U.S. PLANES SHOOT DOWN REDS

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Pravda, Russia's communist party newspaper, calls in a front-page editorial for "an insistent, NEVER - YIELDING" campaign against religion.

It describes religion as a "clinging, harmful remnant of capitalism."

Religion leads people to THINK, and if the poor devils behind the Iron Curtain ever really get started to thinking it will be bad medicine for communism.

Genevieve de Galard Terraube, the French nurse who stayed to the last grim hour in Dien Bien Phu, binding up the wounds of the poor unfortunates who had been left there to TAKE IT, is invited by our congress to visit the U.S. and arrives in New York this morning, where she gets a traditional ticker tape welcome.

I hope it doesn't turn her head. I'd like to go on BELIEVING in her as representative of the REAL French as distinguished from the French politicians.

She will spend three weeks in America touring New York, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco. At the end of her three weeks, she won't have seen AMERICA.

But who are we to make cracks like that? When WE go to HER country we see Paris and think we have seen France. The REAL France is as different from Paris as the REAL America is different from New York, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco.

I suppose you've paid at least some sketchy attention to the filibuster the senate Democrats and their camp-followers, the Morse-type mavericks, are waging against Ike's atomic energy bill.

I reckon you've at least wondered vaguely what it's all about.

This is the answer:

IT'S PURE POLITICS.

The bill proposes to take some cautious preliminary steps toward removing atomic energy from COMPLETE control by the government. Atomic energy, you know, will SOMEDAY ("someday" may be quite a while off) run all our machinery. If, when that time comes, the government controls atomic energy as completely as it does now, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ABSOLUTELY CONTROL INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS IN AMERICA.

This filibuster is a big campaign preview.

In the campaign that is getting under way, the Democrats are going all out for big government run everything. You must have noticed that here in Oregon the office-seeking Democrats are practically without exception beating the drum for big - government - own - everything - and - run - everything in Hell's Canyon.

In our country — which, more than any other country, depends upon machines that are RUN BY POWER — complete political control of power insures complete political control of industry and business.

In this atomic energy bill, the GOPs are standing reasonably pat for giving free enterprise a chance in the future.

At least that gives us a fairly sharp and clear-cut political issue.

If you're for big government run everything and everybody, you're for the Democrats — automatically and naturally.

If you believe in giving free enterprise a chance, you side logically with the Republicans.

But, shucks! Politics or no politics, we have to eat — and on the eating side here's an interesting little item:

"The first Willamette valley corn (on-the-cob) of the season showed up on the produce market at Portland this morning. It was brought in by Sauvies Island farmer John Gre and sold at from $3 to $3.25 for five dozen ears."

Why is that interesting ?

Well, for years Charlie Henderson has been demonstrating in his back yard up on Earl street that the Klamath country can grow as fine corn on the cob as can be grown anywhere. And the soil up on Earl street isn't too much to brag about. In the right kind of soil WONDERFUL sweet corn can be grown here.

Incidentally, sales of fruit and vegetables in Klamath Falls markets run into BIG figures. Practically ALL of it is shipped in from elsewhere. It isn't that fruits and vegetables won't grow here. This is and always has been a bonanza farm country and nobody wants to monkey with garden truck.

I think the time is here when somebody might find it PROFITABLE to monkey with some garden truck.

Father Meagher Death Reported

Word has been received here of the death of the Rev. Father Daniel P. Meagher in Hermosillo, Sonoma, Mexico.

From June, 1953, to June of this year Father Meagher had been stationed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church here. He had retired to the Mexican city of his death to write.

Formerly he had been on the faculty of Gonzaga University.

A Requiem Mass will be offered for him in Sacred Heart Church, Thursday, July 29, at 8 a.m.

Two Injured In Bly Gun Battle

By LYLE DOWNING

A pistol-packing Mexican ranch worker had his throat cut and a truck driver was shot in the chest during a rip roaring gun-knife battle Sunday in the Halfway House at Bly.

