggled a hacksaw into Frank while he was awaiting disposition of an auto larceny charge against him.

Sheriff Britton said Frank made two attempts to cut his way out of jail before officers found the hacksaw.

Frank was recently brought back to Klamath Falls from Colorado Springs, Colo., where he had fled with a mortgaged automobile.

22 To Graduate From Fire School
Twenty-two volunteer members of the Suburban Fire Department are tonight to be graduated from the State Firemen's training program. There is to be a banquet at 7:30 preceded by a cocktail party.

An added feature is to be the first annual naming of the outstanding volunteer member of the force. The award is to be marked by the gift of a \$100 wrist watch.

The winning volunteer has been selected by department officers and members of the paid firemen's crew.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Chuck Taylor is to be here from Salem for the event, according to Suburban Chief Buster Gordon.

Philatelists Have 2 Treats
Philatelists have a double treat in store on Monday, June 29.

The Klamath Falls postoffice has received from the Postmaster General's office, a cancellation hub carrying a slogan commemorating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Grater Lake, with an outline map of the lake, which will be placed in use at 8 a.m. Monday. Its use will continue until Dec. 31, 1953.

The postoffice has received about 2000 collectors' covers to receive the first day cancellation that the slogan is used.

In addition, on Monday, the postoffice will dispatch between 3000 and 3000 first day flight of air mail covers on Route 77, which is the new West Coast Air Lines flight from Klamath Falls north.

These covers will also carry the Grater Lake slogan.

All of these first mail letters going on the first flight will be taken off the plane at Medford and back stamped with the Medford postmark on the reverse side and then dispatched on to their destination.

Collectors' covers should be addressed, with proper postage affixed and mailed in a separate cover to the postmaster at Klamath Falls, with the request that they be sent on the first flight of air mail Route 77.

Revenuers So Thick They Catch Each Other
ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. (AP)—The "revenuers" swooped down on a suspected still near here and flushed out three men and hundreds of gallons of mash.

Oscar Crowell and H. T. Giles, federal alcohol tax unit agents, and State Agents Dale Quillen and Harry Lauderdale smiled happily as they looked over their "haul."

The smiles faded fast when the "revenuers" turned out to be Cheatham County Sheriff Bruce Bradley and two of his deputies, on a raid of their own.

ROKs Reel Back Under New Blows
SEOUL (AP)—Thousands of Chinese Communists sent South Korean troops reeling back along a wide front today in a grinding renewal of the Red's two-week-old Pukhan River offensive.

At least two Chinese divisions—more than 20,000 soldiers—unleashed the assault on a 13-mile front on both sides of the Pukhan River, on the East-Central Front Friday night.

At one spot in the wild hills east of the river, the ROKs were forced back a mile and a quarter and were fighting desperately to hold. The Red gain was second only to the two-mile bulge the Communists punched in April in the same sector earlier this month.

Associated Press Correspondent Milo Farnett reported ROK soldiers on the west side of the river reeling back from El Paso Hill, or Lookout Mountain—at the junction of the Kumsong and Pukhan Rivers, and another nearby height in a fierce mid-morning counter-attack.

A full moon shining fitfully between cloud layers illumined the bitter night-long fighting. At daybreak, waves of Allied fighter bombers swarmed over Red fortifications and dumped 300-pound bombs and bullets.

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35-Minute Jury Verdict Ends Trial

DOWNING
After a 35-minute jury deliberation, Judge David R. Vandenberg today found Charles Gaymon Jr. not guilty of the slaying of Willie Watson, one of the most unusual trials in Circuit Court history.

The case was finally given to the jury by Judge David R. Vandenberg, the charge against Gaymon had been reduced from second degree murder to manslaughter.

Within a short time after the trial got underway last Monday, Judge Vandenberg told the jury he didn't believe the prosecution had sufficient evidence to convict Gaymon and that he also believed the indictment was defective.

Judge Vandenberg pointed out to Prosecutor Frank Alderson that he had advised the District Attorney's office three times before the trial started to make certain the indictment was sound.

