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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written on Friday morning, Seattle is preparing a "blackout" rehearsal for tonight. What strikes the casual reader of accounts of these preparations is the enormous interruption of the normal life of the city.

Blackouts (including rehearsals) are a part of modern war, and war is like that. It interrupts unbelievably the normal life of all the people of the world.

THAT raises a question: WHAT IS the normal life of human beings?

There are many who insist that war is the natural state of man, continuing because he is inherently COMBATIVE; and it must be admitted that a casual reading of history goes far to support this view.

History, however, is like the newspapers (which are current history.) It emphasizes the spectacular and takes the ordinary run of human affairs largely for granted.

War is spectacular, and so the historians, from Herodotus down, have given it the headlines.

THIS writer has an idea that if a composite picture of what has been in the minds of all men since the world began could be presented it would show beyond all doubt that war has been dreaded and feared above all else by the ordinary run of human beings.

AND so we are led on to another question: If the overwhelming majority of all ordinary human beings since the world began have dreaded and feared war above all things else, why has war CONTINUED?

The answer is reasonably simple.

Wars are promoted by ambitious leaders who are farther down toward the bottom than they want to be and see in war the opportunity to get ON TOP.

FOR centuries after the fall of the republic and the rise of the empire, Rome was devastated and torn by wars among contenders for the throne. In these wars there was not even the pretense of principle. They were wars for POWER alone.

Between the lines of history abundant hints are to be read that the common run of people had no stomach for these struggles, but when somebody starts a war vast numbers of people have to fight, whether they want to or not.

War stirs and churns the world, and in this stirring and churning process no one knows what may come to the top. In this situation bold and reckless people see an opportunity for self advancement. Wanting more than they have and seeing in war the opportunity to get what they want, they PROMOTE WAR.

Caught in the whirlpool thus created, ordinary people are helpless.

NAPOLEON was one of these bold and reckless spirits. Hitler is another.

There is ample evidence that in Napoleon's time the common run of Frenchmen soon wearied of wars and longed for the peaceful opportunity to carry on their ordinary lives. There are plenty of Germans who feel that way now, but they are caught in the whirlpool of events, just as the Frenchmen of Napoleon's time were, and can do little to help themselves.

One of the lessons of history is that leaders can irretrievably commit their people to things the people don't want but have to go through with.

Labor Strikes Averted By Mediation

Successful mediation efforts today had forestalled strikes in a number of industries important to the defense of the United States.

The threat of imminent walk-out was lifted from the Consumers Power company which serves 2,000,000 customers in southern Michigan; from the Rutland railroad in Vermont, and from the Ingalls Iron Works whose Birmingham, Ala., plants hold \$100,000,000 in defense orders.

Governor Murray D. Van Wagener of Michigan Thursday took a hand in the dispute which menaced the electrical service of 800 communities in his state. After he announced he was prepared to use "the full power" of his office to see that service was not disrupted, AFL electrical workers and the Consumers Power company agreed to arbitrate their differences. The union seeks wage increases and a preferential shop.

Not even arbitration may be needed, however. Chairman Thomas J. Donahue of the Michigan state labor mediation board announced that negotiators for the company and the union, after hours in discussion, had agreed.

Turks Suspect Nazi Aims In Balkan Area

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) President Roosevelt sped Averell Harriman on the way to Britain today to "act as my personal representative x x x in regard to all matters relating to the facilitation of material aid to the British empire."

Harriman, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific Railway who has been serving with the defense commission, is leaving for London, via Lisbon, by transatlantic clipper next Monday.

PELICANS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP OF DISTRICT 3

Klamath High Basketball Five Wins Second Time From Bend Squad 42-21

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Again touched off by Sophomore Jim Bocchi, who poured in 10 first quarter points, the Klamath high Pelicans Friday night tucked away the District 3 championship and a trip to Salem's state tourney by plastering Bend, 42-21.

As on Thursday night when the slender James' six units in the third period lit the fuse, so it was last night after a slow first four minutes in which each side holed only two points.

