

BENSON FLAYS DISLOYAL AIDES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
State Secretary Dulles tells us this morning he feels we have scored an important diplomatic victory at the foreign ministers conference in Berlin by smoking out the fact that Russia has no intention of getting out of Germany and Austria. Instead, the Kremlin refused flatly to roll back its military power in Europe at ANY point.

That came out of closed door sessions of the Big Four conference. We're holding another closed session today to see if we can force a showdown that will disclose to us Russia's REAL policies in Indo-China and Korea.

Why is that an important diplomatic victory?
It's always an important diplomatic victory when you can force your opponent to come out of the brush and disclose his REAL purposes.

Then you know what to expect.
As a result of the Berlin disclosures, American officials tell us this morning the United States will have to keep strong military forces in Europe for a long time. If we don't, Russia will TAKE OVER EUROPE and the policies upon which we have staked our future will have ended in failure.

Grim note in the news:
Work has been completed on an UNDERGROUND PENTAGON in the mountains of Frederick county, Maryland, sixty-odd miles from Washington. It will be used as an alternate command post. It was started some three years ago, and at that time its estimated cost was in the neighborhood of \$5 million dollars.

Don't jump to uninformed conclusions.
This underground Pentagon isn't a cushy hangout for the top echelons of our military brass. In a war, IF YOU LOSE ALL YOUR TOP MILITARY LEADERSHIP AT ONE FELL SWOOP YOU'RE A GONER. We're taking steps to see that doesn't happen to us.

That's the grim long and short of it.
What does it all mean?
It means that for a long time—maybe for years, maybe for decades, maybe for generations—we'll have to regard military preparedness as our No. 1 objective. Something DANGEROUS is loose in the world, and as long as it remains on the loose we'll have to be prepared to cope with it.

Does that mean that our nation AND THE WORLD are going back wholly to a military economy?
Not necessarily.
Defense Secretary Wilson told us the other day he believes our techniques of production have advanced to the point where we can support both the military establishment imperatively needed to protect our liberties and the consumer production needed to support our way of life.

That is a hopeful picture. But whether we can do it or not DEPENDS ON US. We can't leave it all to papa. We've got to know what we're working for, and we've got to WORK to bring it about.

NOMINATED

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The Argentine Communist Party announced Monday that a woman physician, Dr. Alcira de la Pena, has been nominated as the party's vice presidential candidate for the April 25 national election.



FLOYD TIPTON, left, 821 Oak, fifth grade student at Fremont and Wesley Nordlund, 823 Walnut, seventh grader at Fairview, get sidetracked for a few minutes on their way to school. They are looking over the latest comic books at Carmichael's.

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THE COPCO CREW IN 1911 looked like this. From left are Jack Pringle (deceased), Carl Grubb (deceased), Judd Low of Roseburg, Louie Bice, Bob Sloan (deceased), Charlie Baldwin (deceased), two men who are unidentified and then Fred Bremer. Bremer at one time worked for the newspaper in Klamath Falls and is now somewhere in the East. —Photo from Mary Pringle

Rain, Snow Hit Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — City crews and residents mopped up Monday after heavy downpours flooded streets and homes from Santa Monica to San Pedro and hail and snow fell in the foothills and mountain areas over the weekend.
The Weather Bureau predicts cloudiness with possible showers along the foothills, but sees no signs of a new storm.
During the downpour, a total of 2.90 inches fell in downtown Los Angeles, but ocean cities and canyon areas received more. Santa Monica recorded 3.38, Zuma Beach north of Malibu 4.36, and Topanga Canyon 6.06. There was up to six inches of new snow in the San Bernardino mountains.
While the storm abated bulldozers and men with shovels and sand bags worked around the clock in the Sierra Madre and Duarte areas trying to prevent an outbreak of last month's big floods.

