

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's talk for a moment today about territorial limits. At this particular hour in history it is a rather interesting subject. It is especially interesting because of this little squib in the news that as this is written hasn't received much play in the headlines:

"Red China has extended its TERRITORIAL LIMITS 12 nautical miles off the mainland. The Communists said this puts BIG QUEMOY ISLAND inside Red China's territory."

Why is that interesting?

It's quite a story—much too long to be gone into in detail here. It tracks back to the beginnings of international law. Under international law, the territorial limits of a nation were generally agreed to extend out three miles from its shores. Beyond this limit was agreed to be international waters, free to the ships of all nations. This three-mile limit was vaguely regarded as the limit of cannon range.

Here is the point: WITHIN this three mile limit the authority of the nation concerned has been regarded as prevailing.

As time passed (and as the range of cannons was extended and aerial bombing came into the picture) conditions changed. In men's minds, at least, it was accepted that three miles is a pretty short distance. So a LONGER distance came to be talked about. But, whatever the distance, the authority of the nation within the limit has been accepted as prevailing.

That is to say: If the Red Chinese can establish a territorial limit of 12 nautical miles they will establish a claim that these islands of Quemoy and Matsu are THEIRS.

Little Iceland is flirting with this same theory in its claim to all the fish in the seas within 12 miles of Iceland's shores.

Note, please, that the Chinese reds are extending their territorial limits claim 12 NAUTICAL miles off the mainland. That also is interesting. A nautical mile is longer than a land mile. A land mile is 5,280 feet. The nautical mile used by the U.S. navy is 6,080.27 feet. The nautical mile used by the British navy is 6,080 feet. A nautical mile is the practical equivalent of one-sixtieth of one degree, or a minute of arc, of the earth's circumference. A nautical mile is about 1.15 land miles. Anyway, by using nautical miles, the Chinese extend their territorial claim a little farther out.

The interesting part of it all is that this territorial waters claim by the Chinese reds MIGHT result in the Quemoy-Matsu islands ruckus winding up in TALK instead of shooting.

Many strange things can happen—especially when a lot of bluffing is going on.

French Boss
Makes Appeal

PARIS (AP)—Premier de Gaulle appealed to the French people Thursday night to adopt his proposed constitution and restore France to her place in the sun. While Communist hecklers booed and tried to smash through protecting police lines in the historic Place de la Republique, the Premier outlined his basic law for the projected Fifth French Republic to an estimated 100,000 persons.

Most of those nearest the rostrum, where De Gaulle stood surrounded by his ministers, were admitted by the square by invitation in a move to keep the Reds and other known De Gaulle foes in the background.

The World War II hero called on the French to vote yes in the Sept. 28 referendum in France and the overseas territories which will accept or reject the constitution. He warned that if the vote was no, France would become "out of date and disdained."

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Isle Blockade Tightens
Nationalists Announce

TAIPEI (AP)—The Chinese Nationalists said today the Communist blockade of Quemoy is tightening and they soon may need help to keep their supply lines open.

Rear Adm. Liu Hsiang-tu, chief Nationalist military spokesman, refused to tell newsmen whether U.S. warships might be asked to escort supply convoys to the islands just off the Communist mainland.

There have been persistent rumors that ships of the U.S. 7th Fleet would soon start escort duty to the offshore islands.

Dispatch of U.S. vessels to guard Quemoy-bound convoys would send the ships across Red China's new 12-mile sea limit. The Peiping government has indicated it would regard such action as an invasion of its territory.

Liu's remarks followed Thursday's reported U.S. decision to help defend Quemoy and Matsu against any Communist invasion—possibly by bombing Red bases on the China mainland.

The Chinese Nationalists, who have flatly rejected Red China's new sea border along with the United States, also backed President Eisenhower's official warning that U.S. force would help fight for the offshore islands if he felt they were vital to the defense of Formosa.