A basket by Nicar, tall, black-haired Lava Bear center, made it 4-2 and Slim Jim went to work. He evened it up with a two-pointer, put the locals in the lead with a brace of penalty shots, then slapped in two more and another pair of free throws while Bend could total only three slim points.

Reginato Carries
In the second quarter Reginato carried most of the ball for the Pelicans with scoring help by Love, Erlanson and Bocchi and pivot aid from Passin' Pat Moses. The ball-necked forward slipped in three buckets and a free throw couplet while the others almost

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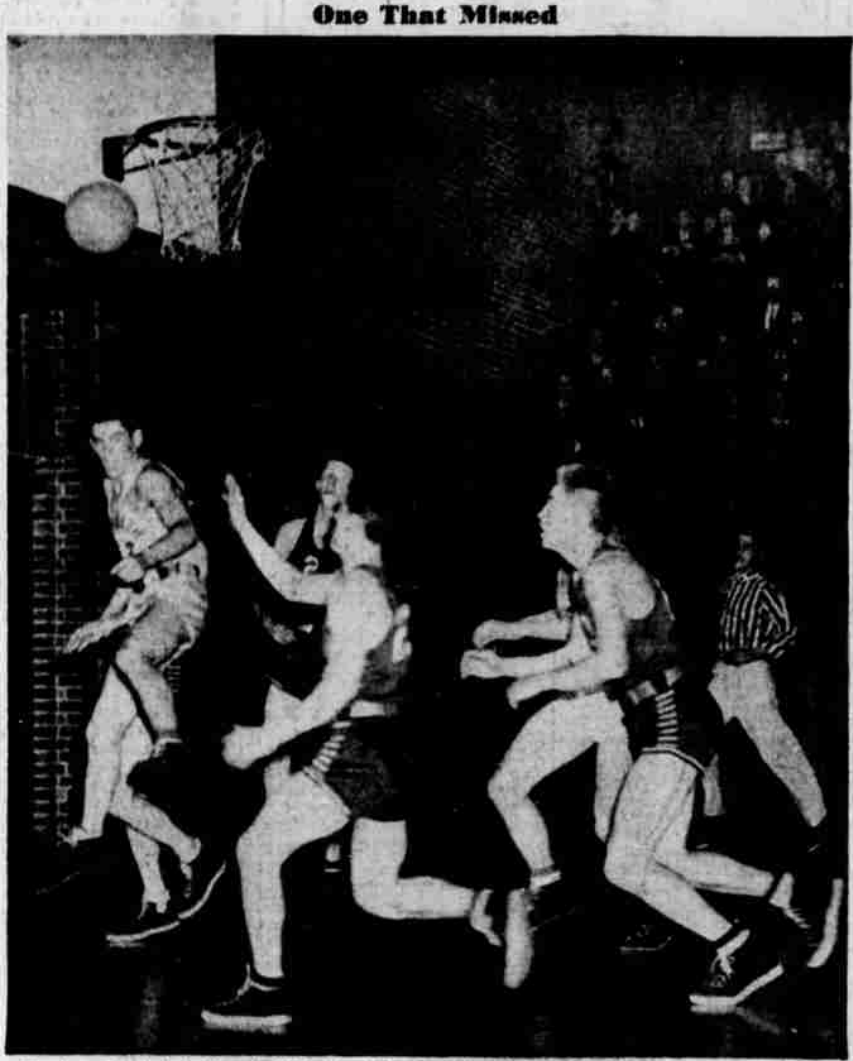
Amendment To Deport Bridges Beaten By Senate Voice Vote

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP) The senate tonight rejected by a voice vote a British aid bill amendment which would have called for immediate deportation of Harry Bridges, west coast CIO leader.

Sen. Robert R. Reynolds, D-N. C., offered the amendment. He denounced Bridges as "an alien communist who has created more trouble for the government than any other single individual or group of individuals."

