

FRENCH PLANES BLAST CONVOYS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Back in Washington an auditing committee armed with sharp pencils has been going over the army's inventory and stockpile. It totals about \$6 billion dollars, which isn't vest pocket change. The question is to how much of the stuff is worth its room was raised by the discovery that among it is a lot of equipment left over from the SPANISH WAR — including a considerable pile of harness for mules.

Before getting too cynical about the army, let's all look through our attics and closets and take a thoughtful look-see at what we find there.

Then — Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.

I think maybe I know how most of this rubbish came to be accumulated.

In the half century since the Spanish war every able-minded supply officer who has looked the stuff over has probably wanted to get rid of it while the getting was good but has been deterred by the thought that sooner or later some investigating committee would jump down his neck for giving away government property. So he has decided to play it safe.

The moral: Investigating committees are all right WHEN THEY ARE ALL RIGHT, but are all wrong when in the background of them is nothing more important to the nation's welfare than somebody's desire to kick up a stink.

The Vietminh (Indo-Chinese communist) command, broadcasting this morning over the Red China radio, says French General Christian de Castries is among the prisoners captured at Dien Bien Phu.

Four devil He's a French replica of our own General George Patton. That is to say, he's a fighting fool. Like Patton, he has an amazing capacity for getting into scrapes. Like Patton, he has always been able to fight his way out of them on the battlefield, with reckless disregard for his own life. Like Patton, he and his wife are a military team. Last Friday, with Dien Bien Phu's defenses crumbling, he phoned her at Hanoi and told her not to worry — that he'd been a captive before and that he'd somehow they'd meet again. He was referring to the fact that he had been taken prisoner by the Germans in 1940 (when France was crumbling before the German drive) but escaped to join French resistance.

Unlike Patton, de Castries is fighting UTTER savages. In a tragedy like Dien Bien Phu, the fate of a general is no more tragic than the fate of a private. But, whether officers or private, nobody can help admiring fighting fools like Patton and de Castries.

A group of young farmers — 29 of them from India and 9 from Pakistan — arrived in New York this morning for a six-month study of American farm methods. The visit is under the auspices of the National 4-H Club Foundation.

There have been previous groups from India, but this is the first exchange from Pakistan. The visitors will spend three days looking over Washington (which will probably add to their confusion) and will then disperse to a dozen states where they will begin their actual business of observing American farming and how it is done.

On August 10, ten young American farmers will go to India and five will go to Pakistan under the same program and will do in India and Pakistan what these young visitors are to spend six months doing here.

It's a splendid program—a grain of good, sound common sense in a pile of international chaff. In

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ALBERT ULLMAN, Baker, Democratic candidate for U. S. Representative from the second congressional district, spoke before the Klamath County Pomona Grange at Bonanza Saturday. Ullman discussed federal development of electric power in the Northwest. He was a guest at a luncheon today at the home of Mrs. Mike Petroff, with several local Democrats also present.

McCarthy-Army Still Have At It

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is an at-a-glance summary of the Senate Investigations subcommittee's public inquiry into the row between Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and high Pentagon officials:

The basic charges — Secretary of the Army Steven and Army Counselor John G. Adams have accused McCarthy and two subcommittee aides, Roy M. Cohn and Francis P. Carr, of using improper pressures to win favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine. Schine was a subcommittee consultant before being drafted last November.

McCarthy's side in turn has accused Stevens and Adams of using Schine as a "hoilage" in attempting to get McCarthy to halt or divert an investigation of alleged subversives in the Army, particularly at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. They named also H. Struve Hensel, assistant secretary of defense.

Pertinent past testimony — Stevens has denied trying to halt McCarthy's probe, but said the senator's methods subjected the Army to "hammering headlines" giving an untrue picture of alleged subversion. He has said the FBI has praised the cooperation it has received from the Army. Stevens said McCarthy's aides subjected him to threats of an "exceedingly serious" nature in efforts to win favored treatment for Schine, and that he felt the implication was that the more he did for Schine, the easier McCarthy would be on the Army.

McCarthy, who has testified under oath thus far on only one side issue, has said during his questioning that the answer to charges of pressure on Schine's behalf is that Schine is still a private. And he says the Army delayed acting against suspected subversives at Ft. Monmouth in the face of FBI warnings about some employees.

The company which runs about 3,000 trolleys and buses into the business district each day estimated it transports 300,000 workers and thousands more shoppers daily.

All business places, factories and offices planned to operate as usual — meaning thousands of employees, at least, would depend on autos to reach their jobs.

Attendants at parking lots said yesterday a business was no heavier than usual for a Sunday. Church attendance also was reported normal.

Already repair work on one big traffic artery leading to the city has been ordered suspended for the duration of the strike.

SUMMER

LONDON (AP) — Summer-like sunshine beamed across Europe Monday, bringing the warmest day this year to many parts. Temperatures generally were in the 50s.

