

By FRANK JENKINS

I'd like to offer for your attention in this space today a couple of statements made this morning by Undersecretary of Commerce Walter Williams in a speech to the annual convention of the American Bankers association at Atlantic City.

Here's statement No. 1: "Net personal income of Americans (meaning what Americans have left to spend, for all purposes, after they have paid their taxes) poured into family pocket-books (not corporation treasuries) this summer at a rate of 250 billion dollars a year — THE HIGHEST EVER ACHIEVED."

Here's statement No. 2: "Consumers spent their money on goods and services at the rate of 23 billion dollars annually, or about three billion dollars more than in 1953 (1953 is generally believed to have been the best year in our history)."

I realize, of course, that in an election year NOBODY believes ANYTHING that ANYBODY says any more.

But — Assuming, for the sake of argument, that what Williams said in Atlantic City this morning MIGHT be true —

In this summer of 1954 — which everybody is crying about — Americans have had in their pockets more SPENDABLE money than they ever had before in our history.

Shutdowns and unemployment? Sure! — We've had 'em. Here's why:

After we quit burning up a large share of it in shooting war, our fabulous American production machine produced for a while more goods and services than we consumed. The result was a temporary surplus while we were adjusting from shooting war to the present (uneasy) state of peace.

But we're catching up on it. What has happened? I think that out-of-office politicians who want to get in are kidding us about what has been going on.

Let me cite for your attention a statement made at the Dalles on Saturday by Al Tilman — one of our "Three Musketeers of the New Deal in Oregon. He said: "The (Eisenhower) administration's CALCULATED PLAN to KNOCK DOWN FARM PRICES, providing great benefits to the SPECULATORS, is being reflected in rising unemployment in many predominantly agricultural areas. The farmer is the backbone of Eastern Oregon's economy and when his buying power is cut by reduction of farm prices the effect is felt on every Main Street."

Stop and think. Try the sound device of putting yourself in the other fellow's place and figuring out what you would do in his situation. Use your head.

If you were IN OFFICE and wanted to stay in would you, calculatedly and deliberately, set out to bankrupt the farmers, who have a lot of votes, just to get the votes of the speculators, who are comparatively scarce?

I doubt it.

Consider this fact: SPECULATION FLOURISHES WHEN PRICES ARE RISING CONSTANTLY — as they do in periods of unchecked inflation. Speculation is buying low and selling high. When prices are rising constantly, as they do in periods of inflation, it's duck soup for the speculator.

In such periods, all he has to do is BUY ENOUGH and hang on long enough and he can't help getting rich.

Take a good, factual look back over these years of steadily rising inflation. Consider the fabulous luxury hotels that have been built in Miami and Honolulu and Las Vegas and such like hot spots.

Who has been keeping these \$100-a-day places going? Has it been the workers for wages? Has it been the common run of people?

Not on your life. It has been the speculators, the racketeers, and such cattle who flourish like the green bay tree in periods of wild inflation.

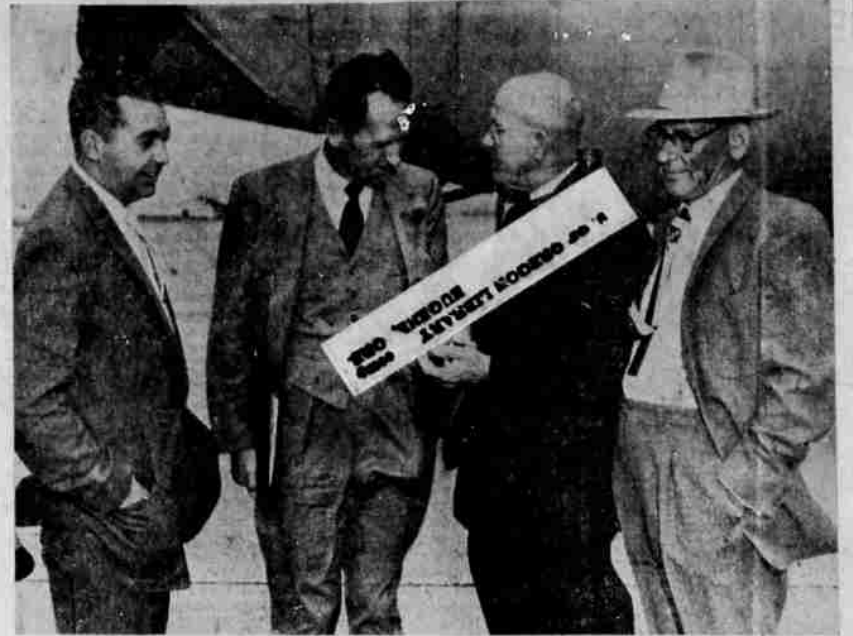
One of our great troubles lies in the fact that we know so many things that ain't so. One of these things that ain't so is the allegation — implied or otherwise — that INFLATION IS GOOD FOR US, and if we can't just go back to it it will be WONDERFUL.