Little Support
He was unable to get the support of enough senators even to force a roll call on his proposal after Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky pointed out that Attorney General Robert H. Jackson already has ordered a hearing on the question of Bridges' deportation.

Only a few "ayes" were heard when Reynolds' motion was presented. "Has it come to the point



Here's a Bend shot attempt that missed fire in Thursday night's district 3 tournament game at the Klamath gym. Anderson of the Lava Bears, foreground, has just tossed for the net but the ball is falling short. The Pelican's Love, extreme left, is in midair after a leaping try at blocking Anderson's shot. The Pelicans won 42-21 and the right to compete in the state tournament at Salem starting Wednesday. The squad will leave Tuesday for the four-day meet.

HOUSE VOTES PENSION PROBE

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Revision of Airport Land, Tentative Re-Routing Plan Talked Over At Conference

A revision of plans for land acquisition for the Klamath airport was tentatively outlined Friday morning at joint conference of city administration officers, the county court, reclamation officials, the city airport commission and the aviation committee of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

Under this proposal, the city may acquire from the federal government certain old Colonial Realty company lands adjoining the present airport on the west. It may not obtain all of the other lands previously proposed for acquisition.

This Colonial Realty 11 1/2 acres across the Summers lane extension (Spring Lake road) from the present airport, and if the development transcends this road it will be closed through the airport property. A tentative plan for re-routing was outlined, however.

This calls for a westward extension of the Johns road to Washburn way, thence south on Washburn way across the Southern Pacific tracks and on a new road parallel to the tracks to rejoin the Spring Lake road at the south end of the airport.

The possibility of using WPA money to help construct the re-routing was considered.

City Engineer E. A. Thomas said after the conference that the changes appear to be favorable but that final decision rests on the approval of the army engineers, construction agents for airport development under the CAA.

It is possible, also, that under the proposed development, the present Henley road, an east-west road, would be extended along the southerly side of the airport to connect with the Spring Lake road.

Veneer Union, Karpine Heads Hold Meeting

No new developments were reported last night following a half-day's conference between management and union representatives in connection with the Karpine Plywood strike.

The strike began on Tuesday. Questions of interpretations of membership and the matter of a majority in the CIO Plywood Workers union lay behind the dispute that stopped work at the Weed highway operation.

In a news story on the strike, there appeared two days ago a statement that an absolute deadline had been set at noon on Tuesday, February 25, for a count of the cards of the members by an impartial referee.

The union took exception to this statement and denied that there was an absolute deadline or that it showed in minutes of the conference at which the card check was agreed upon. The union men said they felt their actions had been unjustly impugned.

A representative of The Herald and News examined the minutes Friday. On the grounds that the "record is the best evidence" an excerpt from the minutes, covering this point, will be published if this can be arranged.

Mercurey High In Northwest

SEATTLE, March 7 (UP)—The northwest's premature spring continued unabated today, with thermometers here registering 66, equalling the high mark for the year and just one degree under the all time March 7 record.

In Portland the mercury hit 69 degrees—the hottest day since last October 19.

In addition, the weather man said Thursday was the hottest March 7 since 1905, when a 72-degree maximum was recorded.

Nest of Axis Ships Found In Somaliland

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — A nest of axis merchant ships was uncovered in the British land and naval offensive that took Chisimaio, Italian Somaliland, the admiralty announced today, and five were seized, five scuttled and an eleventh was driven ashore.

The five seized are Italian, totalling 28,153 tons. One of the scuttled ships, the 7021-ton German Uckermark, actually sank while in British tow after her crew's attempts to sink her were halted by the British, the admiralty said.

The capture of Chisimaio and Mogadiscio in the Somaliland offensive, by coordinated British land and naval action, was said in an early admiralty announcement to have eliminated the chief bases for axis surface raiders in the Indian ocean.

"It can now be stated that five Italian merchant ships with a total tonnage of 28,153 tons fell into our hands as a result of the capture of Port Chisimaio in Italian Somaliland," said the second admiralty communique.

