

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The news today?
It's VERY interesting.
And, perhaps, very significant.

For example:
Russian troops this morning blocked ALL military and civilian traffic on the autobahn (freeway) between West Germany and West Berlin. During the recent negotiations, this traffic has been entirely free and unimpeded. But a little before noon (Berlin time) this morning some 500 Soviet troops in Russian armored personnel carriers moved in and STOPPED all American traffic on the autobahn.
Their excuse was that the U.S. had refused to accede to Soviet demands that our soldiers get out of their jeeps and trucks and stand meekly beside the highway while Soviet guards counted them to make sure we weren't sending in too many American troops.
Our army officers said the Russians had no right to do this and added that our soldiers could be conveniently counted IN THE VEHICLES, as has been the procedure hitherto. As this is written, just what happened as a result of the demand isn't wholly clear.
The Germans call the holdup the most serious incident since the Soviets built the Berlin wall.
And—
From "somewhere in the Soviet Union" there comes a message from Kroosh to the effect that the test ban treaty "does not of itself solve the main international problem of our epoch and does not eliminate danger."
He adds:
"Now it is necessary... to develop the success achieved STILL FURTHER and to look for the settlement of OTHER RIPE INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. Among these is a non-aggression treaty between our North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and its Communist counterpart.
This we have so far refused to do. Kroosh is apparently demanding now that we DO IT.
What gives?
Well, Kroosh has his test ban treaty.
He has his wheat deal.
The world apparently looks rosy to him this morning.
So—
He's crowding his luck.
He's stopping our convoys again on the Berlin autobahn.
He's reviving his demand that we must GET OUT of Berlin.
What's happened to Kroosh?
Well, some four centuries ago Francois Rabelais wrote this little couplet:
"The Devil was sick—the Devil a monk would be."
"The Devil was well—the Devil a monk was he!"
It rather looks this morning like Kroosh, with the test ban treaty under his belt and his deal for wheat enough to keep his people fed going along rather nicely, feels that he is WELL AGAIN.

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview: Variable cloudiness and cool with a few showers through Saturday. Lows tonight 33 to 40, high Saturday 40 to 45. South to southwest winds five to 15 miles per hour.
High yesterday 44
Low this morning 25
High year ago 15
Low year ago 27
Precip. last 24 hours 0.07
Since Jan. 1 4.96
Same period year ago 13.34

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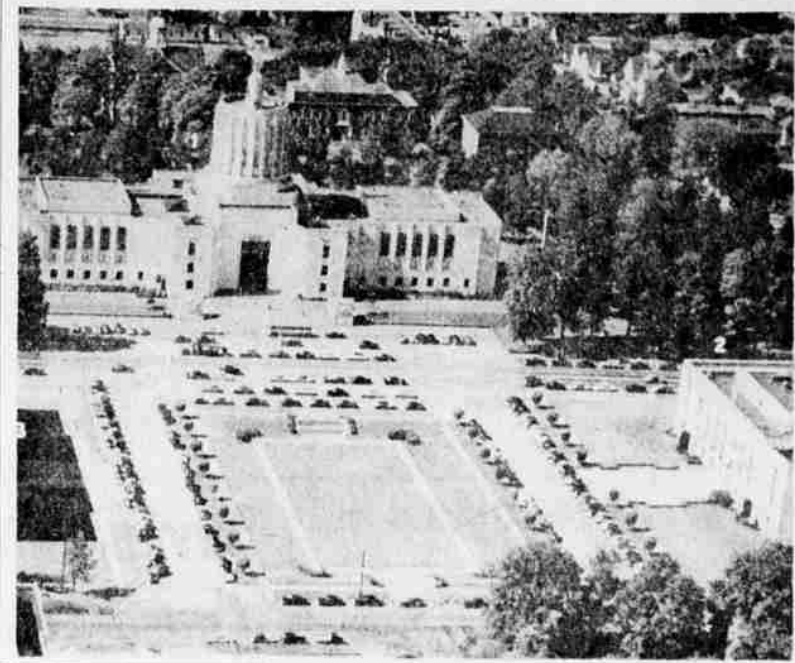
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AGRICULTURAL FORECAST
Unsettled weather pattern indicates showery, cool weather through weekend. Harvest outlook only fair through Sunday becoming good again the first of the week.

