

TORNADOES SWEEP SOUTHWEST

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Zeke Walton, assistant manager of the Umpqua hotel at Roseburg, sprung this one on me yesterday:

"If you live in Roseburg, don't spray your roses with Black Leaf 40. It has a nicotine base, and deer love tobacco like a lumberjack loves a noose. If you put Black Leaf 40 on 'em, the deer will come in and eat your bushes down to the ground."

"I know what I'm talking about," he added. "They've done it to mine time and again."

Zeke ought to know. He's something of an authority on deer. They seem to hold him in high esteem.

Several years ago, when his position at the Umpqua was somewhat less exalted (he was a room clerk then, as I recall it) he was registering a customer at the counter when a deer came walking down Jackson street (Roseburg's Main Street) and glanced in.

Impressed by Zeke's hospitable manner, it decided to come in and put up. The fact that the door was closed didn't deter it. It crashed through the glass and brought up in front of the room desk.

It might, of course, have smelled the tobacco in the cigar and cigarette counter, but personally I think it's Zeke's personality. I never heard before of deer being victims of the tobacco habit.

Did you? I'd be interested in knowing if I'm just behind the times on deer's tastes.

Speaking of animals coming to town to see the sights, was the time the bear came down from the mountain and was strolling along North Ninth street in Klamath Falls when the neighborhood dogs tied into him. The bear promptly shinned up a tree, and in due time somebody came along with a 30-30 and potted him and hauled him home in a pickup truck.

It always seemed to me like an abuse of hospitality. The bear was obviously having himself a time as a casual tourist.

Then, there was the time when the worshippers at a Klamath Falls church came out at the end of the Sunday morning services to find a sedan parked in front of the building with a badly bashed top. The only clue to the dent was a 20-pound salmon lying beside the car. It was rather badly bruised, which led to the conclusion that it had fallen out of the sky and landed on the car.

How come? The consensus, after an animated discussion, was that some fisherman flying home after a successful trip to some salmon stream, had spilled it out of his plane as he was passing over town.

That calls to mind a family living in the Fall Creek district, some 20 miles up the Willamette from Eugene.

The woman of the house went out to the barn one evening to gather the eggs. Hens, you know, have a yen for making their nests in the manglers. The lady reached into a spot where, she knew by experience, a nest was located. Just as she thrust her hand in from one side to pick up the eggs that were expected to be there, a cougar thrust in its paw from the other side, also looking for eggs it expected to be there. Fortunately she grasped the cougar's paw with her fingers instead of the cougar grasping her hand with its claws.

The upshot of it was that she went out of the door at one end of the barn at high speed and at about the same time the cougar went out of the door at the other end, also breaking the speed limits.

Oregon is still a fascinating place to live, in spite of the fact that it is one of the most rapidly growing states in our Union. I hope we never reach the point where we've grown clear away from such contacts with nature in the raw.

Vietminh Push Fresh Attacks

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French army claimed Thursday its tanks and mobile units in a fresh clash in the southern sector of besieged Dien Bien Phu.

It was the second time in three days the French had reported a battle with the Communist-led enemy inside the southern perimeter of the northwest Indochina fortress. They claimed 175 enemy dead in a big clash Monday.

Intensive fire bombings by American-supplied planes continued meanwhile to take a heavy toll of the rebels digging in around Dien Bien Phu for new mass assaults on the fortress. Even Flying Boxcar and Dakota transport planes were used to jetison blazing jellied gasoline bombs on the enemy.

In the 13 days of this first major battle of the seven-year Indochina war, the French estimate more than 15,000 Vietminh troops have been killed and wounded. More than 3,000 killed and 9,000 wounded were believed lost in the first wild frontal assaults by the rebels.

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AEC Weapon Production Stepped Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atomic Energy Commission plans to step up this country's production of hydrogen and other atomic weapons at the behest of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This was disclosed Thursday with publication of testimony by the AEC chairman, Lewis L. Strauss, in telling a House appropriations subcommittee why the agency wants \$1,342,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

K. D. Nichols, general manager of AEC, also told the group there will be further weapon tests, in addition to the recent one in the Pacific.

Strauss said AEC's program has been increased "as a result of a restudy by the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the nation's weapons requirements."