The knife victim, Alfonso Torres, 33, is said to have fired five shots into the Halfway House barroom. One of the bullets hit Leon E. Jenkins, 32, who drives a truck for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company.

According to Sheriff Murray Britton and District Attorney Frank Alderson who went to the scene with Deputy Sheriffs Dal Reed and Delbert Summers, Jenkins was an innocent bystander.

The investigators said the trouble started after Torres entered the barroom with an unidentified companion, dropped a handful of coins in the juke box and ordered a drink for the house. He then began conversing in Spanish with a woman at the bar.

SPEAK ENGLISH

Jimmy Anderson, 31, who Sheriff Britton said was just 11 days out of the state prison at Salem where he served 13 years for manslaughter, is reported to have told Torres to "speak English or shut up."

"Si, senor," the Mexican replied as he started backing toward the front door.

Then, according to R. F. (Pop) England, one of the owners, things happened fast.

"After the Mexican got to the door," England said, "he drew a gun in less than a split second. I ducked under the bar."

Torres fired five shots and then the gun jammed. Anderson then entered the fray with a knife, according to his story to Sheriff Britton and District Attorney Alderson.

THROAT SLASHED

Anderson grappled with Torres. The Mexican's throat was slashed. He then dropped a .22-caliber automatic pistol and staggered across the street. He went behind Jack's place, climbed over a picket fence and collapsed.

At this juncture Deputy Sheriff Dale Smith reached the Halfway House. He followed a trail of blood to where Torres was lying unconscious in an alley.

Jenkins and Torres were brought to Klamath Valley Hospital in a Kaler ambulance. Attending surgeons said Monday that both men are in critical condition. Anderson also was treated at the hospital for knife cuts on his hands.

The gun and knife battle is reported to have caused a near panic in the restaurant of the Halfway House. Archie Davig, co-owner of the establishment, said a group of tourists were eating lunch in the restaurant when the shooting started. Two minutes later he said the restaurant was empty.

District Attorney Alderson said he was continuing his investigation of the case. He said no charges have been filed against any of the participants.

Ike Asks Tanker Appropriations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday asked Congress for supplemental appropriations totaling $38,478,000, most of it for the construction of five tanker vessels.

The request to meet the cost of the tankers was for 37 ½ million dollars. Legislation to authorize such construction out of government funds now is pending in Congress. The plan is for 15 more to be built with private money.

SURVEYING AT NINTH AND MAIN this morning were Nick Birk (left) and Ross Arent, foremen of the construction job which will be the future location of Jen-Ed's restaurant. Property is owned by Mrs. Angelo Doveri.

GOP Move To Limit AEC Talk Halted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate balked Monday at an attempt by the Senate GOP leadership to put a blanket limit on debate on the atomic energy bill but showed a willingness to limit talk on individual amendments.

A motion to impose cloture, and thereby limit all future debate to one hour for each senator was whipped by a 44 to 42 roll call vote. Adoption would have required 64 affirmative votes.

Then on the first amendment to come up, the Senate agreed unanimously to halt debate after two hours discussion—an hour for each side.

The amendment by Sen. Lehman (D-Lib-NY) related to the international cooperation provisions of the bill. Lehman proposed to delete a provision he says ties President Eisenhowers hands.

Meanwhile the House pushed on to passage of its own version of the atomic energy law revision, much in line with administration proposals. The roll call vote for final passage was 230-154. A motion to send the bill back to House committee was turned down 222-165.

Voting for the bill were 195 Republicans and 35 Democrats. Against it were 7 Republicans, 146 Democrats and 1 independent.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif), the GOP leader, tried at first to get a debate limit of 30 minutes, but finally proposed the two hour limit.

