

RUSSIA MODIFIES ASIAN STAND

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
I spent a pleasant hour in my office yesterday with a couple of railroad passenger men—A. C. Stickle, Northern Pacific's general passenger agent in Portland, and Walter Kramer, the Burlington Route's Portland passenger man. Stickle got his start in life as a sub newspaper man in Dubuque, Iowa. He quit his newspaper job to go to selling railroad tickets. On the first night of his railroad job, the Julian Dubuque hotel, the town's pride and joy, burned to the ground. Stickle was on his way home from his ticket office job when he saw the glow in the sky.

His newspaper instinct bounced back in full force. He called "in" his office of the newspaper—a morning paper—and got hold of a youngster nicknamed Scoop. For a couple of hours, at intervals, he gave Scoop by phone a running account of the fire—people being rescued from the rooms after being overcome by smoke, leaps for life from the windows into the fire net, the fire ladders who got singed, all the excitement and color of a big fire in a small city.

All this he fed to Scoop in relays.

Then next morning he was up early and dashed out to the front porch to get the newspaper—a lot of us who have had anything to do with a big story invariably do. Imagine his chagrin and indignation when he discovered that all the paper had on the fire was a casual stickler of type relating that the Julian Hotel had burned last night and that many of the guests had had narrow escapes.

The editor, it appeared, was drunk that night and Scoop didn't have the intestinal fortitude to take command and do the story right. He was afraid he might be fired for exceeding his authority. The competing afternoon paper came out with the story spread all over the front page in a BIG way.

Scoop, incidentally, DIDN'T get fired. It turned out that he was the only one who knew the editor was drunk. Instead of being home with a bad case of galloping pneumonia, as he had alleged to the publisher, he used that knowledge to good advantage.

Eventually, the storm in the morning newspaper's office blew over.

Kramer got his start also in the newspaper.

He was a carrier boy in Chicago. There was bitter competition for circulation among the city's four newspapers, and the carriers were driven hard to keep their routes expanding. As a result, a sly practice known as "eating" papers developed among them. That is to say, the kids were so badly scared of the circulation manager's editor when they had to carry a subscriber and pay for the subscription themselves rather than admit they had lost him.

Of course, in the long run, it all came out and there was double distilled hatred to pay, but at least by the "eating" device they had stalled off the evil day for a while—which all of us, adults included, are prone to do in the pinches.

We newspaper people are prouder than punch of the number of big business executives who have started their careers as newspaper carriers. Kramer isn't too sure about that. He says he "still cherishes, and in moments of extreme stress USES, certain potent words he learned as a carrier boy back in Chicago. In all the years since, he avers, he has never found anything to equal them."

But that was back in the bad old days. We don't permit things like that now. Here in Oregon, we point with swelling pride to Eddie Sammons, the big brass of the U.S. National Bank in Portland, as a convincing example of what early youth spent in carrying newspapers can do for an ambitious youngster. Eddie, I'm sure, is just as proud of it as we newspaper people are, and never loses a chance to tell of it.

Kramer, incidentally, carried considerably better than 100 papers back in his Chicago carrier days. His earnings, he says, were about \$6 a month. I hope all the carrier kids on this newspaper read this statement. It will give them a wholesome understanding of how much better off they are than the boys of a generation ago, and that should make them properly respectful of their publisher.

As like as not, though, they'll come back with a crack to the effect that considering what six bucks would buy back in those hard money days they're practically pennies in comparison with Kramer and his buddies.

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A HELPING HAND—was extended by the Junior Chamber of Commerce recently when they presented a check to the Ground Observer Corps to help pay for that organization's new uniforms. Here Dean De Witt, board member of JC's, hands the check to Lucille Jones, chief observer, while JC President Don Piper looks on.

KF Police Union Planned

Application for a charter to organize a policemen's union here has been forwarded to the International Headquarters of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Union at Washington D.C., following an organizational meeting held here Monday night.

Leo Butts, representative of the Oregon Public Employees Council and Russell Conner, president of the Portland police local, both of Portland, discussed the benefits of a union in the assembled group, following which a vote was taken. Twenty-three men on the local force would be affected, according to a spokesman for the officers, and 22 voted in favor of organizing. Many officer groups in Oregon are becoming affiliated with the AFSPCME, according to Butts, Salem being one of the latest.

Rogue Area To Receive Aid
MEDFORD (AP)—The Jackson County Fruit Growers League's disaster committee was notified Friday that Jackson and Josephine counties have been declared disaster areas, making orchardists eligible for Farmers Home Administration disaster loans.

Word that the Secretary of Agriculture had made the declaration came in a telephone call from Sen. Gordon (R-Ore).

Growers appealed for federal aid after the May 1 freeze wiped out an estimated 65 to 75 per cent of the Rogue River-Valley's fruit crop. They said they would need about three million dollars in federal loans and that local credit agencies would supply a similar amount.

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Columbia River Peak Reported
WOODLAND, Wash. (AP)—Army Engineers expect the Columbia River flood to reach its peak along this stretch of the river June 10.

They warned residents of the Woodland district Thursday that they should be prepared to evacuate by laying in a supply of 5,000 sandbags. They also advised additional stockpiles of sand, plus trucks to haul it.

The engineers are advising diking district representatives in a series of meetings on what steps to take in advance of the freshet. Woodland district officials said their dikes never have been in better shape.

A few miles upstream at Vancouver, Wash., a crest of 26 1/2 to 27 1/2 feet is expected. The flood level there is 15 feet. Thousands of acres of bottom land are expected to be flooded. Vancouver is stockpiling sand bags, and making plans to seal off some river-bank underpasses to protect industrial plants on low ground.

