

By FRANK JENKINS
Question:
What's this THIRD FORCE President De Gaulle keeps talking about as his objective for the France of today?
The usual term for it is BALANCE OF POWER.

As De Gaulle sees it, there are TWO FORCES in the world of today:

1. The Western Alliance.
 2. The Soviet Union.
- It might be more accurate to say that the TWO FORCES of today's world are communism and the free way of life, but De Gaulle, who is a realistic thinker, as too weak to count for much, at this critical moment, and sees only the Soviet Union and the Western Alliance.

What he is playing for, one must presume, is to pull France out of the Western Alliance, then to stand in the MIDDLE, and by threatening to go over to ONE SIDE if the other side doesn't toe his mark, to make himself, as the leader of France, ALL POWERFUL.

Thus he would become a second Napoleon.

De Gaulle has much in common with Napoleon.

Napoleon had a brilliant mind. So has De Gaulle. Napoleon had delusions of grandeur. So, apparently, has De Gaulle. These delusions outweigh their good points. Napoleon, after saving France from the consequences of the Revolution, RUINED FRANCE by his ambition to run Europe.

Summing up:

Napoleon wound up in exile on the island of Elbe.

Where will De Gaulle wind up? One can't help wondering.

More about this third force.

It isn't original with De Gaulle.

It is an ancient device. For centuries, it was the foundation of Britain's foreign policy.

The essence of this third force idea, as Britain saw it, was never to let ANYBODY get too strong in Europe. Whenever, over the centuries, Britain saw somebody getting too strong, she lined up with the OPPOSITION.

By means of that device, the little island of Britain—not a great deal bigger in area than the not-too-big state of Oregon—was able to make herself top dog in Europe and stay that way for hundreds of years.

Will De Gaulle be able to copy Britain's formula for POWER and get away with it?

One wonders.

Also one has doubts.

This is a quite different world from the world that Britain was able to rule so long by means of the third force device.

Slush Slops Local Roads

Roads and streets in the vicinity of Klamath Falls were a sea of slush Thursday as an unseasonable rain storm began to break up a six-inch snow pack which descended in the area Tuesday night and the following morning.

It was the first snowfall in Klamath Falls since Nov. 22, when a light snow blanketed the area. The six-inch snowfall thus far in January represents one of the lightest snowfalls for that month since weather records have been kept at the airport during the past 14 years, according to Bob Cardinal, U.S. meteorologist.

The lightest snowfall for January is recorded for 1961 when one-tenth of an inch was noted, compared with the heaviest snowfall of 36.5 inches recorded in 1950.

The unexpected snowers, which followed the snow storm, occurred Thursday morning after temperatures had risen from 29 degrees to above freezing and brought 28 inches of sleet and freezing rain during a 24-hour period.

More rain is forecast for the next 36 hours as the result of warm air moving west from the Pacific, with temperatures to continue above freezing.

Elsewhere in the county, road and weather conditions were similar to those in Klamath Falls, except that chains were required at Rly. Further east, Lakeview reported rain but cautioned motorists to beware of icy spots on the highway leading into the city.

Showers were continuing in Chemult, along the Green Springs Highway, the Dead Indian Road, and were melting about one inch of new snow at Willamette Falls, according to reports from the county police and Charles Wells, state road superintendent.

All of the roads in and out of Klamath Falls were open and did not require chains, excepting the Dead Indian Highway; however, motorists were advised by police to carry chains as a precautionary measure.

Weather

High yesterday	33
Low yesterday	29
High year ago	29
Low year ago	25
High past 14 years	37 (1953)
Low past 14 years	14 (1950)
Precip. past 24 hours	.26
Since Jan. 1	.46
Same period last year	1.72



MEMBERSHIP GOAL TOPPED — The YMCA announced that its 1963 membership goal of 578 was topped as reports of 594 new or reactivated memberships were confirmed by "ranch hands" at the Roundup Drive breakfast Thursday morning. The \$5,438 in contributions is expected to reach or exceed the \$5,775 goal when 20 more riders report their results. The ranch hands led by Al Geiss took top team honors with 1,693 points. Mal Gellup, right, roundup foreman, cuts Joe Victor's tie here in victory gesture. Victor, assistant foreman, lost a bet to Gellup as the "Big Boss's" five ranches rounded up more members than Victor's.

Senators Pledge Stockpile Reform

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate investigators pledged today to push for legislative reforms designed to eliminate profiteering and costly surpluses in the \$8 billion stockpile program.

"We are now stuck" with an estimated \$4 billion stockpile loss, said Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo. "There is no use crying over spilled milk. We now must see if we can avoid losses to the taxpayers in the future."

Symington is chairman of the special Senate stockpile subcommittee which Wednesday closed out the investigative phase of a 10-month inquiry into the much-criticized program.

The investigation started last March under the urging of President Kennedy, who startled a nationally televised audience with the assertion that "unconscionable profits" were enjoyed by some suppliers.

Symington offered to amend the President's statement at the conclusion of the lengthy hearings: "I think we can say we found some fantastic profit taking at a minimum of risk."

