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In The Day's News

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Fit and cheerful after a leisurely and restful three-day Mediterranean cruise, President Eisenhower lands in France this morning. Oddly enough, he lands at the harbor of Toulon, where a young French artillery officer named Napoleon Bonaparte got his start.

Why is that interesting? Well, this youthful artilleryman who handled his guns so brilliantly at Toulon lifted France in a few meteoric years from the doldrums to the position of unquestioned mastery of Europe — which then was The World.

What's the connection? It's like this: France is again in the doldrums. Again a brilliant Frenchman — not so youthful — wants to lift his nation from its present position of weakness to a position of world eminence and world leadership.

In temperament, in patriotism, in the nature of their motives, Charles De Gaulle and Napoleon Bonaparte are as far apart as the poles. But their position is strangely similar.

What has De Gaulle in mind? No one — save De Gaulle himself — knows. But he mutters of a "Third Force." What does he mean? Again no one knows. But, by a "Third Force," he might mean a BALANCE OF POWER. HE MIGHT mean playing the United States against Russia in such a manner as to lift France to the position of power and influence in world affairs that he would like to see her hold.

Watch it. It could be interesting. Ike will need his three days of rest. In France, he will come to grips with some real problems.

The headlines deal extensively today with a shady character by the name of Touhy — who was jailed a number of years ago and was recently paroled and a few days after regaining his liberty was gunned down in the street by characters at present unknown. In read' this thriller-diller, let's remember that Touhy wasn't convicted and sentenced to jail because of his many crimes against the public. He was convicted of kidnapping another shady character who was strictly NO GOOD, period!

What we need in our country is to reach the point where shady characters like Touhy will be promptly nabbed and convicted and PUNISHED FOR THE CRIMES THEY HAVE COMMITTED.

530 Will Perish, Council Claims

CHICAGO (AP)—An estimated 530 persons may be killed during the long Christmas weekend, says the National Safety Council.

The council said the number would compare with 570 deaths on the highways during a non-holiday weekend at this time of year.

The count of traffic deaths will start at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24 and continue until midnight Dec. 27, a period of 78 hours.

During last year's Christmas holiday, which covered a four-day period, or 96 hours, 594 persons were killed in traffic accidents.

Grimy, Cheerful Volunteers Emerge From A-Bomb Shelter

PARKS AFB, Calif. (UPI)—Ninety six men have demonstrated with "unqualified success" that they can survive in a 25-by-48 foot fallout shelter for at least two weeks should atomic radiation danger make it necessary.

A group of grimy, but cheerful, volunteers emerged from such a shelter Thursday after a 14-day test underground at this base, about 35 miles east of San Francisco.

They were greeted by gray skies, a cheering crowd, and an Army band which promptly struck up "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

An even 100 men, most of whom were prisoners at the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, started the test. One man was forced to leave with a strep throat last week, two others were taken out Wednesday night because they were due in court, and another left early Thursday for medical reasons.

Boredom, diet, separation from family, and lack of sanitation were the chief complaints of the men. "Cratons are for the birds. I don't think anything would taste better than a steak right now,"

'Stronger Than Ever,' Ike Declares In France

TOULON, France (UPI)—President Eisenhower declared on arrival in France today that the allies are stronger than ever before and prepared to negotiate peace "from a position of strength."

Eisenhower landed at France's main naval base on the Mediterranean en route to the western summit conference in Paris. Without mentioning current strained French-American relations, he said in an arrival address delivered on the red-carpeted Quai d'Orsay that "the underlying respect of the two nations (France and America) for each other has never lessened, and because of that we are stronger today."

"This nation, under the leadership of Gen. (Charles) de Gaulle—and our nation—are stronger for the pursuit of peace than was possible ever in our history."

"We are part of a great coalition," he said, "determined, from a position of strength, to pursue peace with every bit of our strength, every bit of our wisdom and with all the emotion we can."

"In our opinion, if all of us can struggle together in the same way the United States and France have for many decades, we shall one day win through to success."

Eisenhower's statement, a reaffirmation of his faith in NATO, appeared to indicate the U. S. and its allies were prepared to take a firm stand in any negotiations with Premier Nikita Khrushchev in a spring summit conference.

