

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

At a news conference in New York the other day Albert Cole, U.S. housing administrator, told the reporters there is highly encouraging evidence that a MAJOR upturn in home building is under way.

He said the home building figures for May are a new all-time high for applications and he reaffirmed his belief that there will be close to 1,100,000 new housing starts this year.

That's for the country as a whole.

According to the statistical department of Equitable Savings and Loan Association, The Pacific Northwest is doing all right in the way of home building. The report says that in May the dollar value of all dwelling permits issued by the area's 64 largest cities was up 17 per cent from the total for May of last year.

It adds that May was the fifth consecutive month during which the dwelling permit total climbed above the 1957 levels. In comparison with last year, the residential dollar volume was up 11 per cent in January, 21 per cent in February, 14 per cent in March and 14 per cent in April.

That is to say: The Pacific Northwest, whose chief industry is the manufacture of building materials, HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF ITS OWN LEADING INDUSTRY and is investing heavily in new homes.

That brings up a rather interesting point.

Home building was one of the first industries to begin to slack off. As a result, the Pacific Northwest (along with Far Northern California) was about the first area in the nation to feel the beginning of the recession.

The present upswing in home building gives us good reason to believe that this area, which because of shrinking markets for building materials — particularly the materials entering into home building — led the nation into the recession, will lead the nation OUT of the recession.

That brings up an interesting subject.

The belief is rather general that lumber (along with all building materials made from trees) rose more startlingly in price than other materials entering into construction. According to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, that isn't true.

During the last decade, a report recently issued by the lumber association says, steel on the wholesale level jumped 5 1/2 times as much as lumber, clay products nearly three times as much and cement 2 1/2 times as much. In the decade ending with 1957, wholesale lumber cost increase was 23.2 per cent. For structural steel, it was 127.8 per cent.

Small Change In Weather

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The nation's weather pattern of the past several days showed only minor changes today, with more showers and possible storms in many areas.

Tornado winds and severe thunderstorms struck sections of Kansas and Oklahoma during the night but no casualties were reported. Tornado winds hammered the Arkansas City area, south of Wichita, Kan., near the Oklahoma border, and also in the Salina, Kan., area.

The thunderstorms rumbled across sections from southern Wyoming and Colorado through Kansas, Oklahoma and into Missouri. Heaviest rains were reported in eastern parts of Kansas and Oklahoma, ranging from 1 to 2 inches. Hall and strong winds were reported in many areas. Flood warnings were posted in some parts of east central Kansas.

Tempers Flare At House Probe Of Securities Group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tempers flared at a House hearing Wednesday when former Securities and Exchange commission chairman J. Sinclair Armstrong called it outrageous for anyone to suggest the SEC could be influenced.

Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.), chairman of the House subcommittee checking regulatory agencies, dismissed Armstrong from the witness table with a loud bang of the gavel.

Armstrong, now an assistant secretary of the Navy, declared "I've been outraged" at allegations that SEC people "could possibly be influenced by anybody."

Harris said he wanted to hear the best of Armstrong's statement but had to go to another committee hearing. Armstrong was called back to the stand an hour later, but Harris didn't show up until the end of the morning-long hearing.

In the meantime, the congressmen got a bit more information about a White House contact with the SEC prompted by Sherman Adams in a move involving Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine.

Adams, President Eisenhower's top aide, has acknowledged accepting expensive favors from Goldfine but denied seeking preferential treatment of his friend by federal agencies.

Swedish Ship Rams Tanker In NY Harbor

NEW YORK (AP)—A Swedish freighter rammied an oil tanker in the East River today, flinging sheets of blazing gasoline into the air and setting fire to Manhattan Bridge, far above. The tanker sank. At least four of its crewmen were missing.

Sailors plunged into the water and swam past flaming oil slicks, screaming for help to horrified onlookers on shore. Crewmen on rescue boats, swarming from all over New York Harbor, dragged most of them to safety.

The crash filled the teeming East River with gasoline from the sunken tanker. An urgent warning was issued against smoking in the area. Among the places in danger was the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

A photographer for the New York Journal-American, William Finn, 52, collapsed and died of a heart attack while covering the disaster.

Incomplete reports said 39 persons were hospitalized with injuries. Many others escaped injury, leaping onto a fireboat that daringly maneuvered alongside the flaming wreckage.

Individual acts of heroism accounted for other rescues. The collision occurred about 12:25 a.m. at about midstream. Manhattan Bridge, more than 130 feet above, connects lower Manhattan with Brooklyn. It carries subway lines as well as an auto roadway.

"I heard a muffled explosion," said James Watson, 41, who works nearby.

"I saw a mass of flames that looked about half a mile high and 100 yards wide.

"I could hear men in the water, being swept upstream, yelling for help. The flames were also blown north with the wind and tide and appeared to stretch about half a mile along the river.

