

In The Day's News

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At the moment this is written, there is no BIG news on the wires. By BIG news, I mean news that goes off with a BANG.

For that, let us be duly grateful. In this modern world in which we live, the big news that goes off with a bang is pretty apt to be BAD news.

That brings up an interesting subject — at least, it is interesting to me.

Over the years, I've been interviewed by dozens of committees representing organizations devoted to the betterment of the community, the state, the nation and the world. These interviews deal largely with this question:

Why do the newspapers print so much BAD news? So much crime. So much scandal. So much dirt. So much about the seamy side of life and so LITTLE about the altruistic side, the CONSTRUCTIVE side.

With the passage of time, I've developed a technique for the handling of these situations. A DEFENSIVE technique. A sort of protective coloration, like that of the birds and the animals.

I discuss with my callers the current crime stories. The current scandal stories. The current stories dealing with DIRT of various kinds. As I name each story, my visitors nod acquiescence, indicating familiarity with each story.

"Yes," they say. "That's EXACTLY the kind of stuff we mean. Why do the newspapers print so much of it?"

At this point, I switch my tactics. I begin to mention CONSTRUCTIVE stories that have appeared in print within the past few days. Stories dealing with worthwhile projects that go to make a better community, a better state, a better nation.

Things the service clubs are doing to make their a better town. The lectures, the concerts. The achievements of research. Developments in industry that go to provide more and better jobs for more people. The new books the public library has just got in — books dealing with literature, science, art, history and sociology.

Intelligent, thoughtful, constructive statements that have been made within the past day or so by thoughtful, well informed people and PRINTED IN THE PAPERS.

And so on.

I then begin to quote statistics. Statistics, gathered by responsible research organizations, showing that approximately THREE-QUARTERS of all the news printed by the newspapers is CONSTRUCTIVE news. I get out a copy of today's paper, or yesterday's paper, and COUNT UP.

The count invariably shows a heavy preponderance of constructive, informative, instructive stories — stories that tend to build up rather than tear down — stories that incline to picture the GOOD side of life rather than the BAD side.

I nearly ALWAYS works. My interviewers get the point. They realize, in almost every case, that THEY THEMSELVES have perhaps been reading the raggeder stories, the stories dealing with the BAD in life rather than the GOOD in life, and tending to NEGLECT that which is more constructive, more UPLIFTING.

In the news of the day, Human nature, you know, is human nature. At any rate, my interviewers nearly always go away and leave me in peace. Sometimes, a certain amount of sheepishness is written on their faces.

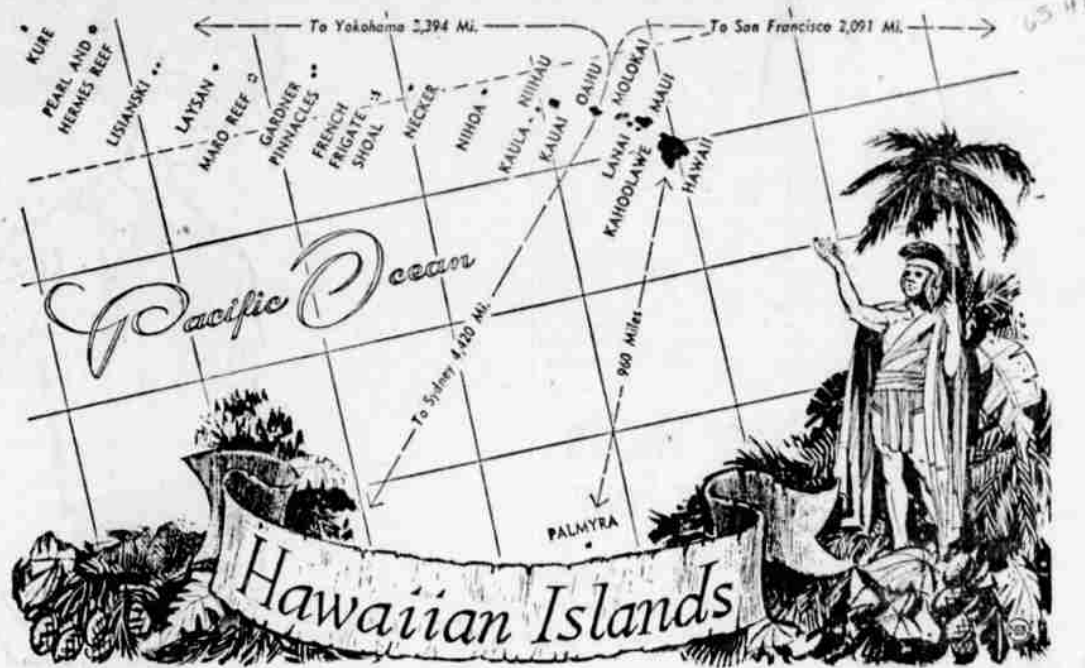
Eisenhower Gets Draft Measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation extending the draft law four years was passed by President Eisenhower today by the House.