Foreign Minister Huang Shao-ku issued a statement saying "The firm stand of the United States" was a clear warning to the Communists not to try seizing the offshore island. Huang's remarks apparently were intended to overcome an earlier remark by a foreign ministry spokesman who said the United States should have made a more clearcut statement of its position.

(In Moscow, Pravda warned that the Communists would retaliate throughout the Far East if the China coast is attacked, but the kind of retaliation was not spelled out.)

The importance of the Quemoy islands to the Nationalists was underlined by Liu's disclosure that they have 100,000 troops there. This is far higher than previously believed.

In rejecting the new Chinese sea border, the Nationalist Foreign Ministry claimed that the Chiang Kai-shek regime is the only government that can lawfully speak for China.

The Nationalist Foreign Ministry spokesman termed the Communist proclamation null and void.

The Communist declaration was taken in some quarters here as an attempt to forestall U.S. 7th Fleet ships from escorting Nationalist supply vessels whose trips to embattled Quemoy Island have been curtailed by Red gunfire.

The Nationalist defense headquarters reported that up to early afternoon only 60 Red shells had landed on the offshore islands. The previous day only 144 shells were reported.

This was the quietest period since the Reds triggered the newest Formosa Strait crisis by launching a 58,000-shell bombardment on Quemoy and the neighboring Tansu Islands Aug. 23.

American newsmen back from a visit to Quemoy said damage from the two weeks of shelling was remarkably slight. Most of the Red gunfire has been directed at the shoreline and airfield where hits cause little damage and can be easily repaired, they reported.

Vice Adm. Wallace M. Beakley, commander of the 7th Fleet, made an unscheduled arrival at Keelung and hastened to Taipei to confer with American and Nationalist leaders.

The statement said: 1. Eisenhower would order "timely and effective" action if he decided any Red Chinese attack on the offshore islands threatened Formosa, the Nationalist headquarters which the United States is pledged by treaty to defend.

2. Eisenhower has reached no such decision yet, but would not hesitate to make it if circumstances warranted.

3. Any Red Chinese extension of its territory by force endangers the whole free world, and "acquiescence therein would threaten peace everywhere."

4. Despite Red China's threats and military buildup, it is not yet certain the Communists will attack, nor is it apparent that the Nationalists would need U.S. military help to throw back any Communist attackers.

The statement called on Red China once more to renounce the use of force except in self-defense.

"The United States intends to follow that course, so far as it is concerned," the statement said, "unless and until the Chinese Communists, by their acts, leave us no choice but to react in defense of the principles to which all peace-loving governments are dedicated."

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Saturday. Low Friday night 40-50; high Saturday 80-85.

High yesterday 71
Low last night 51
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 20.63
Same period last year 15.26
Normal for period 13.01

Fire Danger Today
HIGH
Fires start readily from match or glowing cinders, tend to spread rapidly and tend to crown in young growth.

Northern California — Fair through Saturday except local coastal fog likely in morning. Variable coastal winds 8-18 miles an hour.

Codfish War
Victory Near
Says Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)—Icelanders claimed today they are winning their codfish war with Britain. Newspapers in Reykjavik headlined "The retreat of the pirates," and "The British are tiring."

The Coast Guard claimed it had intercepted short wave messages between British trawler crews indicating the British fishing vessels are growing weary of being chased by Icelandic gunboats and may pull out soon.

Last Monday, Iceland extended her territorial waters from 3 to 12 miles to protect her fishing industry, while British fishing vessels contested the legality of the move by continuing to fish within the 12-mile limit.

Hovering around the British trawlers are Royal Navy frigates to guard the vessels and Icelandic Coast Guard ships, hoping to "catch an isolated trawler."

The one catch the Coast Guard made backfired when the trawler Northern Fox, captured by the Icelandic boarding party, the British landed decided to release them, but the nine Icelanders insisted they had to finish their job of taking the trawler into port for breaking the new law. The British disagreed and the Icelanders are still there.