"I could see the superstructure of the freighter on fire and the side of the freighter blistered. The men aboard were yelling 'Help, help!'"

The tanker, the 531-ton Express Bay, owned by the Petroleum Tanker Corp., sank after breaking away from the freighter. For a time, the two ships were locked together in a flaming grip, the prow of the freighter cutting into the hull of the tanker to form a "T."

The other ship, the Nebraska, was burned and battered but able to make port under her own power. A 5,200-tonner, she is owned by the Swedish transatlantic line.

Expert Sees Pay Boosts

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—One of the nation's top Social Security experts today predicted Congress will raise Social Security payments for 11 million people by 10 per cent this year.

Dr. Wilbur J. Cohen, frequent consultant to congressmen on Social Security legislation and a University of Michigan professor, made the prediction in an interview.

Cohen returned here from Washington a few days ago where he attended the hearing of the House Ways and Means Committee which is considering Social Security changes.

Secretary of Welfare Eolsom last week told the committee at its opening meeting the Eisenhower administration opposed major changes in Social Security this year. But he hinted the administration wouldn't object to a cost of living increase in payments, if Congress saw fit to make one.

Cohen also predicted Congress would raise the amount of wages on which employees, employers and self-employed persons must pay tax from \$4,200 to \$4,800 a year and would make dependents of disabled Social Security recipients eligible for payments.

LONDON (UPI)—Peter Walter Wilmut, 22, and Thomas Reuben Love, 20, were fined \$84 for stealing a 250-pound bronze cannon from the Royal Artillery Museum. They sold the weapon for \$28.

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NEW OFFICERS OF THE Oregon Volunteer Firemen's Association, shown in front of the Old Armory after yesterday's elections, are left to right, George Kirby, Roseburg, first vice president; Dick McKee, Four Corners RFPD, Salem, secretary; Jim Nightengale, Keizer RFD, Salem, president; Jerry Thorne, Klamath Falls, second vice president; and Levin Fox, Hood River, treasurer.

Pickets Block Traffic At Missile Plant

DETROIT (AP) — Defiant pickets, facing union action to take over control of their local, blocked traffic at the Chrysler Corp. missile plant for a third day Wednesday.

A line of cars eight miles long at times backed up as United Auto Workers Union members paraded before the plant, which produces Army Jupiter and Redstone missiles.

A bottle was tossed into one car and some motorists entering the plant were poked by pickets reaching through car windows.

Macomb County Sheriff Harley Ensign had 40 men on duty and called for additional help in unearthing the traffic pileup. Some 20 officers from nearby communities responded.

Two pickets were held for investigation of disorderly conduct.

In a move to quell the wildcat walkout, UAW President Walter Reuther called officers of the striking Local 1245 before the UAW's international executive board to show cause why an administrator should not be placed over the local.

The local represents 450 of the missile plant's 8,500 employees. Officers of the local said they were unable to keep the members from walking off the job and picketing the plant Monday and yesterday.

The government-owned missile plant, 15 miles north of Detroit, is operated by the Chrysler Missile Division.

Chrysler said more than half of the highly skilled employees at the missile plant passed through picket lines yesterday and that operations were normal in many areas of the plant.

Young KF Lad, 2, Takes Early A.M. Ride On Truck

The world outside a garden gate has lots of possibilities for thrilling a not-quite-2-year-old. There are wide streets without too much traffic in the early morning, dew on the grass to dampen the soles of a yellow sleeper and garbage trucks to ride in.

Tuesday morning, early, almost before the sun was up, young Paul Brown who lives with his mother Mrs. Patty N. Brown and an older brother, John, at 931 Washington doffed his crib blankets to take a stroll. It was not yet getting-up time for other members of his family.

The deep, dark mystery is how he unfastened the door and the latch on the gate. Perhaps there was a pickle in the corner.

Drivers of a Klamath Disposal garbage truck, Bert Coker and Russell Burke, found the toddler exploring the empty street and took him aboard, his blonde hair was tousled from his night's nap, but what does hair out of place mean to a blue-eyed boy. He rode in content until the truckers reached the Eleventh Street Grocery where they knocked upon the door, and there, the young adventurer found a friend, Mrs. Violet Young, who knew him.

Young Paul protested when his new found friends went on to other business, greeted his startled mother with nonchalance after she had been awakened by the telephone bell and dashed to the store to claim her son.

Meeting Of Oregon Fire Chiefs Terminates Today

This is the last day of the Annual Joint Conference of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, the Oregon Rural Fire Protection Districts Association and the Oregon Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The three day meeting is closing this afternoon with a panel on fire training at which E. L. Smith, Eugene fire chief and first vice president of the OFCA, will moderate. Among those taking part in the discussion will be Chief Ivan Pearson, McMinnville, who is vice president of the West Coast Fire Chiefs Association and treasurer of the OFCA; Glen Leininger, Park Rose, Portland, director of the ORFPDA; and volunteer Dick Montgomery, Silverton.