By voice vote and without debate, the House approved a Senate amendment to a bill which passed the House last month. The amendment dealt with the pay of doctors and dentists in the armed services.

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CANDIDATE FOR STATEHOOD is the 1,500-mile chain of islands that comprise the Hawaiian Islands. The island group may become the 50th state. Extending from the sugar producing island of Hawaii to uninhabited Kure, many points of this oceanic complex are little more than stopping places for migrating birds. Sixty per cent of the island's 570,000 population live on Oahu, with its capital city of Honolulu and the naval base of Pearl Harbor. Although removed from the Hawaiian group by Congress in 1953, Palmyra Island, almost 1,000 miles southward, may be included in statehood plans. Largest industries, in order, are sugar, pineapples, tourism, livestock and fishing.

Europe Chiefs Hold Meeting

BONN (AP) — British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan flew into Bonn today to see West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and said the West must adopt an elastic position in trying to meet the Soviet challenge to Berlin.

"We all stand together, but in the methods of defense we must remain elastic," Macmillan told newsmen at the airport.

The British Prime Minister arrived half an hour after Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev took off from East Berlin for Moscow.

During eight days in East Germany he had plugged as hard as ever for a German peace treaty and showed himself still determined to wrest West Berlin from the Western Allies.

Macmillan's visit to Adenauer was his second stop on a swing around the major allied capitals to discuss Western policy in the light of his talks with Khrushchev in Moscow. The Briton met with President Charles de Gaulle and Premier Michel Debre in Paris earlier this week and goes next week to Washington.

Macmillan remarked today that the West is "still a long way from our goal" of finding means of countering the Soviet threat to West Berlin. But he stressed that the West remains "resolute and firm on our principles."

The Soviet leader's tour wound up with a joint Soviet-East German communiqué Wednesday night calling for a peace treaty on terms already rejected by the West.

The Soviet Union and the East German satellite regime pledged to keep the road open between West Berlin and the West — but only on condition that the Allied occupation ends. State Department spokesmen in Washington said the offer was nothing new and emphasized that it would mean the Western allies giving up their rights in Berlin.

Khrushchev and the East German also repeated the Soviet demand that the proposed foreign ministers conference be confined to preparation of a peace treaty with Germany and "discussion of the quickest liquidation of the occupation regime in West Berlin."



World News In Brief

BONN—Macmillan confers with Adenauer. West Germans reception cool.

WASHINGTON — Eisenhower's warning of danger of nuclear war strengthens Allied hand in negotiations with Russia.

BERLIN—Khrushchev returns to Moscow today with another challenge to the West to meet him at a summit conference.

WASHINGTON—U.S. drafts plan to put European forces on alert and send test convoy through any Berlin blockade.

HAWAII — Washington — Congress moves swiftly to vote Hawaii into Union.

