

FLOOD THREATENS IDAHO TOWN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany, addressing the high-sounding but HIGHLY INEFFECTIVE ministerial council of the European Consultative Assembly now in session at Strasbourg in France, says this morning:

"Western Europe must not slacken efforts to build up a common defense against the threat from the East."

"The Russian aim is STILL to extend the Soviet sphere of influence and DEPRIVE THE WHOLE WORLD OF FREEDOM"

"I can see no sign of any willingness on the part of the Soviet Union and its partners to permit any true relaxation of international tension."

That is what he said.

Here is what he meant:

"The rest of Western Europe, which isn't willing to FIGHT for its liberties, better agree to let the Germans, WHO ARE WILLING TO FIGHT, build an army."

That makes sense.

If nobody else is willing to fight for liberty, here is a thought that is going to have to occur to us sooner or later:

We are approaching the point where we will have to consider the fatal consequences that could ensue to us from spreading ourselves too thin all over the world.

In New York the other day Governor Dewey, who owns a big dairy farm, took note of the fact that in this country there is a shortage of coffee and a surplus of milk. So he got up on his feet and publicly urged people to "switch to milk" as being "healthier, cheaper and more plentiful."

That got Brazil in his hair. The Brazilian ambassador in Washington promptly let go a broadside to the effect that an American switch from coffee to milk would damage the economy of his country and would be a BLOW TO HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY.

That is to say (by intimation): If the Americans start drinking their own milk and cut down on their drinking of Brazil's coffee the Brazilians will get huffy and flirt with the communists.

It's a weird world, isn't it?

While we're discussing foreigners and their ways, there's the case of the Vietnamese poet who vowed in Geneva the other day that he'd never eat again until his country got some real help from somebody in the way of protection of its liberties and its independence.

He stuck it out for 16 days and then caved in and called for a waiter and a menu.

Your situation at Geneva, sir, is basically the same as ours.

You talked bolder than you were prepared to act.

We're eating also at Geneva. We're eating crow.

State Jobless List Declines

SALEM (AP) Oregon had 446,500 persons working in non-farm jobs during April, which was 9,900 more than in March, but 3 per cent below the same time last year.

The unemployment compensation commission said, in releasing the figures, that April employment was 15,000 more than the low point of last winter. The all-time high mark was 495,300 last summer.

The decline in employment compared with a year ago is caused by fewer jobs in the lumber and construction industries.

The commission said there were 75,100 lumber and logging workers in April, compared with 83,500 a year before. Food processing, machinery, manufacturing, ship repair, and paper mills also were down from last year.

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POLICE DETECTIVE R. N. (BUD) ADKINS, (left) takes Pleasant Ray Estell to the city jail after his arrest on a burglary charge. Estell sealed his doom when he unknowingly took his own picture on a planted camera while breaking into the Economy Wreckers Monday night.

Camera Used To Catch Thief

"I saw a tiny red spark but had no idea I had taken my own picture," pleasant Ray Estell told a city police detective yesterday after he had been recognized as the man in a picture taken when the Economy Wreckers, 1846 South Sixth, was broken into Monday night.

For the past two years the wrecking company has been broken into many times and authorities decided to experiment with a camera placed on the premises equipped with infra-red film and flash bulbs. The experiment paid off when Estell broke into the plant and not knowing it, took his own picture.

He was finally recognized from the picture and arrested Wednesday afternoon at Cabin 6, in the rear of 1143 Pine Street.

In a statement made to local police, Estell said he had gone to the wrecking yard about 8:30 Monday night intending to take some tools so he could work on his car. He admitted removing a window from the building but was scared off when he saw someone with a flashlight on the nearby property of the W. D. Miller Construction Company. He would not admit to any prior robberies at the wrecking yard.

Estell told police he was 27 years old, and a native of Alabama. Police authorities admit that the new device will be used extensively in an effort to trap burglars in future break-ins.

STRIKE

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Prospects for settlement of a country-wide strike by workers on U. S.-owned banana plantations appeared somewhat brighter Thursday following a return to work in the La Ceiba area.

Indochina Peace Talks Deadlocked

By EDDY GILMORE

GENEVA (AP) — Top diplomats at the Geneva conference held a series of private talks Thursday which may determine the fate of the deadlocked Indochina parley. The United States was reported ready to write off the negotiations as a failure unless the Communists drastically change their line.

Formal negotiations were suspended for the day. The latest snarl was due to continued Red demands that the Communist "resistance governments" of Laos and Cambodia be invited to Geneva. The Western powers regard these as phantom regimes with no following and no right to representation.

