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Molotov Backs Chinese Proposal

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Stevens Confronted With Army General's Statement

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Army Stevens testified Thursday he was apprehensive the P. Monmouth; N. J., commander was moving too fast against alleged security risks last October. He said it was "entirely possible" the commander, Maj. Gen. Kirke G. Lawton, had been asked to withdraw some suspensions.

Stevens had been confronted at the McCarthy-Army hearings with a statement by Lawton that Army counselor John G. Adams telephoned him early in November urging him to "dismiss certain security cases" at the Army radar research center.

In a dramatic development, Ray H. Jenkins, special counsel to the Senate investigations subcommittee, produced the memorandum, "not two hours old," saying Lawton had dictated it in Jenkins' presence. The memo was handwritten in ink. Jenkins said Capt. Joseph E. Corr Jr., aide to Lawton, had taken down the general's statement.

Jenkins termed the memo of vital importance to the contention by Sen. McCarthy—denied by Stevens—that Stevens sought to stop the senator's investigation of alleged subversive activities at Monmouth. The special counsel conducted such hammering cross-examination of Stevens that Joseph N. Welch, special counsel to the sec-

retary, protested Jenkins was going at it as if it were a "murder trial." Stevens swore that he had no recollection of the purported telephone conversation between Adams and Lawton. But Stevens said it could be "entirely possible"—that it was "conceivable"—he had told Adams he had better call Gen. Lawton. Stevens said he did recall last Oct. 31 he had talked to Gen. George I. Back, chief signal officer, and told him he wanted the Army's commanding general to exercise "careful and good judgment" in carrying out the government's program to weed out security risks.

The secretary said he told Back he did not want the removal of employees at Ft. Monmouth to be done so rapidly that people would be suspended without sufficient evidence to support the action.

quake Felt Off Coast

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—An earthquake centered somewhere along the west coast of Mexico early Thursday was the strongest recorded here in 13 years by seismologist Fred Robinson. "It was sure a humdinger, somewhere," he reported. Two tremors were recorded, at 2:51.05 a. m. and 3:35.51 a. m. (PST). The second awayed chandeliers and caused houses to creak in San Diego, but few residents were awakened by the shocks.

Robinson said the second quake could certainly have caused damage in any populated area near its center. There was no direct communication from here with Mexican areas that might be damaged. The quake was also recorded at Berkeley and Pasadena.

Judge Vandenberg Rules On Oregon Bad Check Law

By LYLE DOWNING Oregon's insufficient funds check law was declared unconstitutional Thursday by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. Judge Vandenberg concurred with an earlier opinion by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna of Medford who stated: "Equality of protection of the laws implies that in the administration of criminal justice no one shall be subjected, for the same offense, to any greater or different punishment from that which others are subjected. Hence statutes are unconstitutional which provide different degrees of punishment for different persons for the same act."

In elaborating upon that contention, Judge Vandenberg explained: "I have read the opinion of Judge Hanna which in effect says the law in question does not apply equally to all persons. 'The law in question,' Judge Vandenberg continued, 'puts it within the discretion of the grand jury or a magistrate to determine whether a person shall be prosecuted for a felony or a misdemeanor. In such a situation, here's what could happen: Two men could be arrested on charges that each wrote a \$10 check with insufficient funds in the bank. One of them could be prosecuted for a misdemeanor and get off with as little as a \$5 fine. The other man could

be charged with a felony and on conviction be sentenced to the state prison for a term of five years.' The issue came up in Judge Vandenberg's court when Attorney George Proctor, counsel for J. Wesley Ambrose, filed a demurrer to an indictment returned by the grand jury charging him with feloniously issuing a check without sufficient funds. Judge Vandenberg has had the demurrer under study for several weeks. The law under attack was passed by the Oregon legislature in 1949. It is reported that the decision of Judge Hanna in Medford will be appealed to the state supreme court.

County law enforcement officers hastily warned that the court's ruling does not mean that insufficient funds check can be written with impunity. Such check writers can still be prosecuted for obtaining money or property under false pretenses. After he sustained Attorney Proctor's demurrer, Judge Vandenberg ordered Ambrose released from the county jail where he had been held since February 9.



Chou En-Lai Statements Supported

By EDDIE GILMORE GENEVA (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov told the Geneva conference Thursday he agrees entirely with the Asia-for-Asians declaration of Chinese Communist Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai.

Molotov, in his first policy speech before the 19-nation conference, said a peaceful solution of the Korean problem can be found if the delegates proceed "from the principle that the peoples of Asia have the full right to settle their affairs themselves."