IRAQ—Cairo—Nasser risks Soviet displeasure and possible halt to Russian aid in better campaign against Iraqi Communists.

SMALL CARS—Detroit—In first official statement Ford says will introduce small car during 1960 model year.

WEATHER—Heavy snows sweep mid-continent and push into East; tornado winds cause damage in South.

MONSTER—Miami Beach—Divers stand by to hunt for water monster reported on offshore reef.

Sentence Set By Dice Roll

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A city judge's roll of the dice sent Tommy Jackson to jail for 30 days.

Jackson appeared before Judge Mitchell Goldman on a charge of gambling. Goldman convicted the 27-year-old Negro and found out he had three previous dicing convictions. Jackson also had a pair of dice.

"You want to roll for the time?" asked the judge. "No, sir," said Jackson.

"I'll roll for you," said Goldman, rattling the dice. "H'mm... an ace and a deuce. Three. Thirty days."

RAILROAD ACCIDENT

MONTEPELLIER, France (AP) — The Bordeaux-Riviera express ran off the rails near here early today, killing two people and injuring 12 others. About 600 passengers were aboard.

State Faces Money Crisis

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams today appealed to the Republican-dominated Senate to approve an increase in Michigan's borrowing ceiling to 50 million dollars in an effort to ease the state's financial crisis.

The proposal to increase the bonded debt ceiling from \$250,000 to the multimillion-dollar figure passed in the House Wednesday on its third try. Speedy Senate approval is necessary if the proposal is to be put on the April 6 state election ballot as a constitutional amendment proposal.

The higher debt ceiling is one of several proposals which have been advanced to ease Michigan's financial pinch in the face of a mounting state deficit expected to reach 110 million dollars by June 30. Administrative officials say the 50 million dollars must be raised to enable the state to meet current expenses until the Legislature can enact new tax legislation.

Money raised through the higher borrowing limit would be for state payrolls, aid to welfare recipients, and payments to contractors.

Other proposals advanced to meet the tight financial pinch include mortgaging the state's 50-million-dollar veterans trust fund, a one per cent increase in the current three per cent state sales tax, and a graduated state income tax.

Williams has maintained the income tax proposal is the fairest method of raising needed funds. Republican leaders say Williams' income tax proposal would exempt many lower bracket earners and place the burden on middle- and high-income groups.

The veterans trust fund was established in 1946 by the Legislature to provide emergency assistance to state veterans of World War II. It was amended in 1953 and 1954 to include Korean War veterans. Under the act, interest money on the fund can be dispensed by a board of trustees.

Michigan's political picture is complicated by the fact that the House is split evenly between Democrats and Republicans. The Republicans hold a substantial edge in the Senate.

The Legislature passed Williams' budget recommendations for fiscal 1957, 1958 and 1959, and rejected his new tax proposals, resulting in a deficit spending course over that period.

Williams submitted a 424-million-dollar budget Jan. 30 and asked for a new 140-million-dollar tax program to finance it.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Clearing tonight and mostly sunny Friday. Low tonight 25-30; high Friday 45-52.

High yesterday 62
Low last night 17
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 3.75
Same period last year 13.25

Northern California—Mostly fair through Friday but some cloudiness on the coast and in the extreme northern interior. Slightly cooler. Northwestern coastal winds 12-22 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday 53
Low last night 23
8 a.m. today 33
No new snow
Snow depth 79
Last year 158
Year before 117

It was raining lightly this morning in the park and it was partly foggy. There was a light wind from the southeast. Snowfall for this season to date is 279 inches compared with 466 inches on this date last year. Precipitation mounted to .39 inch for the last 24 hours.

Seaway Tolls Announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Canada today announced St. Lawrence Seaway tolls designed to pay off the construction debt of the huge waterway in 50 years.

The rates are the same as those presented in tentative form last June. At the time, shipping circles said the tolls were somewhat lower than they had expected.