City Council To Be Scene Of Latest Vice Battle Showdown; D. A. To Speak

By LYLE DOWNING
A showdown on Klamath Falls vice is expected tonight when District Attorney Frank Alderson carries his one-man battle against prostitution to the City Council.
What amounts to an ultimatum will be given Mayor Paul Landry and the councilmen to promise that four local parlor houses will be kept closed or the district attorney's office will institute abatement proceedings against the establishments.
Alderson says he will read a letter to the council from Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, the contents of which he refused to divulge.
Since Mayor Landry made a statement to the press last week in which he said he considered his election as a mandate of the people to let prostitution continue in Klamath Falls, no statements have been forthcoming from city officials.
Alderson Monday morning reiterated his statement that an ordinance passed by the City Council setting up the Klamath Improvement Fund to which prostitutes and slot machine operators contributed, in no way legally circumvented the law.
"There are several important questions which haven't yet been answered," the district attorney said. "Who set the amount that each of the four parlor houses was to pay into the city coffers? And who collected the money?"
Alderson also said that the city ordinance in no way relieved officials of their duty to enforce laws against gambling and prostitution.
"Next summer," Alderson continued, "our children will be swimming in a municipal pool which was partly paid for from the earnings of prostitutes."
It also was revealed Monday that Attorney General Thornton made a personal investigation of vice conditions in Klamath Falls last summer. At that time he refused to talk to newspapermen. Thornton also is reported to have had undercover agents investigating vice in Klamath Falls since the bawdy house shooting affray on January 8 in which an alleged robber was slain by a city policeman.
Thornton told the Herald and News that he believes the vice problem should be investigated by the Klamath County Grand Jury.

Dead Baby Found In School Dorm

FOREST GROVE (AP) — Police Monday were searching for the mother of a dead baby, found Friday in a girl's dormitory at Pacific University.
The body of the newborn infant was in a locker of the dormitory guest room. An overnight guest of one of the students found the body wrapped in a woolen blanket when she opened the locker to store her clothes.
The room had not been used for some time and the baby, a male, appeared to have been dead several days.
Medical tests were to be continued to determine cause of death. Saturday's autopsy disclosed no signs of violence.
Charles Armstrong, president of the coeducational university, said he did not believe any students were involved. He speculated that someone climbed through an unlocked window and left the baby in the vacant guest room.

UNDERSHOT

SHANNON, Ireland (AP) — A Pan American Airways DC-4 airliner touched down 150 yards short of the main runway here Monday and plowed a two-foot furrow before rocking to a halt. None of the 37 passengers or crew of 9 were injured.

Murder Suspect Signs Statement

EL RENO, Okla. (AP) — Two suspects in the murder of David L. Johnston, 30-year-old Hollywood talent scout, were awaiting action by Los Angeles authorities Monday.
It is expected they will be extradited after warrants are issued and returned to Los Angeles where authorities will question them further about the bludgeoning slaying in Johnston's suburban Los Angeles home Wednesday.
One of the suspects, Ronald James Maurer, Cleveland, Ohio, resident who is AWOL from Camp Stoneman, Calif., signed a confession Saturday night admitting he and his companion, Leo J. Densmore, beat Johnston to death, then escaped in the talent scout's car.
They were arrested here after a description of the car was broadcast.
Densmore refused to talk to officers, demanding to see an attorney.
In his confession Maurer said they killed Johnston because they were refused a loan. He also said Johnston began making improper advances.

Scotland Yard Hunts Slayer

LONDON (AP) — Scotland Yard turned to Germany and Tangier Monday in its search for a mysterious "Mr. M" who may be the slayer of Gay, alcoholic Mrs. Isobel Chesney and her mother.
Mrs. Chesney, 42, and her mother, 71-year-old Mrs. Mary Menzies, were found slain last Thursday in a home they ran for the aged.
In their reconstruction of the crime, detectives have decided the slayer plied whiskey-loving Mrs. Chesney with drinks, planning to drown her in her own bathtub and make it look like a drunken accident. They believed he strangled her mother in a panic when the old lady interrupted him in the middle of doing away with the younger woman.
A pathologist determined that Mrs. Chesney died of drowning at a time when she was helplessly intoxicated. Police found 47 empty whiskey bottles in her room.
Scotland Yard homicide men were dispatched Sunday night to seek a man known as "Mr. M." in Dusseldorf, Germany, and Tangier. The man, a suspected big-time smuggler who is known to use at least four aliases beginning with "M," has frequently been seen at the murder house in the past.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Cloudy with snow mixed with rain Monday night and continuing Tuesday; gusty southerly winds Monday night. High Tuesday 42; low Monday night 30.
High yesterday 35
Low last night 18
Precip last 24 hours .06
Since Oct. 1 16.15
Same period last year 16.27
Normal for period 7.52