It will be good for the speculators, of course.

But it won't be good for the rest of us.

If continued long enough, it will run all of us — except the speculators, who will have theirs sailed down.

SHOOTING HOURS
Oregon
October 19
OPEN 5:54 CLOSE 5:09
California
October 19
OPEN 5:50 CLOSE 5:23



A BRIGHT FUTURE for Klamath Falls was predicted by Roger Lewis, assistant secretary of the Air Force, when he inspected the municipal airport—site for a jet interceptor base. Lewis said the base will add \$4,000,000 annually to the local payroll and provide hundreds of new residents for Klamath Falls. Shown (l to r) Attorney George Proctor, Secretary Lewis, Mayor Paul Landry and George P. Davis.

U. S. Air Force Official Warns Of Need For American Air Supremacy In KF Talk

By LYLE DOWNING

Roger Lewis, assistant secretary of the Air Force, who spent a busy nine hours in Klamath Falls Saturday, warned that in this "age of peril" America must maintain supremacy in the skies.

Lewis was entertained at a civic dinner Saturday evening in the Winema Hotel. He also toured the municipal airport, where the government will build a \$4,000,000 jet interceptor base next year.

"In the air as in poker," he told the dinner audience, "there is no second best hand. If we are to maintain the supremacy in the air which is now ours, we must take advantage of aerodynamic and electronic advances."

"American pilots must have under their finest equipment that science and technology can provide. The technological advance since the introduction of the jet engine has doubled the speed and altitude of our Air Force. I am convinced that the future 'rocket engines are here and nuclear power plants are not far off.'"

Lewis, who came here primarily to discuss plans for the jet interceptor base with Mayor Paul Landry and other city officials, said the Air Force project will add at least \$4,000,000 annually to the Klamath Falls payroll.

The Air Force executive was introduced at the Winema dinner by Mayor Landry, H. O. Juckeland

was master of ceremonies. The subject of Lewis' talk was "Airpower — the Keystone of our National Defense." Soviet Russia, according to Lewis, is making rapid headway in the development of long range jet bombers similar to America's latest and best.

"The most effective deterrent against Red aggression," he declared, "lies in the ability of our long range bombers to deliver superior numbers of nuclear weapons against the enemy."

"Neither our radar nor our ground observer net is complete yet," he explained, "Radar nets require much money and time to build. Ground observer nets require many more people than have volunteered so far."

The Air Force executive predicted a busy future for Klamath Falls airport. "In a few months," he said, "this airport will become the scene of great activity. Runways will be lengthened so that fast jets can use them. Large fuel tanks will be installed. We will build hangars, barracks, mess halls and office buildings. Several hundred new persons will become part of your community. During the coming year, the government will spend nearly \$5,000,000 in Klamath Falls.

When he landed at the municipal airport in a C-97 Stratocruiser, Lewis was welcomed by a civic committee which included: George P. Davis, business leader, Mrs. Olive Cornett, Republican national committeewoman, Attorney George Proctor, Elmer Lemler, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, County Commissioner Jerry Reimus, H. O. Juckeland, municipal aviation committee, Russ Avery, airport manager, Judge U. E. Reeder of the county court, and Judge Frank Blackmer of the municipal court.

Gen. John E. Hull, U.S. Far East commander, was reported ready to fly to Seoul to lay a package aid bill before South Korean President Syngman Rhee on a "take it or leave it" basis.

Sources said here Hull has given Rhee a memorandum listing several demands that must be met before the aid program for the 1954-55 fiscal year can start moving. The demands include:

- 1. The Koreans must establish a realistic exchange rate between the hwan and the dollar.
2. They must supply the United States with information on dollar holdings in the Korean treasury.
3. They must reach a settlement on areas of procurement—obviously in relation to trade with Japan.
4. They must make positive moves to combat inflation.

The present legal exchange rate between the hwan and the dollar is 180-1. The black market rate is 600 to 800-1. The United States wants at least 254-1. The South Koreans want it to remain at 180.

POTATO SHIPMENTS table with columns for SEASONS, DAILY TRUCK ORE, DAILY RAIL ORE, DAILY TRUCK CALIF., DAILY RAIL CALIF., DAILY TOTAL ORE & CALIF., MONTHLY TOTAL, SEASON'S TOTAL.