The chairman said operating costs for fiscal 1956 are expected to run 42 per cent higher than this year, adding:

"Substantially all of the increase occurs as a result of increasing uranium procurement and expanding the production of weapons and weapon materials."

Strauss and Nichols testified March 8, a week after the awesome hydrogen explosion in the Pacific and just before the AEC head left to witness further tests.

Strauss told the House group steps already have been taken to expand production of H-bomb materials to meet military requirements established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Egypt to Hold Free Election

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A tense meeting of Egypt's ruling revolutionary council ended Thursday with a public announcement that the military regime would hand over all government powers to a freely elected constituent assembly on July 24.

The surprise announcement of the impending end to the military regime provoked speculation as to whether the army's secret "free officers" movement would carry out its threats to start a new revolution if the way were opened to the restoration of politicians of the old Farouk regime.

The council met amid growing reports of differences between President Mohamed Naguib and other members.

There were unconfirmed reports of increased resentment against Naguib from young members of the council. Cairo streets were completely normal, however.

Vice Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser's aide, Maj. Amin Shaker, denied reports published abroad that a state of emergency had been newly proclaimed in Egypt. The state of emergency clamped down on the country following the Cairo fire riots of Jan. 26, 1952, never has been lifted.

One of the points of difference within the revolutionary council reportedly is that Naguib has urged an immediate end to the martial law in effect since then. Nasser and other members of the military opposed any immediate lifting of martial law. Its raising had been promised before the elections scheduled for July.

Warnings of Red Inf' In State Dept. Ignored

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Asst. Secretary of State Spruille Braden testified Thursday that as far as he can judge the State Department is still filled with "state interventionists, collectivists and do-gooders."

In the witness chair of the Senate subcommittee on internal security, Braden said these people are "doing the same thing" to Secretary of State Dulles that they

US Military Aides Face Red Charges

MOSCOW (AP) — The newspaper Trud charged four members of the U.S. Embassy's military staff Thursday with spying on Soviet airfields and other important installations on a rail trip from Moscow to Vladivostok.

The embassy refused to comment on the charges.

Trud, the trade union newspaper, claimed the alleged espionage was revealed in military intelligence reports the Americans left behind in their compartment on the Trans-Siberian Express. It said the chief conductor found the papers at the end of the run.

The documents, it continued, "constitute an intelligence report on the main towns and stations between Moscow and Khabarovsk," an industrial and transportation center of 300,000 persons north of Vladivostok on the Manchurian border.

Special attention was paid to airfields, radio station, industrial plants and the like," Trud said.

The four accused by the paper were Lt. Col. Howard L. Felchlin, Maj. Walter McKinney, Maj. Martin J. Manhoff and 8-Sgt. Eugene Williams.

Trud published what it said were photostatic copies of their papers and commented:

"If the above-mentioned persons would like to get back their documents, which evidently were forgotten in the rush, they can do so by calling at the porters' office."

McKinney is now away from Moscow on leave. The other three refused to give their U.S. addresses and would only repeat what embassy counselor Elin O'Shaughnessy had said: "We have no comment to make."

U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen was not available to newsmen.

Oregon Papers In Trade Deal

PRINEVILLE (AP) — A three-way newspaper deal in which Monroe Sweetland, state Democratic national committeeman, becomes publisher of the Milwaukie Review was announced here Thursday by the Prineville Central Oregonian.

E. A. Donnelly, who has been publisher of the Review, becomes publisher of the Central Oregonian. The deal was arranged when L. R. Batman contracted to sell the Central Oregonian to Sweetland. Sweetland then used that contract in arranging a trade by which he got the Milwaukie paper and the Milwaukie publisher came here. Both are weekly newspapers.

U.S. Army Accused By Contractor

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — An American contractor, leaving by military plane Thursday for a Washington grand jury hearing, threatened to crack open what he called "a great conspiracy to sabotage the U.S. defense program in Europe."

Robert E. Bowen, 36, formerly of Spokane, Wash., declared he has "enough photostatic evidence to result in the court-martial of at least five Army officers."

He asserted many more officers would be involved if the investigation is carried through to the end. Bowen told newsmen he believed the conspiracy was partly Communist inspired, "but I can't prove this."

"But I can prove the conspiracy," he said.

