

INDOCHINA PARTITION OPPOSED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Emperor Haile Selassie, arriving for a visit in America, tells the reporters: "Ethiopia, in the troubled Middle East, stands for collective security and the high ideals espoused by the United States. My country is enjoying prosperity, and a lot of the credit for it goes to the United States."

Well, we've got one friend in the world, even if he is only five feet six with his shoes on and weighs only 100 pounds.

Elsewhere in Africa:

In Tunisia last night, terrorists killed five French farmers. In Kenya, British security forces announced the killing of 25 Mau Mau terrorists in the last 24 hours.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we humans could learn to get along with each other instead of spending the bulk of our time and substance killing each other off?

Let's change the subject momentarily.

President Eisenhower, in his Memorial Day proclamation, says: "In memory of the sacrifices of America's war casualties we should keep faith with our heroic dead by humbly and devoutly supplicating Almighty God for guidance in our efforts to achieve a peaceful world."

That's good advice.

One of the most touching Memorial Day poems in our language is Walt Mason's "The Little Green Tents," which starts off with this stanza:

The little green tents
Where the soldiers sleep
And the sunbeams play
And the women weep
Are covered with flowers today.

Walt Mason was a writer of syndicated newspaper jingles, but in his "Little Green Tents," he certainly caught the spirit of Memorial Day. I'm afraid we moderns have LOST the spirit of it.

The news isn't all bad today.

The continuing cool weather has caused river forecasters to issue a more optimistic flood forecast for the lower Columbia river area. The weather bureau's river expert at Portland, Elmer Fisher, says the present prospect is that the flood will not exceed the 25-foot level in the Vancouver-Portland area. He had warned earlier that the river probably would crest between 25 1/2 and 27 1/2 feet.

Fisher says the cool weather came along at the right time to reduce the crest, and adds that present weather indications are for continued cool in the snow fields where much run-off remains.

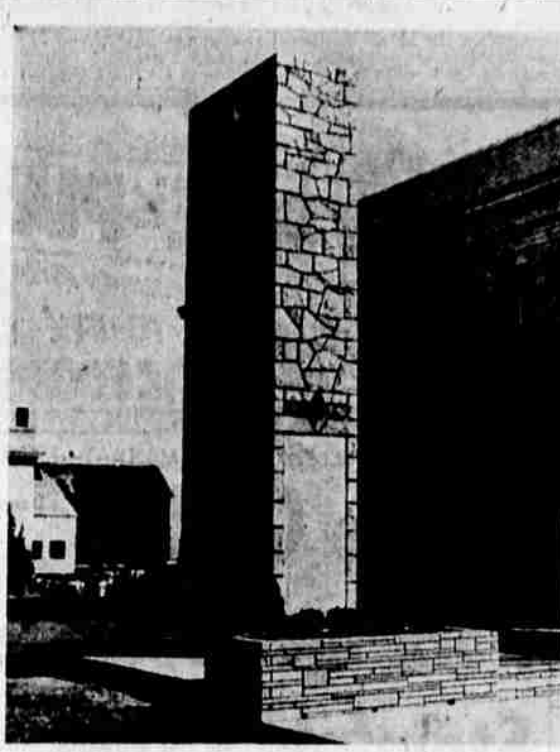
I had occasion the other day to look over a chart showing annual volume of tourist travel in Oregon since 1944. In 1948, the year of the big Vanport flood, the line on the chart took a sharp nose dive.

The Vanport flood story was a dramatic one and got top newspaper and radio newsprint billing all over the country. As a result, EVERYBODY avoided Oregon and tourist travel dropped off practically to nothing.

The tourist dollar is an important item in our economy, and we wouldn't like to see that happen again this year.

Battle Starts Near Hanoi

HANOI, Indochina (U)—A "little Dien Bien Phu" battle was shaping up Thursday in the vital Red River delta just 30 miles south of this war capital for the French Union forces.



CEREMONIES MONDAY, May 31, will include the unveiling and dedication of the new veterans' memorial shaft on the courthouse lawn. The bronze tablet in front bears the names of Klamath Basin men who died in military service during World War I, World War II and Korean War hostilities. The Klamath War Memorial Committee includes Colman O'Loughlin, chairman; Verne Schortgen, city building inspector; William Canton, county engineer; T. D. Case, county veterans' service officer.

Veterans Memorial Shaft To Be Dedicated May 31

The veterans memorial shaft on the courthouse lawn is completed and will be dedicated at Memorial Day services Monday, May 31. The shaft is of native rock from a quarry at Montague, California. It is four feet wide at the front, eight feet deep and 24 feet high. The base is Arizona flagstone, 16 by 20 feet.