The charges are less than those levied on vessels passing through the Suez and Panama canals.

The seaway, which cost about 451 million dollars, will be opened to traffic next month. The minimum depth of the channel between Montreal and Lake Erie is 27 feet. The old channel minimum depth was 14 feet.

Under the toll schedule a ship moving through the entire seaway will pay 6 cents for each gross registered ton of the vessel. One registered ton is figured as 100 cubic feet.

In addition, a toll of 42 cents a ton will be charged on bulk cargo and 95 cents on each ton of general cargo.

For each passage between Montreal and Lake Ontario, the basic charge will be 4 cents a registered ton plus 40 cents on each ton of bulk cargo and 90 cents for general cargo.

House Set To Take Action To Give Hawaii Statehood

Hawaiians Send 600 Leis To Members Of Congress

HONOLULU (AP) — Exuberant Hawaiians air-expressed 600 leis to Washington for members of Congress today after Senate passage of the Hawaii statehood bill.

The flowers were sent to Territorial Delegate John A. Burns, who will present them Friday on behalf of the Hawaii Legislature. Territorial Gov. William F. Quinn flew to the nation's capital for the big occasion.

Acting Gov. Edward E. Johnston proclaimed a two-day holiday throughout the islands to start immediately after Congress completes passage of the bill.

His proclamation said passage of Hawaiian statehood would mean the culmination of patient striving and the long-nurtured hopes of Hawaiians.

Senate passage of the bill Wednesday was greeted joyously. After receiving the word by telephone from Washington, Johnston exclaimed: "It's wonderful news!"

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin hit the streets with an extra and radio stations interrupted programs to broadcast the news.

In anticipation of the House completing approval of the measure, preparations were rushed for fireworks and celebrations. Hawaiian Airlines planned to fly flags with 50 stars and flash the word to its pilots in flight for passengers' information.

Senate approval was hailed by politicians, businessmen and civic leaders. The Honolulu Stock Exchange reacted with the heaviest trading in months.

Usually languorous island folk reached a fever pitch as the 40-year fight for statehood appeared nearing an end. That's about all people talked about in offices, restaurants and on the street.

The luxury liner S. S. Lurline sailed from San Francisco Wednesday with a huge, 50-star flag aboard—to be unfurled when Congress completes action.

Also aboard the Lurline were giant redwood logs, presented by California's Gov. Edmund G. Brown for burning in giant bonfires in Honolulu.

Nikita Again Warns West

BERLIN (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev warned the West today it would meet with "appropriate resistance" if it tried to solve any of the major problems by force.

Khrushchev delivered the warning shortly before he flew home to Moscow from eight days of conferring with East German Communist leaders and visiting the Leipzig Trade Fair.

"If the aggressors should try, in spite of everything, to carry through their adventurous aims and—as they say—try to 'break through' anywhere, they would meet with the appropriate resistance," Khrushchev said.

"We would like to believe, however, that those on whom it depends will not permit any irresponsible acts and will take decisions in the interest of all countries which fought against Hitlerite Germany."

Khrushchev repeated earlier pleas to the West to end the cold war on his terms—by signing a peace treaty with Germany and winding up the occupation of West Berlin.

He said Russia would "continue obstinately" trying to persuade the West to sign a treaty with both German states. He denounced as "irresponsible" those in the West who have charged him with increasing international tension and threatening the world with a war by his latest proposals on Germany.

"Such statements can only be made by those who are deliberately distorting the Soviet Union's peace-loving policy," he charged.

Ford Plans Economy Car

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. has become the first of the Big Three auto makers to confirm it will build a smaller car.

The company said in a letter to stockholders Wednesday that barring changes in the small car market, Ford will introduce an economy model sometime this fall.

Neither General Motors nor Chrysler, the other two members of the Big Three, had any comment on the Ford announcement.

Both have outlined company positions in previous statements.