Exploding Tank Car Starts Portland Rail Yard Fire

PORTLAND — Propane gas from a railroad tank car exploded shortly before dawn Monday, threatening for a time huge oil storage tanks and demolishing some two dozen freight cars.

No one was reported killed or injured seriously.

The blast hurled flaming debris over a wide area in the Spokane, Portland and Seattle freight yard and around the tanks, located in an industrial area about four miles northwest of the downtown business district.

Officials at the scene said a conservative estimate of the loss would run between \$300,000 and \$500,000. That did not include damage to homes and businesses within 3 miles of the blast, which was felt as far away as Battle Ground, Wash., some 30 miles to the northeast.

City and county firemen rushed equipment to the area and within two hours had under control the flames that had lapped dangerously near the 90,000-barrel oil storage tanks. They then confined the fire to the burning tank car.

The blast knocked one storage tank, which was empty, eight inches off its base and badly dented other tanks. Most of these were filled with fuel oil, which is not so dangerously explosive.

As official reconstructed events, some of the propane gas leaked from a seam of the tank car and

formed a vapor which seeped to a highway just west of the freight yards. A spark from the exhaust of an automobile apparently got into the vapor. This carried back to the car and touched off a terrific explosion.

Windows were smashed and doors torn off buildings in a sparsely populated hillside area three miles west of the scene. It shook houses throughout the city, awakening thousands of residents. Radio stations and newspaper switchboards were swamped with calls. Some residents thought an earthquake had hit.

The propane tank car was in a freight train being made up for movement into upstate Oregon. Value of its contents was not immediately known.

A car clerk, A. Schaeffer, was the only one to notice the leaking gas. He was reporting it to a superior when the explosion occurred.

The only known injured person was John Rawlins, who was with another workman in a laboratory at an asphalt plant 150 yards away. Rawlins was knocked from a chair and suffered a cut neck.

Ron Williams, a Standard Oil Co. foreman, had returned to his plant office from an inspection tour near the blast scene only seconds before the explosion.

The fire and wreckage did not halt traffic on adjoining SP&S main line tracks.

Tom Fay, 1841 Esplanade, pauses at his work for the Hillton Distributing Company this morning at the 9 o'clock photographer came by.

Accidental Gunshot Kills Merrill Youth

Herald and News

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1954 Price Five Cents—14 Pages Telephone 8111 No. 2945

'54 Hunting Death Toll Now Twelve

The accidental discharge of a shotgun Sunday morning took the life of Gerald Eugene Johnson, 16, Route 1, Box 658, southeast of here.

The accident occurred on the hill road northwest of Merrill near the Scott McKendree ranch. Johnson, driver of the car, was accompanied by his brother Duane Warren Johnson, 12, Dennis LeRoy Fiegl, 12, and LeRoy Rudolph Schlecht, 15, on a hunting trip.

According to the story told state police officers and County Coroner Dr. George Adler, by the Fiegl lad, Schlecht and Fiegl were in the back seat and Schlecht was trying to eject a 16 gauge shell that had inadvertently been placed in the chamber of a 12 gauge shotgun.

Johnson had pulled to the side of the road and was about to stop when the gun discharged, the charge of shot striking him just behind the right ear. He died instantly. The car went out of control, through the fence and was finally stopped by his companions.

The three boys placed Johnson's body in the rear seat and drove to his home a quarter mile away and called the officers.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Two persons were killed and two others were wounded—one of them gravely—in week end hunting accidents in Oregon.

Meantime, search continued in the Fanno Mountain area west of Dallas for a family of three, missing since Oct. 9 on a hunting trip.

Dead are Gerald Eugene Johnson, 16, of Merrill, and Phillip Stephen Minear, 12, of Medford.

State police reported Fred Warden, 30, also of Medford, said he was hunting in the Griffin Creek area Saturday when he thought he saw a deer and fired. The bullet went through the Minear boy's abdomen and then struck Sharon Minear, 12, in the arm. The two youngsters were hiking in the woods at the time of the accident.

Minear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minear, died in a Medford hospital five hours after the shooting. The girl's wound was not considered serious.

Arian Young, 31, Lebanon, suffered a critical gun shot wound while deer hunting in the Green Mountain area, southeast of Sweet Home Sunday.

State police officer Harry Hansen reported that Roy W. Rice, Lebanon, told him he fired at what he thought was a deer. Young was shot in the stomach.

Rice and other members of his party carried Young out of the woods to Sweet Home. He later was taken to a Salem hospital.

The weekend accidents raised Oregon's hunting death toll to 12. Five were shot to death in gun accidents and seven died from natural causes. Two others were killed in an automobile accident while on a hunting trip.

