

ULT BASE SLATED FOR KLAMATH

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you've read (or listened to) in the past few days the dramatic and thrilling story of John Hvasta. It is a grim story with an apparently happy ending.

Hvasta was born a Czech. He was naturalized as an American citizen. He went to RED Czechoslovakia after the communist subversives had taken over FREE Czechoslovakia and made it into a slave satellite of red Russia.

He was arrested by the reds and held in prison for years. He escaped—and became a fugitive in a hostile land. In the course of time he found refuge in OUR EMBASSY in Prague and was eventually smuggled out of red Czechoslovakia and has just got back to America.

We know the rest of the story, including the joy of his family—all but his Czech wife, whom he married while in prison. There are intimations that she can't be located in Czechoslovakia. So maybe she too may have got out from behind the Iron Curtain. We'll hope so.

A point to remember: Until Korea, we hadn't been in a war (hot or cold) with an enemy such as these communists since the days of the Sioux and the Apaches. THE SIOUX AND THE APACHES WERE SIMPLE SAVAGES. These communists have the cruel instincts of the savage, plus the peculiar twisted and distorted but diabolically clever mind of a communist.

We must keep that fact in mind in the cold war we're waging against them.

Also we must keep in mind that the communists hope to TAKE US OVER, as they took over free Czechoslovakia—NOT by armed force in open warfare, but by infiltration and subversion. That's why they seek to infiltrate our government with communist sympathizers.

An interesting tale in the news is that of the 66-year-old Detroit recluse who dressed in rags, lived in a hut and was thought by her neighbors to be impoverished. She was severely beaten the other day by burglars who probably got an inkling that she might have valuables lying around loose and broken into her home.

Police, responding to a call from her after the beating and entering, found nearly a half million dollars in cash and securities hidden away in her shack.

Is that a crime? NO! This is a free country. If that's the way she wants to handle HER PROPERTY, it is her right to handle it that way.

But it's a tragedy. Think of the fun she might have had and the good she might have done if she had used her wealth more intelligently.

A word in conclusion about doing good.

In order to do GOOD, she didn't have to give her money away in a Lady Bountiful. If she had invested it in businesses and industries that had used it to BUY MORE TOOLS WITH she would have made it possible for American industry to apply more human labor to natural resources, thus creating more jobs and more wealth.

It's JOBS that in the modern world (or the ancient world, for that matter) make for greater human happiness.

The affair of the Detroit recluse is pretty well covered by the parable of the talents, as related by Matthew.

A man of substance, Matthew tells us, was going on a journey to a far country. So he called his servants into his presence and delivered to them his goods. To one he gave five talents (a talent being a sum of money). To another he gave two talents. To a third he gave one.

When he returned from his journey, he called his servants before him for an accounting. The one who had received the five talents had traded with the money and had made an additional five. The one who received the two talents had likewise doubled his capital. The third (the one-talent man) had "dug in the earth and hid his lord's money."

To the servant who had doubled his five-talent investment, the master said: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee master over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

