

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Interesting note in the news: The armed forces told a house subcommittee in Washington on Tuesday that the government owns nearly one and a half BILLION dollars worth of industrial plants that are producing nothing.

Reports submitted to a house armed services subcommittee by the army, navy and air force showed that the unused plants originally cost the federal government \$1,409,392,221 but would cost much more than that to replace now.

The reports said the government is spending about 31 million dollars a year to maintain the plants.

How did it come about? Well, one must presume that it came about because our federal government has become so UN-IMAGINABLY big that mere trifles like a billion and a half dollars worth of industrial plants are FORGOTTEN — much as an ordinary citizen lays a package of cigarettes aside in a seldom used drawer of his desk and forgets all about it. That's the trouble with bigness. It gets unwieldy.

What to do about it? That brings up an interesting story. The McNary dam site, up on the Columbia river near the town of Umatilla, has just been leased to a couple of California industrialists—Robert and William Schultz, owners and operators of the R. S. Engineering and Manufacturing company of Los Angeles.

The Schultz brothers will hold a five-year lease, with an optional renewal clause. They will pay \$1200 a month for the site, which includes homes built by the government for dam construction workers. These homes have stood empty since the McNary dam was completed.

The new owners presently plan to build a house trailer manufacturing plant on the 344-acre site. Under their contract, they can in the future sublease any part of the townsite to other industries. The homes now standing idle will then be occupied by workers in the new private enterprises that may be attracted to the location.

That's good business. Letting a billion and a half dollars worth of industrial plants, owned by the federal government, stand idle at an annual maintenance cost of 31 million dollars ISN'T good business.

It is sheer careless oversight. This carelessness, we must remember, if we are to be fair about it, arises NOT out of dishonesty or incompetence but out of the fact that our federal government has become so big and so unwieldy that it can no longer be managed in a businesslike manner.

Traffic Deaths
Up In October

CHICAGO (AP) — The National Safety Council reported today that traffic deaths in October were 4 per cent higher than in October a year ago — 3,590 against 3,450. October brought an end to 13 months of uninterrupted traffic improvement. It was the second month of the last 23 to record an increase in highway fatalities over the corresponding month of the preceding year.

Council officials were unable to account for the increase.

ONLY 18 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS!

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Chicago Flooded
With Offerings
For Fire Victims

CHICAGO (AP) — Citizens shocked by Chicago's worst school fire came forward today with offers of blood and money. Ninety persons lost their lives in the disaster.

The cash—for the families of the 87 youngsters killed or injured in the blaze—flowed in at the rate of \$10,000 an hour.

There was a heavy response for donations of blood needed in the care of children who suffered burns.

"It's tremendous — I've never seen anything like it," said William Bilbro, technical director of the Chicago Blood Donor Service.

"We expect to handle about 150 volunteers a day."

Contributions to Our Lady of the Angels Fund, the cash pool that bears the name of the school hit by a flash fire Monday, topped \$30,000 within the first 24 hours.

America Set
To Launch
Big Satellites

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will begin firing a series of big satellites from the new Vandenberg Base in California in the next few weeks. Some of them will carry mice and monkeys.

The Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency announced today that the "Project Discoverer" program will try to put up a 1,300-pound device in its first launching attempt "late this year or early next year."

At least a dozen satellite launchings will be attempted, as fast as one a month, Roy Johnson, ARPA director, told newsmen.

Johnson also said that an attempt will be made next year to recover a capsule from a satellite, bringing it back through the atmosphere.

Johnson said mice will be used and, "We may, in one, use a primate."

He said that the program, for the present, does not include sending up a man.

The satellites launched from Vandenberg will be aimed in a southerly direction over the Pacific Ocean. Their orbit would be around the world over the North and South Poles.

The first attempts will be aimed to put the big satellites up to relative low altitudes of perhaps a few hundred miles. ARPA estimates they might make two or three passes around the world or perhaps stay up for a week.

The first Discoverer vehicle will be a two-stage rocket. The booster will be a Thor IRBM produced by Douglas Aircraft Co.

The second stage, the announcement said, is a new vehicle produced by the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and powered by a Bell-Hustler engine.

This latter engine is a liquid fuel rocket.

"The first Discoverer-launched satellites are expected to weigh approximately 1,300 pounds," the announcement said. "This includes the weight of the second-stage vehicle which will orbit as an integral part of the satellite after burnout."

Johnson was asked if bigger boosters will be used later for even larger satellites. Proposals have been made to use the Atlas intercontinental missile as a booster.