Trawler skippers were reported to be saying in intercepted conversations, "I'm fed up—we're finding no fish," and "I'm going, I want to get some sleep."

A number of small 100-ton Icelandic boats moved into the disputed fishing area overnight, the Coast Guard said.

White Pupils
Halt Negroes

VAN BUREN, Ark. (AP)—A group of about 50 segregationist white students apparently succeeded today in keeping Negroes out of integrated Van Buren High School.

But they failed in their boast that hundreds of other white students would join them in their boycott, which started Thursday night.

"You'll see very few white kids in there (the school) tomorrow," Newsmen watching all three entrances to the 600-pupil high school did not see any of the 13 Negro students arrive at class time, 8 a.m. (CST). Later, reporters who were permitted inside the two-story, red brick building, found only white students in the classrooms.

The leaders of the student strike stationed themselves across the street from the high school and called to other students to join them as they arrived for class.

The strikers fashioned a cardboard sign and attached it to a telephone pole. It read: "Chicken whites go to school with jigs."

A sprinkling of girls joined the striking group. Loud cheers went up as a student left the school ground to join them.

But a huge majority of Van Buren High's students attended class as usual.

One school official said, "These are nice kids," referring to the students who filed into the building hurriedly when the first buzzer sounded. Nodding toward the strikers, he said:

"It's the few out there that got the publicity."

The official estimated that only about 35 of the striking group actually were enrolled in the high school.

A spokesman for the parents of the Negro students said a meeting would be held over the weekend to decide what to do.

As the boycotting white students milled about, a number of white adults watched quietly from automobiles and street corners.

Scorning a guard's threat to shoot them, the rebellious white youths burned a Negro in effigy on the campus Thursday night. Several boasted that their parents were behind them and had given them permission to strike.

Freight Rates
Prohibitive
Say Woodmen

PORTLAND (AP)—Several Oregon lumbermen Thursday said prohibitive freight rates make it impossible for them to compete for a fair share of the California market.

The testimony came in the second day of a hearing being conducted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The hearing was requested by the Southern Pacific Co. after the ICC frowned on the railroad's proposed cut in lumber freight rates.

Southern Pacific said it wanted to cut its rates on lumber shipments from Oregon into California and Arizona.

The cut is opposed by Northern California lumbermen and truckers.

One Oregon lumberman told the ICC that his firm is losing a great deal of its California business.

R. H. Hoge, vice president of the Medford Corp., said the high rates cost his firm \$140,000 to ship lumber into California the past three years.

Other testimony centered on a freight rate cut granted California shippers, which has placed Oregon lumbermen at a great price disadvantage.

Another witness said that because of the preferential rates, Northern California mills in the past three years have received from \$2 to \$5 a thousand board feet more than the industry average on some lumber items.

When the railroad announced the freight cut last May 21, said W. O. Kelsay of Dillard, his firm, the Paul Hull Lumber Co., received orders for 35 cars loads of lumber from Arizona and California.

Kelsay said, however, that most of the orders were canceled when the ICC halted the rate cut.

Father, Son
Die In Blaze

By BOB SLOSS
ALTURAS — A father's courageous attempt to rescue a young son trapped in the fiery inferno of their home ended in tragedy here about 3 a.m. today. Both were evidently overcome by smoke and died, huddled in each other's arms, inches from a nearby window.

Dead are Moriyas Yamagata, 63, and his youngest son of 15 children, Tsurio, 14.

Investigating officers this morning believe that the blaze originated in a defective television set as one son, who escaped from his bedroom unburned, saw the blaze concentrated around the TV set.

The fire spread rapidly through the upstairs of the three-story stone house which was occupied by the two victims and two others.

Mori Yamagata, 31, escaped uninjured. The other boy, Toshiro, 15, was treated at Modoc Medical Center for shock and minor burns.