U.S. Army in Europe headquarters at Heidelberg said Bowen would appear before a federal grand jury in Washington at 9 a.m. Friday.

The Army declined to comment on Bowen's charges, or on his statement that the hearing was being held at his request.

Bowen said he had been trying for more than a year to get either a congressional hearing, or a grand jury hearing.

"I wrote to everybody except Sen. McCarthy," Bowen said, "and I have nothing against McCarthy."

Bowen added he had written dozens of letters to James B. Conant, U.S. high commissioner in Germany, and to Gen. William M. Hoge, commander of the U.S. Army in Europe.

Bowen said Bowen's letters had been received, "acknowledged and appropriately acted upon."

Bowen said he had written to a number of senators, including John W. Bricker (R-Ohio) and Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), but they, he believes, Magnuson had been instrumental in arranging the grand jury hearing.

Bowen was arrested in the French zone of Germany in September 1952 on a charge of possessing classified documents, including a spy defense construction program for West Germany. A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Germany disclosed Thursday the charge had been dropped. He said the documents "were not really secret."

Bowen was a contractor, the spokesman said, "and he had to have the documents in order to submit bids."

At the time of his arrest, Bowen charged he was arrested only to detract from an investigation of alleged fraud and bribery involving the Army's building program in Germany.

More than 30 German contractors were arrested for questioning. Concrete results have never been announced.

Bowen is chief engineer for a Swiss firm, Consolidated Engineering Ltd., Zurich, that has designed construction projects for the Army. He said he hopes to prove that the "whole conspiracy cost the U.S. government 30 million dollars in delays, higher costs and kickbacks."

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the cause of death.

Blood samples taken from Wilson's body were sent to the State Crime Laboratory at Portland for examination.

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Investigating officers say it's possible that Wilson may have died from over-exertion as a result of his grave-digging activities.



SUNNY DAY SMILES on the way to Fairview school this morning. The young students are Alice Pfefferle, Jackie Rogers, and Linda Smith.

Costly N.Y. Wildcat Dock Strike Said Breaking Up

NEW YORK (AP) — The AFL contended Thursday that a rival union's 20-day dock strike that has cost an estimated 275 million dollars is "falling apart."

More men were reported going back to work.

And the possibility that the strike might spread to other east coast ports failed to materialize.

The AFL International Longshoremen Assn. (AFL-ILA) said 4,000 of its members crossed picket lines of the rival independent

ILA and went to work, compared with 3,500 Wednesday.

The old ILA, ousted from the AFL for harboring racketeers, struck in what has been known as a wildcat walkout in a jurisdictional dispute with the new AFL-ILA for control of the waterfront.

Capt. William V. Bradley, president of the old ILA, Wednesday gave official endorsement to the strike. It was this that led to belief that ILA locals in other ports might strike in a snow of ILA strength.

But there were no reports Thursday of walkouts in these ports that have been getting increased business because of the New York tieup.

Tugboat men in New York, affiliated with the ILA, also continued on the job.

City officials said 27 of 56 ships berthed in New York City piers were being worked Thursday, compared to 25 of 58 Wednesday.

John Dwyer, chairman of the AFL-ILA port committee, said the number of men working present "is a much brighter picture."

"The longshoremen are not fooled by Bradley's phony attempt to pull the mob's chestnuts out of the fire," Dwyer said.

Bradley had said that ILA men in the other ports wanted "to go out" and that "we'll have a job keeping the other ports working."

C. G. Tegnell, director of research for the State Chamber of Commerce, said the strike had cost the nation's No. 1 port 275 million dollars in lost business and that the figure would rise to a half billion if the walkout continued another 10 days.

The walkout by members of the ILA — ousted from the AFL last fall for harboring racketeers — has been staged in defiance of a federal court injunction. Contempt of court proceedings are pending.

The ILA high command reportedly hopes to escape possible jail terms or fines for contempt for endorsing the walkout by contending that the strike is a "no contract, no work" action and not a defiance of the federal court injunction issued March 4, the day before the walkout started.

Latest Potato Plan Opposed

PORTLAND (AP) — The chairman of the Oregon-California Potato Marketing Agreement Committee said Wednesday he opposed the government plan to buy a limited amount of 1953 crop potatoes.

