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PRO-RED POW'S TURNED LOOSE

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...S $481.50 TRICYCLE—or at least that is its worth ...owing Thursday night's radio auction—was donated to ... March of Dimes benefit by Gail Putman, himself a ...im of polio. Little Gail, 5½ years old, considers his ...e his favorite and best toy. Besides letting him have ... it helped to strengthen his leg muscles, and last Tues... Gail took his first steps alone since becoming a victim ...nfantile paralysis at the age of 15 months. Now he ... given his trike to help some other polio victim. The ...e was auctioned over KFLW Thursday night, and Dutch ...ding brought the amount to $481.50. The auction will ...tinue Saturday night, from 9 to 10 p.m., and from 10:15 ... until all merchandise has been sold. Gail is the son ...Mr. and Mrs. Gail Putman Sr., 2020 Garden.

"Flying Finns" Fly Into Trouble Again; Handcuff US Attorney In "Arrest"

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The embattled Irish twins, George and Charles Finn, are back in jail today after another flamboyant brush with the federal government during which they handcuffed the United States attorney and threw officialdom into an uproar.

The "Flying Finns," former Air Force pilots, have been having legal trouble with the government for more than a year in connection with their claims to ownership of a $70,000 war surplus C46 transport plane.

The unpredictable 38-year-old twins yesterday handcuffed U. S. Atty. Laughlin E. Waters in an attempted "citizen's arrest" as he came out of the Biltmore Hotel, where he had addressed the Los Angeles Bar Assn.

They accused him of "conspiracy against the rights of citizens and deprivation of rights under cover of the law." They said he had been giving them the "brushoff" and refused to discuss with them the government's seizure of the plane they purchased a year ago from the Bakersfield, Calif., school district, which had used it for a mechanical training course.

Events that followed read like the script of a comic opera.

"Before I knew what was happening they had snapped a handcuff on my right wrist," Waters said. George Finn then snapped the other handcuff to his own right wrist, while Charles called police.

"We're not going to have any part of this," police officers said when they arrived and recognized Waters. But the U. S. attorney for southern California demanded that he be taken to the central police station and the police agreed to furnish transportation.

Once at the station things really began to happen. Police Inspector James Lawrence demanded that the Finns release Waters.

"We know our rights," the Finns answered. "We've been ignored long enough. We're starting to fight back now."

Police Chief William H. Parker shrugged: "This beats anything I ever saw. I don't know what it's all about."

"People can't go around arresting the U. S. attorney in our city," said Jack Irwin, acting mayor.

The Finns and Waters, trailed by officials, reporters and photographers, went to the offices of Dist. Atty. S. Ernest Roll and discussed the situation in detail. Waters went free, of course, and the twin brothers were taken before the U. S. commissioner and arraigned on a charge of assaulting a federal officer, then jailed in lieu of $10,000 felony bail.

The Finns' difficulties with the government began when federal authorities told them they had no right to purchase the transport plane, which had been condemned for future flying service. The twins ignored the government and a year ago flew the plane to an isolated field near Death Valley. They were arrested but the case against them collapsed because the government couldn't prove which of the brothers actually had flown the plane from Bakersfield.

The plane since has been impounded at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and the twins have been trying futilely to regain it.

The Finn brothers, who spend much of their time readling law books, are still confident. "We've done nothing wrong," they told newsmen.

Said Waters: "I must admit I was a bit scared of what they might do."

Northwest Weather On Warmer Side

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Slides hampered highway and rail travel in parts of the Pacific Northwest Friday as a break in the cold wave brought rain and rapid thawing in western sections.

A big earth and rock slide occurred Friday morning on the main Portland-Seattle rail line 10 miles north of Vancouver, Wash. Debris 12 feet deep covered the tracks for 100 feet, halting rail traffic for an indefinite period.

Stevens Pass, one of the main cross-state routes over the Cascade Mountains in Washington, was closed indefinitely by slides.

In Oregon, the Coast and Salmon River Highways were blocked Friday and travel on the Columbia River Highway was made hazardous by a "silver thaw" in The Dalles area.

Heavy new snow slowed traffic on other Cascade passes.

There was a quick change from below-zero weather that occurred earlier this week in Eastern Oregon and Washington. The Weather Bureau at Seattle reported 7 above at Ellensburg, Wash., and 12 above at Pendleton, Ore., were lowest temperatures listed early Friday.