Pittsburgh Crippled By Bus Strike

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Thousands of workers thumbed an auto ride or walked to work Monday in this steel city—12th in the nation's population—crippled by a major transit strike.

Railroads and taxi companies took up the slack for thousands of other commuters. By early morning every off-street parking space—never plentiful in the golden triangle was jammed to capacity.

The strike by Pittsburgh Railways Co.'s 2,700 employees knocked 675 trolleys and 196 buses out of operation. A company official said trolleys and buses average 18 round-trips daily into the downtown section.

Despite car pools and relaxation of restrictions on downtown parking space, the sudden flood of auto commuters had jammed downtown streets. He estimates an additional 25-30 per cent more cars will pour into the city daily during the transit strike.

Gittens estimates 16,000 off-street parking spaces are available and more than 98,000 vehicles pour into the downtown section daily between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

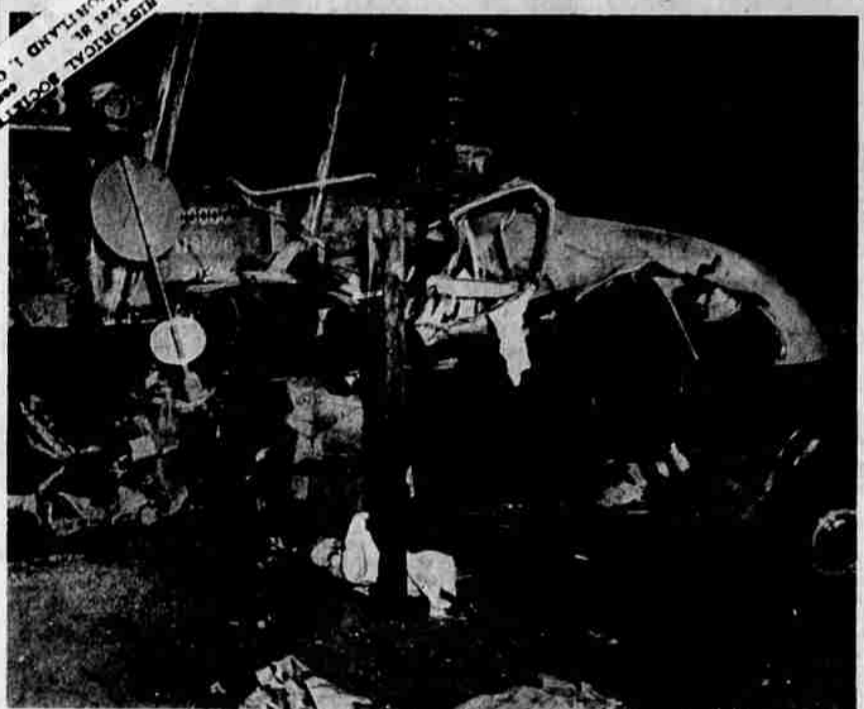
But Gittens said that at best the relaxed limitations created only a few hundred additional parking spaces. He estimates an additional 25-30 per cent more cars will pour into the city daily during the transit strike.

Union officials were not immediately available for comment. C. D. Palmer, president of Pittsburgh Railways, and his assistants met with federal conciliators. Union representatives also were slated to caucus with conciliators. A voluntary mediation group also was meeting to seek a solution.

Mayor David L. Lawrence, who worked vainly to keep 2,700 trolley and bus operators on the job beyond the strike deadline yesterday morning, warned the more than two million residents of Pittsburgh's greater metropolitan area "the transportation curtailment may last months."

The operators, members of Division 85, AFL Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, walked off the job after Pittsburgh Railways Co. rejected demands for a 30-cent hourly pay increase. It was the first mass transit strike here since 1924.

Emergency measures were made to handle the thousands of autos expected to jam the already harassed traffic lanes in the city's business district. Mayor Lawrence ordered parking regulations relaxed.



LITTLE WAS LEFT of this 1941 Buick automobile (above), after it was driven into the side of a Southern Pacific freight train at Hatfield Saturday night. Here Francis Tanner, Tulelake, looks over the wreckage as it lies wrapped around a switch arm. Bodies of the men killed were thrown to the right and left in front of the vehicle. Seven cars toppled like jack straws after being pulled 1000 feet down the track from the point of impact where they were derailed. The crash brought hundreds of onlookers to the scene.

Renie Seeks School Post

J. C. Renie, jeweler, this morning announced his intention to file for election to membership of School Board No. 1, for the position held by Mrs. Ralph Stearns.

Renie has been a resident of Klamath Falls since September, 1945, and has been interested in Parent Teacher Association work since he has been in town.

He is a past president of the Klamath Falls Shrine Club, has been a member for several years of the State Board of Examiners in Watch Repair and currently is president of the board.