That was after Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore), a red rose in his lapel, agreed to go along. Morse said, though, with reference to an announcement by Knowland on the Senate floor that U.S. planes had shot down two Communist aircraft in the Pacific, that:

"I am not greatly motivated to enter into any blanket agreement by any argument that we ought to proceed with great haste to consider this bill because the international situation has worsened."

Rather, he said, the subject matter of the bill, which contemplates some sharing of secrets of use of atomic weapons, "should cause us to go slower than before."

"I think," the Oregon senator said, "we ought to take a long look at this bill before considering any let down of our security in the atomic energy field."

The cloture motion by Knowland appeared likely to be only the first of a series of moves to cut short the talk.

In advance of the vote, Knowland told the Senate he had "no illusions" about a chance to win, and warned of "even more drastic" steps possible if he doesn't.

"If there was ever a time when cloture was in order," he said, "in my judgment this is the time."

He gave no hint as to what these "drastic" steps might be.

Before the Senate met, Knowland had conferred at the White House with President Eisenhower and told reporters afterward that "there will be no surrender" in the efforts to pass the administration bill.

THE DEATH CAR which claimed the life of Roger McFarland, 18-year-old employe of Metler Brothers Mill about midnight Saturday is shown in this photograph taken by a Herald and News staff photographer.

Solon Urges Public Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Jabits (R-NY) has broadened his demand that the House investigate one of its own committees which took testimony labeled by the Ford Foundation as "the sheerest nonsense."

Javits last night urged a public hearing by the House Rules Committee on his proposal for a probe of the special committee which investigated tax-exempt foundations.

The rules group, Javits contends, should police all House investigations "and see that they are not discredited."

Public hearings by the special committee headed by Rep. Reece (R-Tenn) were cancelled early this month after it heard 11 critics of philanthropic organizations and took testimony from only one foundation spokesman.

The special committee invited the foundations to file written briefs. Reece said public hearings were halted because of "obstructive" tactics by Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio), a member. Hays objected to the inquiry from the start.

A brief filed Saturday by the Ford Foundation termed the shutdown a "puzzling and unexpected act of injustice." It said it had been "maligned in public" without having a chance to reply in the same forum. Several other foundations have filed similar briefs.

Judge Orders Picket Halt

PORTLAND (AP) — The Pacific Northwest lumber strike went into its sixth week Monday, but a judge ordered picketing halted at four big plywood plants.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford issued an injunction against picketing at the M & M Wood Working Co. plants at Portland, Albany and Lyons, Ore., and Eureka, Calif.

The injunction was against the AFL Millmen's local 1746, who struck at the company's two door plants in Portland, and then posted pickets at the plywood mills also. Plywood workers refused to go through their lines.

The judge held the picketing was unlawful, since the plywood workers had a no-strike contract in effect.

There were no other signs of a break in the strike of AFL and CIO lumber unions in demand for a 12 ½-cent hourly wage increase.

McKay Amused By Alaskan Sign

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Secretary of the Interior McKay grinned when he saw a sign on his return here Saturday which read:

"We ain't mad at nobody."

The sign apparently was posted in reference to recent differences expressed by Alaskans and the secretary over the statehood question.

So when McKay spoke to a Chamber of Commerce gathering that evening, he referred obliquely to the sign. He said:

"I ain't mad at nobody, too."

Weather

*FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Tuesday possible thunderstorms in mountains. High Tuesday 85; low Monday night 50.

High yesterday	89
Low last night	49
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Since Oct. 1	14.45
Same period last year	14.87
Normal for period	12.38

Shivers Leads In Primary

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Gov. Allan Shivers stretched his small lead over Ralph Yarborough Monday, but it appeared more and more certain a runoff election will be needed to settle their race for the governor's office.

Shivers, who led Texas Democrats' bolt to Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower in the 1952 presidential election, is seeking an unprecedented third term. His opponent is Ralph Yarborough, champion of the "Loyalists" who stuck with Democrat Adalai Stevenson in 1952.