Farm Chief Plans 'Complete Survey'

By JACK BELL and OVID MARTIN
WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Monday some Agriculture Department employees in the field are working against the Administration's farm policies and seeking to undermine both President Eisenhower and himself.
This situation, Benson told a news conference, soon will lead the department to make a "careful study" of the whole field set up in the interest of raising "maximum efficiency and loyalty."
Benson said he does not expect "100 per cent conformity" with administration policies but he does expect employees to help carry out its programs.
In reply to a question, the secretary said that no "political hacks" will be appointed to department jobs.
"The President and I see eye to eye on that," he said. "We will take no one unless he is fully qualified."
Discussing recent changes in top personnel in his department, Benson said there had been no "rift" over farm policies. He said, however, there had been some differences of views over details.
He also said there was no truth to published reports that Republican leaders had demanded that he fire Democrats who were holdovers from the Truman administration.
However, Benson acknowledged "there have been some expressions of dissatisfaction from party leaders and from some members of Congress over personnel."
"Some of these leaders said they felt that we had depended too heavily on holdover Democrats," he said.
The latest major personnel change was the announced resignation last week of Howard H. Gordon as administrator of the department's Commodity Stabilization Service and the appointment of James C. McConnell, New York state farm leader, as his successor.
Benson said Gordon had not intended to remain permanently, and added there were no "serious" differences between himself and Gordon.
At the capitol, Sen. Watkins (R-Utah) said Benson had "given the Republican Party a lift" by recent changes in top level personnel.

Accidents Kill Six In Oregon

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Six persons met death in weekend accidents in Oregon.
Three died in traffic mishaps and three drowned while boating.
The drowning victims were identified as George Lukich, 18; Raymond R. Patterson, 36; and Charles Christensen, 17, all of Portland.
Ray Lukich, 26, the brother of one of the missing men, said their rubber life raft capsized as they were trying it out in the Clackamas River, four miles east of Estacada Saturday. All four men were thrown into the swift stream and Ray, and possibly the others, were carried through the roaring falls at the Faraday Power Station, a mile downstream.
After being in the water for nearly two hours, Ray caught an overhanging branch and held on until he was seen by a powerhouse employee who brought him to safety on a log raft.
A search by sheriff's deputies, state police and residents of the area Sunday turned up only a shoe belonging to one of the missing men. Search and dragging operations were resumed Monday.
The latest traffic victim was James R. Mills, 63, a railroad section laborer. His body was found early Sunday on the Pacific Highway near Junction City. Police speculated he had been struck by a hit-run driver.
Donald Alfred Forbes, 40, and Arline Daley Forbes, 33, both of Medford, were injured fatally in a four-car crash northwest of Medford early Saturday.