"Other states, the participants of the Geneva conference," he said, "are called upon to assist the Asian peoples in this respect by their friendly efforts." Molotov spoke after Australian Foreign Minister Richard G. Casey told the conference some United Nations troops may have to remain in Korea until the divided peninsula is unified under a democratic government. Many diplomats here are convinced this may never happen—at least not in the near future. The Soviet foreign minister began by noting the presence of Red China at the meeting and said particular emphasis should be laid "on the fact that the great power of Asia—the People's Republic of China—will be able to contribute to the work of our conference."

ANDREW LONEY JR., director of music education in the Klamath Falls public schools, will direct the KUHS a cappella choir when it sings tonight for the opening session of the State Christian Endeavor Convention which will be held in Klamath Falls through May 2. More than 1000 youth and adults will be in attendance.

Dorris Hill Bid Reported

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The California Public Works Department announced Wednesday that the Clements Construction Company and the Clements Company of Centerville, California, submitted the low bid for grading and servicing three miles of U.S. Highway 97 between Dorris and the Oregon line. No award was made Wednesday.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Washington: In yesterday's installment of these chronicles I spoke of the horror that would have gripped the Founding Fathers if some seventh son of a seventh son, feeling the mood of prophecy coming upon him, had gone into a trance and while under the influence of the occult had described to them the hearing on the McCarthy charges against the army that is now gripping the attention of this town.

What the Founding Fathers had in mind was a republic. That is to say, a nation governed by REPRESENTATIVES of the people. I'm certain they thought of "representatives" as persons quite like themselves. Educated people—meaning by that not merely people who could read and write and figure but people deeply learned in history and philosophy. Cultured people. SELFLESS PEOPLE. People who thought first and often of their country's welfare and seldom, if at all, of their own political advancement.

Holding ideals of that sort, a honky tonk show like this McCarthy hearing would have been utterly abhorrent to them. If it had been explained to them that this side-show in an election year would be carried to the eyes and the ears of nearly all the people over the air waves, so that the whole fantastic thing would come into their homes where, sitting comfortably in their stocking feet they could see it all and from it form their opinions as to how to vote come next November, I fear the Founding Fathers would have blown a gasket.

Let us remember that the Founding Fathers lived and did their great work approximately a century and three quarters ago. Much water has gone under the bridge since then. Considering that fact, I'm not too sure that this thing that is going on here—this Show of Shows in going on and on, with the people sitting hemmed in by TV cameras and newsreel cameras, in the blaring white glare of a battery of klieg lights, knowing that every gesture, every word, every inflection is being seen and heard by two thirds of all the people of the land—is all evil. After all, there IS such a thing as the MASS wisdom of the people. The mass common sense of the people. Seeing it all just as it is happening, hearing it all just as it is happening, with NO SLANTING, I think the people will be able to do for themselves the discounting that needs to be done, that they will be able to recognize the playing to the galleries that is going on and that in the end they will be able to form for themselves pretty accurate judgments as to what it is all about.