The government said it would buy some potatoes at prevailing market prices for distribution to welfare agencies and institutions, and also would pay 35 cents per 100 pounds for potatoes diverted to starch or potato flour plants.

"I'm sorry to see them come in at this stage of the game. If the government bolsters the market now, when a lot of growers are wondering what to plant on acres diverted from basic crops, it will result in increased plantings and bigger surpluses next summer and fall," said Roy Snabel, Powell Butte, chairman of the Oregon-California Marketing Committee.

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High Winds; Snow, Rain Over Area

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

March storms, with rain, snow and strong winds, swept wide areas of the country Thursday after seven damaging tornadoes struck areas in Oklahoma and Texas Wednesday night.

Wet weather was reported in nearly all sections of the country. A deepening storm which centered over Southern Iowa brought widespread rains to the midcontinent and eastward through the Great Lakes region to Pennsylvania.

Thunderstorms extended from the storm center southward through Missouri, Oklahoma, Eastern Texas and Arkansas. Five tornadoes hit in Oklahoma and two struck Texas communities.

There were no fatalities reported from the twisters but damage at Tulsa alone was estimated at \$100,000. Three of the Oklahoma tornadoes were in farm communities and a fifth was near Shawnee. The Texas twisters were at Honey Grove in the northeastern section and near Albany in the northwestern part of the state.

Snow fell in the Northern Plains and headed into the North Central region with falls up to 6 inches forecast for the Dakotas and from 2 to 5 inches for Northern and West Central Minnesota.

Showers also were reported in the Middle Atlantic states and in California.

While wet weather was general over most areas, dust storms were reported from Central Oklahoma southward into Western Texas.

Mostly mild weather prevailed over the country except for Northern border states. Temperatures ranged from the teens in Montana to the 70s in southern parts of Texas and Florida.

Some early morning temperature readings included Denver 26; Butte, Mont., 17; Dallas 44; Laredo, Texas, 71; Miami 73; Nashville 69; New York City 45; Los Angeles 50; Seattle 40; Omaha and Chicago 45; Des Moines 48; Cleveland 47; St. Louis 58 and Milwaukee 40.

HONEY GROVE, Tex. (AP) — At least seven tornadoes last night and early today boiled from a line of thunderstorms extending across north Texas, Oklahoma and into Arkansas.

None was of major violence, but areas from 100 miles south of Abilene, Tex., to Fort Smith, Ark., were buffeted.

Hardest hit in the upsurge of violent weather was Tulsa, Okla., where damage was estimated at \$100,000.

No one was reported killed in the twisters, but George D. Franklin, a drive-in theater owner, was crushed to death at Argyle, in north Texas, when a wall he was trying to brace toppled on him during a windstorm.

Five tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma in the state's southwest, north, central and northeastern sections. Three of the Oklahoma twisters brought heavy damage to as many farm communities; another tore up trees and outbuildings just south of Shawnee's business district, and the fifth ripped through Tulsa.

The Texas tornadoes struck at Honey Grove in the state's northeast section and near Albany in the northwest. Damaging storms also tore across Fort Worth, McKinney and a section east of Throckmorton, Tex.

The Tulsa tornado snapped telephone poles, uprooted trees, and destroyed six light planes at the Brown Airport. Two of the planes could not be found.

NEW HELICOPTER BRUSSELS, Belgium

—Seventy-year-old Prof. Auguste Piccard says he plans to build a "submarine helicopter" to explore medium sea depths. He called the new device a mesoplane and said it would have a plexiglass cabin topped by a rotor with several blades.



W. M. (BILL) CASE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, of the National Potato Council, Washington, D.C., (center) was the principal speaker at a spud meeting in Merrill Wednesday night. Louis Lyon, (left) Malin rancher, and director of the National Potato Council and Troy Qualls, president of the Klamath Potato Growers Association. (Story on page 11)

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Name Day Last Year
55 cars	54 cars
Total For Season	
9327 cars	10,260 cars
1956-57	1955-56



OVER-EXERTION from digging a grave may have caused the death of Floyd Mallory Wilson, 25-year-old Indian. His body was found on an isolated logging road a short distance from the cemetery where he had been working. Sheriff Murray Britton is shown with the body.