

REDS TELL OF H-BOMB TESTS

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In Indochina the French plead for a truce while they move their wounded out of beleaguered Dien Bien Phu. The commies ignore their plea. The French high command accuses the commies of flagrantly ignoring the red crosses plainly marked on transport planes flying mercy missions—such as getting the gravely wounded to hospitals in time to save their lives.

As we move deeper into the campaign for political control of congress, the Democratic Big Winds step up their criticism of Ike's program. They say it is getting nowhere.

Well, a big part of Ike's program of readjustment from the long-continued war boom is CUTTING SPENDING and REDUCING TAXES. When Ike wants to cut spending, they yell for MORE spending. When he tries to balance the budget, they put in snide proposals to cut taxes and increase borrowing.

A lot of Republicans are not much better. Their idea is to get elected at any cost.

In modern war and in modern politics, decency flies out of the window in the pinches and all that's left in the house is grim purpose to win REGARDLESS.

For a change, let's turn to some modern economics.
For some time you've been reading that Oregon's unemployment situation this winter is among the worst in the country. Perhaps you've wondered why. Here is some light on the subject.

At the 27th annual meeting of the Northwest Scientific Association in Spokane on December 30, 1953, Walter J. Meade of Lewis and Clark College in Portland presented a study on the economic significance of the wood products industry in the Pacific Northwest.

His study indicated that the rough lumber industry is and always has been a boom and bust industry. In periods of rising activity, it has soared above the general industrial average. In periods of decline, it has DIVED BELOW the general average.

Oregon is now the TOP ROUGH LUMBER STATE of the Union. Hence its economy tends to follow the boom and bust cycle. That, if true, explains why Oregon's unemployment situation this winter has been relatively bad.

Here's some food for careful thought:
Nearly a decade and a half ago Washington passed the peak of its rough lumber cut, leaving Oregon as the nation's No. 1 producer of rough lumber.

But—
Washington, HAVING ALREADY PASSED THE PEAK OF ITS ROUGH LUMBER CUT, IS NOW BETTER OFF INDUSTRIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY THAN OREGON, WHOSE ROUGH LUMBER PEAK STILL LIES AHEAD.

Why?
The answer is simple.
Washington, realizing that its original supply of virgin timber has been depleted and that in the future it must depend on annual growth (sustained yield), has turned to methods of utilization of its remaining timber that use fewer trees but PRODUCE MORE MAN HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT PER THOUSAND FEET.
Washington is making L E S S rough lumber and MORE wall-board, hardboard, plywood, cartons, paper boxes, pulp, paper, RAYON and other products that come from the FIBER of the tree. That is to say, Washington is PROCESSING more of its wood into a wider variety of products and is cutting up less of it into ROUGH BOARDS.

Washington has had to look the facts of life in the face and realize that its supply of virgin timber is not inexhaustible. Oregon is still going on the happy-go-lucky assumption that there will always be plenty more logs where these came from.

As a result, Washington is getting more payrolls and MORE STABLE payrolls than is Oregon.
These are the cold facts of the situation.

There's a lesson in all this for the Klamath country. We have passed the peak of our rough lumber production. But if we are wise enough to follow Washington's example we can get far larger payrolls and FAR MORE STABLE PAYROLLS out of our timber that is still left than we ever got out of that part of our original stand that we cut up so prodigally into rough lumber.

We'd better begin to HEED that lesson.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy through Sunday with high of 48; low Saturday night 34.
High yesterday 51
Low last night 31

PROTEST STRIKE
CAIRO, Egypt — Representatives of the syndicate of transport workers — claiming control over 40 unions of bus drivers, taxi drivers and street car employees — said Saturday they are calling a strike to protest the revolutionary council's decision to turn power over to a constituent assembly July 24.

Indic Returned In Kidnap Case

PORTLAND (AP) — A county grand jury, moving with unusual speed, returned three indictments Friday afternoon against James Valentine, 41, accused by police of trying to kidnap George Brice III March 19.

One of the indictments charged him with the attempted abduction of 8-year-old George, son of a wealthy financier, from fashionable Catlin Hillside school here. The other accused him of kidnaping the boy's mother, Mrs. George Brice Jr., and her maid, Lizzie May Brown.

Ball of \$25,000 was set on each of the three indictments, making a total of \$75,000.

Valentine, who police said had a long record including narcotics violations, asked at his arraignment for a week to enter a plea and declined to accept the services of a court-appointed attorney.

Police said during questioning he denied all knowledge of the affair. They said he told them he was eating in a downtown restaurant at the time of the kidnap attempt.