And it indicated he was ready to patch things up with De Gaulle in their meeting Saturday in Paris where among other things they are to discuss U. S. charges that France has weakened NATO by refusing to cooperate fully with it.

Eisenhower landed here today from the heavy cruiser Des Moines after a leisurely three-day cruise from Athens, marked only by a brief stopover in Tunis. He appeared well-rested and fit for the three days of negotiations starting in Paris Friday.

He received a mighty welcome in this security-conscious French naval base as he sped through the town. He boarded De Gaulle's private gold and silver decorated train for the nearly nine-hour trip to Paris and a greeting tonight by De Gaulle.

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West Chiefs In Paris For Summit

PARIS (UPI)—Leaders of the United States, Britain and West Germany converged today on Paris for a summit conference with France that was already in trouble because of a Franco-American dispute over NATO and Algeria.

The belief in the Allied camp was that only a face-to-face meeting Saturday between President Eisenhower and President Charles De Gaulle could blunt the sharp differences and permit the Western Big Four to try to chart a dynamic approach to the end of the cold war.

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CHANCELLOR John R. Richards, fifth from left, head of the state System of Higher Education, was among a delegation of system men who toured the Oregon Technical Institute campus Thursday and Friday to study administrative policies and aims for the future, when OTI comes under jurisdiction of the higher system. They were honored during a reception Thursday night, and conversed at length with faculty members. Richards said he would comment on his observations later. On his left is Winston D. Purvine, OTI director.

Red Premier Set To OK Withdrawal

LONDON (UPI)—Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai said today he is prepared to agree to an Indian proposal to withdraw all armed forces from disputed areas as a "partial solution" to the border crisis between the two countries.

He offered to meet Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in China or Rangoon, Burma, Dec. 26 to discuss the dispute.

Chou's offer was made in a note to Nehru, broadcast by Radio Peiping and monitored here.

Nehru had rejected an earlier Chou proposal for talks because he said he would not negotiate while Chinese troops remained on Indian soil.

Chou today renewed China's claim to several areas of the disputed frontier territory.

But he offered to pull back Chinese troops from Longju in India and the same, and to extend the pullback to the other areas.

"The Chinese government, in a conciliatory spirit and out of the desire to move toward the withdrawal of armed forces along the entire borders, is prepared to agree first to reach a partial solution by applying the proposal you have made in your letter for the non-stationing of the armed forces of both sides at Longju to the other disputed places of the border as well," Chou said.

Chou said "armed Indian personnel" occupy Shipki Pass, Parigasa, Sang, Tsungsha, and several other places "which belong to China."

"Now, since the Indian government holds a different opinion on the ownership of these places," he said, "the Chinese government proposed that no armed personnel of either side be stationed in any of them."

"Informed sources in New Delhi confirmed that a note had been received and was being studied."

Crews Seek Missing Plane

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (UPI)—The search for a two-engine PBY amphibious plane, missing since 6:15 p.m. Thursday continued near here today.

The aircraft was on a flight from Juneau, Alaska, to the Annette Island airport but it was reported the final destination was to be San Francisco. Annette airport is 13 miles north of here.

The plane was last heard from 25 miles from Annette.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Increasing cloudiness tonight. Cloudy Saturday with some light showers. Low tonight 20-26; high Saturday 37-45.

High yesterday 37
Low last night 19
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 0.84
Same period last year 1.16
Low in area, Chiloquin 6

Northern California—Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain beginning in the north early Saturday, spreading southward during the day, except snow above 6,000 feet. Little change in temperature. Southerly coastal winds 30-40 miles an hour on the coast.

CRATER LAKE

Chains are advised for travel through Crater Lake National Park on Highway 62 from both the south (Klamath Falls) and west (Medford) entrances, the park rangers reported this morning.

Snow depth is 12 inches with no new snow in the last three days. Depth is insufficient for skiing. Last year on this date there were only patches of snow.

The rim drive and north entrance to the park will remain closed for the remainder of the season.

It was a beautiful day in the park with clear skies and no wind. Temperature at 8 a.m. today was 22 degrees which was last night's minimum as well. Maximum Thursday temperature was 39 degrees.