Friday morning Judge Vandenberg dismissed the second degree murder count and ordered the prosecution to proceed against the defendant for manslaughter.

Defense attorneys Ben Goddard and George Proctor rested their case without offering any testimony. Their motion for a directed verdict of not guilty on the manslaughter count was denied by Judge Vandenberg.

At this juncture Judge Vandenberg declared he did not believe there was not sufficient evidence to prove manslaughter.

"However," he added, "I am going to let the jury decide the issue."

The court called attention to the testimony of Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell, one of the last witnesses called by the prosecution.

"Mrs. Caldwell told us that she saw the defendant chasing Willie Watson. She saw two men running down the street and became excited. She probably would go crazy at a track meet."

Judge Vandenberg also told the jury he did not believe Gaymon intended to kill Willie Watson.

"Willie Watson was stabbed in the leg," he said. "If Gaymon wanted to kill Willie Watson, he would probably have cut his throat or stabbed him in the heart."

After he dismissed the second degree murder count, Judge Vandenberg recessed court for 10 minutes to give Prosecutor Alderson time to procure additional evidence to support the manslaughter charge.

Earlier the judge announced that if Gaymon was found guilty of the slaying the County Court would be requested to finance an appeal for him to the Oregon Supreme Court.



CHARLES GAYMON JR., leaves the Circuit Court Room after being freed yesterday by a jury verdict holding him innocent of manslaughter. Earlier, Judge David Vandenberg had dismissed a second degree murder count against Gaymon. —Photo by Thompson

Western Union's Head Through Here

Walter P. Marshall, president of Western Union, conferred briefly here today with E. P. Livingston, Western Union manager here.

Marshall, currently touring the country for a first hand investigation of Western Union service, arrived here on Southern Pacific train No. 20 and talked matters over with Livingston for the 30 minute interval the train was here.

Marshall said his tour of inspection would mark the launching of a nationwide expansion program to meet steadily growing demands for its new facsimile and private wire services.

He said that Western Union had already completed a mechanization program that "has revolutionized the nation's telegraph system."

Other top Western Union officials accompanied Marshall.

DR. LAHEY DIES
BOSTON (AP)—Dr. Frank H. Lahey, 73, internationally famous surgeon and founder and director of the Boston clinic that bears his name, died Saturday at New England Baptist Hospital.



TYPICAL OF THE COLORFUL entries in today's Kiddies parade was this trio comprised of (l to r) Virginia Battis, Benny Nygren and Cherry Wolff.

New County Dog Pound Promised

A new Klamath County dog pound will be constructed as soon as possible in a remote area.

This was the assurance given South Suburban residents by the County Dog Commission, it was announced Saturday.

A group of citizens appeared at a special meeting of the commission Friday and demanded that the dog pound, privately-operated but county-financed at \$146 Miller, be abolished.

The place was described as a health menace. An investigation by the district attorney's office revealed that stray dogs were confined in dilapidated auto bodies.

Mrs. O. L. Boorman, chairman of the citizens committee, said that she had been informed by county officials that all dogs picked up by the county dog catcher will be taken to the City Dog Pound until the new county animal shelter is placed in operation.

Rhee Happy; Hopes Rise

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea's President Syngman Rhee was described as "very happy" today following a 40-minute secret conference with a special truce emissary from Washington and the top U. N. military commander.

Speculation mounted that the stubborn old statesman might accept an armistice.

No new conferences were scheduled. Most members of Rhee's Cabinet went into closed door session immediately after the session. Members of the U. N. delegation met at the U. S. embassy.

It was not disclosed whether Rhee set a new price for accepting a truce.

But high sources were quoted as saying he might agree if the U. S. gives him an iron-clad pledge to come to his aid in the event of a new Red attack.

Indian Has Reply To No Sense Of Humor Assertion

GEARHART (AP)—William Pace of the Utah Liquor Control Commission told the Western regional conference of the National Alcohol Beverage Association Friday, that a psychiatrist had told him Indians have no sense of humor and therefore became morbid "instead of normally light-hearted" when drinking.