Adjournment is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., following a short joint business session. Yesterday afternoon, delegates were guests at a spectacular fire fighting show put on at Kingsley Field by the base fire department, under Chief E. R. Deatherage. Jet planes of the Air Force visited the base during the demonstration.

After their return to town, the delegates gathered at the old Armory, scene of the convention's meetings, for a cocktail hour followed by the annual banquet, which featured prime ribs, and was accompanied by the two-organ music of Ray Peery and Ernest Armstrong.

Emcee John Houston, local insurance man, introduced Mayor and Mrs. Lawrence Slater and members of the city council to the delegates. He then presented the retiring officers of the three associations to the delegates, and presented life membership cards to six persons with more than 25 years of fire fighting service. Among these was "Chuck" Taylor, deputy chief state fire marshal, formerly of Klamath Falls.

Houston then presented Fire Chief and Mrs. Roy Rowe, hosts to the convention, with gifts of appreciation. Chief Rowe also accepted a plaque thanking the Klamath Falls Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

The installation of officers of the three associations was then conducted by Glen Leininger. Houston presented Bob Ballard, retiring president of the OFCA, with a service pin.

Winston Purvine, director of Oregon Technical Institute, was principal speaker of the evening. His subject was "The Red, White and Blue versus the Reds."

Speaking of the relative advancement in science and weapons production in the United States and the Soviet Union, Purvine said, "It is really time that we get all shook up."

He cited three basic areas of

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Rocket Trip Said Success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—An Army Redstone ballistic missile has completed another apparently highly successful trip through space.

The huge Redstone, capable of striking a target more than 500 miles away with extreme accuracy, blasted away in a fiery show of power last night.

The shot brought the 63-foot Chrysler rocket a step closer to becoming the first ballistic missile to be deployed in the field with combat troops. The Redstone may be activated with artillery units in a month or two.

The Redstone also may be the first rocket to carry man into space and return him safely to earth.

Dr. Herbert York, chief scientist for the Advanced Research Projects Agency, announced recently that proposals have been made to use the Redstone for a manned space flight.

The trip probably would last about six minutes, York said. The plans still are in the bare preliminary stages, however.

The Redstone provides the first-stage launching vehicle for Explorer satellites.

Shouting Mob Threatens U.S. Embassy

MOSCOW (AP) — A crowd of more than 1,000 shouting Russians, some angrily shaking their fists and shouting the Russian equivalent of "dirty s.o.b.," demonstrated Wednesday at the U.S. Embassy.

About 150 Soviet policemen kept the crowd under control. One screaming Russian hurled a stone through an open window but there was no damage.

U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson told reporters he planned no protest because "under our system of government we do not object to peaceful assembly and demonstrations."

The crowd included some youths in Red Army uniforms. The Russians converged on the building almost simultaneously from three directions in what clearly was a well-planned demonstration.

The embassy had prepared for Russian retaliation against demonstrations by Hungarian refugees last weekend at the Soviet U.N. offices in New York. Embassy windows were boarded, the first floor had been evacuated and Russian employees had been given the day off.

Several men standing in two big trucks led the first group of demonstrators that reached the embassy, at Sadovaya Circle in downtown Moscow. They shouted occasional orders.

Placards carried by the shouting demonstrators read "down with provocateurs" and "Yanks go home" in English and Russian.

About 25 Soviet policemen held the crowd back when it first surged the sidewalk toward the 10-story embassy building. The number of police was quickly increased to 150.

BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An executive with a closed circuit theater television corporation was named Wednesday to replace Al Well as promoter of a heavyweight title fight between Floyd Patterson and challenger Roy Harris.

The Hollywood Legion Stadium announced that William Rosensohn will replace Well, who was denied a promoter's license. (See Earlier Story on Sports Page)

Recession Cause Reported Easing

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Commerce Department says the slump in sales and production, one of the chief factors blamed for the recession, has stopped.

In the broadcast statement so far from any government agency in support of contentions the recession has hit bottom, the department said: "Recently both sales and production have steadied. The downturn which began in early 1957 has been arrested at a point about 15 per cent under the level of 1956 total."

However, the department said there is no clear evidence yet of a slowing down in inventory liquidation—which it described as the most important single factor aggravating the business slump.

The department said business statistics during May changed little from April—a month when the rate of decline slackened.

Heavy Firing Breaks Out In Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Heavy firing broke out in Lebanon late Wednesday shortly after the government announced it had asked for an armed U.N. emergency force to seal off the frontier.

President Camille Chamoun said he expected a big rebel push against his pro-Western government at any hour, but it was too soon to say whether this was it.

