

LIKE SEEMS RELEASE OF AIRMEN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Former President Herbert Hoover, who is spending six days in West Germany on a goodwill mission, held a news conference in Bonn this morning with German and foreign correspondents. In the course of it, by way of setting forth his beliefs, he made a little speech.

He said:
"The only hope for our safety is the BUILDING UP OF ARMS and a united front among free nations which will deter communist aggression against us."

He added:
"Unless the allied agreements to return West Germany are ratified (and carried out in the spirit of all for one and one for all) the security of Europe will depend on the malevolent will of the communists."

He concluded:
"The sole purpose of the Western alliance is to convince the communists of the futility of starting war."

Those are strong words from a man who was born and raised a Quaker.

But they are TRUTHFUL words. As Hoover says, our first job is to convince the communists they couldn't win if they started a war. If they ever think they CAN win, they'll start a war.

Their objective is world communism.

CAN we convince the communists they can't win a war if they start one?

That will depend on two things:

1. Our faith in our cause and our will to win.

2. The ability of the free nations to REMAIN UNITED.

Never was it truer than now that "United we stand; divided we fall."

As to faith in our cause, we and all the free nations must say with Sir Galahad: "Our strength is as the strength of ten because our hearts are pure."

If we can stick together, there is an excellent chance that we can convince the communists they couldn't win a war if they started one.

After that will come the job of learning how to live in the same world with communism — because it isn't a part of our ultimate purpose to WIPE THE COMMUNISTS OFF THE EARTH.

There are good reasons to believe that communism is so foul a thing that if another world war can be started off long enough communism will fall of its own foulness.

Human liberty flourishes in times of peace.

Efforts to destroy human liberty flourish in wartime.

Learning how to live in the same world with communism won't be easy. It will take patience, tolerance and forbearance. There will be times when the provocations will be almost unbearable.

But always the alternative to learning how to live in the same world with communism will be present before our eyes. The alternative will be starting another world war WITH WEAPONS THAT CAN DESTROY THE WORLD.

Jobless Pay Boost Asked

PORTLAND (AP) — Increased unemployment compensation benefits will be asked by the CIO at the next session of the State Legislature, George Brown, secretary of the Industrial Union Council said Tuesday.

He said that President Eisenhower had recommended that jobless benefits be increased to half the amount paid an employee while working. That would average about \$40 a week in Oregon, Brown said.

Compensation benefits in the state now range from \$15 a week for nine weeks to \$25 a week for 26 weeks.

Robert McKean, legislative representative for the Employers' Group, asked about this, said management probably would oppose legislation to increase employers' contributions.

Brown listed these other CIO legislative proposals:

Revision of the unemployment compensation law to cover all workers.

A stronger State Conciliation Service and opposition to repeal of that section of the law which permits the conciliation service to subpoena a firm's financial records.

Compensation benefits for strikers if management rejects a bona fide arbitration offer.

Repeal of the anti-picketing law.

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U.S. Cost of Living Index Shows Decline For October

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported Wednesday that living costs declined in October for the third straight month.

The drop of two-tenths of one percent from September will mean a penny-an-hour pay cut for 1,300,000 workers in the auto, aircraft and farm machinery industries whose union contracts call for pay rates changes geared to the living cost index.

Food prices, averaging one-half of one percent lower, were the main factor in the over-all living cost drop between September and October.

The index kept by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics eased to 114.5 per cent of 1947-49 average.

The 1947-49 average—the lowest point this year and the lowest since June 1953.

The living cost level this October is eight-tenths of one percent below the record established in October of last year.

RETAIL PRICES

Mrs. Arnyess Joy Wickens, acting labor statistics commissioner, indicated at a news conference that current retail prices, particularly for food, are even lower in November. She hinted this would mean a further decline in the index when November figures become available next month.

Mrs. Wickens said nearly all the makings of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner are considerably lower this year than at last Thanksgiving.

She said turkey prices are about 4 to 10 cents a pound cheaper this year, with the biggest savings for the larger birds. She said prices for eggs, milk, sweet potatoes, butter, celery are all lower this Thanksgiving, but bread, coffee, lettuce and cranberries are slightly higher.

FOOD CUTS

The most important food price cuts between September and October were in pork and poultry. Fresh fruits were lower but fresh vegetables were higher.

A bumper crop brought lower prices for apples, except in New England where the fall hurricanes damaged apple crops.

The bureau reported that prices were lower in October for electrical appliances, household textiles, and some articles of furniture.

Price increases were reported for natural gas, coal and fuel oil. Average rents increased two-tenths of one percent during the month to a point 1-7/8 per cent higher than last year, but some scattered rent decreases were reported.