One high Western source acknowledged Western diplomats had given some thought to the question of breaking off the talks. The source said it was impossible at this stage to see any sign the Communists were going to agree to anything.

The U. S. delegation was represented as feeling the Indochina discussions were getting nowhere. The Americans were said to be reluctant to break up the conference, however, until the French feel all possibilities have been exhausted.

Negotiations dragged to a complete standstill Wednesday night after three long secret sessions between the nine participating delegations. A proposal by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden for a one day "cooling off" period was accepted and the talks were suspended until Friday afternoon.

In a meeting with Eden Thursday morning, Red Chinese Premier-Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai expressed a willingness to proceed with discussions of a military armistice in Indochina without pressing for recognition of Communist "regimes" in Laos and Cambodia, French sources reported.

The informants said the Communists would not abandon their claims, but were willing to shelve the Laos-Cambodian issue for the present to allow the conference to get on with proposals for a military ceasefire.

Do Your Duty As A Citizen - Vote

Tomorrow—Friday, May 21, is the day to cast your vote in this year's primary election. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Election boards in most of the precincts will take an hour for lunch between 1 and 2 p. m.

Counting boards will start at 1 p. m. No information on partial results will be given until the polls close at 8 p. m. Location of county and city polling places may be found on page 7.

Preview Of KF Pool Held

Sneak previews of the new Municipal Swimming Pool the last two evenings netted more than 1250 enthusiastic swimmers who will vouch for the fun and comfort of the pool before it officially opens Saturday.

The sneak previews were permitted, Bob Bonney, park and recreation director, said, because of the extreme hot spell which hit the city this week and because the pool was ready except for checking facilities.

"The pool was not operating properly, but pool personnel were on hand," Bonney said. He pointed out that since the pool was built for swimming, and since the young people obviously wanted to swim, they were allowed. More than 400 were at the pool Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30; about 849 Wednesday evening from 4:15 to 9:15 p. m.

"There must not be swimming tonight," Bonney emphasized, "since the pool will have to be ready for opening tomorrow and for the opening swimming day Saturday."

Lumber Wage Pact Signed

Word was received by telegram at the PIRC office this morning that there has been a settlement with no wage increase between the IWA-CIO local union 10-229 at Sand Point, Idaho, and three separate employers.

The union has closed wage negotiations with the Pack River Lumber Company, L. D. McFarland Company, F. B. Marska Pole Company and Schaefer-Hitchcock Company all of Sand Point with no wage increase. The information came from Spokane Timber Products Manufacturers Association, Spokane.

About 375 employees are involved in this settlement, 300 of whom are employed by Pack River Lumber Company.

Peace Memorial Church To Begin Fund, Expansion Plan

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, dedicated only six years ago, is already too big for its building. To accommodate the continuous growth experienced since its dedication in 1948, the congregation, through the Rev. Dwayne Proett, minister, has announced plans for an expansion program and fund campaign.

The proposed addition is tentatively planned for construction to the rear of the present structure, and will house a lounge, kitchen, social hall and education rooms for all departments. The new building will complement the present structure and will be one story high.

To finance the building program, the campaign committee has set a minimum of \$65,000, hoping to exceed this up to \$80,000. A one-day canvass of members and friends of the church will be conducted this Sunday, May 23. Construction will begin when the building is financed, possibly this fall.

Dr. O. LeRoy Walter, minister of Moreland Presbyterian Church, Portland, is in Klamath Falls this week to direct the expansion fund. Dr. Walter is a specialist in directing campaigns and is released from his church, which has a membership of 1100, to assist in work of this kind in other Presbyterian churches. He has successfully conducted expansion fund campaigns in Helena and Kalspeil,



THE NEW ARMORY RECENTLY APPROVED for the National Guard in Klamath was the subject of discussion for representatives of the state National Guard office, local guard officials, city council, county court and budget chairman Wednesday evening. Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Olson, assistant adjutant general, (seated, center) is shown suggesting possible plans for a strict military type armory to Capt. Forrest Alter (left), local unit commander. Ready with statistics is Col. Paul L. Kliever, director of armories and facilities in Oregon, and standing by is Capt. Richard Hogue, commander of the other local unit. The two unit armory is on the construction agenda for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955.

Officials Discuss Location Problems Of New Klamath National Guard Armory

City, county and local National Guard officials met Wednesday evening with state guard officials to discuss the proposed National Guard armory recently approved for Klamath for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955. The discussion resolved into three main questions:

(1) Where and how will the site be located and obtained?