Both Mrs. Brice and the maid picked him out from a police lineup, saying he was the man who forced them at gunpoint to drive them to the school.

The gunman remained in the car while Mrs. Brice went into the school. She had officials notify police. The gunman then rushed into the school and fired several shots, one of which wounded an instructor, Manuel Schaeffer, in the hand. The gunman who fled on foot in the confusion.

Police checked out nearly 200 suspects before arresting Valentine.

Circuit Judge Lowell Mundorf scheduled the next hearing on the case for Thursday. He told Valentine a further extension would be available then.

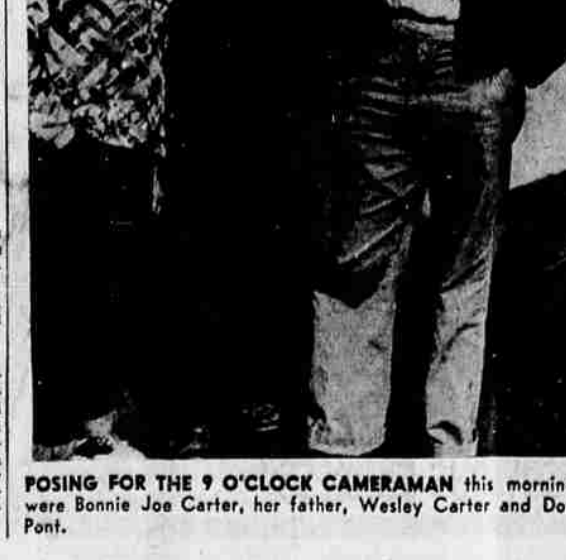
Jury Gives Quick Verdict

After only 10 minutes of deliberation, a Circuit Court jury late Friday found Willie Eugene Beashear, 24, not guilty of theft of rock crusher parts from the W.D. Miller Construction Company.

Beashear's trial, which lasted two days, was marked by legal complications which held up the proceedings several times.

When the prosecution started to rest its case, Judge David R. Vandenberg refused to permit that action. He pointed out that Deputy District Attorney Robert Kerr had failed to establish the corporate company and the value of the rock crusher parts allegedly stolen.

Shortly before the case went to the jury, Defense Attorney Donald A. W. Piper called the defendant to the witness stand. Beashear told the jury he took the rock crusher parts but believed they had been discarded as junk.



POSING FOR THE 9 O'CLOCK CAMERAMAN this morning were Bonnie Joe Carter, her father, Wesley Carter and Don Pont.

Ike Program Vote Appeal Said Good

OMAHA (AP) — President Eisenhower's program "will provide the most effective appeal to all voters" in this year's congressional elections, Midwest Republican leaders agreed Saturday.

GOP chairmen from 14 states took this position in a resolution adopted near the close of a two-day session of the Midwest and Rocky Mountain Republican State Chairmen's Assn.

The resolution bore out pre-conference predictions that discussion of such current issues as the McCarthy controversy would be "informal." So far there has been no indication that the chairmen would express themselves officially on Sen. McCarthy's dispute with the Army.

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall said Friday in an interview here Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) "has done more harm than good" in his controversy with top Army officials. Hall said McCarthy's "Senate effectiveness has diminished in the past few weeks."

"The dispute has hurt. Any dispute hurts," Hall said.

The Eisenhower program resolution said:

"The broad scope of the program, its concern for every American's welfare, and its ability to bring about prosperity with peace commend the program to us as providing the most effective appeal to all voters, Republicans, Democrats and Independents."

"It is our considered judgment, based on two days of workshop sessions, that a President Eisenhower's program will be the rallying point for a united campaign to elect a Republican Congress in November."

"The accomplishments of the Eisenhower administration mark the fulfillment of solemn pledges dictated for the general good of our nation and not for political expediency."

Wisconsin state chairman Robert E. Pierce, one of three leaders in the conference farm discussions, said the group will make no attempt to tell Congress what kind of farm program the country should have. But he predicted that starting with the administration's flexible price support proposal Congress will provide a program "we all can get out and sell."

French to Get More U.S. Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — American crews will soon ferry a new flock of B26 fighter-bombers to Indochina where French fliers will use them in a round-the-clock bombardment of Red divisions besieging vital Dien Bien Phu.

The Defense Department announced yesterday that 26 more B26s would be sent to the hard-pressed French, who are trying to repel Vietminh efforts to take the stronghold in time to give Red diplomats a talking point at April Asian peace talks in Geneva, Switzerland.