Unofficial, nearly complete returns from Saturday's first Democratic primary gave Shivers a lead of 18,464 votes over Yarborough, an increase of more than 1,000 since the last report Sunday night. This still fell far short of enough for Shivers to win re-election without a runoff primary Aug. 28.

By the unofficial count, Shivers still would need to increase his lead by some 16,000 to 17,000 to win a majority.

But no one considered that at all likely. The Texas election bureau estimated less than 45,000 votes still were out. They were in counties where neither candidate showed tremendous strength.

Shivers had 49.3 per cent of the total so far and Yarborough 47.9 per cent — about the same as Sunday night.

Union Calls Pine Strike

SPOKANE (AP) — The six-week-old Northwest lumber strike spread to three eastern Washington pine operations Monday.

The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union pulled 106 men off the job at the Lincoln Lumber Co. mill in Lincoln County, and workers walked out at the Western Pine Manufacturing Co. and the White Pine Sash Co. in Spokane.

The union has asked for a 12 ½ cent hourly wage increase. Most employers have contended that economic conditions in the industry don't warrant any increases at all.

A union spokesman said last week that as many as 15 more eastern Washington and northern Idaho plants might be struck this week.

The Timber Products Manufacturers' Assn., which represents Inland Empire operators, said only the three plants were struck Monday but "there may be more before the day is out."

The association said "things are quiet in Idaho, central Washington and western Montana."

The Lincoln mill annually produces about 50 million board feet of lumber. The strike left 17 supervisors and office workers on the job.

Nine Spokane shops were struck last month.

Man Placed On Probation

A 21-year-old garage worker, charged with issuing a forged check was placed on five years probation Monday after he pleaded guilty to the charge before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Defense Attorney U. S. Balentine told the court that Ferguson had just been paroled from the Washington State Reformatory after serving 18 months on a similar charge.

Balentine pointed out that the defendant was only 19 years old when he was sentenced in Washington and the Klamath Falls offense occurred before that time.

"This young man is now on parole from the state of Washington, your honor," Balentine said. "He has served 18 months in prison. I do not believe it would be right to send him back to prison now before he has had a chance to show whether he has learned his lesson. He was brought here directly from the Washington institution."

Ferguson was indicted by the Klamath County Grand Jury in 1952 after he cashed a forged check at Don's Shell Service Station.

District Attorney Frank Alderson recommended the court grant probation in the case.

Two Unhurt In Plane Crash

ASTORIA (AP) — Two persons escaped with only slight injuries Sunday when their light plane crashed into the Columbia River.

Babe Nothwang, 35, owner of the plane, and William Everhart, a passenger, both of Astoria, said they were en route from here to Eugene when the engine failed.

Everhart swam to shore, pulling along Miss Nothwang, who is unable to swim.

Two Killed In Weekend Accidents

By OTTO ELLIS

Death claimed the lives of two young Klamath residents and three others were hospitalized as the result of three automobile accidents over the weekend.

Mary Mildred Fitzgerald, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fitzgerald, Rt. 3, Box 296, Keno Road, was killed instantly about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, when she stepped onto the highway directly in the path of a car operated by 15-year-old Richard Sanders, Keno. The boys parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sanders and Mrs. R. C. Whitlock were passengers in the car.

According to the story told state police by an eye witness the little girl had started across the highway to get the evening paper. She reportedly walked to the edge of the pavement, stopped momentarily and looked to her left, then stepped directly in front of the Sanders' car approaching on her right. The eye witness said the driver of the car was unable to avoid striking the girl. Young Sander's was operating the vehicle with a learners permit, officers stated.

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Traffic Fatalities For 1954

Excessive speed was believed responsible for the death of Roger Lee McFarland, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. McFarland, 4906 Avalon Street, when his car went out of control shortly after midnight Saturday, while he was attempting to pass another car on Washburn Way near Laverne Street. The other vehicle was driven by Lynn Edward Shaffer, 1632 Manzanita.