Another son, Shinn Yamagata, 28, head of the city recreation department and prominent in youth activities, was not living in the house.

From witnesses, it was learned that the father had gotten out of the house unscathed. When he discovered that one son was trapped in an upstairs bedroom, he re-entered the burning building in an effort to save him. He reached the boy but they were unable to get out of the house.

Yamagata was a highly regarded citizen of this community. He settled his family of 15 children here following World War II. Prior to that time, the family had been confined in the Tulelake relocation camp at Tulelake. Mrs. Yamagata died of cancer in Chicago about two and one-half years ago.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of members of the family from Reno and Chicago and the notification of four of the sons who are serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Additional tragedy at the scene of the fire was averted by prompt action on the part of Volunteer Fireman Jim Porter who was among the first to arrive at the fire. Porter observed a spectator break from the crowd and run into the blazing building. He quickly doused himself with water from the nearest available hose and dashed after the man. He had to bring him out by force, dragging him nearly 30 feet to safety.

The big 10-room stone house was completely gutted by the fire and the whole town of Alturas is saddened by the tragedy.

Burglar Beaten
By Other Yeggs

DETROIT (AP)—Two strong-arm robbers beating up James Hill, 22, on a Detroit street were captured in the act. They were booked on a charge of robbery not armed.

Detectives who questioned Hill about what he was doing on the street at 2:30 a.m. said he admitted having just burglarized an apartment. He was booked on a charge of breaking and entering.



POTATO MARKETING PROBLEMS were the chief point of discussion at this one-day session of directors of the Oregon-California Potato Committee held in the Empire Room at the Winema on Thursday. Shown here is a portion of the group of directors, growers, handlers and other interested persons who attended. Standing, far left, is Merrill Webb, committee manager, and right is Ed Petrasek, Malin, chairman of the committee.

St. Lawrence
Commences
Operations

MASSENA, N. Y. (AP)—The 650-million-dollar St. Lawrence power project began commercial operation Friday with the Aluminum Co. of America its first industrial user of electricity.

Officials pressed a bar that started eight generators, each producing 57,000 kilowatts, at the giant power dam. Canada and the U.S. will divide the power equally.

Among industrial customers already under contract are Alcoa, which is engaged in a 25-million-dollar modernization and expansion program; Reynolds Metals Co., constructing a 100-million-dollar aluminum plant, and Chevrolet division of General Motors, a 15-million-dollar plant.

New York and Ontario have been building the project since 1954. When the project's 32 generators all are in operation in September 1959, the project will have a maximum installed power capacity of 1,880,000 kilowatts.

Alcoa's plant here used its last power from old sources Thursday and its board chairman, L. W. Wilson, forecast growing demand for aluminum.

Wilson told a news conference he believes more aluminum will be used in automobiles. Even small cars, he said, could contain as much as 200 pounds of the light metal.

"Whatever the automobile industry wants," Wilson said, "we can provide it."

But he added the aluminum industry must work harder to get new customers.

Robert Moses, chairman of the New York State Power Authority, and James S. Duncan, chairman of Ontario's Hydro-Electric Commission, presided at opening ceremonies today.

Speakers included Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, Gov. Joseph B. Johnson of Vermont, Premier Leslie Frost of Ontario and former New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Harriman and Frost pressed the bar starting the generators.

The door of the target house was broken down and bombs were hurled into the hallway. Two policemen dashed in and threw one bomb back into the street. It burned two girls in the crowd.

Then the mob — mostly teenagers — turned on the police. They dashed back into the house and hurled themselves against a barrage of stones and bottles.

Fire engines and police reinforcements turned up to rescue them.

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Board Mulls
OTI Report

SALEM (AP)—The State Board of Education today received a recommendation as to the future of Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls.

The report, made by Dr. William R. Fleischer of Ohio University, will be made public in about 10 days. It was studied by the board today in a closed session.