The Renies have two children, one a student at Klamath Union High School; the other at Roosevelt School.

There will be only the one vacancy to be filled in the elementary school board, according to Harold Ashley, school clerk. The term is five years.

Ashley reminded voters that the deadline for filing is seven days prior to the election, which will be the third Monday in June, the 21st. Candidates must have filed with the school clerk seven days previous, and the petitions filed must include names of qualified voters, three percent of the number who voted in the election last year but not less than ten. Since 663 voted last year, in the June 15 election, candidates' petitions must carry the names of 20 qualified voters.

Qualified voters must have lived in the district in which they are voting for six months, and must have registered in the county clerk's office 30 days prior to the election, or by May 21.

So far, there have been no candidates for the school board position to file with the school clerk.



Accidents Claim Lives Of Ten Over Oregon Weekend

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accidents, some of which involved an airplane, a train, a street car, and automobiles, claimed 10 lives in Oregon over the week end.

Three were reported killed when a newly purchased plane crashed in the Cascade Mountains 20 miles east of Oakridge Sunday.

Wallace Asker, 29, of Drain, badly burned in the crash, made his way to a nearby highway to report the accident. He said his brother, Bernar Asker, about 31, the brother's wife, Joy Asker, about 36, and Orville Minton, 29, the owner, were trapped inside the burning plane when he got away. Asker said the plane was enroute from Sutherlin to Lakeview at the time of the crash.

A ground party resumed search for the plane Monday morning. Participating were state police, Forest Service employees and volunteers.

Two men were killed outright and another was seriously injured late Saturday when an automobile in which they were riding collided with a Southern Pacific freight train at Hatfield on the California-Oregon border. They were James E. Hurst, 38, of Merrill, Ore., and Harry Edick of Pomeroy, Wash. The injured man was identified as Jesse Byrd, of McIntosh, Fla.

An interurban street car and an automobile collided in Portland Saturday night and the driver of the automobile, Maurice D. Young, 66, was injured fatally.

Robert Hurst, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurst of Sweet Home, was killed Sunday night when he fell down a 100-foot cliff near the House Rock state recreation camp which is 40 miles east of Lebanon.

Joseph Scafati, 58, a farm worker, was injured fatally Sunday night when he was hit by an automobile as he walked along a highway north of Oregon City.

Earlier Saturday, Everett Tracy, 27, died in a house fire at Prospect, Ore., and William E. Koyhka, 42, Portland, was killed when his car plunged off a highway near Madras.

Here's How They Voted Recently:

WASHINGTON (AP)—How Oregon members of Congress were recorded as voting on recent rollcalls:

House

On passage, 241-158, of bill authorizing United States to participate with Canada in building St. Lawrence Seaway: For—Conn. Angell, Ellsworth, Norblad (all Republicans).

Senate

No major rollcalls.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
46 cars	16 cars
Total for Season	
11,227 cars	11,285 cars
1953-54	1952-53

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Tuesday. High Tuesday 72. Low tonight 35. High yesterday 69. Low last night 34. Precipitation last 24 hours .69. Since Oct. 1 13.66. Same period last year 12.39. Normal for period 10.66.

Invasion Of Capital City Feared

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — French fighters and bombers Monday heavily attacked key roads leading northeastward from the fallen fortress of Dien Bien Phu. The roads are jammed with thousands of Communist-led Vietminh troops and big Molotov truck convoys.

Dropping 1,000-pound high explosive bombs and heavily firing, the warplanes centered their attacks upon the road from Tuan Giao, 27 miles northwest of Dien Bien Phu, and running westward to Na San, which is 117 miles west of Hanoi.

It was at Na San in the winter of 1952 and 1953 that the French, as at Dien Bien Phu, had for months put up a valiant resistance against encircling and vastly superior Vietminh forces.

The French evacuated Na San on Aug. 11, 1953 and the Vietminh quickly moved in to use it as a base for pursuing their conquest of the pro-French Thai peoples country and the eventual attack upon Dien Bien Phu.

The French High Command reported Monday that warplanes had cut the road between Tuan Giao and Na San in 10 places.

Vietminh troops and convoys were reported moving two ways Monday: into and out of the Thai country of northwestern Indochina. Those going in may be for reinforcing Vietminh positions in the capital of Lai Chau, 200 miles northwest of Hanoi, which the Vietminh occupied after the French pulled out on Dec. 11, 1953. They also may be intended to take over occupation of Dien Bien Phu sector from the battlemore rebels who spearheaded and survived the 57 days of assaults upon the French Union fortress.

Dien Bien Phu, on a road leading southward to the royal Laotian capital of Luang Prabang, might be used as a takeoff base by the Vietminh for a fresh invasion of the little mountain kingdom.

Hundreds of Molotov trucks moving along the roads in the Thai country were heavily hit Sunday night with rockets by French fighters and again Monday by bombers. Top pilots reported touching off big explosions and destroying many of the convoys.