The names of 17 World War I, 185 World War II and 20 Korean War casualties—Klamath Basin men who died in military service.

The Klamath War Memorial Committee has compiled a brief history of each of these boys which includes the date and place of birth, schooling, when and where entered service, branch of service, next of kin, place and manner of death and where buried. These records will be in the custody of the Klamath County Museum Commission and will be available to anyone interested when the new museum is completed.

The Klamath War Memorial Committee, which consists of Colman O'Loughlin, chairman; Verne Schortgen, city building inspector; William Canton, county engineer; T. D. Case, county veterans' service officer, has been acting under the auspices of the Allied Veterans' Council.

The memorial has been built entirely by voluntary contributions of cash, services or materials by organizations, individuals and business establishments.

Additional donors to the memorial since those previously acknowledged in the Herald and News November 26, 1953, are the following:

American Legion, Klamath Post No. 8 Auxiliary; Emil Albright, I. A. Baker, Busman's Seed Store, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bell, Hugh Campbell, Carpenter's Local No. 291 Auxiliary, R. L. Chaney, East Side Electric, Elk's Lodge No. 1247.

First Federal Savings and Loan, Friendly Circle Club, First National Bank of Portland, Forty and Eight Vulture No. 222, Mrs. Ethel Florin, Graham Brothers, Home Lumber and Supply Co., Klamath Bank No. 460, Vasa Order.

As at Dien Bien Phu, the rebels after each heavy barrage of fire burrowed steadily closer and feverishly dug trenches. The Vietnamese, estimated in a strength of 12 battalions, have kept Yen Phu encircled for a fortnight.

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Bennington Disaster One Of Worst In Navy History

QUONSET POINT, R. I. (U)—The word "catastrophe" bobbed up Thursday in eyewitness accounts of the horrible disaster which killed at least 91 men and injured 201 Wednesday on the aircraft carrier Bennington.

And the catapult room of the big ship may come under investigation after the Navy Board of Inquiry meets for the first time Thursday afternoon at this naval air base.

Last October, 37 men died in an explosion on the carrier Leyte as she was being overhauled at Boston. A Naval Board of Inquiry concluded that the blast happened when someone accidentally ignited oil in a catapult tube.

In explaining the location of the explosions and fire which shook the Bennington while she was 75 miles offshore, her skipper, Capt. William F. Raborn Jr. of Oklahoma City, said the damaged area was below the third deck; that damage was done to the No. 1 fire room, the port catapult room and the living quarters of the general service crew.

(The catapult room "machinery which powered the catapults which launched planes into the air.")

Li (Jr.) of Pittsburgh, a sailor on the ship, said the blast was "such a start it woke me up."

Li said he was awake, he said, as he heard a funny noise coming from the pumps that operate the catapults. They usually sound like some sort of vacuum cleaner, but now they sounded like a motor was running hot and out of kilter—very much louder than usual.

Li said he hit the deck just as he heard a dull boom echo throughout the ship. When he reached the second deck, he added, the lights were out and there was heavy oil smoke everywhere.

Capt. Raborn explained: "We had just completed launching 20 jets and were standing by to launch the 40 propeller planes on the deck when I spotted the puff of smoke coming from the starboard side of the flight deck. This was followed by a minor explosion, the shock of which was felt only in the forward quarters."

"Then came the major explosion which caused the ship to shake," Rear Adm. Edgar Cruise, who was aboard the Bennington, his flagship, said he too had seen the puff of smoke and yelled over the speaker to Capt. Raborn. He said later when the Bennington had docked there was a heavy smell of aviation gasoline.

The 22,000-ton carrier, a proud bearer of numerous battle honors in World War II, was rocked by the disaster early yesterday off New England.

A violent blast on the second or third deck below the flight deck was followed by searing flames which roared through many forward compartments. Then came at least one more explosion.

Scores were trapped in sleeping quarters. Many suffocated. Many perished in the flames.

Worst Disaster

The disaster, one of the worst in peacetime U.S. naval history, was the second aboard a carrier in New England waters in less than a year. Last October, 37 died in an explosion and fire on the carrier Leyte while she was docked in Boston.



SANDRA PEMBERTON, 615 Upham, tries to persuade her dog Buck to go home. Buck insisted on following Sandra as she was on her way to KUHS this morning.