(2) Do the city and county want to participate in the armory as a memorial type armory or only provide the site and let it be a strict military armory?

(3) Why is there such a need for the proposed armory?

Discussions included Brig. General Raymond F. Olson, assistant adjutant general, Oregon National Guard, Colonel Paul L. Kliever, director of armories and facilities in Oregon, both from Sand Point, and Colonel Frances Ayres, battalion commander from Medford; Mayor Paul Landry, Councilman Oliver Spiker, County Commissioners Ed Gowen and Jerry Rajnus; budget officials, Alfred Collier (county) and Ed Bell (city); local guard unit commanders, Forrest Alter and Richard F. Hogue.

Big question of the moment is the location of a site. When this is agreed on, guard officials can begin the lengthy roll of red tape which must be unwound before construction begins. Past experience has shown it will take about eight months for processing, and since this armory holds first priority rating in the next fiscal year, we are not beginning any too soon, the visiting guardsmen said.

On a tour of possible locations, the military officials agreed that the most preferred site is at the corner of Washburn Way and Shasta Avenue. Advantages include its proximity to a sewer system, railroad and good roads leading to a main highway; its location away from the business and industrial center. In addition the property is in an area which is developing but which at the present is not developed.

The city and county will have to provide only the site (although connection to sewer systems is usually contributed by them also.

the officers said). The federal government will finance 75 per cent of the \$185,000 building; the state will stand the remaining 25 per cent and will operate and maintain it for 25 years. Property on which the armory is built must be deeded to the state.

Other site possibilities include a spot on Victory Drive where housing units have been removed (title for which is held by the city); and a location in the Oregon Avenue area. Ownership of possibilities was not investigated.

On the subject of community participation, the military stated that under the army building program, either a strict military armory or a memorial type armory may be constructed. In the case of the latter, the city and county must stand any cost additional to that of the initial military plans. If hardwood floors are installed, the community must also provide outside vehicle storage space, not possible on hardwood floors.

Ed Bell made the point that, while community participation at the present time "would be duplicating facilities, reasonable consideration should be given the possibility of such participation," and he mentioned growing OTI.

The need for the armory is evident: If the proposed jet base becomes a reality in Klamath Falls, the National Guard will most likely be evicted from its present location at the airport, which is not adequate or suitable now, and the lease for which expires in November, 1955.

The present armory is not suitable since it was built for one unit; Klamath Falls now has the two largest units in the battalion. It was not designed or situated to facilitate expansion. It was designed originally for foot soldiers and will not accommodate the same 50 vehicles and 23 guns the two units will need housing for.

The county court and city council will study the site possibilities and make a decision so that the National Guard may go ahead on a strict military plan. If the community decides in the next eight months to participate, these plans may be amended, according to the military officials.

Hitchcock announced that he plans to attend the University of Oregon summer school this session to commence his doctorate.

Word of Hitchcock's resignation came from Dr. Morgan Odell of Lewis and Clark College in the absence of the senator, who is attending the General Assembly of Presbyterians in Detroit.

According to Odell, Hitchcock will announce his resignation as senator from the 17th district shortly after his arrival here next week. When the family will leave Klamath was not known today.

Hitchcock was a contender for senate president in the 1955 session. The only other candidate to date is Elmo Smith of John Day.

It is assumed now that the Republican central committees of the five counties in the district will nominate a successor to him whose name will appear on the November ballot.

While in Klamath Falls Hitchcock has been associated with West-Hitchcock and more recently with Hitchcock and Mosher. He has been very active in church and civic circles and a prominent booster of the Klamath country.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair throughout Friday. High Friday 80; low Thursday night 45.

High yesterday	82
Low last night	48
Precip last 24 hours	1
Since last Oct. 1	12.90
Same period last year	13.16
Normal for period	10.93

HOT WEATHER
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Temperature in India's capital hit 112 degrees Thursday as the season's first severe heat wave swept northern India. The official forecast: Maybe hotter Friday.

High Level Expected By Saturday

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho (AP) — More than 2,500 acres of farm land was flooded early Thursday by Kootenai River water that broke through dikes in four places.

The breaks eased the pressure slightly here where the river passed the 34-foot level. It is expected to hit 35 Friday and crest at 35 1/2 or 36 Saturday.

Water is at the top of dikes protecting some 40,000 acres of rich farm land in the Kootenai Valley.

The North Bonners dike district west of the Kootenai bridge was the first to go out Thursday and 200 acres were flooded. Fifteen families had moved out earlier.