The warming hut will be open this weekend.

Army Names Poisoner

MUNICH, Germany (UPI)—A Red Czech vice-consul stationed in nearby Austria masterminded last month's unsuccessful attempt to poison employees of Radio Free Europe, the U.S. Army announced today.

"The counter intelligence corps investigation shows that Jaroslav Nemec, a vice-consul of the Czech Consulate in Salzburg, Austria, on Nov. 16 gave a Communist agent salt shakers containing atropine for placement in the RFE cafeteria in Munich," the Army announcement said.

A spokesman for the radio station, which broadcasts to Czechoslovakia and other satellite nations, had reported earlier that the poison-loaded salt shakers were discovered just in time.

He said the amount of the deadly alkaloid contained in the doctored salt probably would have been sufficient to cause at least some deaths among the 1,200 employees using the cafeteria.

USW Wants Individual Sessions

CHICAGO (AP)—David J. McDonald, president of the United Steel Workers, said today his union will take court action if necessary to force steel companies to bargain individually with the USW.

McDonald told a news conference the union on Dec. 10 asked individual companies to resume talks on a company-wide basis, but has received no reply.

He said if industry leaders do not accede to his demands, the union will seek contempt action in federal court.

Arthur J. Goldberg, USW general counsel, said that under the Taft-Hartley Law companies are "obligated to deal individually because our contracts are company-wide, not industry-wide."

McDonald said the union submitted a revised proposal for settlement to individual companies.

The 10-point union proposal contains the principal features of the Kaiser Steel settlement, but would cost other companies slightly more than the Kaiser pact.

The 20-month contract proposal would provide hospital and surgical coverage for retired employees and their wives, similar to a provision in the can industry settlement.

Pension benefits, a supplementary unemployment benefit plan, and a 7-cent general wage increase with a two-tenths of a cent increase in job class increments, effective July 1 next year, follow the Kaiser pattern.

Also, similar to Kaiser terms, are proposals for protecting employees from automation by a special severance allowance, committee study of automation, and a long-range economic study by a committee composed of industry, union and the public.

Of the demand for individual company talks, McDonald said: "We do not object to industry-wide negotiations, but we do not think the industry negotiators are qualified to discuss the many problems of individual companies."

Sea Miracle; Crew Saved

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—The freighter was sinking fast. Radio operator Audrey Corbett sent a last-minute SOS.

The distress call was heard in San Francisco. Then silence.

A section of the ship's hold had been flooded.

Lie Detector Test Taken By Suspect

CHICAGO (UPI)—John (Jake) the Barber Factor today underwent a voluntary lie test to prove he didn't have anything to do with the shotgun murder of Roger Touhy, a man he sent to prison and later sued for libel.

Police said an hour before the lie test he had no interest in Factor's desire to face the polygraph because they cleared him previously of any connection with the Wednesday night gangland-style shooting.

However, a sergeant was sent to observe the test, held in a private laboratory.

Police said they don't have much to work on in trying to solve the ambush, that also wounded Touhy's bodyguard, Walter Miller, 62, a retired police sergeant.

John Reid, the operator of a private polygraph laboratory, announced after the test, which took an hour, that it had cleared Factor of any involvement in the Touhy slaying.

Reid said there was no hesitation or faltering in Factor's answers. Factor told newsmen later that he took the test "because I said I would" and that he would have taken the same kind of test in 1933 after his kidnapping, had he been asked then.

Factor then prepared to leave in the early afternoon for Los Angeles by air.

All this took place within the space of a couple of hours after Touhy was buried.

Federal officials said the assault was carried out by the Mafia, the notorious international underworld organization, to seal Touhy's lips forever.

There seems to be no shortage of men who could have ordered the pint-sized prohibition era bootleg figure murdered. The job could have been arranged by hoodlums from Touhy's roaring '30s past, or by representatives of the current crime syndicate.

The police labor unit was ordered into the investigation under the assumption that criminal elements trying to muscle in on union affairs might have had a hand in the shooting.

Touhy was known as a talented organizer and once sold automobiles to union business agents. Police thought someone might have believed Touhy might have been ready to use his organizing talents again.