French Hit Vietminh By Land, Air

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — The French High Command announced Monday that troops defending Luang Prabang have thrown back a Communist-Vietminh attack made by advance rebel units who crossed the Mekong River about eight miles north of the Laotian royal capital.
The communique said the Vietminh forces, estimated at battalion strength, were repulsed after fierce fighting in which both sides suffered losses.
French defenders also tangled with rebel troops in the Suong River valley, about eight miles northeast of Luang Prabang, putting them to flight.
A French spokesman said about 1,500 Vietminh guerrilla troops around Luang Prabang's defense lines have been reinforced by an undetermined number of regular rebel units.
But the bulk of the Vietminh forces, were reported still in the Bac River valley, about 45 to 50 miles north of the capital city. Advance elements were near the Naga River valley, about 15 miles ahead of the main group.
The post of Muong Sai, the last French strong point north of the capital, again was attacked by Vietminh mortar fire, the spokesman reported. French fighters and bombers retaliated by plastering the Vietminh batteries.
The French dropped a battalion of paratroopers at Muong Sai Sunday to reinforce the garrison. The strongpoint is about 60 miles northwest of Luang Prabang.
Fighting appeared to have slackened elsewhere on the checkerboard fronts of the war. Only light patrol clashes were reported around Dien Bien Phu, France's main stronghold in the mountains of the northwest.

Road Washed Out By Flood Waters

SCAPPOOSE, Ore. (AP) — Rising waters and a blocked culvert were blamed for the washout of a section of the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway six miles from here Saturday.
Traffic was routed on other roads in the area.
The Columbia River Highway one mile to the north was threatened by the flooding Scappoose Creek, repair crews reported.



MR. BUCKINGHAM GOES TO WASHINGTON. Representing the Tulare Growers Association, Stan Buckingham (left) is receiving last minute instructions from TGA Manager Cliff Jenkins to get the job done while there. Buckingham will attend the clover tariff hearing with Elmer Ler and Scott Warren in Washington tomorrow.

Men, Women Explorers Plan Week In Mammoth Cave

CRYSTAL CAVE, Ky. (AP) — The woman, attired in Army khaki fatigue suit and a miner's helmet with carbide lamp, was descending into the cave for a week's sojourn.
A newsman inquired: "Is there anything nicer you'd rather do?"
"Yes," replied Mrs. Ida V. Sawtelle, 47, of Brooklyn, N.Y. "I'd like to go down for two weeks." Mrs. Sawtelle is typical of the 55 men and women engaged today in exploring Crystal Cave in the Mammoth Cave National Park area, 100 miles south of Louisville.
She bubbled with excitement last night as she accompanied another woman and four men on the first stage of the exploration, requiring nine hours of crawling and hiking.
They carried 250 pounds of personal effects and equipment, which must be dragged over the rock and dirt.
Mrs. Sawtelle's bundles included the following items: a map, first aid kit, can of carbide, notebook and pencil, can opener, emergency rations, whistle, knife, kneepads, waterproof match container, 12 pounds of rope and other rock-climbing equipment, foot powder, clean ing tissues, corn, hand cream, face lotion and lipstick.
"You know there are rats in the cave?" someone asked.
Mrs. Sawtelle shrugged. "I've slept with rats running over my sleeping bag."
Mrs. Sawtelle, who earns her living training dogs, was accompanied by Marguerite Klein, 21, a schoolteacher from Chevy Chase, Md. Neither had spent more than a day in a cave.
Two other women preceded them underground as the National Speleological (cave study) Society launched the seven-day expedition.
They were Nancy Rogers, 41, a bacteriologist of Arlington, Va., and Audrey E. Blakesley, 21, a secretary from Trenton, N.J.
Sixteen male members of the exploring contingent were working their way toward uncharted portions of the cave 200 feet below the earth's surface as the expedition's first day ended. Two were physicians and one was a bridegroom who interrupted his honeymoon.
A dozen of the men together with Miss Rogers and Miss Blakesley spent their first night at Advance Camp No. 1, normally six hours travel from the entrance.
Today a four-man party was searching for a satisfactory site for Advance Camp No. 2, six hours farther in on the edge of the unexplored territory.
From Advance Camp No. 2, small parties will go out on 18-hour trips probing what geologists estimate are 40 miles of unexplored passages.
Altogether, 35 men and women will explore, while 20 others handle the job of supplying them with food and equipment and maintaining an elaborate telephone system.
Reporter Phil Harsham of the Louisville Courier-Journal, who accompanied the first group in, frankly described the hardships. He telephoned:
"I admit it—I'm pooped."
"You crawl on your belly so long," he related, "that it is wonderful to get up just on your hands and knees."