Heavy rain caused slush and a quick run-off in some areas west of the mountains. Precipitation ranged from 1 to 2 inches at many cities and reached 3.51 inches at Astoria, Ore.

The Weather Bureau said the warmer weather was caused by a low pressure area moving in from the southwest and forcing cold air northward.

High winds accompanied the weather change in some sections. Portland had gusts to 70 miles an hour Thursday night.

Stock Sales Still Soaring

DENVER (AP) — Livestock sales continued to soar Friday as the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo entered its next to last day.

Show officials predicted transactions may hit $8,500,000. One termed the sales "just short of fantastic" and a shot in the arm to the livestock industry.

If it proves accurate, the predicted figure would make the 48th annual livestock exposition the third best in a decade. Only 1951, with $9,000,000 in receipts, and 1952's record $9,500,000 would surpass it.

Albert Reinhardt, secretary-treasurer of the Denver Union Stockyard Co., declared the brisk exchange "should dispell any gloom and do much to encourage the livestock industry."

Top in Thursday's sales was the $55.77 per 100 pounds paid by John Hubley of Mason City, Ill., for a carload of 26 Hereford steer calves in the feeder auction. The cattle, sold by Mike Hinman of Kremmling, Colo., brought $3.77 more per hundredweight than last year's top mark.

THE HAY SITUATION was the subject of conversation when Earl Ager (left) and Doc Noggle (right) were talking it over with Arkansas' State Senator Marvin Melton yesterday. Melton, who is touring the Western States to survey the situation and arrange for hay purchases for his drought-stricken state, had high praise for the Tulelake hay crop.

Some Oregon Roads Blocked

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Coast and Salmon River Highways were blocked Friday, and travel on the Columbia River Highway was hazardous because of a silver thaw in The Dalles area.

The closure on the Coast Highway was caused by a new slide near Brighton in Tillamook county. The section had been closed for several days, but the new slide—third in recent weeks—occurred Friday just as the old slide was cleared. A detour is available on the county road between Garibaldi and Mohler.

The Salmon River route, which is between Salem and the coast, was blocked by falling trees between Grand Ronde and Otis Junction.

The Bellevue-Hopewell Highway in Yamhill County was closed by high water.

Chains are required at Siskiyou Summit on the Pacific Highway, on the Green Springs Highway in Southern Oregon, at The Dalles, and on the East Diamond Lake Highway.

Motorists should carry chains at Government Camp, Timberline, Chemult, Bly, Lakeview, Austin and Seneca.

Timberline reported 10 inches of new snow. The snowfall in the Cascade passes amounted to only three or four inches in the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. Friday.

Heavy rains during the night washed much of the snow off Willamette and Santiam Passes, and at Warm Springs Junction.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Intermittent snow through Saturday; windy at times. High Saturday 38; low Friday night 30.

High yesterday	35
Low last night	25
Precip last 24 hours	.03
Since Oct. 1	7.83
Same period last year	8.84
Normal for period	6.08

SCOLD

ROME (AP) — Former Premier Alcide de Gasperi, who steered Italy clear of postwar communism scolded the American and British press today for "exaggerating" the current Red threat in Italy.

Tulelake Hay Draws High Praise From Arkansas' Senator On Buying Trip

By OTTO ELLIS

Alfalfa hay from the Tulelake Basin came in for considerable praise Thursday by Marvin Melton, state senator from Arkansas.

Senator Melton is making a tour of seven western states as a personal representative of Arkansas' Governor Francis Cherry to investigate hay conditions and arrange for the purchase of more feed for the drought stricken areas in Arkansas.

"Alfalfa hay shipped to us from the Tulelake area is superior to any other hay we have received," Melton said, "consequently we have received more hay from this district than any other."

In his tour Melton stopped at San Francisco and Sacramento, and leaving here by plane will stop at Salem, Portland and Seattle. On his return trip he plans to survey the feed situation in Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado and South Dakota.

Arkansas will need 2,000 cars of hay to feed through the winter with about 1,300 cars already used, Melton stated. Tulelake will furnish from 300 to 400 cars of this total.

When asked as to the seriousness of the drought in his home state, Senator Melton reported they had cut not over a 20 per cent hay crop in 1953. Farmers have cut down trees so that cattle could feed on the foliage to ward off starvation, he added.