A dike protecting district 2 with 80 acres across the river from this town of 1,800 gave way at 3:15 a. m. Two hours later another 1,000 acres were flooded three miles southeast of town.

The 37-foot dikes surrounding the town were still holding although most of the stores have closed.

Twenty stores and office buildings were completely evacuated Wednesday. Many patrons of the town's only bank came to get their safety deposit boxes "for the duration."

J. H. McNally, president of the First National Bank here, said he'll conduct a branch bank in his home if the building has to be evacuated.

Far up the valley in the vicinity of Smith Creek, a mile south of the Canadian border, a dike failed and another 500 acres of land were inundated.

Most of the dikes protecting farmland near here are 34 feet. Army Engineers and volunteers have been building them up and plugging holes in a round-the-clock emergency operation.

The Great Northern Railway suspended operations through here Wednesday night and sandbags were piled on GN tracks along the river. The Great Northern trains were routed south over Northern Pacific tracks out of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Gov. Len Jordan, who had proclaimed a state of emergency here, left Wednesday night for Boise after a personal inspection. He gave assurances that National Guard troops would be called out if needed.

The river has gone up sharply from 4.4 feet on May 4 in the wake of summer-like temperatures that have hastened the runoff of mountain snowpacks.

Mayor Myra Felch, who sees the Kootenai menace his town every spring, told reporters Thursday that the only permanent solution here is to dredge the river bed. He said tons of silt have built up the river bed every year.

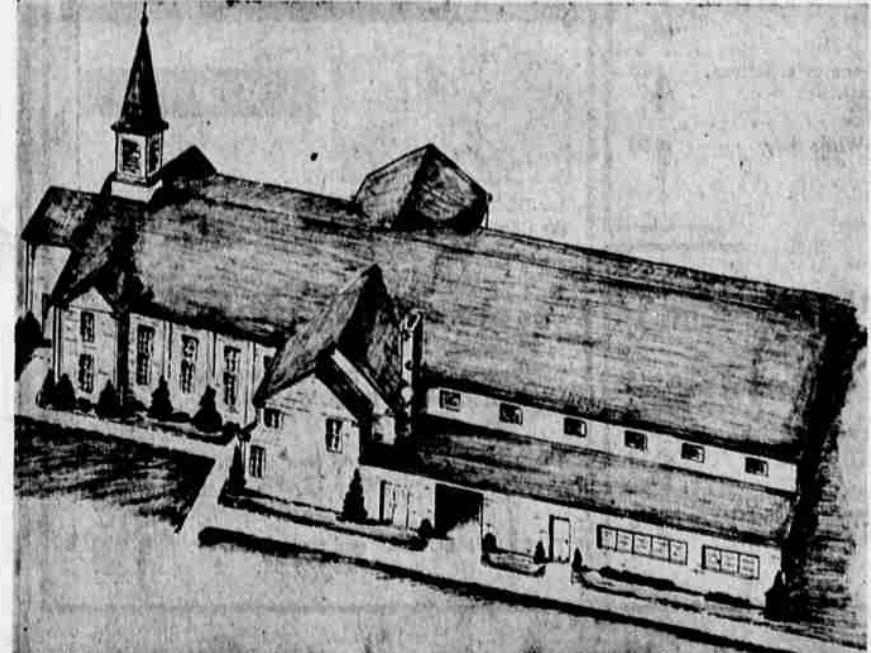
HOLIDAY

LONDON (AP) — The Duke of Edinburgh left by plane for Scotland Thursday to join his wife, Queen Elizabeth II, and their two children for a 12-day holiday at the royal castle of Balmoral. The Queen, Prince Charles and Princess Anne made the trip by train.

KLAMATH BASIN

POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
17 cars	11 cars
Total for Season	
11,427 cars	11,443 cars
1953-54	1952-53



PRELIMINARY SKETCHES OF THE PROPOSED ADDITION to Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4431 South Sixth Street, from the office of Howard Perrin, show a one story building to be constructed of painted pumice block, tentatively planned to be added on to the rear of the present sanctuary. A minimum of \$65,000 has been set to be raised in the expansion fund campaign, with a hope of exceeding this up to \$80,000.



WITH THE GRAND OPENING planned for Memorial Day weekend, a final check is given invoices for materials by Paul Gasparotti (left), supervisor for Fortune Service Stations, and Bob Dunlap, manager of the local station at the intersection of South Sixth and East Main. The station will be called Fortune Day and Night Station.