The latest of these was Tuesday when L. L. (Tex) Colbert, Chrysler president, told a news conference in New York that Chrysler had a small car in the testing stage but had not yet decided whether to put it on the market.

The GM stand was incorporated in the company's 1958 annual report by Frederic G. Donner, board chairman, and John F. Gordon, president. The executives told shareholders the corporation was continuing studies to be prepared to produce smaller cars in the event demand warranted them.

The Ford announcement was made by Henry Ford II, president, and Ernest R. Breech, board chairman. Their letter said that the company had been studying the small car situation for several years.

"Barring changes in the market or other circumstances," the letter said, "the company plans to introduce such a car during the 1960 model year."

Ford and Breech said the car will be in competition with other economy cars, "including cars expected to be produced in this country by other American manufacturers."

The predictions generally are that newer models planned by the Big Three will be of from 108 to 110 inch wheelbase. This is about 10 inches shorter than regular Chevrolet and Ford models.

BLASTS JOB DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming says job discrimination against older workers is "absolutely indefensible" and a "diservice to the country."

Capitol Names Meeting Site

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House announced today that the Berlin crisis conferences between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will be held at Camp David, in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland.

Macmillan will arrive in Washington next Thursday.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President, Macmillan and their immediate staffs would go to Camp David the following day. They will confer at the secluded White House retreat Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Hagerty put no date for ending the Big Two conference despite the British announcement Wednesday that the talks would run through March 24.

Hagerty did not know whether Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, under treatment for cancer at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, would be able to attend the Camp David conferences.

Hagerty said, "I hope so," but would not go beyond this.

Australia-Russ Nearing Accord

BROADBEACH, Australia (AP) — Australia and the Soviet Union appeared to be patching up diplomatic relations broken off in 1954 when runaway Soviet spy Vladimir Petrov was given political asylum here.

Australian Foreign Minister Richard G. Casey and Soviet Dep. Foreign Minister Nikolai Firyubin met for 45 minutes in a hotel room after sitting side by side at a luncheon.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress today voted admission of Hawaii as the 50th state.

Senate Vote Clears Way

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House was geared today to take final congressional action to make Hawaii the 50th state.

The Senate voted 76-15 Wednesday night in favor of statehood for the mid-Pacific islands. The vote came after only one day of debate.

The sponsor of the House bill, Chairman Leo W. O'Brien (D-N.Y.) of the House Territories subcommittee, said he was prepared to amend his measure to conform exactly to the Senate-passed bill which had 56 co-sponsors.

House approval of a conforming measure would send the bill directly to President Eisenhower. His signature would pave the way for state elections in time to seat two Hawaii senators and one representative in the House in this session of Congress.

Any variance between House and Senate versions of the bill would require Senate-House conferences and subsequent votes of concurrence.

Rep. John R. Saylor (R-Pa.) pressed for an amendment to give Hawaii two House members. He said Hawaii, with about 600,000 population, is entitled to two representatives under the apportionment formula adopted by Congress in 1941.

Gov. William F. Quinn arrived in Washington by air too late to witness the Senate vote.

At an impromptu celebration in the old Supreme Court chamber of the Capitol, Quinn thanked Senate leaders for their vote of confidence in Hawaii's people.

"Hawaii," he said, "has a destiny in the Pacific and a mission to accomplish. We are conscious of that mission and will do our utmost to carry it out."

News of the Senate vote reached the islands at mid-afternoon and was greeted with joy.

Acting Gov. Edward E. Johnston proclaimed a two-day holiday to start the moment the House passes the statehood bill.

In the Senate action, Southern Democrats accounted for 14 of the 15 dissenting votes. The lone Republican opponent was Sen. John M. Butler of Maryland.

Divers Seek Sea Monster

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Divers waited for calm seas today to search for a hairy-legged, pointed-headed monster reported lurking in an undersea cave just off the beach here.

The creature's presence was reported Wednesday by veteran diver Bob Wall who said he looked it right in its ugly, brown-flecked eyes.