Petition Urging Retention Of E.J. Diehl Circulated

Petitions are being circulated on the Klamath Indian Reservation and in surrounding communities by interested persons asking that E. J. Diehl, superintendent, be retained at this reservation "as long as there is urgent need of his services."

Diehl, who has asked for and been granted retirement following a recent recheck on the reservation involving the handling of Indians, is slated to leave the Indian service as of June 30, 1954.

In a statement recorded in the minutes of the executive committee meeting May 25th Diehl stated: "Replying to your question regarding my retirement as of June 30, I have as you know always said that when either the Indian Service or the Tribe no longer wanted my services at the Klamath Agency I would ask for retirement. Recently the commissioner of Indian Affairs filed certain charges of insubordination which had to do with

charged irregularities in the January 26 election of delegates against me and a proposed action which suggested my transfer . . .

"I was given 10 days to answer the charges, which I did, and also informed the commissioner that I was not interested in the transfer but would request retirement. I was sincere in my previous statements that I would retire when my services were no longer wanted here, and in what I said regarding retirement at this time on the assumption that the commissioner's proposal of a transfer was in the best interests of the service."

"Except for this unanticipated action I would not have asked retirement for some time. However, I would not consider further service here as superintendent under a condition that would not offer the possibility of such service being to the best advantage of the tribe or the department. In other words it would have to be under a mutually expressed decision by both the department and the tribe that a reinstatement to duty would be without prejudice and with a feeling it would be a proper move that I would accept reinstatement."

A wire from S. E. Kirk, president of the council, to Boyd Jackson, Washington, D.C., delegate, sent the same day, stated: "Re your conference with Secretary McKay on Wednesday, committee requests that Palmer's assignment to be withheld until further matters can be ironed out here. Comm-Mee also requests that Diehl's retirement be reconsidered, and he be retained to assist with important tribal matters now under consideration."

Current plans call for W. W. Palmer to take over as Diehl's successor on the agency. He is slated to arrive here on June 13. The petitions are being addressed to President Eisenhower.

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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Firmly Against Red Proposals

GENEVA (U)—The United States was reported determined Thursday to stand firmly against any settlement of the Indochina problem which would partition territory of the associated states.

This view was reported by authoritative quarters of the military-industrial conference met again in secret session to consider the problem of defining assembly areas into which the military forces of the two sides would be regrouped after a cease fire.

Viet Nam sources said the proposals submitted Tuesday by Communist-Vietnam definitely would result in the partition of Viet Nam and would be strongly opposed by the Vietnamese.

Informed quarters said the United States had not yet taken a definite position on the Vietnam proposals, but that the first reaction of the U. S. delegation was that the proposals go a great deal farther than the United States is prepared to go.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, who returned Thursday forenoon from consultations in Paris, was reported ready to oppose the zoning plan outlined by Vietnam's Deputy Premier Pham Van Dong. France wants a series of scattered assembly areas rather than a consolidated area, which might result in a permanent division of Indochina.

ENGLISH PROPOSAL

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has proposed that military representatives of the "two commands" meet in Geneva immediately to work out the lines of the proposed assembly areas.

An unidentified French general was reported rushing here from Indochina to represent French Union forces if such talks are authorized. He would sit down with an opposite number in the Communist-Vietnam regime.

The urgency of the situation was stressed once more as French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault returned from Paris with orders to break off discussions if the Geneva conference fails to produce results soon.

A spokesman for the French Cabinet said Bidault had reported the Geneva conference "should take a decisive turn in about 8 or 10 days."

These figures seemed to have special significance when compared with Eden's statement last Monday that this week or the next would be decisive. The two statements appeared to point to June 5 as the date when the fate of the conference might become known.

The Eden plan proposed that representatives of the two commands in Indochina undertake as their first task the problem of working out areas in Viet Nam where troops would be assembled after a cease-fire.

ARMISTICE

The conference, meanwhile, would continue discussion on other military matters, beginning with arrangements for international supervision of the armistice.

There was no definite work as to the Communist position on the Eden proposal.

Both the East and West are agreed in principle on establishing regrouping zones in Viet Nam, a large part of which is in Vietnamese hands.

The Communists, however, have insisted any armistice provisions must apply also to the other two Associated States of Indochina—Laos and Cambodia. The West takes the position no action is needed in these two kingdoms except the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces.

Mexican Fugitive Arrested

A 44-year-old Mexican cattleman who fled to the United States to escape terrorists who killed two members of his family was arrested in Klamath Falls Thursday by United States border patrolmen.