Richmond C. Cohn, white-haired St. Louis attorney who was the painstaking chief counsel throughout the hearings, inserted these cost estimates for the record:

—It will cost the government \$17,201,000 during the next year just to store the more than 70 different metals and materials in the strategic and critical stockpiles.

—As of September of last year, it cost taxpayers \$8,909,917.935 for the government to accumulate the bulging inventories.

—As of the same date, the materials had a market value of \$7,568,679,200. But experts believe

'Golden Boy' Thief Freed

MENARD, Ill. (UPI) — Orville E. Hodge, who looted Illinois of \$1.3 million and dreamed of governing it, was paroled today after 6½ years in prison.

The former state auditor, who lived like a millionaire on embezzled funds, said "A man can only appreciate the value and luxury of freedom after he knows what it means to be deprived of it."

Hodge, now ailing and aging, became a free man when he passed through the electric eye at the double gates of the Menard State Penitentiary.

A delegation from his home town of Granite City, Ill., where Hodge was once voted "man of the year," waited to greet him. The group included the mayor, Leonard David, Hodge's son, William, and two lawyers.

Hodge headed by car for a job as clerk in the Granite City hardware store run by his sister.

In a statement released at the prison gates, Hodge said "Finally I go to a new life in my home town. I ask no favors or expect none. I want to earn a good place as a citizen in my community."

Property Tax Relief Bill Proposed

'Voluntary' Farm Production Cuts Stressed By JFK

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy sent Congress today a consumer-flavored farm message proposing federal subsidies to spur cotton sales and to encourage voluntary production cuts on feed grains and milk.

Kennedy said his program, including direct government payments to the cotton trade, cotton growers, and producers of milk and feed grains, would lead toward a stable farm economy and lower consumer prices.

An administration official estimated that the proposals could trim \$300 million to \$500 million off the taxpayers' outlay for farm supports and 10 cents a pound off the retail price of butter.

In a 4,200-word message, the President also called directly on wheat growers to accept a tight new control program for their 1964 crop in a referendum scheduled for this spring.

He said the alternative would be unlimited production and "depression conditions for the 1964 crop." He warned that it would not be "feasible" to get a substitute wheat support plan through Congress if the referendum failed.

Income Improves

Kennedy said that the past two years have produced "substantial improvement in farm income, a substantial decrease in government holdings of (surplus) agricultural products, and a substantial reduction in costs to the taxpayer for carrying farm surpluses without increasing the consumer's burden."

He said the rise in farm income had generated added business for rural industries and farm communities, adding at least 200,000 jobs to the national economy. Nevertheless, he added, farmers still can produce more than markets will take and further progress is needed.

The proposals for new cotton, feed grain, and dairy legislation

replaces the previous \$600 a year salary that ranked Oregon among the states with the lowest legislative pay. Oregon legislators during the past two years also were reimbursed for certain expenses under a temporary measure passed in 1961.

The new salary levels rank Oregon in the middle bracket of states.

Members of both parties cast votes for the pay bill in the Oregon House and Senate, but most of the opposing votes came from Republicans.

Supporters said in addition to providing fair compensation, it will make it possible for a wider selection of competent persons to serve in the legislature.

Opponents called the pay levels too high, particularly in one step, and particularly when the legislature is expected to raise taxes, however, makes up only a fraction of state government costs.

The voters authorized legislators to set their own pay by passing a constitutional amendment at the primary election in May, 1962.

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British Denounce 'Folly' Of French Veto

LONDON (UPI) — Britain rebuffed today a French blockade of its path to Europe today and sought help from the United States and other free world nations to bolster its sagging economy.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, bitterly denouncing the "folly" of French President Charles de Gaulle, called Wednesday night for a speed-up of trade and tariff consultations with Washington, the Commonwealth, and Britain's six partners in the European Free Trade Area (EFTA).

Macmillan accused France of deliberately torpedoing the Brussels negotiations on British membership in the six-nation European Common Market, without directly naming De Gaulle, he said the French government is



AWARD PRESENTED POSTHUMOUSLY — Mrs. Lucy Lawson receives from Colman O'Loughlin, center, American Legion trustee, a certificate for meritorious service which was won by her late husband, Frederic, following his selection as Klamath Falls Handicapped American of the Year for 1961. Observing the presentation is Leonard Sytsma, local representative of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, which sponsors the award annually. Lawson, stricken with polio in 1924, had been bedfast except for an occasional period he spent in a wheel chair. Despite his handicap, Lawson conducted a successful accounting business and was largely responsible for organizing junior baseball in this city. Lawson won a junior bicycle racing championship the year he was stricken with the dread disease. He died April 18 of last year.

Power Tie Tagged 'Urgent'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall put a "highest priority" tag today on legislation authorizing a power grid connecting the Columbia Basin with electricity-short California.

Udall, appearing before the House Interior Committee, mentioned the West Coast intertie power line in a discussion of priority legislation his department expects to send to Congress this year.