D. A. Called As Witness
The trial of Philip Duane Jackson, 18, charged with a Chiloquin liquor store burglary, took a novel turn in its final stages Friday when District Attorney Frank Alderson, who is prosecuting the case, was called as a witness for the defense.

Alderson vigorously objected to testifying but was overruled by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg who said:

"The judge can be forced to testify, so I know no reason why the district attorney can't be called to the witness stand."

Defense Attorney P. K. Puckett questioned Alderson about wine alleged to have been taken from the Chiloquin store. Asked why the wine was not produced as evidence in court, Alderson said he was not certain that he could prove the wine turned over to him as evidence by arresting officers was the same wine taken from the liquor store.

Previously there had been conflicting testimony by witnesses concerning the alleged stolen wine. Operators of the liquor store said four cases of wine were stolen and that the wine was in half gallon bottles.

An officer later said on the witness stand that some 100 lbs of wine were found at the scene of the accident in which Jackson was seriously injured a few hours after the alleged burglary.

Late Thursday a 17-year-old girl was called as a defense witness. She said she broke into the liquor store and stole wine and beer. She denied Jackson was at the scene. Counsel were making their closing argument to the jury when the case was recessed at noon.

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KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
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10 cars	20 cars
Total for Season	
11,306 cars	11,361 cars
1943-44	1952-53

AEC Denies New Rumors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission Friday had "no comment" on a published report that a "second important adviser" (to the AEC) has been challenged on security grounds.

Recently, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, a key scientist in the atomic energy program from the outset, was challenged by the AEC on security grounds and given a hearing to answer allegations made against him. Results of the hearings have not yet been published.

The commission also had no direct comment to a published report that three commission members and several high-level staff members are planning to leave the AEC.

It was pointed out, however, that the present term of AEC Commissioner Eugene Zuckert expires on June 30, although a commission staff member said Zuckert had given no indication whether he would be interested in a reappointment. Zuckert was appointed to the commission in 1952 to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Sumner Pike.

Recently, there was a published report that Dr. Henry Smyth, also a commission member, was planning to resign from the AEC and return to Princeton University. That report said Smyth was "not a 'frustration' of life in Washington. Smyth himself has declined comment."

Normally, Smyth's present term would not expire until June 30, 1956.

Contest For Queen Begins
The annual battle between the beauty and the beast, a preliminary to the Klamath Basin Roundup, is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, when contestants vie for the title of Queen of the 1954 Roundup. Registrations will open this Saturday, May 15, at the following places: Drews Manor, 733 Main; Charlie Reed Saddlery, 623 Klamath Avenue; The Town Shop, 500 Main.

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Union Meetings To Be Resumed
PORTLAND (AP)—Negotiations will resume Tuesday between the CIO Woodworkers and representatives of a number of employers in the Western Washington and Western Oregon area.

The federal mediation service arranged that meeting, to be followed the next day by a session between the union and the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. Both meetings will be in Portland.

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PORTLAND (AP)—Rep. Homer Angell, facing a primary election challenge from young Tom Lawson McCall, came out Thursday in favor of a high federal dam at Hells Canyon on the Snake River.

McCall, Portland radio commentator who formerly was administrative assistant to the governor, has taken no stand on the Hells Canyon controversy. Last week he said he was willing to let the Federal Power Commission decide the matter of whether a private power company should be permitted to build three low-head dams in the area.

Angell and McCall are opposed in the primary for Republican nomination in the third congressional district. A third man, A. W. Lafferty, who was a congressman in 1916, also is entered.

Angell said he favors federal construction "in order to utilize the full water resources" of the Northwest. He also said he favors federal power development of Idaho's Clearwater River, where five private power companies have applied to build dams at the Bruce Eddy and Penny Cliff sites.

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Civil defense leaders of Washington and Oregon were invited to a meeting with Army Engineers at Portland.

And in British Columbia, where the Columbia River already is rising toward the danger level, Premier W. A. C. Bennett called on defense workers and local authorities to make an all-out effort to avert a major flood.

Washington's civil defense director, D. E. Barbey, said the Portland meeting was called to coordinate activities of various units in the event rivers spill their banks as they did in 1948.

Meanwhile, flash floods which struck Grand Forks and Kelowna in British Columbia Wednesday were reported receding. And at Spokane, the Weather Bureau said cooler weather had temporarily ended the flood threat in Northern Idaho.

At Bonners Ferry, one of the Idaho cities extensively damaged in 1948, the Kootenai River, which feeds into the Columbia, rose 18 inches during a 24 hour period ending Thursday morning. The river had been rising at the rate of two and three feet a day.

Despite the encouraging report, Army Engineers urged persons living along the lower Columbia in Washington and Oregon to begin strengthening dikes.

Engineers said a 24-foot crest may be expected in the Woodland, Wash., area by June 10 and said the diking district will need 5,000 sandbags, more sand and trucks. Vancouver, a few miles upstream, also began laying in emergency supplies.

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Airlift Of Wounded In Asia Begins

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—The French announced an airlift of their seriously wounded troops from Dien Bien Phu began Friday. But a transport plane scheduled to bring the first contingent here from Luang Prabang failed to show up.

French army spokesmen said they had no news about the plane. It was reported, however, that the first group of about 16 wounded taken out of Dien Bien Phu by helicopter were in a critical condition, having head and stomach wounds, and therefore it may have been necessary for them to rest overnight at Luang Prabang, the royal Laotian capital, 250 miles south west of here.

The French said earlier Friday that wounded had been landed at Luang Prabang about noon.

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