Arkansas and southern Missouri were the hardest hit by the drought with an estimated average of 25 per cent of the trees up to two foot in diameter dead from lack of moisture, and his state started the new year with a shortage of about a quarter of a million head of cattle due to forced selling and starvation last summer and fall, Melton concluded.

Hogback Fall Hurts Worker

A tumble from a cliff on Hogback mountain shortly before noon Thursday sent a California Oregon Power Company lineman to the Klamath Valley hospital suffering from cuts and bruises.

Working with a power company repair crew on a line to the state police radio tower on top of the mountain, C. E. Taylor, 3953 Clinton, lost his footing and rolled down a rocky ledge.

Taylor was not seriously injured but will be confined to the hospital for a short time, according to the attending phycicians.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
60 cars	55 cars

Total For Season

1953-54	1952-53
5971 cars	6657 cars

Sitdown Strike In Progress

By BILL SHINN

PANMUNJOM (AP) — The Korean War prisoners who stirred world wide controversy by their refusal to go home were turned loose Saturday.

Twenty - one Americans, 1 Briton and 327 Koreans who chose Communism were abandoned by Indian guards in a flimsy neutral zone compound at 12:01 a.m. (7:01 a.m. Friday PST).

The pro-Red POWs said they would stay until their food runs out, echoing the demand of the Communist command that Indian troops stay on.

The U.N. command liberated as civilians the nearly 22,000 anti-Red captives returned to it Wednesday by the Indian command — a course the Allies assert was required by the armistice.

ABOARD SHIPS

When official freedom came, more than 14,000 Chinese anti-Red POWs already were aboard American ships en route to Chinese Nationalist Formosa. More than 7,500 anti-Communist North Koreans were in South Korean army centers.

An Indian officer said the pro-Communist north camp was "absolutely quiet." There was no celebration among the Koreans. A ROK official said most were asleep.

Some of the freed prisoners had been in stockades almost from the start of the Korean War 3 ½ years ago.

Allied insistence that no prisoners be forced to go home against their will was a major stumbling block in the prolonged armistice talks.

MARCH SEEN

The pro-Red American, British and South Korean POWs started a sitdown strike in their compound. The purpose was to back the Communist position that they should be held until their fate is decided by a Korean peace conference. But it was considered likely that when their food runs out they will march north — and vanish behind the Iron Curtain.

The Indian command made a final appeal Friday for the Reds to accept the pro-Communist prisoners, but it was rejected.

Instead, the Reds warned Indian Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya it would consider the Indians responsible for seeing that there is no "abduction and dispersion" of the pro-Reds.

The Indian commander met with leaders of the pro-Red compound, U.S. Sgt. Richard G. Corden of East Providence, R. I., British Marine Andrew Condron and three leaders of the South Korean POWs.

Busy Little Bee Theory Busted

CORVALLIS (AP)—The well known busy little bee is really not as busy as he might be. The busy bee is the big bumble bee.

Oregon State College researchers reported Friday that the bumble bee works four to five hours a day more than the common honey bee.

And so, William Stephen, research entomologist at the college, is studying the 23 species of bumble bee found in the Pacific Northwest in the hope of taming at least one of them and putting it to work carrying pollen to fertilize crops.

One trouble, he says, is that while they are hard workers, they would just as soon knock off and sting anybody who's handy. And, unlike the honey bee, the bumble bee doesn't have to quit after one sting. It can keep at it.

The ...ay's News

By FRANK JENKINS

...latest word on Korea—about ...oming

...anti-commie POW's (some ...e them) have been turned ...t the approximate 21,000, ...4,000 are Chinese. They've ...sent to Formosa.

...magine they'll be very, very ...y to get there and I suspect ...most of them, after their grim ...ience with the communists, ...wish to goodness that Chiang ...hek, with all his faults, was ...running all of China.

...that wish, most Americans ...oin. Chiang's government was ...rom perfect, but from our ...point it was vastly better than ...so's. The pinko propagandists ...old us the bill of goods that ...hinese communists were ...grarian reformers and really ...KIND OF PEOPLE made an ... mess of things and set up ...for communist domination.

...t of the 349 pro-commie ...s — including the 21 Amer... and one Briton?

