

AMERICAN PEACE CONFERENCE SET

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Our straight-talking Secretary of State Dulles (in Europe he would be called a foreign minister) says in Berlin this morning:
"The Western powers will continue to guard divided Berlin as the FIRST FRONTIER of their freedom."
He adds:
"ANY ATTACK AGAINST THE CITY WILL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE."

It, in those grim days back in the late 1930's when Hitler was making up his mind as to whether or not he could get away with it, there had been firm, flat, straight talk like that from somebody whose word carried weight. I wonder if World War II might not have been avoided.
Instead, there was pussyfooting. World War II followed.

Something interesting is happening in Berlin today.
In the communist part of the city, 150,000 persons are marching down Berlin's world-famous Unter den Linden, staging a shouting demonstration for Russia's side of the unification-of-German-controversy.

On the free side of Berlin (that is to say, the side occupied by the Western powers) 30,000 people are parading in protest against Russia's proposals for unification.

Why the disparity in numbers of demonstrators, with our side on the short end?

Here's the way the marchers were led together: Communist bosses herded workers from their jobs in the East Berlin (communist) factories and ORDERED them to join the parade.

But—
Before leaving their jobs they had to sign pledges to work nights and Sundays to make up for the time they lost while joining in a demonstration they were ORDERED to join.

The 30,000 in free West Berlin came because they believed in what they were doing. There is the basic difference between the free world and communism.

I still believe that if we are so fortunate as to be able to maintain PEACE WITH HONOR long enough this foul thing that we call communism will fall of its own foulness.

I suppose you've been reading about this "wolf boy" in India, who eats raw meat and grows and snaps at people. If you have, and if you're of the average cynical turn of mind, you've probably passed it off as a figment of somebody's imagination like Kipling's Mowgli.

Comes now a prominent British surgeon, Sir Philip Manson-Bahr, and affirms that he has SEEN THE BOY and that there is no doubt he was reared by animals.

Well, why not?
Humans are all the time taking baby animals (even such fearsome ones as lion cubs) and rearing them as pets. Is it beyond belief that animals might do the same when opportunity offers? The idea is at least no more fantastic than space trips to the moon — which serious men of science say may soon be possible.

Kipling's Mowgli, as you will recall if your reading of the Jungle Books has stayed with you, finally grew up and became a man among men. Let's hope that if there really is a wolf boy in India he is fortunate enough to do likewise.

RARE ANIMALS
CALCUTTA, India — Four rare red pandas from Tibet are leaving here Saturday for California. Though not so well known as their famous "giant" cousins, animal experts say they're really rarer.

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BRAINS NOT BRAUN made T. W. (Buckshot) Lane one of the country's most famous lawmen. Subject of many thrilling magazine crime stories, Lane addressed the Klamath Falls Knife & Fork Club. Pictured (left to right) Greer Drew, club president; Sheriff Murray Britton, Buckshot Lane and Joe LaClair, who presented the speaker. (Story on Page 2)

Coon Asks New Alsike Policy

WASHINGTON (Special) — Congressman Sam Coon and four Eastern Oregon farmers Tuesday urged the U.S. Tariff Commission to give "reasonable" protection to Oregon growers of Alsike clover seed.

The commission opened hearings to find out whether American farmers are being injured by alleged dumping of Canadian seed on the domestic market. The seed is grown in the Klamath Basin, the Madras area and the Grande Ronde valley of Eastern Oregon.

Sam Coon led off the hearing with a statement supporting the farmers' request for a "more realistic" tariff policy governing imports of the seed, so that the national supply would not equal a year's demand.

E. C. Lemler of Klamath Falls testified on behalf of the Klamath Alsike Seed Growers Association. Ben Robinson, lumber, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, also appeared. Scott Warren and DeLos Mills, both of Klamath Falls, testified on behalf of the Klamath growers.

Stan Buckingham represented the Tulalake Growers Assn. of California.
The witnesses contended that successive trade agreements have lowered the tariff on Alsike clover seed from eight to two cents a pound. As a result of this, the growers declared, Canadian production has been increased, and imports from Canada have grown from an average of 1.5 million pounds in recent years to four million pounds last year.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Friday. High Friday 40; low Thursday night 22.
High yesterday 35
Low last night 19
Precip last 24 hours .42
Since Oct. 1 10.57
Same period last year 10.42
Normal for period 7.68

Price Cuts In Klamath Eyed

PORTLAND — The State Milk Marketing Administration intends to investigate a report that a Klamath Falls firm is giving trading stamps with purchases of milk and other food.