Skid marks indicated the car traveled a distance of 574 feet, after leaving the pavement and riding along the left shoulder of the road, until it finally rolled to a stop in the ditch on the right side of the highway.

According to investigating offi-

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British Move To Prevent Red Attacks

LONDON (AP) — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said Monday Britain wants immediate measures to prevent a recurrence of Red China's attack on an unarmed British passenger plane over the China Sea.

Eden spoke in the House of Commons almost simultaneously with a U. S. State Department announcement that U. S. carrier planes had shot down two Chinese Communist fighters which attacked them while they were searching for survivors of the British airliner.

The foreign secretary gave no immediate indication whether he knew beforehand of the Communist planes being shot down.

He said Britain was gratified at the cooperation and assistance in rescue and search operations given by aircraft of the United States services.

Communists Hit By Navy Aircraft

WASHINGTON (AP) — American planes searching for survivors of a Communist-downed British airliner came under the fire from Red Chinese planes and a Communist gunboat Sunday night and shot down two of the attacking planes. There were no American casualties.

The State department announced the incident Monday and denounced "Chinese Communist brutality" in attempting to interfere with the rescue efforts.

The Pentagon then gave some details of the affair and disclosed, in the words of Adm. Felix Stump, that U.S. fliers are under instructions to be "quick on the trigger" if a hostile pass is made at them.

Secretary of Defense Wilson said in a statement that the clash involved propellor-driven planes on both sides and took place more than 12 miles from the coast of Red-held Hainan Island at 7:05 p.m. (PST) Sunday.

That would be Monday morning, and daylight hours, off Hainan.

U. S. AIRCRAFT

Wilson's statement identified American aircraft as Douglas "Sky Raiders" which were continuing the search for survivors from the British airliner shot down by Red fighters Friday.

The Communist planes which jumped them were said to have been LA7 aircraft, the fastest propellor-driven fighters known to be in the Chinese Red air force. Neither the available Navy reports nor the Defense Department statement mentioned any Communist jet aircraft in the area.

The statement said a Communist gunboat opened fire on the American planes but the pilots did not fire on it.

SPOKESMAN

A Navy spokesman said that the Sky Raiders, which are multi-purpose aircraft, bagged their Communist assailants before jet fighters from the carriers could get into the action.

Jet planes were flying protective cover for the search aircraft, acting upon instructions given Saturday by Secretary Wilson when he ordered the Navy to undertake the search and rescue operations.

Adm. Stump, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, discussed the incident at a news conference and told of the orders for American pilots to be quick to shoot back if attacked.

Stump said the policy is this: "If any U.S. plane is attacked or approached with obvious hostile intent, it will fire back. In other words, you don't have to wait and get your head blown off to shoot back."

In Congress, there were prompt expression of support for the action of the U.S. airmen.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) said: "If the Chinese Reds attack rescue ships on the high seas, there was no other alternative for the U.S. planes but to shoot back. We must let them know that we are ready to protect all of our rights."

INCIDENT

The incident was announced to the Senate by Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican floor leader, and Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ), a Foreign Relations Committee member.

It brought swift expressions of anger against the Reds and bipartisan appeals for unity.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Senate Democratic leader, said: "Regardless of the details, the fact still remains that the Chinese Communists are shooting at our men. There can be no partisanship or divided loyalties on such an issue."

CARRIERS

Adm. Stump identified the carriers which were sent to the res-

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OREGON GASOLINE DEALERS ASSOCIATION, INC., delegates to the state board meeting held here last weekend were guests of Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. at luncheon at the Winema Hotel Saturday. Principals included (seated, from left) Ernie Baker, State OGDA president; H. E. Townsan, Firestone representative; Paul Coleman, local OGDA secretary-treasurer and second vice president of the state group; (standing, same order) H. C. McCurdy, Salem; Ray Reeves, local chapter president; Arnold Jarvis, local Firestone manager.