SENATE BEATS AID TO BRITAIN AMENDMENTS

Ban on Use of U.S. Troops Outside Western Hemisphere Turned Down

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP) — Administration forces today crushed all efforts in the senate to write into the British aid bill a prohibition against the use of United States armed forces in foreign wars, but failed to obtain a final vote on the measure despite the fact the senate remained in session until almost 10 p. m.

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) The senate, with administration lines holding firm, overwhelmingly rejected today three attempts to write into the British aid bill restrictions against the use of American troops outside the western hemisphere.

After it had defeated two previous proposals by votes of 63 to 28 and of 56 to 35, the chamber turned down a third offer by Senator Taft (R-Ohio).

Powers Limited
Taft's amendment would have declared that no additional powers would be conferred on the president to use American armed forces beyond the western hemisphere and United States possessions. The two previous proposals, by Senators O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and Johnson (R-Calif.) differed slightly in language and meaning.

The chamber's action on the Taft proposal apparently cleared the way for a vote on an administration-sponsored amendment by Senator Eliender (D-La.) stating that nothing in the bill should be construed as changing existing laws governing land and naval forces.

The vote on Taft's amendment was 39 for to 81 against.

Eliender originally had proposed but had withdrawn the amendment Taft later sponsored. Opponents denounced the revised Eliender proposal as

Seattle Has First Real U. S. Blackout

SEATTLE, March 7 (UP)—For the first time in America's peacetime history, air raid sirens doused lights in a great city as planes droned overhead.

In a 15-minute test blackout, Seattle put out her lights and functioned in total darkness.

This dispatch was sent from a pitch-dark United Press bureau as the lights winked out.

Officials pronounced the test "a complete success."

Ironically, shining brightly on the edge of the darkened city were the most vulnerable military objectives—the huge Boeing Aircraft plane and the Todd-Seattle shipyards, both working to capacity on national defense orders.

They were permitted to operate to prevent disruption of their smooth-flowing production lines.

Bright moonlight picked out buildings in the city, the long spire of the Smith tower, highest building in the west, and waterfront structures, which shone in the reflection from Puget sound waters.

Planes Overhead
Military observers in planes

Driver Gets Ticket After Curb Painted

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7 (UP) — When Louis Shawl parked his car February 20 the curb was the customary dull grey.

Thirty minutes later Shawl returned to find:

A traffic department truck had been along and the curb had painted the curb a vivid "no parking" red; and a traffic officer had placed a parking tag under the windshield wiper of Shawl's car.

This didn't seem right to Shawl, so he wrote to Municipal Judge Clarence Morris, suggesting a check of his story "if you don't believe it."

The traffic department told Judge Morris yes, that was the day the curb was painted red. Judge Morris tore up Shawl's tag.

Nazis Poise For Drive On Greece Within 48 Hours

PRESIDENT HAS PLAN FOR NEW LABOR AGENCY

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) President Roosevelt disclosed today that he was considering creation of a labor board which would act not only as a mediation agency but would consider problems of labor, production and other factors entering into labor disputes.

The chief executive told a press conference he could only generalize about the proposed board but that it would not be merely a revival of the old Taft-Walsh board of World War days, since it might have a broader field.

Disapproval
At the same time, the chief executive spoke out against jurisdictional strikes among union men.

"As a whole," he was asked, "do you think it desirable to do away with jurisdictional strikes?"

Absolutely, he replied. He added that he did not think the country could approve in any shape, way or form a jurisdictional strike like one called at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio.

Jurisdictional strikes are part

Truck Operator Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter by State

The case of State versus Robert Wilcox Rhodes started Friday in Klamath county circuit court. A jury of 12 men was selected and prosecution and defense witnesses testified by 5 p. m.

Rhodes is being tried for involuntary manslaughter of Howard Johnson. He was involved in a truck-car wreck a short distance south of Worden on highway 97 November 11, 1940, in which Johnson was fatally injured.

Witnesses for the prosecution were Herbert Cramer and Jack Bothwell, who were riding in the Johnson car at the time of the accident. They testified they had not noticed the approaching truck until the moment of the impact.