But an Indian told him, Pace said, that Indians have to drink fast to get their "money" worth before they are caught with the goods. So naturally, they get drunk.

He offered these thoughts in explanation of the widely held belief that Indians cannot handle liquor.

Kiddies Parade Biggest Yet; Jamboree Ball Slated Later

The Kiddies Parade today kept pace with other Roundup events by blossoming out larger and more colorful than in past years. Each Roundup event is surpassing previous years and Roundup directors are confidently looking forward to another record in attendance this year at the three Roundup Rodeos, July 2, 3 and 4.

The Kiddies Parade down Main Street this morning was a gay conglomeration of boys and girls in all manner of costume. Some rode, some walked and all delighted a surprisingly large crowd lining the parade route.

An added attraction was a band formed by LaMar Jensen from youngsters studying music in the public schools.

Today's band was only a small segment of the big All-Basin High School Band.

Merchants contributed many gifts. There were several prize gifts and at press time today judges were still making out their lists of winners.

Tonight, the Roundup Jamboree Ball is scheduled as a six-hour fun marathon. Square dancing, with music by the Bend Cornpopers, is to get under way at 7:30; at 10, Baldy's Band is to take the stage and play for popular dancing until 1:30. During the evening, the famous Caribbees' singing and novelty entertaining group, will be presented in their act.

Roundup Queen Catherine Dearborn and the Roundup princesses were featured in this morning's parade and they are also to be presented at tonight's Jamboree Ball.

The Klamath Saddle Club was also represented in this morning's parade and tonight two of the Saddle Clubbers—Bessie Page and Dorothy Kirkpatrick—are to be official escorts for the Roundup girls at the ball.

The busy queen and her princesses today were toying with the idea of slipping off tomorrow for a swim session. The girls have not had a free day since June 14 and after tomorrow, their schedules continue without letup until the concluding Fourth of July rodeo.

KFLW is to broadcast the Jamboree Ball from 9:30 to 10 and from 10:30 to 11.

Crash Nearly Drowns Woman

Mrs. Agnes Jurgensen, 723 Upham, was in Klamath Valley Hospital today following an accident early this morning in which a car overturned in a water-filled ditch on the Crystal Springs Road.

Mrs. Jurgensen, trapped in the wrecked car, was reported to have almost drowned before she was freed and she required artificial respiration at the scene. She was taken to the hospital by Kaler's ambulance.

T. D. Thompson suffered minor hurts in the wreck and was released after treatment at the hospital.

Driver of the car, Cliff Sandlin, 4500 Green Springs, was uninjured, according to the investigating State Police officer.

Sandlin told the investigating officer the accident was caused by a blowout which caused the car to swerve off the road. Both Sandlin and Mrs. Jurgensen were trapped in the overturned car. Thompson managed to escape by kicking out a window and he then freed Sandlin and Mrs. Jurgensen.

The accident occurred a little after 1 a.m., according to police.

Import Barriers Tighten July 1 On Cheese, Milk, Other Ag Products

OTTAWA (AP)—Through a combination of embargoes, quota restrictions and higher tariffs, the United States tightens her import barriers July 1 against cheese, milk and other agricultural products.

Trade officials estimate the new curbs may reduce Canada's trade with the United States by more than \$2,000,000 a year.

Canada in 1952 sold the United States about \$2,750,000 worth of the dairy items hit by the curbs. After July 1, officials estimate, the shipments may be reduced to about \$800,000 a year.

The drop may not be large when compared with Canada's overall \$2,300,000,000 exports to the U. S. last year, but officials see other implications in the move.

The dairy restrictions, they fear, may be the beginning of curbs in other categories of American imports.

Prime Minister St. Laurent in his opening election speech June 22 said high-tariff exponents in the U. S. are gaining strength. He added:

"The utmost vigilance and the greatest available wisdom and skill will be needed. If Canada's interests in greater trade are to be promoted successfully in the U. S. and elsewhere in the world."

Under the new curbs Canada's small American Cheddar cheese market will be cut by half.

The American market for dried buttermilk will be cut to one-twelfth of the 1952 size and its dried whole milk market virtually eliminated.