...l, their communist buddies ...hey want no part of them, ...refuse to accept them. The ...pander of the Indian neutral ..., thus put on the hot spot, ...he'll simply throw open the ... of their compound and let ...o where they please.

... 349 pro-commies say they'll ...it tight and GO NOWHERE.

...eckon they're full-blown com...sts. At least, they're acting ...art to the pink of perfection.

...ut the only bright spot I can ...n the whole situation is that ...is is written no shooting has ...reported. If we can postpone ...shooting long enough, maybe ...eriod can get back to an ap...mation of common sense.

...uldn't that be splendid?

...might be worth while to ex... here this word "compound" ...has been so prevalent in the ...ever since we got mixed up ...e Orient.

...s a corruption of the Malay ..."kampun." In the East In... India, China and Southeast ...generally, a "kampun" is an ...ure containing a house, out...ngs, etc. — especially an en...e of that sort occupied by ...ners.

...the word has been used in ..., we could call a compound ..."osegow" and not be too far

...ncing from the troubled ... to the hopeful Klam... country, George Davis, ...ent of the Klamath County ...ber of commerce, says at the ...ber's annual meeting:

... no time in the last 25 years ... I seen more enthusiasm for ...ture here. The Klamath coun... the brightest spot in the ... of Oregon. We are not in a ... - and - bust phase. Instead, ... on an even, steady plane of ...mic growth and develop...

...ink it's worth recalling that ...lamath country has made its ...est strides at the times when

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Dope Agents Make Mistake

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former Chinese vice consul here, running to his automobile to take his two daughters to school, was fired on by mistake Thursday night by police and federal narcotics agents making a raid.

Six bullets struck C. C. Lee's car but neither he nor his daughters, Mary 11, and Laura 9 was hurt.

Thoroughly frightened, Lee, a 38 year old insurance broker, sped away, found a policeman, and reported.

The raidera — two policemen and three federal agents—apologized.

They were closing in to raid an apartment building next to Lee's home when the man and his daughters, a trifle late, ran to the car and started hurriedly to enter.

One agent, mistaking Lee for a fleeing suspect, ordered him to halt.

Lee, mistaking the agent for a holdup man, sped away instead.

Then several raiders opened fire.

Despite all the shooting, the delayed raid netted two suspects.

60 KILLED

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Railway authorities announced Friday that 60 were killed and 50 injured in Thursday's crash of the Pakistan Mail express 75 miles north of Karachi.

8TH GRADE STUDENTS AT FREMONT, Carolyn Croft and Marceilla Willard were in line with the nine o'clock cameraman's lens this morning.

Recreation Officials Look Over Klamath's New Pool, Discuss Future

Klamath Falls' municipal swimming pool was the subject of much discussion and an extensive tour when Willard H. Shumard, northwest district representative of the National Recreation Association, met with persons vitally interested in recreation in the community.

Shumard was guest at a luncheon Thursday at the Pelican Cafe. Present were Bob Bonney, city park and recreation director; members of the city council, park and recreation boards; Bert Stott, Moore Park superintendent; Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of city schools; Paul Campbell, director of the YMCA.

Shumard explained the work of the NRA as a clearing house since 1906 for things pertaining to recreation. It aids in coordinating the activities of city, county and state departments and informs members of developments in other places.

Shumard, as an NRA representative, travels throughout his district keeping abreast of developments and passing on suggestions to member departments. Klamath Falls' recreation department has been a member of the national association since 1947.

Following the luncheon, guests toured the swimming pool, which Shumard described as remarkable in its shape, which is also deceiving as to its size. The recreation director discussed with the group the importance of program planning when the pool goes into use.

"A good program will give you the utmost usage of your pool and make it pay," he said, and added that the program should include water safety, first aid, beginners' and adult classes, with certain hours for physically handicapped, classes for women, free swims for children, and should encourage adult swimming.

COOPERATION BETWEEN recreation departments and schools brings more extensive and more efficient recreation programs, according to Willard Shumard, center, Northwest district representative of the National Recreation Association. He is shown discussing the possibilities with Bob Bonney, left, city park and recreation director, and Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of city schools. Shumard, on an official visit to Klamath Falls, encouraged broader use of school facilities and personnel by recreation officials, a practice which is becoming more and more prevalent in cities all through the Northwest.