

FRENCH FORCE REBELS BACK

By FRANK JENKINS
GOP Senator Ferguson of Michigan speaking:

"Democratic statements about a business slump aren't doing the nation any good. I don't think there is going to be a depression, but I must say that propaganda for it is much more effective than I had anticipated it would be."

"All this talk is persuading some people not to buy, and when somebody doesn't buy an article somebody who is MAKING IT loses his job."

"I think this depression talk ought to be stopped."

Shucks, senator! The GOP's were talking exactly this same way along about 1936. They were contending that the New Deal would break the country. But the people then believed in the New Deal and come election day they took everything into consideration and voted to keep the New Dealers in power.

I have a strong conviction that come election day 1956 the people will size the situation up and vote whatever may then be their convictions as to what is best for their country.

So, if I were you, senator, I wouldn't worry myself sick about these dire predictions of impending economic disaster the Democrats are making.

I think if most of us common ordinary voters will keep in mind that the bulk of the present political shooting arises out of the desire of the GOP to STAY IN POWER and the Democrats to GET BACK INTO POWER we'll be less disturbed by all the talk that is going on.

We Americans (thank the Lord) are politically peculiar. We just LOVE to criticize our government and the men we have elected to run it. It makes us feel so IMPORTANT.

After all—
TO HIMSELF each individual is the most important person on earth.

Keep this in mind:
IN RUSSIA there is none of this caterwauling. There everybody praises the government OR GOES TO JAIL.

With all its faults, I like our way better.

There's a new ruckus in Britain. Highly vocal left wingers in the tight littleisle are speculating loudly that two U.S. senators who are due for a visit in England next week may CONDUCT A HUNT FOR COMMUNISTS in the British aircraft industry.

However, FRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL says there is no such purpose behind the arrival in London next Monday of Republican Senator Styles Bridges and Democratic senator Stuart Symington. A London government spokesman says the two Americans will study manufacturing costs and other details of the jet fighters Britain is building for the United States and NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization).

Good old Churchill! He always rallies round in the pinches.

All over the world, you see, SO MANY PEOPLE KNOW SO MANY THINGS THAT AIN'T SO.

As a result of that unfortunate fact, doubt and suspicion arise and spread and instead of working together for a great and good cause people snarl and growl and bite each other in the leg at every opportunity.

Is it any wonder we have a screwalled world?

Yearly Dinner Held At Malin

MALIN — Honor was divided last night between a new chamber of commerce president and a new champion in the field of sports at the annual Malin Chamber of Commerce crab feed and drew a full house in the Broadway Theater.

Robert Byrne, a holdover director, was elected to serve as this year's president. Byrne was introduced by the retiring president, Lou A. Drager. Earl Wilson will serve as vice president and James Ottoman as treasurer. Louis Kallina, Elmont Kenyon, Paul Petrallina and Mervyn Wilde as new directors. Holdover directors are William Rajnus, Hubert Morelock and Ivan Petrasek.

Officers are elected by membership ballot. The new president is chosen from the board of directors by the board.

In this year's recognition of outstanding sportsmanship, two trophies went to Virgil Rick, senior in the Malin High School. The larger trophy, with the engraved name of the student winner. Both given by the chamber of commerce, were presented by Jim Conroy, athletic coach at Malin.

Boys athletes groups were guests of the chamber.

Among other guests were Frank Tucker, manager of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, Roy Murphy, director of the chamber, Mayor Robert R. Walker, Merrill and Dr. F. C. Trotman, president of the Merrill Lions Club.

Music at the organ during the dinner, was by Mrs. Mary Jane Payer, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hahn. Klamath Falls presented several musical numbers and dance numbers were by Judy Huffman, Carol Heddington, Sandra Perry and Susan Kujac, students of the Rubye Kujac Dance Studio.

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Jet Base Conference Held

Definite action on the reactivation of the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport as a base for a jet interceptor squadron will be delayed about three months pending Congressional action, but the proposal was eyed very hopefully by military and city officials in a meeting this morning.

Brig. Gen. S. T. Wray, one of the group of Air Force officers who flew in to Klamath Falls Monday afternoon for the meeting, said that officials had come to an agreement on what the Air Force expects of the city and what the city will require of the Air Force regarding establishment of the base here. It appears the requirements can be met by both groups.