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State Cannot Levy
Big Property Tax

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Editor's Note—This is another in a series of articles dealing with the Income Tax proposal to be voted on October 15.

We have discussed the tax measure itself and its provisions, as well as delving into possible alternatives that the governor or the legislature could and might take if the proposal is defeated by the voters on October 15.

There are some questions yet that do require clarification, however.

First of all, it is being asked, "Can the state levy a statewide property tax in the event the bill is defeated?"

The law now specifically provides that the state can levy a property tax only to offset the principal and interest costs on certain general obligation bonds.

In the case of the 1963-64 period, the obligation bonds principal and interest total amounts to \$3.6 million. However, the Department of Finance and Administration determined last fall that there were sufficient funds on hand to offset this expense and did not levy a property tax.

At one time the state did have the authority to levy a property tax in the event it had a budget deficit.

In 1957, the amount that could be levied by the state in property taxes was limited to bonded debt.

In 1961, Chapter 590 changed the amount that could be levied and collected to the amount needed for bonded debt if other revenues were not sufficient.

So, clearly, the state cannot automatically invoke a statewide property tax to make up the \$64 million deficit in the event the people turn down the tax proposal.

Another question asked is: "If the legislature is convened in special session, can it be limited to considering only ways and means of balancing the budget?"

The answer is no. It cannot be held to just balancing the budget, unless some sort of a unanimous gentlemen's agreement is reached prior to their being convened.

The suggestion has been put forward, and has a great deal of merit, that if it becomes necessary, the legislature should be called back into session, and only the two committees, Taxation and Ways and Means, be activated. These two groups could be set up into two joint Senate-House committees.

The balance of the legislature could be sent home, to be reconvened when the two joint committees come up with some concrete answers to the problems.

This would hold any special legislative session to a minimum cost and would reduce the possibility of it debating other matters.

Still another question being asked is, "If this measure is defeated, will it mean that state services as well as education will be cut back?"

The answer is yes. If the budget is to be cut \$64 million, it would mean a severe cut in state services and in education levels.

Whether or not this is or is not desirable is something that each voter must ask himself.

The fact remains that a "no" vote on October 15 will result in some cuts in just about all phases of the state structure, with sizeable cuts coming in the fields of education and public welfare.

Some have asked, "If this measure is defeated, will it mean higher property taxes to support schools?"

By this, it is presumed that a "no" vote will bring a move by the legislature to reduce the basic school support by up to as much as \$15 million.

If this is done, schools would then have several alternatives. They could increase their levy up to the six per cent limit beyond which they cannot go without a vote of the people. (In Klamath County, all schools are operating outside the six per cent already.)

If this, coupled with what surplus they would accumulate isn't enough, they can then either trim expenses to meet the money available or issue warrants for the deficit on this budget and pay these off with funds from the next budget.

In Klamath County, in either case, the people would have the final say on any increase in property taxes locally to meet school needs.

Next—What about the sales tax or a cigarette tax?

New Tax Forms Initiated

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Internal Revenue Service is trying a new system to make it easier for taxpayers to fill out their income tax returns.

Some taxpayers won't have to bother about putting their names, addresses or social security numbers on the tax forms this year.

IRS Commissioner Mortimer M. Caplin made public Thursday the new form 1040 that will be sent to the taxpayer with his name, address and Social Security number already filled in.

The idea is to cut down on mistakes through the aid of automated equipment. Optical scanners, scientifically attuned to the special ink, will be able to read each name electronically and re-

Civil War
Breaks Out
In Algeria

PARIS (UPI)—Civil warfare has broken out in Algeria, according to authoritative reports reaching Paris tonight.

Fighting was reported in at least three places in the Kabylia Mountains but there was no immediate estimate of casualties.

Fighting broke out, according to the reports, following a call by rebel leader Hocine Ait Ahmed at his stronghold near Fort National to his troops to launch the battle against the forces of President Ben Bella.

"We are not alone. Our troops have attacked at Medea," he told his followers.

Reports reaching Paris from the Kabylia region said the shooting began 10 a.m. (5 a.m. EDT) although some firing by government troops during the night was mentioned in other unconfirmed reports.