Fleischer has made a year's study of vocational education in Oregon, and its most important feature is what should be done about OTI.

The Legislature, which meets here in January, will have to decide whether to rebuild the school at its present site or at some other site.

Members of the board and of the State Board of Higher Education talked in a joint meeting Thursday about whether administration of OTI should be transferred from the Board of Education to the Board of Higher Education, but there wasn't much enthusiasm for making the change.

Francis Smith, Board of Education member, said the administration should be transferred. But S. E. Brogotti, chairman of the State Board, said there is no reason to make the transfer unless some good educational reason is discovered.

Dr. John R. Richards, chancellor of higher education, said he would administer OTI if the Legislature told him to, but that the transfer shouldn't be made on "some point of administration."

THATAWAY — Cowboy actor Bill (Wild Bill) that is Elbert told officers, someone raided the tack room of his Malibu ranch and went thataway with \$2,500 worth of boots, bits, bridles and spurs.

Ore-Cal Potato Growers
Open Door To Processors

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Directors of the Oregon-California Potato Committee shattered precedent late Thursday by agreeing to permit processors to purchase U.S. No. 1 B's from member growers.

The action to open the market for No. 1 B's to processors and pre-peelers highlighted a day-long session of the committee held in the Winema.

Committee members heard both sides of the controversial problem and the discussion culminated in a motion by Dean Davis of Metolius that processors be permitted to buy U.S. No. 1 B's by permit only.

Lowell Kenyon, Tulelake, amended the motion to read that "in the event adoption of such a program jeopardizes participation in the diversion program, it be automatically dropped."

The amendment and motion passed by a vote of 10 for and two opposed. Opposing the move were Wendell Schey, Tulelake, and John McLaughlin, Bend.

Action to assure growers that such potatoes would not be diverted by processors and pre-peelers into the fresh market was discussed at length. A system of checks was to be investigated and set up to assure adequate protection.

One of the sharpest questions at issue was whether or not the release of the No. 1 B's to processors might not put them into competition with the fresh market for potatoes. When questioned by Ed Petrasek, Malin, newly elected chairman on what assures the grower had on this question, Wangerheim answered, "There are a number of ways. Don't send them in new sacks, mark them, or have the processors put up bonds guaranteeing that they won't divert them. We're not interested in selling potatoes on the fresh market. We are not going to do it!"

All three pointed out that they could get the No. 1 B's they wanted from California, Idaho and Utah points. They stated they preferred the Oregon potato if they would be permitted to purchase it.

Elsewhere pointed out a number of times that "We are not a gippo outfit intending to cheat you growers. We feel we are doing good for the industry by helping create a market."

"We are pioneering an industry," he continued, "and are using a ton a day in our own business. We're not trying to kill the grower, but give him a market for some of his potatoes."

In opposition to the move, Sam Crawford, Tulelake grower, said, "We have worked lots of years on this marketing agreement. There is no money to be gained by putting more potatoes on the market, our worry is about too many potatoes already. We have spent a lot of time building up protection for

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MERRY MIXERS SQUARE DANCERS will dance tonight in the open air at the Town and Country Shopping Center in the rear of the Low Cost Market. Dancing will start at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to view the colorful affair. Dancers will be costumed and there will be no admission charge. The dance is being sponsored by the Merry Mixers and firms of the shopping center. Among the dancers will be this group who were present for the state square dance festival at Springfield, July 18, 19, 20. Left to right, the couples are Marion and Harold Freeman, Darlene and Woody Woodward, Dinna and Leonard Scott, Shirley and Bill Mayhew, Virginia and Clarence West, and Mary and Ardean Nelson.



GRAND PRIZE WINNER in Vern Owens' Cascade Home Furnishings Frigidaire Baby Photo Contest held in August is announced this week. She is Patricia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Miles, 764 Wocut, whose parents were awarded a 1958 Frigidaire dryer. The winning picture is reproduced here. (See story on Page 3—A.)