Udall asked the committee for bipartisan support for a bill which would send surplus Northwest power to preference customers in California. His proposal would guarantee Washington and Oregon customers first call on Columbia River Power, however. The administration budget sought

\$24.5 million to build the intertie line.

In the water and power field, Udall said he hoped Congress would also give "prime attention" to the Auburn-Folsom South Project on the West Coast and the Garrison Diversion Project in North Dakota.

The secretary told the committee to create a special conservation and water fund will clear the Budget Bureau later to put greater emphasis on federal development of outdoor recreation facilities with states participating in their cost. Udall said this bill would be "truly a landmark piece of legislation to preserve the face of our country."

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Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday. Continued mild with periods of rain tonight and most of Friday. Lows tonight 32-35. High on Friday 42. Southerly winds 8-18 m.p.h.

Legislature Given Plan For Offsets

SALEM (UPI)—A bill to relieve the property tax by 10 per cent through offsets provided by state income and excise taxes was introduced today by Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk, chairman of the House Taxation Committee.

Cosponsor of the bill was Sen. Boyd Overhulse, D-Matras, chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee. The bill also carried the signatures of 11 other representatives and senators.

"This proposal will funnel a portion of income tax receipts back to the county, school and city tax districts," Eymann said.

"It is so drawn that local tax districts will not be encouraged to increase their tax levies because the six per cent limitation will still be against them."

"If enacted, about one dollar out of every ten spent by the county, the schools and the cities will come from state income taxes instead of local property taxes."

Transfer Costs

"It is in line with the move to transfer more of the costs of local government to an ability-to-pay principle," Eymann said.

The bill provides that the state will collect a supplemental income tax amounting to 20 per cent of each taxpayer's tax. This will be distributed to the counties on the basis of the county's assessed valuation.

Each county's share would be split into three shares, he said, one for the county, one for all the cities in the county, and one for all the school districts in the county. Each share would be calculated on each group's portion of the tax levies made.

The money will apply as a direct offset on each property tax levied, Eymann said, "and the amount of saving made by each taxpayer will be shown on his property tax bill."

Other Highlights

Liberty Amendment—A bill submitted by Rep. Edward Elder, R-Eugene, memorializes Congress to amend the U.S. constitution to prohibit federal income, estate or gift taxes, and prohibiting the federal government from engaging in any business enterprise. Elder said he did not support the idea, but introduced it so it could get a hearing.

Consolidation—A bill submitted by Rep. Bob Chappel, R-Portland, proposes amending the Oregon constitution to authorize consolidation of any county containing a city of over 100,000 population.

Bidding — A bill introduced by Rep. Edward Whelan, D-Portland, would permit public officials to give preference to bidders proposing to furnish or use materials made in the U.S., if his bid is no more than 5 per cent higher than the lowest bid.

Boating — A bill by William Holmstrom, D - Gearhart, would consolidate boat licenses with certificates of number, modifies registration, and sets boat speed limits near swimming and launching areas.

Public Notice—A bill by Rep. Gerald Detering, R - Harrisburg, would permit publication of legal notices in newspapers published not only in the county but anywhere in a city any part of which is in the county where a proceeding is pending, or is to be commenced, or in which a notice, summons or other legal publication is required to be given.

Hoffa Invited To Back Charge

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A House committee today invited teamster President James R. Hoffa to back up his charges that the Kennedy administration used pressure to deny his union surety bonds required by federal law.

The House Labor Committee agreed to hear Hoffa, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz—or any representatives they choose—at a closed-door meeting Friday.

Hoffa charged in letters to the House and Senate Labor committees earlier this week that the Justice and Labor departments put pressure on bonding companies to refuse to underwrite Teamsters Union officials. Under the Landrum-Griffin law, all union officials who handle members' funds must be bonded.

Traffic Deaths Hit High Mark

CHICAGO (UPI) — Traffic deaths reached an all-time high of 41,000 last year, the National Safety Council said Wednesday.

The number of deaths per 100 million vehicle miles across the nation rose from 3.2 in 1961 to 3.3 last year.

Howard Pyle, Council president, said the toll was a "tragic and wasteful loss." He called for support of a national program to cut back on highway fatalities.

Repudiation Reply Slated

OTTAWA (UPI) — Prime Minister John Diefenbaker today replied to the U.S. government's repudiation of his nuclear weapons policy.

Diefenbaker Wednesday night promised a statement today on the Kennedy - Macmillan Nassau agreement which triggered speculation the issue could topple the minority government or prompt the prime minister to call an election on the issue.

Social Credit leader Robert N. Thompson, said the U.S. statement on the agreement could bring about "the fall of the government or the calling of an election."

Liberal Opposition leader Lester B. Pearson and New Democrat leader T. C. Douglas noted the U.S. statement differed from the prime minister's account of current U.S.-Canadian nuclear negotiations and about Canada's future role in the Western alliance.

The U.S. State Department release denied Diefenbaker's statement of last Friday that Canada's nuclear role in NATO had been put in doubt by the Kennedy-Macmillan Nassau agreement in December to attempt to set up a multi-lateral nuclear force in NATO.

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