Johnson said that he hopes the Atlas can be used within the next 12 months.

Biggest gift thus far was \$10,000 from the Chicago Newspaper Publishers Assn.

Investigators strove to learn the cause of the blaze that killed the children and three of their teaching nuns.

James Raymond, the school janitor, told police he was walking from the nearby parish church to the school when he saw smoke in the northeast corner of the school building.

Raymond, who is in a hospital for treatment of burns and cuts, rushed to the rescue of the pupils. One of the pupils told how the janitor broke open a locked cloakroom door and released 40 children and a nun.

Peter Verzani, 11, a sixth grader, said the youngsters were in their classroom on the second floor when their nun, Sister Mary Geraldine, detected smoke seeping under the door.

"When we went to the cloakroom, which leads to the fire escape, we found the door was locked," Peter said. "Sister found she didn't have the key."

"Then we heard the janitor at the door. He told us 'Don't get excited.'"

"Soon we heard a crash. He had broken open the door and we were able to reach the fire escape and escape to the ground."

Investigators agree the fire started at the foot of a wooden stairwell in the northeast corner of the school.

They continued a round of questioning of all who could offer any information as to how the fire started.

Arson was discounted, but not ruled out.

"We always suspect arson where there is a loss of life and we cannot establish the cause of the fire," Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn said.

Three nuns died in the fire along with the children.

The parents of three missing girls grimly maintained the dead were not their daughters.

Still missing were Bernice Gischick, 12, Lucille Filipponio, 9, and Diane Santangelo, 9.

Morgue officials said dental records of the three will be checked against dental characteristics of the dead.

Plans for a mass funeral were announced by church officials.

Twenty-five priests visited homes of the victims seeking approval for such a service and burial Friday.

Families were told they can make separate funeral and burial arrangements if they wish.

In the hospitals the fight for the living went on. Seventy-five of the injured still required hospitalization. Two of them were nuns and one a school janitor. Eleven children were in critical condition.

Their battle was made easier by the overwhelming response to appeals for blood and even skin for grafts. Calls from prospective blood donors across the country

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General Aims
For Speed Up

ALGIERS (AP) — Charles de Gaulle left France by plane for Algeria today to try to speed up his program for halting the nationalist rebellion. It is his fifth trip to the North African territory since becoming premier.

During the five-day visit he was expected to remove Gen. Raoul Salan from control of civil administration in Algeria and to return government control to civilians.

Salan, the French military commander for Algeria, has been in charge of the civil administration as well since the May 13 uprising of right-wing European settlers and army officers that brought De Gaulle to power.

Unofficial reports say De Gaulle will give civil control to Paul Delouvrier, a veteran economist. Salan's aide, Gen. Maurice Challe, reportedly will assume military command.

De Gaulle was expected to give Salan the new post of inspector general of national defense for France. The French Cabinet created the post at a meeting Tuesday night in Paris but left it vacant for the time being. Information Minister Jacques Soustelle announced.

Convicts Mingle
To Escape Jail

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — Two prisoners mingled with visitors and walked to freedom out the front door of the Winnebago County Jail Tuesday.

The escape route from the fourth floor jail at one point brought the escapees face-to-face with an assistant state's attorney in the state's attorney's office.

But the fugitives, wearing street clothes, convinced an official they were helping the janitor.

Their escape cost jailer Roy Munson, 62, his job. Sheriff Iver W. Johnson said Munson was careless and insubordinate in allowing Shockey and Lee to wriggle their way into the group of visitors.

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OUT OF THE INFERNO comes a fireman carrying the unconscious body of a boy from the Chicago parochial school where more than 80 children died when fire swept the 48-year-old building. The catastrophic fire burst out only half an hour before the students were to be sent home for the day.

Army Unveils
Moon Rocket

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Army unveiled its huge moon rocket — Juno II — Tuesday when the service tower was rolled back as part of the preparations for a launching expected within a week.

The powerful rocket, very similar in appearance to the Jupiter C that fired three Explorer satellites into orbit, will be used for the Army's first attempt to probe far into outer space.

When the tower was rolled away the base of the Army's highly touted Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missile was seen. The top of the rocket was covered, however.

For the moon shoot, the Jupiter will be used as a first-stage booster rocket in place of the smaller Redstone missile which gave the big lift to the Jupiter-C satellite vehicle.

The Army moon missile is expected to be a four-stage rocket using clusters of small, solid fuel Sergeant rockets in the upper stages. Its job will be to push a 30-pound satellite payload perhaps farther into space than any previous man-made object.