The city and the Air Force will write letters indicating their requests, Brig. Gen. Wray said, and these will be checked by the councils of the city and the Air Force before submitting them to Congress for a final answer.

Mayor Paul Landry stated that final arrangements will depend on the cooperation of property owners surrounding the airport.

The base, if the local site is accepted, will bring in about 700 men including officers, enlisted men and civilians directly concerned with operations, according to Gen. Wray. Aircraft will include 26 interceptors, a few T33's and about two B25's.

The Air Force will undertake substantial construction at the airport if the local site is confirmed, but Gen. Wray did not release any details on the extent of the building program.

Reactivation of the local airport as a base for a jet interceptor squadron will be part of the Air Force move to expand and build toward a 137 wing program. The unit here will link the defenses now located at Portland and at Hamilton Field, California, in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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

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. The situation has been pressed consistently, both by the former administration and by Mayor Landry and his administration.

Military in Klamath Falls for the meeting included, in addition to Brig. Gen. Wray, who is deputy director for installations from Air Force headquarters, Washington, D. C., Col. F. R. Hoehl, Portland, who will be in charge of construction at the airport; Lt. Col. F. B. Howes, from the plans division of the installation office; Capt. W. L. Spencer, Lt. Col. W. R. Morten, Maj. A. M. Doherty, Capt. John Ryan, Capt. K. Magee and Staff Sgt. Arthur Pablan.

Civilians from the Walla Walla district of the Northern Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, which will handle all details of installation in carrying out Air Force orders, included F. A. Spencer, project coordinator for the Klamath Falls site; F. W. Snedden, V. J. Conner, Ralph J. Curry. Also here were J. L. Hobson, from Washington, D. C.; Harold B. Lockhart, from Hamilton Field, headquarters for the Western Air Defense Command.

George Davis, president of the chamber of commerce, was on hand to discuss housing and the integration of personnel in the community.

"It seems probable that the Air Force hopes a large proportion of its attendant personnel be integrated into the community at large," Davis said in a statement to the Herald and News following the meeting.

"If the local base is established, a large number of new homes will be required. I believe that the number of new homes required can be built by local private industry, privately financed in time for the need. These homes would be built over the entire city and suburban areas, eliminating any public housing program" as such.

"The housing units at the south city limits would take care of more than 200 families which would handle the immediate requirements while individual housing was progressing."

On hand for the meeting also were members of the City Council, Architect Howard Perrin, Lawrence Slater, Arnold Galapp, superintendent of city schools; Frank Tucker, secretary of the chamber of commerce and Russ Avery, manager of the airport.

Canada To Share Power With U.S.

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP) — Canada plans to tap British Columbia's hydroelectric potential to provide for industrial expansion in the province and additional electric energy for the United States side of the Columbia River Basin, Lands Minister R. E. Sommers said Monday.

Sommers said the long range program, subject to action by the International Joint Commission, calls for construction of nine dams on the Columbia River system in the East Kootenay district.

The first would be a 400 million dollar dam at Mica Creek, about 250 miles east of Vancouver, which Sommers said would generate its first power in 1961. Other dams would be built as needed.

Sommers said the Mica Creek project would be capable of producing 40 billion kilowatt hours annually. He estimated it would increase power potential on the U.S. side of the border 30 to 40 per cent.

Sommers announced the program after a conference with Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman International Joint Commission, and said it will be taken up at the commission's April meeting.

The commission was brought into the picture by a previous U.S. announcement of plans to build a dam at Libby, Mont., using British Columbia waters for storage.

Sommers said the commission will be asked to set the amount the U.S. will pay for upstream and downstream benefits resulting from the Mica Creek Dam.

The sources said such a schedule was only tentative and might be altered by unforeseen events. But they believed it likely that the Big Four foreign ministers themselves would attend only the opening days of the conference, leaving French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault free to return to lead the parliamentary battle for the European Defense Community pact.

Sources close to the cabinet said Tuesday that Bidault and other ministers who favor EDC ratification are now much more optimistic about its chances in the Assembly than they were a few weeks ago.

The unyielding attitude displayed by the Soviets at Berlin contributed some to this fresh optimism, they said.

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He expressed belief that most Klamath Indians would like to retain their lands but that if individual title was granted "most of it would pass out of Indian ownership in a few years."