Weather

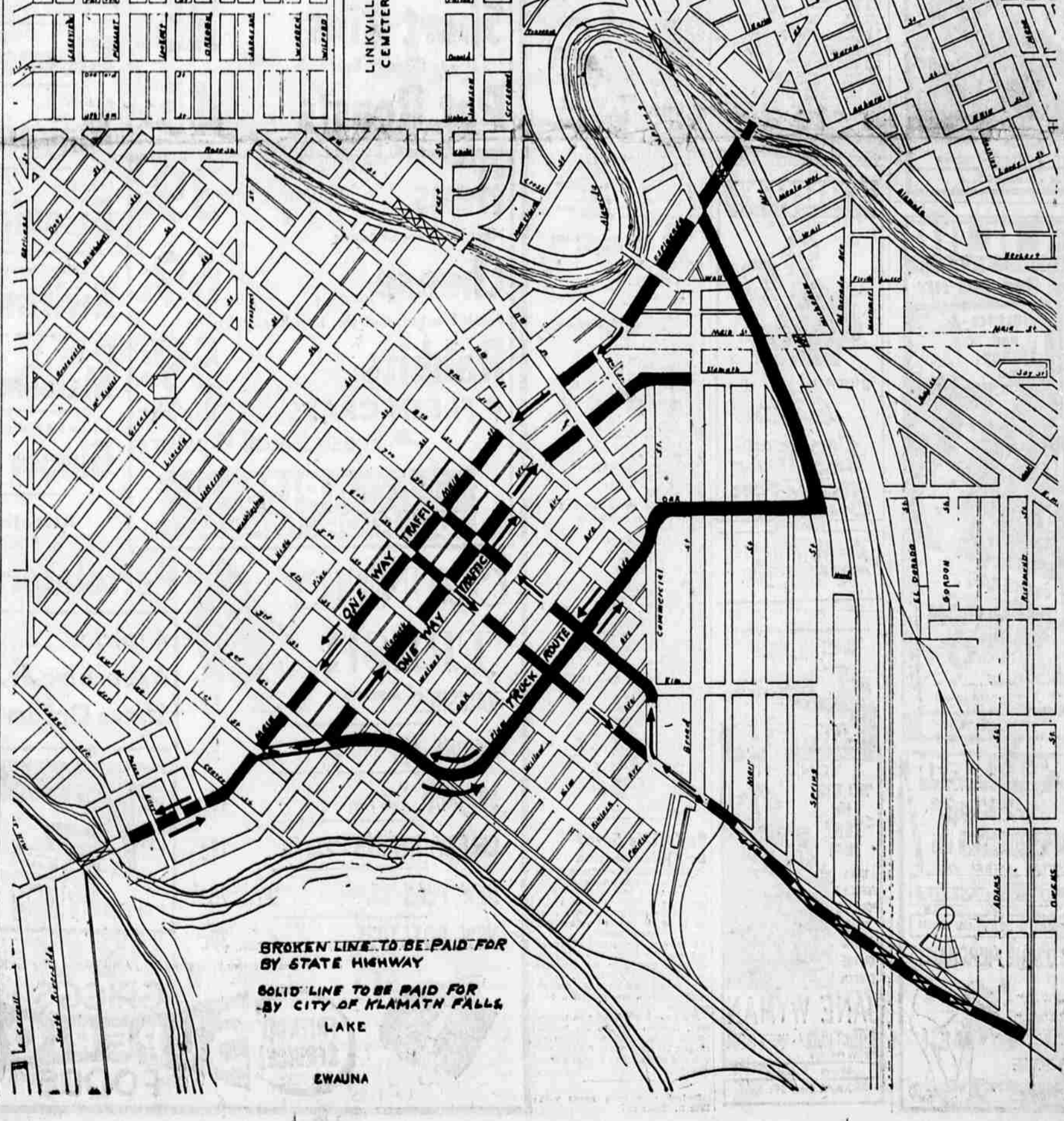
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. High Friday 58, low Thursday night 28.

| High yesterday | 43 |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Low last night | 25 |
| Precip last 24 hours | .41 |
| Since Oct. 1 | 13.90 |
| Same period last year | 12.20 |
| Normal for period | 10.24 |

Klamath Basin Potato Shipments

| Shipped Today | Same Day Last Year |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 33 cars | 16 cars |
| Total for Season | |
| 10,702 cars | 11,708 cars |
| 1953-54 | 1952-53 |

PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRUCK AND TRUCK ROUTE



New Bond Levy Forum Subject

The proposed bond levy to provide a cross-town truck route through Klamath Falls came in for the main part of discussion at the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce forum meeting at the Wilma Hotel Wednesday noon. Harry Bolvin, a member of the Cross-Town Traffic Committee, spoke for the proposal of the city administration, and Tom Waters, chairman of the Roads and Highways Committee of the chamber, outlined the 1954 recommendations which have been worked out by his committee with the county court on road improvements outside of the city.

Bolvin cited heavy truck use of High 97 and the importance of Klamath Falls as a distributing center as reasons why it would be "good business" to approve an \$186,000 10-year bond levy for the truck route. This amount would construct a truck route from Second and Klamath as far as Commercial and Oak Streets from where existing paved streets would carry the route to Highway 97 at Esplanade and Spring Streets.

Ed Chilco te, speaking from the floor for the "opposition", said that industry looks at a municipality's tax structure before it does its truck routes, and that it was more important to hold the line on already high taxes than to build this route. He also made a point that the proposed bond issue would build only part of the route and that the use of state gas tax money for widening of Oak and Spring Streets might "starve" other streets. Chilco further stated that the building of the new four-lane viaduct over the railroad tracks on Sixth Street and the Sixth-Seventh and Main-Klamath one-way couplets by the state did not depend on the truck route. Proponents of the truck route stated that, while not liking bond issues in principle, they "would settle for the bond issue to get away from traffic congestion downtown, to make it easier for people to come to town and do business." Another point at question was whether the Westside By-Pass, now officially on the state highway department program, would do away with the need for a truck route when it is completed. Bolvin said that it was not known how soon the Westside job would be done, that a separate truck route was badly needed in the meantime, and that it would complement the by-pass when that job is done. Mayor Paul Landry said that the city is committed to the state's program (which does not include the truck route) and that when the viaduct is completed one biggest traffic problem will be solved. Klamath Falls will save \$30 to \$40 thousand dollars a year when the state takes over Klamath Avenue, he said. Vic Schoonover, director in charge of forums who was moderator of the program, pointed out that the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce takes no stand for or against the truck route, and had scheduled the meeting to bring out discussion on all sides of the problem.