There was hope, but not much, that Miller might be able to help in the investigation if he recovers. When police arrived on the scene Wednesday night, Miller said he didn't know who pulled the trigger.

Miller, a longtime friend of Touhy and a defense witness at

his parole hearings, was in critical condition, but showing some improvement. He had been shot in the legs, buttocks and back.

Factor, a Chicago promoter during Touhy's days as a gang chieftain, was here Wednesday night in connection with a three million dollar libel suit he had filed against Touhy for statements made in Touhy's autobiography, "The Stolen Years."

Police believed Factor's appearance here was only coincidental with Touhy's death, but the wealthy Beverly Hills, Calif., real estate operator took a lie test.

He also told Chicago police he had received a threat on a postcard in Los Angeles after filing suit against Touhy. The card said: "You goniff, you'll be taken care of, and I don't mean for three million dollars."

Goniff is a Yiddish word meaning thief.

Factor turned the card over to postal authorities in Los Angeles.

Tree Thieves Plague State At Yule Time

PORTLAND — The Christmas season—which brings out the spirit of goodwill in most people—also brings into action gangs of "tree rustlers" who prey upon Oregon's Christmas tree growers.

Tree farmers, the state forestry department and police agencies are taking special measures this month to prevent poaching that has cost tree growers thousands of dollars in past annual thefts.

Law enforcement agencies are spot checking truckloads of Christmas trees on highways to determine whether drivers have a bill of sale as required by state law.

State forestry personnel are actively patrolling their lands to prevent illegal cutting, according to Vance Morrison, assistant state forester.

"We are especially concentrating on patrolling the Tillamook burn area," said Morrison, "where several million dollars have been spent on reforestation."

Forest Service rangers are also maintaining an alert lookout to prevent improper cutting of trees on federal lands.

At Medford, members of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm Association have posted their lands, offering a \$250 reward for apprehension and conviction of commercial tree rustlers.

Several hundred reward posters have been tacked up by the embattled tree growers.

The timber growers are also using "Rosxy," their mobile radio network, to report license numbers of suspect haulers to state police.

In Klamath Falls, another locale where tree losses have been heavy each year, more posters offering a reward have been put up by local tree farmers and forest industries.

Tom Orr, forester for Weyerhaeuser Company at Klamath Falls, estimated that some 3,500 trees were stolen from his company's local Tree Farm lands alone last year. The company tries to meet the wishes of Klamath Falls families who enjoy getting their own tree by providing a specified area where family cutters might harvest one without charge.

Most of the trees taken by scavengers find their way into California, the principal western market.

American Pupil Found Alive, Egyptian Newspaper Reports

CAIRO (UPI)—An Egyptian newspaper reported today that an American student previously believed to have perished in the Nubian Desert may have been found alive in Sudan.

The newspaper, Al Gomhouria, said in a dispatch from Khartoum that a man fitting the description of the missing American, Donald Shannon, Milwaukee, Wis., had been arrested by Sudanese police.

Shannon was one of four students—two American and two French—who set out on an expedition last July across the rugged Nubian Desert, which lies across the Egyptian-Sudan border. They had a Nubian guide with them.

In October, the bodies of four members of the party were found in a hilly area about 240 miles badly decomposed, they were identified as those of John Armstrong, Belleville, N. J., the two French students and the guide.

Trackers reported they had found Shannon's footprints leading toward the Sudan border. They said the tracks "indicated he was wounded and walked un-

steadily leaning on a stick."

An Egyptian medical examiner reported Nov. 3 that the guide had been "murdered" and the other three had died of thirst. Authorities assumed Shannon had perished trying to make his way alone across the desert.

Al Gomhouria said the foreigner believed to be Shannon was arrested trying to cross the South Sudan border into Kenya without a passport.

It said he carried no identification papers but "looked like Shannon."

It said the man claimed he was British and lived in Malta but refused to meet British or U. S. Embassy personnel.

Egyptian authorities reported early in November that the evidence at the place where the four bodies were found indicated there had been "a grueling battle" among them for a dwindling water supply.

The guide was described as an "inexperienced" native. Officials said that not even veteran desert travelers would have attempted the crossing at the time they set out.