Alben Nordquist, head field man for the administration, said some other Klamath Falls stores have cut the price of milk a half-cent to 24 cents a quart, in order to meet the trading stamp competition.

He said the price cut was legal, since the minimum price set for Klamath Falls was 24 cents.

He added, however, that the giving of trading stamps is a violation of the milk administration's code.

The Klamath Falls firm reported giving the trading stamps with food purchases is Oregon Food Stores, which has three units there.

Thornton Tells Of Cleanup Job

SALEM — Open commercialized prostitution has been eliminated from the state, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said Wednesday.

The job was accomplished in the past several months by district attorneys and local authorities, cooperating with the attorney general's office, Thornton wrote in a press release.

Thornton thanked authorities in Klamath Falls for closing down houses of prostitution in that city. He gave credit to Dist. Atty. Frank R. Alderson of Klamath Falls, the mayor and council of the city, and the Klamath County Ministerial Association.

Thornton said "the overwhelming majority of our police will enforce the laws against prostitution if they have the backing of the citizens."

Historic House To Be Demolished

NEW YORK — A 114-year-old house where Mark Twain once lived seems doomed to destruction.

He occupied the home, on lower 5th avenue near Washington square, from 1904 to 1908. Earlier, Washington Irving was a frequent visitor there.

Defenseless Peasants Hit By Rebels

By LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, Indochina — Vietnamese commando troops, disguised as peasants, have entered a busy market place in a Catholic village in the southeastern part of the Red River delta, and killed at least 20 of the Vietnamese residents.

Firing rifles and pistols and hurling grenades into defenseless crowds, the Communist-led Vietminh forced nearly 2,000 Vietnamese to flee screaming from the village to seek hiding places in the adjoining rice fields.

The commandos attacked between 9 a.m. and noon Feb. 12. Five hundred persons are reported missing and many of them are feared to be dead.

But spot investigators said Thursday there was no way of telling how many of these would eventually return to the village of Than Thuing. This village is five miles southeast of Thai Binh, which in turn is 55 miles south-east of Hanoi.

The rest of the population has already returned and the village is now under the protection of French mobile units and Vietnamese soldiers. It had been protected only by Catholic militiamen in company strength, perhaps a bit more.

The Vietminh, occupying the village for two days, burned one-third of the mud-caked, straw-thatched homes, wrecked Catholic convents and schools, and smashed the interior of the village church, including all religious statues.

Winter Stays Fairly Mild

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
More snow fell in the Northwest section of the country Thursday but generally fair and mild winter weather was in prospect elsewhere.

The snowfall in New England diminished during the night and early Thursday continued only in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. More than 8 inches of snow fell in Caribou, Maine, since Wednesday.

Skies cleared over Northern New York after two days of snow and rain had curtailed travel, broke power lines in six communities and closed many schools. Southerly winds sent warmer air over most of the Midwest while mild winter weather continued over most areas westward to the Pacific Coast. Rain fell early Thursday along the West Coast from Northern California into Oregon.

FOREIGN AID
TAIPEI — U.S. foreign aid chief Harold Stassen arrived Thursday for conferences with Nationalist Chinese leaders who are expected to appeal for American financial support of a four-year plan to make Formosa self-supporting.



MR. AND MRS. CARL FREI discussed the day's business this morning as the 9 o'clock photographer happened by Frei's Grocery on Greensprings Drive.

Marine Officer Defended At Confession Inquiry; Co-Pilot Tells Exploits

WASHINGTON — A decorated flying hero testified at the Marine Corps inquiry in the case of Col. Frank H. Schwabie Thursday that there were reports in Korea some Air Force pilots were instructed to do more talking, if they were captured, than the traditional rules allow.

The brief account, from Marine Col. R. E. Galer, bore on a cardinal point of Schwabie's defense against criticism of his action in making a false germ warfare confession under Communist pressure.

Counsel for Schwabie said Wednesday he intended to show that the colonel, in yielding to the Red pressure, had acted in accord with official directives.

Galer, holder of the U. S. Medal of Honor and of the British Flying Cross, flew in Korea and like Schwabie was shot down. But he was rescued in a short time. He is now a student at the Air War College. His Medal of Honor is for exploits at Guadalcanal in World War II.

Galer, a volunteer witness, was not pressed for details on the report of Air Force briefings. He said he never got official confirmation of the report, but he told the Marine court that it was a current story in officers' clubs that the Strategic Air Command and other Air Force units briefed their men to sell more than their names, rank and serial numbers. There was no testimony on how much more the men were reported advised to say.