The stockman, wanted for questioning in a Mexican "Hatfield and McCoy feud" south of the border is Manuel Montenegro - Sanchez. His family owns a large cattle ranch near Presidio Durango, 100 miles north of Mexico City.

According to Border Patrolmen Vance Umphress and Don Johnson of Sacramento, they arrested him at the request of the Mexican government. He was reported to have been in the Klamath Falls area for four months.

Speaking through an interpreter at the county jail, Montenegro-Sanchez told the following story: "My family and the Avila family have big cattle ranches near Presidio Durango. There has been bad blood between them for a long time due to cattle rustling. Between the two families they have 9000 cattle."

"Last July my nephew, Adolfo Diaz, 17, was ambushed by three of the Diaz men and shot to death. Shortly after that my brother, Francisco and one of the Avila men were killed in another gun battle."

According to information given United States Immigration officials, Montenegro - Sanchez is wanted for questioning concerning the three killings. Mexican Rurales have been patrolling the area to guard against further violence.

The cattleman will be taken to the border and turned over to Mexican officials. He was arrested on a technical charge of entering the United States illegally.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly sunny through Friday; warmer in the afternoon. High Friday 61; low Thursday night 30.

High yesterday 61
Low last night 27
Precip last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 13.82
Same period last year 14.12
Normal for period 11.15

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Rail Stock Vote Ended

ALBANY, N. Y. (U)—The fate of the mighty New York Central Railroad rested today in four huge safes and nine steel filing cabinets.

Their contents—stock proxies voted for the present management headed by President William White or for the opposition forces headed by financier Robert R. Young—will decide who will run the railroad.

Young's proxies were in the safes and White's in the filing cabinets. After yesterday's rip-roaring annual meeting in the Washington Avenue Armory, attended by 2,000 stockholders, the proxies were taken to the 12th floor of the Hotel Ten Eyck.

There three law professors today began to supervise the laborious process of tabulating, separating the valid from the invalid, and judging challenges.

After 4 hours and 40 minutes of noise and at times disorder and confusion, the stockholders' meeting was recessed yesterday until noon next Tuesday, when the inspectors will report on the vote. Some sources said it might be only the first of several reports and that the count might last many days or even weeks longer if the vote is close.

Klamath Basin Potato Shipments

Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
3 cars	7 cars
Total for Season	
11,469 cars	11,476 cars
1953-54	1952-53

JAMES CRAIG, winner of the model homes contest sponsored by the Klamath Board of Realtors, discusses his prize winning model with Sharon Davis, winner of the essay contest. Prizes were awarded at a banquet held at the Willard Hotel Wednesday night where winners and their parents were guests of the really board.

McCarthy Aide Says Army Chief Blocked Red Probe

WASHINGTON (U)—Roy M. Cohn swore Thursday Secretary Stevens and Army Counselor John G. Adams tried to block the McCarthy subcommittee's probe for Communists in the Army, and quoted Adams as saying it would be "a feather in his cap" if no hearings were held.

Under oath, the 27-year-old chief aide to Sen. McCarthy also said it was "true" as the McCarthy camp alleged, that the Army officials tried to "discredit" the subcommittee.

Cohn said that soon after Adams was employed as Army counselor last Oct. 1 Adams told him it would be a "feather in his cap" and would "solidify his job" if he could persuade the subcommittee not to hold either public or executive hearings on alleged subversion at Ft. Monmouth, N. J.

He said Adams made no direct request that the subcommittee drop its investigation but made it very clear it would be "welcome news" if the subcommittee would turn the inquiry over to the Army itself.

Cohn said he did not favor doing this, partly because a "thoroughly alarming" security situation at secret radar laboratories at Monmouth had existed for a long time and the Army had done nothing about it despite repeated FBI warnings over a period of years.

Cohn related that at a luncheon in New York Oct. 13 both Stevens and Adams raised the question of

"whether or not we had to have hearings," and asked if there wasn't some way to stop the hearings and let them "do this themselves."

Stevens and Adams both insisted when they were witnesses earlier in the McCarthy-Army hearings that they never tried to halt the senator's investigation.

Stevens said he was concerned about the "type" of hearings and what he termed the way the Army was being "hammered." He said he felt an unfair picture of the situation was being given by the McCarthy subcommittee.

Cohn was asked whether Stevens and Adams complained at the luncheon about distortion of the facts.

They didn't, Cohn replied. Earlier, Cohn had claimed full credit for the McCarthy subcommittee for suspension of 35 suspected security risks at Ft. Monmouth—a claim previously denied by Adams and Stevens, who insisted the subcommittee supplied only minor information which the Army didn't already have.