Ait Ahmed, co-prisoner of the French with Ben Bella during the seven-year Algerian war, broke with the president after Algerian independence.

The reports said he gave the order today for the struggle against Ben Bella's regime to begin all over the rebel-held territory.

The government today banned private telephone communication between pro-rebel centers like Fort National and Michelet with the rest of Algeria.

Ben Bella's regime faced new border claims by Morocco on the west and the defiance of the Berber rebels in the east as tension mounted in the growing domestic and international crises.

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Soviet Troops Block Entry
To Berlin; Convoys Stalled

BERLIN (UPI)—Soviet troops mounted a major threat to the Allies' single highway link between this isolated city and West Germany today. The United States immediately protested to the Soviet Union.

A U.S. Army convoy was being held at the Soviets' Babelsberg checkpoint at the West Berlin end

of the 110-mile autobahn through East Germany.

It was the second time one of the convoys had been held up in 24 hours. Another U.S. Army con-

voys moved down to the autobahn and joined it.

The Soviets also partially blocked the autobahn between Babelsberg and the West Berlin

crossing point a mile away with more than a dozen armored personnel carriers.

Each side increased pressure on the other with aerial reconnaissance flights over the other's checkpoint, using helicopters, artillery spotter planes, transports and a single Soviet jetfighter.

U.S. Berlin commandant Maj. Gen. James H. Polk met with the British and French commanders for an hour and three-quarters to discuss the tense situation. They "will continue to keep it under review," an official spokesman said.

Rusk Makes Protest
In Washington, Secretary of State Dean Rusk protested to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin against the Soviet actions, showing the United States views the situation with gravity.

The crisis escalated rapidly from a relatively commonplace disagreement between a Soviet control officer and a U.S. convoy commander Thursday.

The Soviet control officer demanded the U.S. commander order his men to dismount and line up at the side of the road to be counted.

The commander, as the U.S. Army claims is its four-power right, refused.

The Soviets held the convoy and another which arrived shortly afterward on its way to West Germany for more than 15 hours, before letting them proceed at midnight. A third convoy was held up for nearly five hours.

Civilian traffic between West Berlin and West Germany was allowed to move over the autobahn with little difficulty.

But the Russians said the personnel carriers would continue to block the autobahn until the new East-West controversy is settled.

Condemns Blockage
The Army condemned the blocking of traffic as "a wholly unilateral act of the Soviets."

Diplomats felt the stopping may have been intended as a probe of Western intentions following the nuclear test ban treaty and the general relaxation of tensions in the cold war.

Workers Seek
Victims' Bodies

BELLUNO, Italy (UPI)—Rescue workers searched through 25 miles of mud today for the thousands of bodies believed buried in "one huge coffin" by a speeding wave of water and debris.

An estimated 4,000 persons were killed late Wednesday night when a landslide plunged into the Vajont Dam reservoir, sending millions of tons of water cascading over the lip of the 875-foot dam in a 300-foot wall of water that crushed everything in its path.

In four minutes of death, the tranquil Piave River gorge was transformed into a 25-mile valley of death. Nearly a dozen villages and towns above and below the dam, one of the world's highest, were wiped out. Where once houses and churches stood, today there was nothing.

Shortly after midnight today, bodies had been recovered. Workers doubted they would find any more survivors.

Face Grim Task
The rescuers had another grim task. The water swept a number of green containers of deadly potassium cyanide down the river valley. The cyanide could poison the river and kill anyone who drinks the water.

Longarone, the largest town hit by the flood, had 4,700 inhabitants. Then the water burst over

the edge of the dam and wiped out the town in a few seconds of terror.

The wall of water did its work with terrible thoroughness. Of the 4,700 residents of Longarone, officials estimated 3,200 died. They said 99 per cent of the people in Pirago and Fae — villages of less than 200 inhabitants each — were killed.

Castellavazzo, a village of about the same size, lost 50 per cent of its people.

The flood was a freak. The mountains on either side of the mile-long reservoir rumbled and collapsed in a massive landslide.

Stone In Teacup
As the millions of tons of rock and dirt slid into the lake its waters reacted as if a stone had been dropped into a brimming teacup.

They splashed over the edge of the dam — the third highest concrete dam in the world. The 390-foot high wall of water built up speed as it rushed down the rocky gorge and then spread out with tremendous force as it spurted out at right angles into the Piave River valley.