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Polio Vaccine Given Children

PITTSBURGH (AP) — With scarcely a whimper, 137 Pittsburgh youngsters took their shots of Salk's vaccine Tuesday—a quick injection which may save them and thousands of others from the crippling ravages of polio.

Jonas Salk, developer of the vaccine, gave each of the shots personally, as he will to 5,000 more children, in the first large-scale test of the new preventive. The test will continue through June 19.

The children came into a temporary laboratory—set up in the Arsenal Elementary school gymnasium—in groups of four. A nurse and a technician took blood samples from each and then Dr. Salk injected about a 30th of an ounce of the scarlet fluid into their arms.

State Pen To Get New Buildings

SALEM (AP) — The final plans for two new state penitentiary buildings were approved Tuesday by the State Board of Control.

They are for a \$335,000 minimum security cell block, which will be used for 170 trusted prisoners; and a \$200,000 arsenal tower to be built outside the walls.

Both will be built by convict labor.



MILITARY VISITORS in Klamath Falls today to discuss the proposed reactivation of the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport as a jet interceptor base included Brig. Gen. S. T. Wray, left, and Col. F. R. Hoehl, right. They are shown talking to Mayor Paul O. Landry prior to a conference between other military officials, civilian officials from the Walla Walla district of the Northern Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, city officials and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. Brig. Gen. Wray is deputy director of installations from Air Force headquarters, Washington, D. C.; Col Hoehl, who flew in from Portland, will be in charge of construction for the jet base.

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Gambling Damper Looms; D. A. Briefs Sheriff's Aides

A crackdown on Klamath County gambling loomed Tuesday as the next phase of the current vice crusade after District Attorney Frank Alderson held a law enforcement conference at the Court House.

At the meeting held Monday afternoon, Alderson called attention to an Oregon statute under which

persons can be prosecuted and ousted for failing to enforce gambling laws.

Present at the conference, besides Alderson and his deputy, Robert Kerr, were Sheriff Murray Britton and nine deputy sheriffs.

The law which Alderson cited reads: "Any district attorney, sheriff, constable, city or town marshal or police officer who refuses or willfully neglects to inform against and diligently prosecute all persons they have reasonable cause to believe are guilty of a violation of Oregon Revised (Gambling) Statutes shall be punished upon conviction with a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500 and the court shall declare the office or appointment held by such officer vacant for the balance of his appointment."

Alderson refused Tuesday to divulge any plans he may have for a drive against gambling. He said, however, he believes payoffs are being made on the so-called coin-operated pinball machines. He also said he has received complaints about illegal card games.

In the meantime, there were no new developments in reported investigations by state and federal officials of the city's "Account 307" in which contributions from parlor houses and slot machine operators were deposited and later used for civic improvements.

Last week, according to the Associated Press, Ray Smith, a member of the Oregon State Tax Commission in charge of the state income tax unit, dispatched six auditors to Klamath Falls. They made an audit of city accounts.

It also was reported that the federal government plans a probe of "Account 307" contributions to determine whether income tax was paid on the \$52,000 in donations.

Man Sought In Tacoma Death

TACOMA (AP) — Police Tuesday were searching for the slayer of a 30-year-old grocery clerk who was murdered in a lonely gravel pit and her nude body thrown into a muddy pool.

The mutilated body of Flora E. McFarland was discovered Monday afternoon by Isaac Letrow who passed the gravel pit and became curious about pools of blood on the narrow roadway nearby.

Albany Drug Store Robbed

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — A hold-up man, peering through slits in a black mask, made off with \$1,155.66 in cash and small checks from the Payless Drug Store here Monday night.

He carried a sawed-off shotgun which Police Chief Ray Maddy thinks had been secreted in the basement Friday night.

James Engle, clerk alone in the store shortly after locking up Monday evening, told this to police: He was counting cash preparatory to putting it in the safe when the man came up from behind him. Speaking good English, and saying it was his first attempt, the man ordered Engle to lie down. Engle did, and the man scooped the cash and checks—all cashable by forging the payee's name—into a bag. Then he locked Engle in a closet and left.

Engle soon freed himself and called police.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Wednesday with high of 60; low Tuesday night 25.

High yesterday 44
Low last night 24
Precip last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 16.61
Same period last year 18.48
Normal for period 7.94

Oregon Highways In Good Shape

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's highways were bare Tuesday except for packed snow at Timberline Lodge and on the East Diamond Lake Highway, the Highway Commission reported.