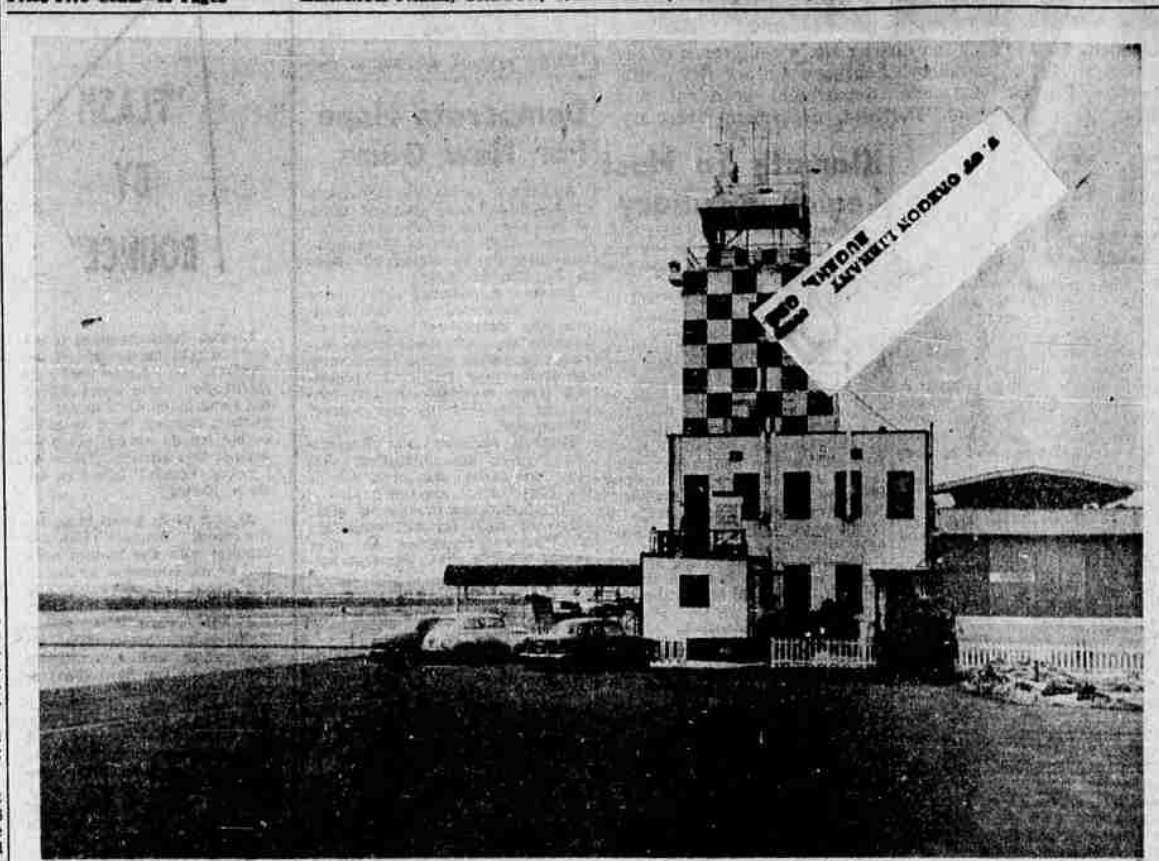
To the one who had doubled his two-talent capital by wise investment and careful handling, he said the same. But to the one who had neither imagination nor courage and had dug in the earth and hid his money away, he said:

"Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sow not and gather where I have not sown. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury."

He then said to his retainers: "Take therefore the talent from him and give it unto him which hath ten talents."

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A JET INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON may soon be stationed at the Klamath Falls airport according to word received yesterday by Senator Guy Cordon. No details of the proposed reactivation program have been revealed by the Western Defense Command, but plans already announced call for expansion of the runways to handle the 50,000 pound jet interceptors as well as arranging for living quarters for pilots, crews and maintenance companies.

Trial Delay Frees Woman

SALEM (AP) — Bonnie Lee Kuhnhausen, serving life for a Clackamas County murder, was ordered freed Wednesday by the Oregon Supreme Court, which decided 4 to 3 that she was denied her constitutional right to a speedy trial.

Miss Kuhnhausen and Elmer Dorsey Williams were convicted of the murder of Jalmor Tarkia, the state contending that they met him in a tavern near Oregon City and took him out to beat him and rob him.

Tarkia died Jan. 19, 1952, three days after he was beaten. Williams was tried, convicted and sentenced to a life term in April in Clackamas County Circuit Court. He didn't appeal.

But Miss Kuhnhausen's trial was set over until the July term. After her conviction, she appealed on the ground she didn't get a speedy trial.