Today the populace remained dazed by the tragedy, including even those persons who had seen dozens or hundreds of bodies crushed by the wall of water, or heard the terrifying roar that preceded its arrival.

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In England

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Shooting Hours

OREGON
October 12 and 13
OPEN CLOSE
6:45 a.m. 6:40 p.m.
CALIFORNIA
October 12 and 13
OPEN CLOSE
6:44 a.m. 6:41 p.m.

Church Leaders Ready Plans
For Annual Christmas Parade

By JUNE JOHNSON

At this time of the year, few people have made plans for the Christmas season, but the area's church leaders have been considering one aspect of the local Christmas observance for three weeks.

The third annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Herald and News, was discussed at the general meeting attended by ministers and laymen on Sept. 25 and details were finalized by the 1963 steering committee on Tuesday.

The parade was initiated in 1961 to emphasize the religious significance of the holiday. With entries limited to Klamath Basin church groups, it is completely separate from Christmas commercial promotions and activities.

This year's parade will feature two additional revolving trophies and cash awards for the first, second, and third place floats. In the past, religious organizations have voted to donate the \$200 cash prize to a charity selected by the steering committee.

The five-member steering committee has selected "Christmas For Everyone, Everywhere" as the general parade theme to allow participants a broader range of subjects for individual float themes, again fixing a maximum of 25 to be spent for materials.

Elected at the first general meeting, the steering committee is composed of Rev. Warren Pechman, Hope Lutheran Church; Mrs. George Shaffer, Second Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; with June Johnson as the Herald and News representative.

Allowing approximately \$40 for the purchase of the two added trophies, the cash prizes were roughly set at \$80 for first place, \$50 second, and \$30 third.

The committee also stipulated that the recipients must use the award money for a charitable activity of their choice within the community.

Improvements to the forthcoming parade include a revised system of judging and a new method

of judging. The steering committee is composed of Rev. Warren Pechman, Hope Lutheran Church; Rev. Robert Greene, St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Rev. George

Murphy, St. Pius X Catholic Church; Rev. Richard Stanford, Suburban Heights Baptist Church; and Mrs. George Shaffer, Second Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with June Johnson as the Herald and News representative.

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Nikita Urges
Withdrawal
From Berlin

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has saluted the signing of the nuclear test ban treaty and called for solving "other ripe international issues."

He implied that one solution would be the withdrawal of Western troops from Berlin.

Khrushchev's comments came in a special message, released here Thursday night, to President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. Observers noted it was released at almost the same time Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was meeting with President Kennedy in Washington.

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Candidates Warned
Against Ignoring West

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI)—Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield warned presidential 1964 Republican candidates today not to ignore the West.

Backers of two front-runners—Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller—indicated they had no intention of doing so.

The youthful governor, often mentioned as a possible GOP vice presidential nominee next year, keyed the opening session of a three-day Western Republican Conference. An estimated 1,000 delegates from 13 states were present.

He appealed for Goldwater and Rockefeller, who will be here in person Saturday, to enter Western primary elections and said he would welcome "would-be dark

horses to try the track for time and distance."

Hatfield spoke particularly of Oregon's May 14 primary, the West's first, and predicted the candidate who wins his state will gain the "momentum" to carry California's June primary and the national convention at San Francisco.

Of Oregon's primary, he said: "It will not go to anyone on a silver platter."

Although he mentioned only Goldwater and Rockefeller as "prominently mentioned" potential Republican nominees, Hatfield said he welcomed to the "public forum" former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the GOP's unsuccessful 1960 nominee. Nixon has denied that he is a candidate for the 1964 nomination.

Supporters of Rockefeller and Goldwater arrived at this college town, population 50,000, to push for their candidates, although neither has formally announced he is running.

George Hinman, New York national committeeman closely associated with Rockefeller, told newsmen Thursday night that "responsible leadership" of the party was uncommitted to a presidential nominee and intended to remain so.

Reiterating that he expected Rockefeller to be a candidate for president and to enter both the early New Hampshire and late California primaries, Hinman said:

"It will be a hard fight in both but I think he can carry them." He said the New York governor had received "extremely warm" responses to personal appearances he made here last week.

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