The commission recommended that chains be carried at both places.

Surplus Ship Indictments Charge Former Lawmaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Atty. Gen. Brownell announced Tuesday a federal grand jury has returned five additional indictments charging 18 individuals and seven corporations with diverse offenses in connection with the disposal of surplus ships from World War II.

Among the individuals were former Rep. Joseph Casey (D-Mass.). The indictments, Brownell said, were voted by a grand jury here last April 23, but were kept sealed until the government reached the conclusion that some of the defendants, living abroad, are unlikely ever to return to the United States.

The indictments announced Tuesday, which are a part of a series of such indictments, named Casey for a second time during the series.

The ex-lawmaker, who once headed a group alleged to have made immense profits in surplus ship transfers, was accused of conspiracy to breach a purchase contract with the government by sales of stock in the purchasing company to others without approval of the Maritime Commission.

Tuesday's indictments similarly charged Julius C. Holmes of New York City, former United States minister to London, who was alleged to have participated in the Casey transactions.

Other indictments announced early this month named Casey and Aristotle S. Grassis, fabulously wealthy resident of Argentina who runs a worldwide shipping business headquartered at Monte Carlo. Those indictments charged them with conspiring to defraud the government.

All of the indictments involve charges that surplus U.S. government ships were purchased in the names of Americans and illegally funneled to aliens through corporate transactions.

The investigations began more than two years ago. Among those charged Tuesday with conspiracy to defraud the United States and violate the false statement statute was Stravros Niarchos, Greek ship owner living abroad. The wives of Niarchos and Onassis are sisters.

Royal City Seige Eased By Pressure

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — The French command announced Tuesday night that the 11-day siege of Muong Sai, 5 miles northwest of Luang Prabang, the royal capital of Laos, has been lifted with the aid of American donated B26 bombers.

The high command said elements of Vietnam Division No. 303, which unleashed an offensive toward Luang Prabang Jan. 30, has pulled back its forces from the vicinity of the capital as well as Muong Sai.

The division is regrouping in the valley of the Bac River 50 miles northwest of Luang Prabang.

The Vietnam launched its attack towards Luang Prabang primarily as a political maneuver. To protect the French sent reinforcements of the Foreign Legion and parachute units and, at the same time, pulled in troops from the scattered posts and garrisons of the Laos jungle.

In the general withdrawal toward Luang Prabang, the little garrison of Muong Sai held fast. A few men were left isolated and menaced with destruction.

The French command sent reinforcements to the harassed troops. The fact of the greatly strengthened garrison was in doubt for more than a week as an official curtain of silence descended over the fighting there.

From these positions inside the little town the French posted the Communist-led Vietnam with heavy mortars. The B26 bombers unloaded heavy cargoes of bombs on them. A reconnaissance in depth Monday revealed that the Vietnam had withdrawn, lifting for the moment the menace of battle in northern Laos.

The bombers, seeking out the retreating Vietnam, located a battalion in close formation east of Muong Sai and lambasted it, inflicting severe losses, the French said.

Elsewhere in Indochina, French Union forces struck at two Vietnam posts west and southeast of Hanoi, claiming to have inflicted heavy rebel losses.

French army headquarters here said one French force hit the Vietnam in the village of Buc Tap, then from pillboxes and entrenchments.

Fighters and bombers joined in the attack, machine-gunning and napalm-bombing the rebels. An army spokesman said no reports had been received of the exact Vietnam casualties, but they were heavy.

A similar attack was reported in a village near Nam Dinh, 55 miles southeast of Hanoi. The French said rebels were killed and 28 captured.



BIG SMILES FOLLOWED the announcement of the name of the new president for 1954-55 of the Malin Chamber of Commerce at last night's annual crab feed in the Broadway Hall, that drew 400 crab-eaters from all parts of the Klamath Basin. Mrs. Robert Byrne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dalton, Malin pioneer residents of the Klamath Basin, stands between Lou A. Drager, Malin, retiring president, and her husband, Robert Byrne, who will be at the chamber's helm for the next 12 months.



MRS. LYLE DOWNING, 1209 Pine, and her male beagle Tommy greeted the 9 o'clock Special Cameraman this morning.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Home Day
57 cars	0 cars
Total For 1953	
7698 cars	8543 cars