"I've been diving 11 years and it was the most fantastic thing I ever saw," he said. "I couldn't believe my eyes."

Wall came upon the denizen while diving for sponges, coral and curiosities to show tourists aboard a glass-bottomed boat. He said he looked in a cave in a reef, about 35 feet down, and there it was—staring at him with its brown-spotted eyes that protrude from its head on stems.

Sounds fantastic, but officials of the Miami aquarium thought enough of Wall's graphic description to order an all-out search. Five divers were looking for the thing until gusty winds made the hunt impractical.

PATSY AWARD COMPETITION

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Award-winning performer Lassie will compete with five other animal actors Saturday for the annual Patsy Award. The long-haired star was top dog last year in the TV category.

Drunk Driving Law Studied

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A Senate committee will try to decide today if drunk driving laws should be tightened up to snare the cocktail hour set.

Up for discussion in the Judiciary Committee was a bill sponsored by District Attorney Roy Gustafson of Ventura County, the man currently engaged as prosecutor in the Elizabeth Duncan murder trial at Ventura.

Gustafson's bill would repeal the present law which says you are a drunk driver if you drive while "under the influence of intoxicating liquor."

He would substitute in its place this definition:

"A drunk driver is under the influence 'if his ability to operate a vehicle has been lessened in any degree by the use of intoxicating liquor.'"

Because of the sensational Duncan murder trial, Gustafson could not be present to argue for his bill — but he sent one of his deputies, Stanley E. Cohen, to try to persuade the legislators.

Cohen's argument went like this: "The present definition allows a driver to impair his ability as long as he is still able to drive as well as an average man."

"By telling a driver he may drink to the point where his ability to drive is appreciably impaired, although not down to the standard of the average driver, the law is saying that a driver may unnecessarily endanger life and property."

Cohen produced evidence to show that for the average 150-pound man, two ounces of whiskey or two beers ingests enough alcohol to put him on the border line.

At blood alcohol levels over .05 per cent a driver may be impaired and at .15 per cent all persons are impaired to some degree.

With the new definition and chemical blood tests a driver's impairment would be measured against his own ability to drive when sober.

Other developments in the Legislature:

Pay raises: A subcommittee of Ways and Means overrode warnings that their action may mean another 20 million dollars in new taxes and voted approval of a 50 million dollar pay raise for state employees and university and state college personnel. The subcommittee went against Gov. Edmund G. Brown's program for a 5 per cent increase and boosted it to 7½ per cent for state employees and to 12½ per cent for academic personnel at the university and state colleges.

Narcotics: The governor's bill for treatment of narcotics addicts cleared its next to last legislative hurdle Wednesday when it was approved by the lower House Public Health Committee. Already approved by the Senate, the measure now needs only Assembly approval.

Education: An Assembly committee dumped a bill to make members of the Board of Education elective rather than appointed by the governor. Assemblyman Sheridan L. Hegland (D-La Mesa) said he would try to revive it even though the committee recommended it be studied for two more years.

Yanks Warned To Leave Street

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Americans were warned to stay off the streets of La Paz today. Local newspapers are publishing another Time magazine article about Bolivia.

The article reports the riots last week after a Time story saying a U.S. Embassy official had remarked jokingly that Bolivia should be divided among its neighbors as a solution to the country's grave economic problems.

COURAGEOUS LEAP

ROME (UPI)—Giulio Coraggio, 21, jumped into the Tiber River Wednesday night because his 15-year-old girl friend wouldn't marry him.

After a minute in the icy water he changed his mind, swam back to shore and went to a hospital asking to be treated for exposure.

Coraggio's name is the Italian for "courage."

THE TRINITY ALPS are shown in the background of this panorama taken at the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl parking area by J. O. McKinney, Herald and News correspondent in the Mount Shasta area, recently. The Trinity Alps are located in an area between Mt. Shasta and the Pacific Ocean.