Eight persons have suffered non-fatal gun shot wounds. Last year at this time 11 were dead from heart attacks, four were dead in gun accidents and six had suffered from bullet wounds.

Search was resumed Monday for Sunday's missing party of three, including national guardsmen, failed to develop any clue as to the whereabouts of the missing trio.

Employers Sign With Truck Union

NEW YORK — A two-day trucking tie-up that threatened the economic life of the metropolitan area seemed to be petering out Monday.

Employers flocked to local offices of the AFL Teamsters to sign up on union terms despite the threat of one employer spokesman that a 10-million dollar damage suit would be filed during the day against the teamsters and seven companies which had earlier disrupted the unified employer front by signing agreements.

There were, however, sharply conflicting estimates as to the volume of trucking into and out of New York City.

City police at the Holland and Lincoln tunnels—the two vehicular arteries under the Hudson River to New Jersey—said big and little cargo carriers were moving "without any evidence of a strike."

But the Port of New York authority, which operates the tubes, said truck traffic was only 25 per cent of normal through the Holland tunnel at 9:30 a.m., while almost no trucks were moving through the Lincoln tunnel.

It was possible that the reported low volume of haulage was due to the delay between signing contracts and getting trucks back on the road.

Some 33,000 general cargo truck drivers and helpers walked out Saturday in a wide area from Peekskill, N.Y., to Trenton, N.Y.

The effects were not felt immediately, however, because of the normal weekend lull.

At mid-morning Monday David Kaplan, chief union economist, said firms employing 5,900 of 11,500 New York City drivers had agreed to the demanded 25-cent hourly wage-welfare package.

Kaplan said that "the emergency is over."

Earlier, the employers' chief negotiator, Joseph M. Adelizzi, had said that the only hope for an end to the strike lay in federal mediation.

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Speech To Be Broadcast

Radio station KFLW, at 8 p.m. tonight, will broadcast a tape recording of "The Truth About Newburger," a speech made by Oregon State Senator Gene Brown of Grants Pass at a Republican rally held here last week.

Anderson Preliminary Hearing Set

James Quinton Anderson, 32-year-old Beatty rancher, accused of a "night of terror" assault on a Medford automotive dealer and his wife a week ago, demanded a preliminary hearing when he appeared Monday before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor to answer to a charge of assault with intent to kill.

At the request of the defendant's attorney, Edwin E. Driscoll, the hearing was set for 10 a.m. October 26.

Anderson claims he was not involved in the shooting affray on the Klamath Indian Reservation. He said it was a case of mistaken identity. The defendant told arresting officers at the time of the alleged crime he was in bed and asleep at his home near Beatty.

The complaint, signed by Albert Sidney Menasco Jr. of Medford, also names Wayne Rodney Scott, 22, also of Beatty.

Menasco told State Police Sgt. Earle Tichenor that at about 2 a.m. on October 10, he and his wife were driving along a lonely road near Beatty in a pickup truck. According to his story, another pickup with two men and a woman in it overtook the Menasco vehicle at a fork in the road.

Menasco said the two men in the other truck opened fire with rifles. Menasco said he speeded away but was forced to stop at the foot of a hill when a bullet flattened one of the tires on his pickup. Menasco said he and his wife fled into a clump of brush and hid under a log. Until after daylight, he added, they were under almost constant gunfire. Then the gunman left the scene.

Scott waived preliminary hearing. Judge Van Vactor ordered him held for the grand jury. In lieu of \$5,000 bail, he was remanded to the county jail. Anderson is at liberty under a \$10,000 property bond posted by friends.

New K. Falls School Site Announced

Members of the Klamath Union High School Board, today announced the purchase of 27½ acres of land in the south suburban area as a site for a new high school building.

While the purchase at this time does not indicate plans for a building program in the immediate future, the land was purchased, according to board members, to protect needs for future high school expansion.

The acreage, in three units, lies west of the U.S. Reclamation Bureau canal, south of the Oregon-California and Eastern Railway tracks and east of Summers Lane. The property has 200 feet of frontage on Summers Lane.

The larger of the three units, 19½ acres, was purchased from Dr. J. G. Patterson, Klamath Falls. Seven acres was bought from A. M. Gibson and one acre from Curtis Cramer.

Total purchase price was \$23,000. An additional piece of adjacent property is being negotiated for in order to meet the recommendations of the building consultant of the state department of education, A. L. Beck.

Beck, here recently to look over the ground, recommended that the high school board buy a multiple ground to provide for full facilities, including an athletic field, ample parking space and other needs of a large high school.

The ground, slightly higher than some of the surrounding terrain, will have no drainage problem, a factor of importance in the adjacent area, according to Harold Ashley, clerk of the high school board.