Clothing prices, which previously had been declining, rose slightly in October. Medical costs, movie admission charges and newspaper prices were up slightly.

Lester Adams of Grants Pass, secretary-manager of the organization, indicated that he could call a final meeting in the series to be held at Eugene within two weeks, a strike by laws require 10-day notice.

It is expected that the board members meeting in Eugene will adopt the proposed changes in the by-laws and a new board, with some 50 members, will be chosen in time to start the new calendar year under the new set up.

US Markets To Close Tomorrow

NEW YORK (AP) — Financial and commodity markets throughout the United States will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25. All markets will resume business as usual Friday Nov. 26.

THE CITY BUDGET COMMITTEE, in special session Tuesday evening, redistributed some city funds to provide money for airport and traffic projects.

Specifically, funds were re-budgeted for acquisition of land for the jet interceptor base and for the city's share in the state highway department cross-town traffic plan which will include one-way traffic on portions of South Sixth and South Seventh and construction of an additional viaduct over the South Sixth railroad tracks.

The city, according to a memorandum of understanding formulated last Friday by military and municipal officials, must buy 148 acres of land and provide restrictive easements on 98 additional acres near the airport.

Land purchase will be increased if the city deems it advisable to square off land for present owners. This will mean an additional 25 or 30 acres to be purchased, or a total of about 173 acres.

"By scraping the bottom of the barrel, the necessary funds can be provided," Mayor Paul Landry assured this morning.

Funds, as redistributed by the city budget committee, will be secured as follows:

\$3,000, from the airport betterment and improvement fund, budgeted for this fiscal year and not designated for any other project;

\$23,000, accumulated over a period of years in the airport sinking fund;

\$10,000, cash funds on hand from the airport budget, above the necessary figure estimated in the current budget;

\$30,000, cash funds on hand from the city general fund, above the estimated figure budgeted for this year.

Restrictive easements must be secured on 45 acres at the north end of the airport which will be exposed by the alert hangar and about 53 acres on the east side which will be exposed by the ammunition storage.

The city's share in the state highway department's traffic program includes paying half the installation costs of traffic signals on Sixth and Seventh, estimated at \$14,500, and paving one block of Elm Avenue between South Sixth and South Seventh, estimated at \$6,000.

Funds are provided as follows: \$4,500 from the county road levy and \$6,000 from the parking meter income (for which estimated receipt was \$9,500 — \$7,400 less than the actual receipts), for traffic light installations;

\$6,000 from the county road levy for paving;

Since the city's street improvement costs were about \$10,000 less than the amount budgeted, the \$10,000, budgeted from gas tax money can be used in part to replace county road funds to operate the street department. Gas tax funds may not be used for any designated highway construction, such as the traffic light installation and paving will be; however, county road levy funds may be so used, Mayor Landry explained.

Before this amended budget is adopted, it must be advertised and adopted by the city council.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Thursday except for morning fog. High Thursday 58; low Wednesday night 30.

High yesterday 56
Low last night 31
Precip. last 24 hours 1.84
Since Oct. 1 1.84
Same period last year 2.87
Normal for period 2.35

KF Annexation Bill Defeated

The annexation election held Tuesday in Sunnyside, the public housing unit area and the school district adjacent was defeated 103 to 44, according to figures received from city hall.

Most of the opposition was reported in the housing project, still government-owned but due for transfer to private ownership by mid-January of 1955.

Since the project is continuing to use sewer facilities of the city, through an original agreement with the government when the Navy built the units, some arrangements must be made with the city by the private owner.

Mayor Paul Landry said this morning that either the owner consent to come into the city (in which case residents of the unit will have no say) or he can make arrangements with the city to continue present service, probably at the cost of \$1 per habitation per month.

Sunnyside and the school district property can be resubmitted for annexation at a later time.

Property Tax Total Rises

PORTLAND (AP) — Local property taxes throughout Oregon in the 1954-55 tax year are at a record \$134,905,338.

Mrs. Louise Humphrey, acting manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, said Wednesday.

The per capita of this figure is about \$84, Mrs. Humphrey said, an increase of \$10 over a year ago.

The money, levied on real and personal property, is that being paid now and into next year by the state's taxpayers. However, it is not for state purposes. The state has not levied a property tax since 1941—although the coming Legislature is expected to provide for one for next year to meet rising state costs.

The figures, compiled by the organization, a private firm whose tax figures are regarded as reliable, show that 62.3 per cent of the property tax levied is for schools. This is up 10.5 per cent from a year ago.