The heaviest firing was heard in Ghadak (Ghamik), on the outskirts of the Basta section of Beirut where rebel forces under former Premier Saeb Salam are entrenched inside barricades.

Shooting broke out in the post office area at about the same time and firing erupted and bombs were exploded in Ashrafiah, the Christian quarter in the eastern part of the capital.

Machine guns, mortar fire, dynamite bombs and small arms

fire could be heard as the rebels and security forces exchanged fire.

The fighting broke a long day of unusual calm in Beirut. The rebels had called a truce during the visit here of U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, here to try to bring peace to the troubled little Mideast nation. The shooting broke out shortly after he left by plane for New York.

Even as firing broke out rebel leader Salam told this reporter that the rebels would resist any increase in U.N. forces in Lebanon. He said he spoke for all rebel leaders.

Salam said that even if the number of U.N. personnel be as little as 500 and unarmed, the rebels would consider this as a change in U.N. policy.

"If the number of United Nations forces should be increased we will consider this an international intervention and aggression, and we will resist it as we would resist any aggression," Salam said.

Salam was commenting on a statement by Premier Sami Silh that he had asked for a U.N. force "to seal off completely Lebanon's frontiers" with the Syrian province of President Nasser's United Arab Republic. The request was handed to Hammarskjöld shortly before his departure.

The government also charged that its forces were shelled from Syrian soil.

The observers — now numbering less than 100 — were assigned by the U.N. Security Council to look into Lebanese charges of U.A.R. aid for rebels who have been trying since May 10 to overthrow Chamoun's pro-Western government. Military experts estimate it would take 5,000 men to seal the 150-mile mountainous frontier with Syria.

Authoritative reports from Tripoli in the north, one of the areas where Chamoun said rebels are concentrated, said rebel forces there led by Rashid Karami had issued an ultimatum to government towns demanding surrender of the American Presbyterian Hospital. All Americans there were evacuated some time ago.

One of the most powerful leaders of the rebels, Italy barred U.N. observers from territory he controls.

Shot Victim Recovering

YREKA — Harry Meek, a well known insurance man in this area, was released from Siskiyou County General Hospital on Tuesday afternoon where he had received treatment for a flesh wound from a .22 caliber pistol slug. The shot was fired, according to Yreka City Police, by a neighbor, James C. Baber.

Officers said Meek was shot in the hip while he was in the yard of a neighbor, George Solus, about 11:15 p.m. on Sunday. Meek told the officers he had just returned Solus' lawn sprinkler which he had used earlier in the day and was looking for his Siamese cat which had not returned home.

Baber, an employe of the Yreka office of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company who had moved into the neighborhood in August of last year, told police he saw a man in the yard of the Solus residence and in the darkness did not recognize him. Baber said he thought the man "was looking in the window" of the Solus home, so he got his gun and fired toward the figure he saw.

Police indicated today that they could discover no ill feeling among the neighbors and are inclined to favor the theory that Baber, who is at liberty under \$1,000 bail, acted to protect the Solus family from being molested by what he thought was a "prowler."

State Bill Meets Snag

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate opponents of statehood for Alaska came up Wednesday with a letter from an Alaska editor saying the territory can't afford state status.

Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D-Va.) named the editor as Emery F. Tobin of Ketchikan and read his letter into the record as the Senate approached the stage of preliminary voting on the statehood bill.

Tobin contended Alaska "could not afford the luxury of statehood" and asserted that most residents in southeast Alaska are opposed to the territory's admission as a state.

Opponents of statehood, he said, do not have the financial means to be heard.

Robertson quoted Tobin as saying opponents of statehood want to see Alaska develop industrially before coming into the union.

Sixty-five per cent of territorial income, the editor said, now derives from the federal government.

Catskinner Pleads Guilty To Second Degree Murder

Evans M. McWilliams, 47-year-old catskinner who bludgeoned to death a rival for his estranged wife's affections, plead guilty to second degree murder today in circuit court.

Judge David R. Vandenberg sentenced McWilliams to life in the state penitentiary for killing Charles Robinson, 32, after a drinking party in the murderer's Pine Ridge home last Saturday afternoon.

Arresting officers said McWilliams used fists, feet and finally a shotgun stock and barrel to viciously beat his victim about the head, causing death.

A few moments before, the two men had been playing poker with McWilliams' wife Patricia, 32, who had filed for divorce assertedly to marry the younger man. She had moved out of McWilliams' home and was living close to Robinson at the small community of Mowich. The pair drove to McWilliams' place Saturday and a peker and drinking party ensued, authorities reported.

An argument, but — apparently over the woman, broke out between the men, followed by a fight which proceeded out of the house and into the front yard, where Robinson was found dead by arresting officers.

McWilliams was first charged with first degree murder. It was later reduced to second.