The location of the proposed new high school will be near four elementary schools, Peterson, Altamont, Shasta; the new Twyla Ferguson school to be built within a year, and the Altamont Junior High School.

The site purchase was financed through the special improvement fund set up for buying sites, buildings, plants, equipment and for maintenance.

Aid The United Fund Drive
Give to help — help to give. Support health, welfare and character building agencies through your United Fund. Klamath County's second United Fund — Red Cross drive starts October 20.

British Hunt Terrorists

OMAGH, Northern Ireland — Police Monday a house to house search for wounded members of a gang which made a bloody Sunday raid on a British army depot in this town near the Southern Ireland border.

Five soldiers were shot or slugged in the 10-minute gun battle. Two were in a serious condition.

Police captured eight men they identified as members of the Irish terrorist Irish Republic Army. The captives were charged with attempted murder.

Army officials said at least two of the raiders suffered bullet wounds and were carried away by their companions. A wide area was cordoned off to prevent their escape into the Republic of Ireland, 15 miles to the south.

Oregon Potato Growers To Compete For Klamath Basin Spud Festival Honors

MERRILL — Potato growers of Southern and Central Oregon are eyeing the 1954 state championship title on commercial Netted Gem and White Rose potatoes and on certified seed of the two varieties.

Competition at the 18th annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival to be held here October 22-23 is expected to be keen with growers of the Bend, Reimond and Madras areas expected to challenge Merrill, Malin, Klamath Falls, Henley and Bonanza growers in all divisions.

Two years ago, Bend took home most of the top prizes. Championship spots returned to Southern Oregon last year with Bend growers capturing several second and third place ribbons.

Harvesting in the basin will be past the peak by festival time. Judges of exhibits are sold at auction following the banquet on Friday night, money to be divided between the high schools of Merrill, Malin, Henley, Bonanza and Tulelake, represented in the royal court. Exhibits will be left until the close of the festival on Saturday.

U. S. Senator Wallace P. Bennett, Utah, will speak at the banquet Friday evening, opening day of the festival and will crown Queen Mary Johnson, Merrill's winning candidate for the crown. Members of her court, Princesses Agnes Unruh, Malin, Maureen Lyon, Henley,

Joan Daley, Bonanza, and Marylou Stuyksal, Tulelake.

A turkey dinner is to be served family style by women of the Merrill Presbyterian Church. There will be fish on the menu for those for menu the on fish he will desire it. Serving will start at 6:30 p.m. with the grand entry of the royal court and the crowning to immediately precede serving.

Tickets for the dinner are on sale at the Merrill Pharmacy, Hodges Brothers, the Ben Franklin Store and Merrill Clothing or may be had from any member of the Lions Club.

A square dance sponsored by the Merrill Grange will follow the dinner in the community hall.

Numerous entries have been registered for the parade at 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

To prevent conflict of the Merrill parade and the annual OTI Homecoming parade, both scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, October 23, OTI made application to the city council for the homecoming parade to travel down Main Street Saturday afternoon instead of at 10 a.m.

The Klamath Union High School band and the Henley High School band are both scheduled to be in the line of march at Merrill. The parade will be led by John Colwell, a marshal of the day, followed by the queen's float, floats from several towns, marching units and commercial entries.

The parade will form on the grade school grounds, where judging will be completed before it moves out to the main street.

Barbecue pits will hold enough barbecued beef for 2,500 to 3,000 guests. Serving will be at the community hall with arrangements to be made for double lines.

U. S. Senator and Mrs. Guy Gordon and U. S. Congressman and Mrs. Sam Coon are expected for the Saturday afternoon festivities that will include a league football game between the Chiloquin Panthers and the Merrill Huskies. There will be a drill by the girls athletic team between halves.

Immediately following the games, prizes will be given out at the exhibit hall in the high school gymnasium. Entertainment is planned with exhibition dances by Letty Wilder, his wife and young sons on the program.

A new innovation this year is a raffle at the Hill Ranch north of Merrill sponsored by the Merrill Rodeo Club. Events will start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and will be continued Sunday afternoon, October 24, starting at 2 o'clock.

The harvest hall will be in the community hall with Baldy's Band furnishing the music.

City streets and store windows are being decorated this week. There will be carnival concessions and eats booths on Front Street.



WALLACE FOSTER BENNETT, Republican U. S. Senator from Utah, will be guest speaker at the 18th annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival to be held at Merrill starting Friday. Senator Bennett is past president of the National Glass Distributors Association, was president in 1949 of the National Association of Manufacturers and has served in the U.S. Senate since 1950.