Saw Accident
Next witnesses were G. W. Martin and Clayton Sweazy, who were following the truck some distance behind and saw the accident. Martin was driving. He said he saw no car on the same side of the road ahead of the truck, a point which the defendant made. Sweazy confirmed Martin, stating that he noticed no car on the open highway ahead of the truck.

The truck is said to have crossed the yellow highway strip and crashed head-on into the Johnson vehicle. Joseph L. Cooley and Edward A. Janzen, State police officers, testified that the Johnson car left no skid marks on the pavement other than ones indicating a sidewise slide. Cooley said there was no indication Johnson had applied his brakes. Both policemen testified they had smelled the odor of liquor on the truck driver's breath. Janzen said he arrived at the crash scene after Cooley, and that Rhodes was asleep in Cooley's patrol car at the time.

Adler Testifies
Dr. George Adler, Klamath county coroner, testified he examined the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. He said Johnson's face was battered beyond recognition. He also said he detected a strong odor of alcohol on the breath of the defendant when he examined him for injuries. Adler told the court there were no visible injuries on Rhodes either at the time he arrived at the wreck or on the next day, Sunday.

Gayda Asserts Italians Sank 20 Warships

ROME, March 7 (AP)—Virginio Gayda, the fascist editor, asserted today that British sea and air losses at the hands of Italy total 20 warships, 26 submarines, 58 freighters and seven tankers, all sunk, 805 planes shot down and 213 destroyed around.

Gayda also said 87 British warships, three submarines and 41 freighters were damaged by Italian action, two tankers torpedoed and 99 planes probably downed in addition to the plane losses which he said were certain.

He published the figures to show, as he put it, that Italy is doing her part in the axis war by straining vital British tonnage at a time when every ship is needed in defense of the British Isles.

Gayda said Italy was compelling Britain to hold one fleet in the Mediterranean consisting of seven battleships out of her total of 13, three aircraft carriers, 10 heavy cruisers, 70 smaller warships and 15 submarines.

Jugoslav - German Mutual Non - Aggression Pact Agreement Publicized

SOFIA, March 7 (AP)—Neutral military observers heard tonight that German troops massed on the Greek and Turkish frontiers may launch an attack from Bulgaria on eastern Macedonia and Thrace "within 48 hours."

More than 150,000 Nazi troops, hundreds of tanks and armored cars already are in position for a quick attack.

With the axis push expected at any moment, diplomatic observers watched Yugoslavia and Turkey for indications of how those two Balkan entente allies of Greece would behave when Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg army starts rolling.

From the heights south of Zlatograd, the Germans massed on the frontier could see the blue waters of the Aegean Sea across the Greek border.

The Aegean port of Salonika, backdoor to the Balkans, would be the first immediate objective of any German thrust across Greece.

BELGRADE, March 7 (UP)—Yugoslavia was said in highly reliable quarters tonight to have agreed to a friendship and non-aggression pact with Adolf Hitler, clearing the way for a German attack on Greece unless the latter capitulates to a dictated peace.

The Yugoslav-German pact, making complete Hitler's encirclement of Greece, will be signed ceremoniously within a few days, it was said, and will represent the Belgrade government's thesis of a middle-course solution.

Germany was said to have suggested

U. S. Reported Freezing Funds Of Indo-China

NEW YORK, March 7 (UP)—The Domei (Japanese) News agency said tonight in a dispatch datelined Saigon that the United States was freezing funds of Indo-China now in the United States.

The dispatch, contained in the regular Domei English-language broadcast to this country, said Charles Reed of the United States consular service on March 5 informed Gov. Gen. Admiral Jean Decoux and the bank of Indo-China of the decision.

It was reported in Saigon, the dispatch said, the Indo-Chinese bank had on deposit in the United States about \$60,000,000 of its reserves.

The dispatch said it was believed in Saigon the reported action of the United States government was designed to hamper Indo-Chinese financial operations and thus impede economic cooperation between Indo-China and Japan.

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