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Former High U.S. Official Assaulted In Penitentiary

LEWISBURG, PA. (AP) — William Remington, former U.S. Commerce Department economist convicted of lying when he denied handing over secret government documents to a Communist spy ring, died Wednesday at the federal penitentiary here after a mysterious beating.

The 37-year-old prisoner, serving a three-year term for perjury, was attacked viciously about the face and head Monday morning. The weapon: A piece of brick wrapped in a sock.

Remington underwent emergency brain surgery Tuesday in a vain effort to save his life. He died 11 hours after the operation.

Acting Warden Fred T. Wilkinson disclosed the death, reported the identity of the assailant "is fairly well established" and then cut questions short with the remark: "Anything further must come from the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

INQUIRY

FBI Agent Norman McCabe at Philadelphia said his office is conducting an exhaustive inquiry but declined any information until the investigation is completed.

The 21-year-old Lewisburg penitentiary covers 27 acres, and the huge walled prison lies in the heart of a 400-acre federal reservation that includes a vast farm which supplies much of the institution's food. The prison houses approximately 1,500 inmates.

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Americans Held By Chinese On Trumped Up Spy Charge

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday everything "humanly possible" within peaceful means is being done to obtain the release of 13 Americans sentenced to prison as spies by the Chinese Communists.

This word from the President, expressed through Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, went to the mother of one of the American airmen.

Hagerty told newsmen that after talking to Eisenhower he (Hagerty) understood Mrs. Hurley L. Baumer at Lewisburg, Pa., and gave her the message from the chief executive.

Mrs. Baumer is the mother of Maj. William J. Baumer, 32, who was sentenced to eight years imprisonment on a charge of espionage. He was captured by the Chinese Communists along with other B29 crewmen when his plane was shot down during the Korean War.

Mrs. Baumer had said in Lewisburg she had tried without success to reach Eisenhower by telephone to ask his aid on behalf of her son.

Hagerty said that when he learned about the matter, the President was attending a meeting of the National Security Council.

As soon as the meeting was over, he said, he informed Eisenhower of Mrs. Baumer's efforts to reach him. Hagerty said he then called Mrs. Baumer on instructions from the President, adding:

"I told her that the President had received word of her telephone calls and I gave her the personal assurance of the President that everything he was doing was by her own government that is humanly possible with peaceful means to get our boys back."

In a broadcast communique, Red China said Wednesday it has caught 230 American and Chinese Nationalist agents in China since 1951 and that 106 of them were executed. It did not say how many of these were Americans.

This statement was greeted at the State Department here with an observation that it had been expected the Red Chinese would try to "plum out all the propaganda they can" in an attempt to belittle their condemnation of the 13 Americans to prison.

Press Officer Lincoln White made the comment.

White told a news conference he had no direct information on the Communist broadcast, but knew about press accounts of it.

"It seems quite evident that the Red Chinese will plump out all the propaganda they can to try and justify their action yesterday," White said.

"Sorties of alleged spy drops are old hat from Radio Peiping."

It was from a Radio Peiping broadcast Tuesday that the United States learned of the sentencing to prison of 11 U.S. airmen and two civilian employees of the U.S. Army who disappeared during the Korean War.

Both the State and Defense Departments issued statements denouncing this action, calling the charges of espionage "trumped up."

"Utterly false," the department said of spying charges which Peiping gave as the basis for prison terms ranging from four years to life.

"The U.S. government will continue to make every effort to effect the release of these men who have been unjustly sentenced to further periods of imprisonment," the department said.

The sentences by a Red Chinese military court, announced by the Peiping radio yesterday, were labeled by the State Department as "further proof of the Chinese Communist regime's disregard for accused."

As for the B29 and her crew, Peiping said the plane was shot down "after intruding into China's territorial air space" over Manchuria, across the Yalu River boundary between North Korea and China. It said Baumer, the second in command, "on many occasions had been out on reconnaissance of China's national defense installations."

ROUTINE FLIGHT

The Defense Department said the B29 was on a "routine flight" near the Yalu River "when shot down, and it added that the 'Communists' charge that these men are 'political prisoners' is palpably false."

The Peiping broadcast said nine Chinese—ten "former officers" of the Chiang Kai-shek army—were sentenced as American spies in the same case. It said four were condemned to die, four were given life terms and one 15 years.

Details of the trial were lacking, but the announcement said the Americans had Chinese defense counsel.

The State Department noted that the 11 airmen had already been held in Red custody for nearly two years, and said the Communists continued to detain them despite terms of the Korean truce providing for exchange of war prisoners.

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