In the majority opinion, Justice Walter L. Toole wrote: "By virtue of the constitutional provision guaranteeing a speedy trial to an accused person, criminal trials have a preference over the trial of civil cases. The fact that a number of civil cases had been set for trial is no excuse whatever for the failure to set promptly for trial a criminal case that is at issue."

Chief Justice Earl C. LaBoutette and Justices Harold Warner and Hall S. Luck dissented.



ROY RICHARDSON was caught by the nine o'clock photographer this morning while checking over the magazines at the Economy Cash Grocery out on Altamont Drive.

Korean President Bitter Over U. N. Plans; Says He Will Fight Chinese Alone

SEOUL (AP) — President Syngman Rhee said today he is determined to reopen the war against the Chinese Reds occupying North Korea, and he warned that if necessary he will go ahead without American support.

"I am not bluffing," he said. "The President of the Republic of Korea made the statement in an interview with this correspondent."

Except in general terms, he did not specify when he will order his armies to attack, but he said: "Time is rapidly running out. We shall have to act soon or perish."

In both manner and speech, he gave every evidence that he means what he says. He repeated several times: "I am not bluffing. I can't bluff now."

He criticized American policy as "mistaken" in discussing peace with the Chinese and said: "Unification through a political conference is ridiculous."

The President gave these reasons for the position he is taking: 1. He is convinced the Chinese themselves will reopen the war whenever they are ready.

"They have not given up their ambition for the whole of Korea. They will attack again."

2. He believes that the present armistice, like the talks in 1951, is merely to gain time for the military buildup.

3. The buildup is in progress, he said. "This Communist army has new weapons from the Soviets, including a strong air arm and many giant tanks."

4. Even assuming the Chinese do not attack in the near future—which he does not assume—he said a vivisection Korea cannot live.

He was speaking from a point of view of food, industry and general economics.

Therefore, he said, "we must strike first. It is no war of aggression to liberate part of our own soil. We want only what is our own."

Does he have any fear that a South Korean attack on the Chinese might touch off the third world war?

He smiled grimly and asked: "If Soviet Russia was not ready to start the third world war when we went to the Yalu River in 1950, why should it start now?"

The President conceded that from a standpoint of supplies and materials the South Korean armies would have "a hard time." He said he hoped that the very least he could expect was support in the form of ammunition, gasoline and the like.

"If the United States will simply back us up with that men will do the fighting," he said. He was sure that ROK forces could clear North Korea of the Chinese. Actually, most competent American observers in Korea do not believe the ROKs could press an offensive very long without both supplies and air cover from the United States. Nevertheless, Rhee said he will "go it alone" whether or not such assistance is forthcoming.

What the ROKs have in the form of stockpiled ammunition and supplies naturally is not publishable. In any case, the President seems completely convinced that there is no alternative open for South Korea.

Bodenheim Slayer Found

NEW YORK (AP) — A scar-faced, 25-year-old disheveled admitted Wednesday, police said, that he shot Maxwell Bodenheim, who was found slain Sunday with his wife.

The admission by Harold Weinberg came a few minutes after he had been found hiding only a few blocks away from the squalid East Side room where the two bodies were found, the police reported.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Ruth Fagan, 35, Bodenheim's third wife, were obscure.

Police said at one point in the questioning Weinberg said Bodenheim fatally stabbed the woman, but then he became incoherent. An investigator said there was no reason to believe the novelist-poet killed his wife.

When Weinberg was captured a polished Boy Scout knife was found in his clothing, police said. It will be given a laboratory examination.

Two detectives were reported to have been sent to Baltimore to check a Weinberg statement that he had left the 22 rifle with which Bodenheim was slain, in a rooming house there.

Weinberg was found hiding, police said, in a basement of a tenement about a mile from the dingy scene of the killings. He was found by detectives Cy Goll and Harry Feigman.

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KF Airport In Line For Air Force Interceptor Squadron

Efforts started three years ago by the city of Klamath Falls and the local chamber of commerce paid off yesterday when Senator Guy Cordon announced that the Air Force will reactivate the Klamath Falls airport as a part of their move to expand and build toward a 137 wing program.