At a recent Pentagon news conference Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force chief of staff, said the Air Force had given no orders to pilots to tell more than the bare facts of their personal identity if they fell into enemy hands.

Shortly after Galer's appearance on the stand, Schwabie's co-

Talks To Be Held Soon In Geneva

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
BERLIN — U. S. Secretary of State Dulles, in a closing speech to the Berlin conference, said Thursday night the Big Four has reached an agreement for a Korean peace conference and, if Communist China wants it, a chance of restoring peace in Indochina.

He also disclosed that "we have agreed to pursue the four-power search for agreement on reduction of armaments as recommended by the United Nations."

British officials earlier said the foreign ministers had agreed on plans for a Korean peace conference to be held about April 15 in Geneva.

WINDUP SPEECH
Apart from the accomplishments and failures to agree, Dulles said in his windup speech that the Big Four have learned much from their meeting here and declared this has been of special value.

"It makes it less likely that any of us should be inadvertent and miscalculation do what would risk another war," he said.

The conference adjourned at 7 p. m. (10 a. m. PST) after 23 working days and almost 100 hours of debate on Germany, Austria and the Far East.

The Korean action came after a new debate on methods of easing the complexities of life in divided Germany and after Russia refused to make any concession on Austria's continued occupation.

Earlier American authorities said the Big Four had approached agreement on the Geneva parity, awaiting only Molotov's concurrence in a clause spelling out that the meeting itself would not constitute U. S. recognition of the Peiping government.

AUSTRIAN PROBLEM
In the first hour and a half of the last session the Big Four heard two new proposals from Austria for an independence treaty, hatched to a flat veto from Molotov and buried the issue finally.

Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Figl tried to meet Moscow's demands for indefinitely occupied even after an independence treaty is signed with (1) a suggestion that the troops stay there until June 30, 1955 and (2) barring that, the occupation diplomatic mission, to retain certain control authority. To both, Molotov said no.

The proposed Geneva conference would embrace about 20 nations — 15, including America, Britain and France, which fought on the U. N. side in Korea—South Korea; Russia; Red China and North Korea.

BIG FIVE
Western diplomats said the convening of a conference on Korea, could lead immediately to a conference on ending the Indochina war. They said this was true because the Western powers had relaxed their condition that progress in making a Korean settlement would be necessary before any negotiation could take place on Indochina.

The Big Four and Red China would participate in both the Korean and Indochinese talks, since all five are considered "interested parties" in both. North and South Korea would not take part on Indochina. They would be replaced by the anti-Communist governments of the three associated states of Indochina. It was considered probable, too, that the powers would treat Indochina guerrilla leader Ho Chi Minh's Communist organization as an "interested party" and include him.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
52 cars	39 cars
Total For Season	
1953-54 7483 cars	1952-53 8403 cars

French Opposed To Offer Of U.S. Aid In Indochina

By JOHN SCALI
WASHINGTON — An American move to help train anti-Communist Indochinese troops appeared certain today to run into strong opposition from top French government and army leaders.

There were solid signs that if France accepts this American suggestion it will do so reluctantly.

French military authorities were reported convinced they are training loyal Indochinese recruits as fast as humanly possible and that American aid in this task is not needed.

To back up their arguments, French diplomats reported today plans to mobilize an additional 103 "commando" battalions of anti-Communist troops this year. If this goal is met, they emphasized, loyal Indochinese forces will total some 370,000, outnumbering the 300,000-man Communist force for the first time.

Coupled with the 170,000-man French Expeditionary Corps, this would give anti-Communist forces a 5-3 manpower advantage unprecedented in the bloody seven-year-old conflict.

head an enlarged American military mission which would have some training responsibilities, if the French agreed.

The Pentagon explained that the matter so far is being discussed via military rather than diplomatic channels.

The French Embassy, commenting on the Pentagon statement, said emphatically it knew of no formal request of this kind. Diplomatic spokesmen made clear their opinion that any such American bid would have to be decided on a high diplomatic level.

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said O'Daniel's possible mission was discussed in detail by Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Under Secretary of State Walter B. Smith in a closed-door meeting with committee members Tuesday.

"The committee gave strong, unanimous encouragement to this idea," Humphrey added. He said he understood there need not be any substantial increase in the 300-man American military mission now in Indochina in order to help in training.



KLAMATH COUNTY LIBRARY AND MUSEUM pictured yesterday on a bid of \$186,000. The imposing structure will be built on property across from the courthouse, fronting on Third street for 120 feet and extending across a 132 foot frontage on Klamath Avenue. Architect on the job was Howard Perrin.