Serum Said
Last Resort

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Serum rushed from New York to Evanston in an Air Force jet plane is considered a last resort remedy today for critically ill 2-year-old Mark Sroge.

Long-distance telephone calls which roused Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas from bed in Washington and spanned the nation in both directions brought the serum to Evanston Hospital.

Mark suffers from influenza meningitis, complicated by excess liquid in his lungs, and shock.

He was reported holding his own after an operation to ease his breathing, and administration of drugs.

The serum, which is no longer manufactured, stayed on a hospital shelf.

The hunt for the serum started when Mark did not respond to the antibiotics which replaced the serum and which are used to treat influenza meningitis.

A call to a Los Angeles laboratory turned up the name of a New Jersey man who might have access to the serum. He is Turk Gerlough of Highland Falls, N.J., employee of the E. R. Squibb & Son laboratory.

Gerlough, also roused from bed, found the serum where it had been in storage for more than a year.

Douglas ordered a jet plane from Mitchell Air Force Base on Long Island, N.Y., to fly the serum to Chicago.

New Jersey and New York state police rushed the serum to the field and it was flown to Chicago. A helicopter then rushed it to Evanston, landing on a golf course near the hospital.



SHOOTING HOURS:

OREGON
December 4
OPEN 6:47 CLOSE 4:37

CALIFORNIA
December 4
OPEN 6:42 CLOSE 4:36

Three States
Set For Snow

United Press International

A clash of cold and warm air over the Great Lakes region will scatter snow flurries through the Ohio Valley, Pennsylvania and New York Wednesday.

A cold air mass moving south from Canada was expected to chill Tuesday's warming over the Upper Mississippi Valley, but elsewhere in the nation temperatures were to remain about the same.

Scattered showers were predicted for the South Atlantic Coast States and the Far Northwest, where light rain fell Tuesday.

There were reports of more than an inch of snow Tuesday near the southern shores of Lake Superior, and light snow also fell from the Eastern Dakotas to Lake Michigan.

Meter Reader
Frightened
By Small Lion

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — The meter reader started down the basement stairs but quickly reversed himself.

"There's a lion down there," he grumbled, and called police.

Police found a lion, too — 6-month-old Susie, a kittenish 80 pounds. City law doesn't permit people to keep lions in their basements.

Police called the Animal Rescue League, which sent Don Cooper. He took her away, saying he hoped some zoo would like to have her.

Robert Minnick, whose basement it was, explained a man brought Susie to him when she was 12 weeks old. The man said she came straight from Africa and kept healthy on five rabbits a day. He left Susie, borrowed a gun and departed, ostensibly to hunt rabbits. That was the last seen of man and rifle.

Minnick kept Susie chained in the basement, and the docile beast never gave him any trouble. But she kept on eating rabbits, he said, and he's been trying to find a more suitable home for her.

Minnick's surprised neighbors said they weren't aware he had a lion in his basement.

Negotiators
Reach Accord

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Weary negotiators reached a tentative settlement early today of the machinists' strike which has stopped operations of Trans World Airlines since Nov. 21.

The agreement is subject to ratification by members and approval by officers of the International Assn. of Machinists.

In a statement, TWA President Charles Thomas said the agreement "was at the same rate as had already been agreed to by Capital, National and Northeast airlines and includes for TWA a satisfactory agreement on other issues."

The settlements referred to by Thomas called for wage increases of 30 cents an hour.

Immediately the IAM representatives began a telephone poll of international union officers on its terms, a preliminary to the rank-and-file vote.

Cliff Miller, chairman of IAM District 142 and chief union negotiator, said he would recommend acceptance of the statement.

Miller said picketing of TWA facilities will continue until the contract is ratified. Thomas said personnel will be recalled immediately upon ratification. Just when that will be isn't known.

U.N. Orders
Cease Fire

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (AP) — Syrian and Israeli artillery units duelled across the border for an hour today. The shooting ended at 7:10 p.m., after U.N. truce observers asked for a cease fire.

First reports indicated that one man—an Israeli shepherd — was killed by shellfire, a U.N. spokesman said.

An Israeli Army source charged that the shelling began from a Syrian position with fire directed against two shepherds tending their flocks inside Israel territory south of Gonen settlement, near the Jordan River.

The spokesman added the Syrians also fired at Israel border police trying to extricate the men. The border police returned the fire.

The border area follows the river Jordan's course from the Lebanese frontier to the Sea of Galilee.

It has been marked by sporadic shooting over the years since War of 1948.