The U. S. also is sending ammunition and defense supplies. Already in action are 22 B26s and an undisclosed force of transporters, some of which are piloted by civilian volunteers from this country.

U.S. Not Harmed By Bomb Testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atomic Energy Commission says recent hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific brought a small but harmless increase in radioactivity over the United States.

The gain over normal radiation always present from outer space, the AEC said, "is far below levels which could be harmful in any way to human beings, animals or crops."

There was no information available on amounts of radiation registered at specific points in the United States from the recent tests.

The amount now drifting over this country from the Marshall Islands is less than that observed in continental United States after some previous tests on the Nevada proving grounds and overseas, the AEC said, and even this will decrease rapidly.

Portland Company Victim of Robbers

PORTLAND (AP) — Burglars broke into the Schuster Steel Products Co. here, peeled open a safe and took \$1,100 early Saturday.

Detective Sgt. Dan Mitola said they pried open a back door, bent back two steel layers on the bottom of the safe and removed the money from a cash box.



MAYBE BLOOD WON'T FLOW from a turnip, but it will from the veins of men and women who pledge a pint of blood for the coming March 29-30 visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile. Members of the VFW Club, sponsoring the visit here, wore identification cards picturing a turnip, and bearing the words, "We're Not After Turnips," while soliciting donors on Main Street. (l to r) Harvey Brannan and Al Bakosky, VFW members work the telephone rounding up stragglers to donate between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Passes

MRS. TWYLA FERGUSON, long prominent in social and civic circles of Klamath Falls, passed away in Ashland this morning following a lingering illness, according to word received from the Mountain View Nursing Home, where she had been a patient. Funeral arrangements will be announced on Monday by Litwiller Funeral Home in Ashland.

Historic Adams Ranch Sold To Ft. Klamath Cattlemen

BY OTTO ELLIS
One of the four original ranches in the south end of the basin, the Adams Ranch, located 2 1/2 miles east of Merrill, has been sold, the owner J. Frank Adams Jr., announced today.

Buyers of the property, Ira F. Orem and son Harry, will take over operation of the ranch next week.

The Adams Ranch, historic landmark in Klamath County, is part of the original holdings of the late J. Frank Adams Sr., acquired about 70 years ago, and consisting of some 10,000 acres.

The ranch today consists of approximately 500 acres and is believed to be the largest ranch in the basin using irrigation water under the U.S. reclamation project.

In 1923, Adams Sr., was killed when a horse he was riding stepped in a hole and fell with him, and the following year Adams Jr., purchased the ranch from the estate and took over operation.

An attraction at the ranch for years were the rows of stately poplar trees surrounding the buildings. These trees were planted by Adams Sr. in 1887 after having the seedlings by buckboard from Shasta Valley.

The Adams Ranch, said to be the fourth in the Merrill-Mallin area was succeeded by the Colwell, Whitney and Boddy ranches. The latter place changed hands shortly after the death of Boddy who was among the early settlers massacred by Indians shortly before the Modoc War, and was later known as the Hartley Ranch.

The new owners farmed for many years in the Henley district and a few years ago purchased a cattle ranch at Fort Klamath, where the younger Orem now lives.

A new house will be built on the ranch this year, replacing the large two-story ranch home that was built by Adams Sr. in 1899.

A part of the farm land will be leased for the growing of potatoes and some diversified farming will be continued, Orem stated, but most of the ranch activities will center around the raising and fattening of beef cattle.

Sale price of the ranch was not disclosed, and participants stated it was a private deal.

Reds Ignore French Pleas

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French Saturday stepped up radio pleas for a brief cease fire to permit planes to move their wounded from Dien Bien Phu. But the Vietminh continued their constant bombardment of the besieged Northwest Indochina fortress.

The French High Command formally accused the Communist-led rebels of flagrantly ignoring Red-robbed transport planes flying mercy missions.

French commander in chief Gen. Henri Navarre appealed personally in a broadcast to Vietminh commander Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap and gave assurances the Red Cross marked planes would be used only for carrying our wounded.

A command spokesman said the Vietminh acknowledged receiving three appeals to halt their shelling of the Dien Bien Phu airstrip but had kept it up without a break. Despite this, he said, American-supplied helicopters and transporters were braving the fire and at times managing to evacuate some wounded.

The spokesman did not disclose how many casualties had been taken out to hospitals in Hanoi and elsewhere or how many were still in the heavily bunkered, underground first aid station of the fortress. The spokesman said the aid station had been hammered by Vietminh fire.

Fred Hoagland Will Retire

Fred Hoagland, who has been manager of the local Fluhrers Bakery for many years has announced his retirement, effective June 1.