Following a series of inspections by Air Force and Western Defense Command officers and personnel the local site was chosen as the base for a jet interceptor unit designed to plug the hole in the present defense setup along the Pacific Coast.

At present there are no interceptor bases between Portland and Hamilton Field, California, located in the San Francisco Bay area.

Plans call for expansion of the runways by 1000 feet, some 500 feet on either end of the present 6000 foot runways, and acquisition of additional land to the extent of some 85 acres.

Mayor Paul Landry said this morning that the city will cooperate in every way in seeing that suitable agreements over purchase of land, maintenance and operating costs of the big facility and other incidental details are reached.

25 JETS

Unofficial information points to the fact that there may be a total of 31 planes stationed at the local field, 25 jet interceptors and six conventional craft for routine use. The number of men to be stationed here may be as high as 500, although no definite picture has been revealed by the Air Force.

Area to be taken over would include, in addition to use of the runways, the concrete hangar, the

BOQ, until recently operated as Klamath Falls the two big fuel storage tanks and some other equipment necessary to maintenance of the post.

The reactivation program will not interfere with the present use of the site by Carlson, the Bureau of Reclamation's offices, nor with private flyers.

The tower will be put in full operational use which will permit

All Quiet On Klamath Vice Front

All seemed quiet on the Klamath Falls vice front Wednesday and most of the principals in the brothel battle declined comment.

District Attorney Frank Alderson, who is spearheading a drive to have Klamath Falls permanently removed from the "red light network," discussed the evils of prostitution.

Alderson quoted from a treatise on the subject a utterred by Attorney General Robert Y. Thompson who is backing the district attorney's campaign to rid Klamath Falls of houses of prostitution.

Alderson said Klamath Falls has been a link in an underground prostitute chain operating on the Pacific Coast which brings to the city narcotics traffic and other evils.

The district attorney also said that a survey shows that approximately 40 per cent of prostitutes are narcotic addicts. He added that the "red light network" extends from San Diego to Alaska and syndicated vice is big business.

Alderson also cited prostitution as a health menace and a prime spreader of venereal diseases. He pointed out that the American Medical Association has stated that medical examination of prostitutes is not effective.

"The attorney general," Alderson declared, "informed me that an around - the - clock brothel in one Eastern Oregon city had to recess its operations because five of the girls were infected with a venereal disease."

Alderson added he is willing to discuss the pros and cons of prostitution with anyone.

The complete text of Alderson's formal statement to the press appears on page 3.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Cloudy Thursday. High Thursday 45; low Wednesday night 27.

High yesterday 39
Low last night 24
Precip last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 9.78
Same period last year 10.27
Normal for period 7.25

KLAMATH BASIN

POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
52 cars	32 cars
Total For Season	
1953-54 7167 cars	1952-53 8102 cars

effective control of commercial, private and military aircraft. In addition the city will maintain the steel hangar, currently used for storage of private planes and for National Guard equipment.

Money for the base and for the maintenance and expansion has been included in the current budget requests before Congress.

As to when work will start at the field there is no definite word. On an earlier inspection tour of the facility one of the military chiefs remarked that "if we started on this project today it would be a year before we could wind it up."

That would indicate that at least a portion of the necessary construction will be started in the very near future.

Initial work on the reactivation of the field was started in 1951 under Bob Thompson, then mayor. Lawrence Slater, chairman of the airport commission, and the chamber of commerce. A brief was prepared by these groups and submitted to both Senator Cordon and to Senator Morse. Subsequently the briefs were submitted in person by Thompson and Slater to members of the Western Defense Command at Hamilton Field, and it is from this group that the decision to reactivate the field came.

The situation has been pressed consistently, both by the former city administration and by Mayor Landry and his administration, always along the line that this was no "pork barrel" project designed to get the city's hands on some federal monies, but only as a bona fide defense project.