In Damascus, a United Arab Republic Army spokesman charged that a group of armed Israelis crossed the Syrian region border with a herd of cows and penetrated 300 yards into Arab lands west of Rawiyah village.

"When Arab villagers attempted to drive the herd out, the Israeli armed group opened fire on them," the Damascus spokesman added.

Crews Check
Film Homes
Fire Threat

MALIBU BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A wind-lashed fire has cut an eight-mile-wide swath from the mountains to the sea here but a massed battery of pumps, virtually one to a house, today checked a threat to the famed film colony.

Elsewhere, flames 100 feet high roared on unchecked.

Stopped by the Pacific Ocean, the flames turned their fury toward thickly settled Malibu Canyon, at the mouth of which lies the beach colony that has long been a favorite residential area for movie people.

Firemen battled fiercely through the night in an effort to keep the blaze out of Malibu Canyon, but lost the fight just before dawn when flames 100 feet high roared over the top of the last ridge and bore down on the homes a half-mile below.

The blaze, driven by 50 m.p.h. winds, has destroyed an estimated 36 homes.

Hundreds of residents have fled the area.

The fire, perhaps set by an arsonist, burst out Tuesday on the brush and oak-studded inland slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains. The winds quickly whipped it over the crest of the hills and down canyons to the sea.

"The situation doesn't look too promising anywhere," John Barton, assistant county fire chief, said today.

The Pacific highway, U.S. 101, was blocked on either side of the fire zone. The highway, a main north-south route between Los Angeles and San Francisco, runs east and west along the coastline at this point.

The fire has already destroyed several expensive homes, among them the \$50,000 hilltop house of actor Lew Ayres.

Property on ranches owned by actors Ronald Reagan and Bob Hope was damaged. Actor Glen Ford evacuated his flame-threatened ranch, trucking out several head of prize cattle with him.

The famed film colony of Malibu Beach lay only a mile from the leaping flames and residents stood by through the night playing water on their homes. One of them was actor Jackie Coogan, who canceled a television appearance Tuesday night to watch over his house.

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in three schools along the ocean side of the hills. More than 150 persons were bedded down in them.

About 1,000 head of cattle were brought out of the threatened areas and moved to safer pastures. Less fortunate were the deer that live in the hills. Their burned bodies littered roads in the area.

"This thing has gone crazy," said County Fire Chief Keith Klinger, who is directing more than 1,000 men on the fire lines.

A prolonged dry spell that left hillside brush bone-dry, a sudden rise in the wind, and a spark from an unknown source combined to touch off the fire at noon Tuesday along a main highway eight miles inland from the Pacific.

Mexico Chiefs
Thwart Plot
By Commies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican authorities were reported today to have thwarted a Communist plot to stone Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at Mexico City this week.

Dulles was there Sunday, Monday and Tuesday as head of the U.S. delegation to the inauguration of President Adolfo Lopez Mateos.

Advices reaching Washington said Mexican police were alerted last week to clandestine plans for an anti-Dulles campaign along these lines:

1. Stone-throwing by students of the University of Mexico, at the instigation of the Communist youth movement.

2. Wearing of black ties, a symbol of death, by demonstrators.

3. Whistling a traditional Latin American insult.

4. Distribution of 50,000 anti-Dulles leaflets and telephone calls to the U.S. Embassy saying, "Dulles, get out."

U.S. Ambassador Robert C. Hill was reported gravely concerned. Memories are still fresh of the rough treatment accorded Vice President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon in Venezuela last May. Hill consulted with Mexican officials last week and, it was said, these steps followed:

1. Outgoing President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines offered known Communists and agitators an alternative — get out of town during Dulles' visit or go to jail.

2. Police rounded up and jailed potential trouble makers still around.

3. Student leaders at the university were asked to keep their classmates in line. They apparently did, for no stone-throwing was reported.

4. Demonstrators were dispersed as quickly as they assembled, and the whistling, black ties and red circles never materialized.

5. A print shop was raided and leaflets confiscated, although about 10,000 of them apparently got out on the street over the weekend.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Patchy morning fog and low clouds, clearing in the afternoon. Highs 57-62; low tonight 28-33.

High yesterday 58
Low last night 27
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 1.07
Same period last year 4.52
Normal for period 2.93

Northern California — Fair through Thursday. Coastal winds variable, 5-15 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE
Telephone service via West Coast Telephone Company between Klamath Falls and Crater Lake National Park was out of operation again this morning.

SHOP EARLY -- MAIL EARLY



CHRISTMAS OPENING WEEK