In the kingdom of Laos, south of the fallen fortress, there was uneasy speculation that a new invasion toward the Laotian royal capital of Luang Prabang might be high on the war plans of the Communist-led Vietminh.

A French high command spokesman in Hanoi said he doubted the rebels would mount another general offensive in northern Indochina before the seasonal monsoon rains hit their peak at the end of June.

The Vietminh kept up their daily small attacks on French communications and scattered French Union defense posts in the Red River delta centered on Hanoi.

A Radio Vietnam broadcast, heard in Hong Kong today, said the captives taken in the defeat of Dien Bien Phu last Friday "include one general, the French commander of Dien Bien Phu." This was an apparent reference to Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries, though the broadcast did not use his name. Previous rebel broadcasts had claimed only the capture of the fort's "French commander," without identifying him either by rank or name.

The broadcast added that 1,896 other officers, ranking from colonel to warrant officer, also had been seized, along with 8,000 French Union troops. There was no mention of Genevieve de Gaulle.

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Hatfield Crash Fatal For Two Men

TULELAKE — A spectacular crash between an automobile and a Southern Pacific freight train at 9 p.m. California time, Saturday night, took the lives of two men, critically injured a third man and resulted in the derailment of seven lumber-loaded freight cars.

Dead, are James E. Hurst, 38, Box 234, Merrill, and Harry E. Edick, 47, Pomeroy, Washington. In Klamath Valley Hospital, unconscious with serious head and other injuries, is Jesse V. Byrd, McIntosh, Florida. All were farm laborers. Hurst was employed by Mrs. Minola Cuddy, Merrill. Byrd had been working for Tulana Farms, Tulelake. It was not immediately learned where Edick had been employed.

The crash occurred on the state-line road at Hatfield as the 1941 Buick coupe, traveling west, struck the 22nd car ahead of the caboose. The 82-car train was enroute to Alturas from Klamath Falls and was traveling at an estimated speed of 28-30 miles per hour, according to J. L. Harrison, S. P. trainmaster.

Eye-witnesses who saw the accident from a distance, stated the vehicle did not slow down for the crossing on state Highway 139, and the driver who was not identified following the accident, apparently did not see the moving train.

BRIDGE

The state line road at this point, rises slightly toward a wooden bridge crossing Lost River.

The impact derailed the car hit and six following cars. The train traveled approximately 1000 feet before being halted.

The automobile, dragged some distance down the track, was completely demolished when it struck a switch arm. Hurst and Edick were thrown clear of the wreckage and both bodies were badly mangled. Byrd was pulled from the car and rushed to Klamath Valley Hospital by the Tulelake ambulance.

No ownership identification nor license plates were found at the scene.

Railroad wrecking crews were at the scene soon after the crash. Main line traffic detoured around the wreckage from 8:10 p.m. Saturday until 1:30 p.m. Sunday when 250 feet of track, twisted in the crash was replaced.

Deputy Coroner F. A. Dobson, Tulelake, and California State Police, investigated the accident.

The bodies were removed to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

Sports Bulletin

PLAYOFF

The Klamath County baseball playoff, between Sacred Heart and Chiloquin, will be played tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 on Wright Field.

The game was necessitated when the two teams ended in a tie for first place with records of 4-1 in league play.

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PATTERSON FOR GOVERNOR fans met Saturday night at the fairgrounds for a rally and heard Senator Phil Hitchcock (center) and Representative Ed Geary (right) speak for the governor. Chairmen of the event were Elmer Lemler and Jo Kittredge.

Hitchcock, Geary Speak Out For Paul Patterson

Something new in the current political picture was introduced Saturday night when two elected representatives of the people came out strongly for Paul Patterson for governor.

Speaking before a crowd of Republican supporters at the fairgrounds, State Senator Phil Hitchcock and State Representative Ed Geary both praised Patterson for his integrity in office, his far seeing plans for the state of Oregon, his fairness, his industry and his personal honesty, and urged the people to return him to office.

Sponsored by the "Patterson For Governor" group, the meeting was emceed by Floyd Wynne, with arrangements in the hands of Mrs. Oscar Kittredge and Elmer Lemler.

A television crew from OTI was on hand during the rally to present views of the speakers and the audience on a closed circuit.

Following the meeting refreshments were served from the new kitchen at the recently redecorated auditorium at the fairgrounds.

This was the first public endorsement of any candidate for the governor's job to be made by a senator or representative and was considered unusual by party workers.

A strong appeal was made by various members of the local GOP group for voters to get out and cast their vote. Surveys over the entire state show this to be one of the quietest campaigns in the history of Oregon.



SOPHOMORES AT KUHS on their way to school this morning were Paula Cook, 1941 Esplanade and Beverly Goehring, 1975 Main.