Court Gives Libel Opinion

SALEM (AP) — It's possible for a dead man to commit libel, the Oregon Supreme Court said Wednesday in ordering trial of a \$250,000 libel suit against a dead man's estate.

The Multnomah County suit was brought by Harrison Mercer Kleinschmidt against the estate of his grandfather, G. T. Woodlawn.

Woodlawn left Kleinschmidt \$10 in his will, saying he considered his grandson a "slacker" because he didn't fight in World War II.

Kleinschmidt said this is libelous, and asked for \$250,000 damages from the estate.

Circuit Judge James R. Bain, Portland, tossed the case out of court.

The Supreme Court decision, by Chief Justice Earl C. LaBoutette, ordered the lower court to hear the case on its merits, and said the lower court must decide if libel was committed when the will was published.

The case is the first libel suit ever brought in Oregon involving a statement made in a will.

LaBoutette said that since the Oregon Constitution gives every man a remedy for injury done to his reputation, an action will lie against an estate for libelous matter contained in a will published after death.

Former Resident Dies In San Jose

Word has been received of the death, February 1, at San Jose, of a former Klamath Falls resident, Mrs. E. M. Caldwell. She made her home here for 38 years.

Surviving are her daughters, Mrs. J. B. Fennell, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Marjorie Young, Mrs. Lottia Turnblade, Mrs. Jessie Lamb and Mrs. Imogene Moss, all of California; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 3, at Morgan Hill, California.

Ike Explains Indochina Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday every move the government takes with respect to aid to Indochina in carefully calculated to keep the United States from getting involved in a hot war there.

The President told a news conference he could not conceive of a greater tragedy than for America to get involved in an all-out war there or anywhere.

Eisenhower made the statements after Sen. Stennis (D-Miss.) voiced fear that the sending of American technicians to help French Union forces in their fight against communist in Indochina might lead to U.S. involvement in the fighting.

Eisenhower said every step he authorizes in world affairs is taken as a means of preventing war.

But everything that can be done in international affairs involves some risk, he added.

As for the recent assignment of 200 American technicians to take care of American-provided planes in Indochina, Eisenhower said they will not be in combat, and any case are scheduled to be withdrawn by next June 15.

Asked about statements at the capitol that the Senate Armed Services Committee was not informed in advance about the technicians being sent, Eisenhower said there appeared to be some misunderstanding on that point. He said he wanted to talk it over with the legislators involved before saying anything in that connection.

He said he makes every effort to discuss every significant action he takes with the proper people in Congress, and declared there is no attempt to carry on any policy in the dark.

Civic Improvement Fund Background Explained

By LYLE DOWNING

Klamath Falls' much-maligned Civic Improvement Fund, a prime target in the current vice crusade, was the "brain child" of some of the city's most prominent business and civic leaders.

This was the assertion Wednesday of former Mayor Bob Thompson, during whose tenure at City Hall the device for diverting legitimate money into legitimate channels was created. Implemented by an emergency ordinance the city was able to take funds contributed by four parlor houses and slot machines operators and use them for civic improvements.

With utmost candor, Thompson who was criticized for his part in the affair, discussed the now defunct setup.

The former mayor frankly admitted that the principal aim of the originators of the Klamath Improvement Fund was to eliminate the possibility of underworld payoffs to law enforcement officers in Klamath Falls. Houses of prostitution had been operating in Klamath Falls for 25 years and the only thing about them that had changed was the price.

"The revenue situation was discussed at frequent conferences in which leading business and professional men were present," Thompson said. "There was a general belief that prostitution was here to stay. About that time we had initiated the municipal occupational tax. We believed the bawdyhouses should pay their share of running the city. Due to increased administrative costs, we were having a hard time making ends meet in the city government."



FORMER MAYOR BOB THOMPSON gave the Herald and News a background history of the hotly contested Civic Improvement Fund yesterday when he was interviewed by Lyle Downing (standing).