Named as his successor is Ralph Hunter who has been with the firm for 14 years and steps up from the post of sales manager of the local company.

Hoagland has been with Fluhrers for 27 years. He came to Klamath Falls in October, 1933. Coincidentally his announcement to retire, he stated he has disposed of his interest in the bakeries, but plans to continue to make his home in Klamath Falls and handle his other interests. First matter on the summer agenda will be a three to six months vacation, he declared.

No other changes in personnel are contemplated, nor any change of business policy, Hunter stated.

Soviet Army Paper Uses New Policy

MOSCOW (AP) — The Army newspaper Red Star Saturday gave the Soviet people a simply written explanation, complete with diagrams of the hydrogen bomb. It predicted the thermonuclear energy of the H-bomb, turned to peaceful use, will permit interplanetary and interstellar flight.

The article said the Soviet Union exploded a hydrogen bomb Aug. 8, 1953, and went on to say this country will use the energy developed for such peaceful purposes as construction work, digging canals and opening new sources of mineral wealth.

The article was one of a series explaining atomic and thermonuclear energy — the first ever published for the general Soviet public.

Western diplomats here find this new policy of informing the public extremely interesting, and some are clipping the articles for their own information.

The article included a sketch showing the difference between an atomic bomb and an H-bomb. It said the H-bomb releases 8 to 10 times more power with the same amount of fuel. The paper also printed a small, theoretical sketch of an H-bomb.

"The power of explosion of a hydrogen bomb can best be compared to the tungus meteorite explosion in Siberia in 1908," it said. "The meteorite weighed not less than one million tons and had a speed of 60 kilometers (37.28 miles per second). The bright tail of the meteorite was seen at distances of 600 kilometers (372.8 miles) and the explosions on striking the earth were heard thousands of kilometers from the spot. The explosions felled the forest over an area of a hundred square kilometers."

"Doubtless an explosion of such strength can be used not only for military purposes and destruction, but also for peaceful purposes... the brilliant discovery of the real way of receiving energy from the thermonuclear reaction with hydrogen, made by Soviet scientists, opens before humanity the prospects of mastering such forces of nature and a growth in productivity immediately exceeding anything yet known in the field of energetics."

"Hydrogen energy — for the peaceful use of which the Soviet Union is fighting — will change the conditions of the people of the world and will permit a solution to the problems of interplanetary and interstellar flights and the reconstruction of our planet for the good of mankind."

Western diplomats are speculating on the Soviet government's reasons for its new policy of informing the citizenry of the nature and effects of A-bombs and H-bombs. Some connect it with Premier Malenkov's speech two weeks ago warning that an all-out atom-hydrogen war would "destroy civilization."

This remarkable statement by the Soviet premier attracted attention because it was the first time any Soviet leader spoke so plainly on the fate of the world. Hitherto Soviet leaders have spoken mainly in terms of deadly retaliation should the Soviet Union be attacked.

Plainer speaking here has paralleled Eisenhower speaking by President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Churchill and other western leaders.

Some diplomats here think the more such information given to the people of both East and West, the better chance there will be for an international agreement to harness these forces for peace.

Lower Support Plan To Stick

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has indicated it is sticking to its support lowering plan that is expected to bring down the price of butter April 1.

Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Friday night he heard the Agriculture Department might make a last minute switch away from its announced plan to drop dairy price supports from 90 per cent to 75 per cent of parity April 1.

Parity is a price declared to be fair to farmers in terms of what they must buy.

But undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse, head of the Commodity Credit Corp., which handles price supports, said he knew of no change.

The government apparently is going on, too, with a purchase and resale plan on dairy products which McCarthy criticized. He said he has assigned aides of his Senate investigations subcommittee to look into some financial aspects of the shift to lower supports.

Until April 1, the government is committed to buy all the butter offered it at 65.75 cents a pound, Chicago basis. It is getting more than three million pounds a day.

Forestry Group Adds Tree Farms

PORTLAND (AP) — The Industrial Forestry Assn's board of directors Friday certified 10 private forest holdings totaling 6,841 acres as West Coast tree farms.

Five are in Oregon. The largest is the Glustina Bros. Lost Creek property in Lane County. That totals 4,300 acres.

Others in Oregon are Levitt and Francis J. Horner in Linn County, Carl R. and Odille A. Messing in Douglas County, Eldred Caster in Marion County and Drew and Darlene Michels in Polk County.

Oregon now has 79 tree farms totaling 1,655,228 acres in the association's private forestry program, launched in 1940.



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