

FOREST FIRES SPREADING DESPITE DRIZZLE

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Wilson River Blaze Scurries Over 10,000 More Acres, New Fires Break on Salmonberry

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21.—(AP)—A drizzle of rain in northwest Oregon gave new hope today to the 2000 men fighting a losing battle against a 70-square mile forest fire.

In the timber town of Glenwood, partly evacuated Thursday night when fire licked 1000 feet away, rain was falling so heavily that smoldering embers were extinguished.

Loggers and soldiers worked double time to trail the fire before a new hot spell comes.

Rain was drizzling over most of the burning area, which extends from coastal mountains 20 miles from the Pacific to hills and lumber towns 50 miles northwest of here. But precipitation—expected by the weather bureau to continue until Tuesday—was far too light to quench the blaze.

Shanghai Blazing After Air Assault

Bombing Matches Further Devastating Sweeps From Jap Homeland to Solomons

(By the Associated Press)

Ruling the skies from Tokyo to the Solomons, allied air forces struck with increasing fury today, with Shanghai, greatest port in China, suffering the heaviest blow. They bombed and strafed five airfields and the waterfront around Shanghai, starting "many large fires" and meeting no opposition. This assault on Japanese defenses, for the second successive day, duplicated further devastating blows at Japan's homeland and matched the lengthened grasp on the east China coast, 400 miles south of Shanghai, by Chinese troops.

Meanwhile the Navy department at Washington announced that United States submarines have sunk 11 more enemy vessels, including four small combat ships in far eastern waters.

Chungking reported "considerable casualties" were inflicted in frontal engagements with Japanese withdrawing southward from Amoy toward Swatow. Other Chinese harried the flanks of the retreating Japanese.

The Mikado's troops apparently reopened an escape route from Kwelling, former U. S. air base in southeast China. But the Chinese claimed they had beaten back counterattacks on three columns closing in on Kwelling.

Homeland Centers Blasted

Mustang fighters sweeping in from both Okinawa and Iwo Jima delivered the strongest announced blow yesterday against Honshu, main island of Japan. Eighty mustangs from two racks

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Fluke Japs' Last Hope of Tide Turn Nipponese Battling for Time in Final Attempt To Stave Off Knockout

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Admiral Takahashi, retired Japanese naval commander-in-chief, says his country's sea and air forces will go into action soon and that the "day of victory" is rapidly approaching.

It perhaps has no special significance that this survivor of the Mikado's harakiri club doesn't say whose day of victory is approaching—whether it belongs to Nippon or the allies—but he needn't elaborate on that point. We already know that Japan is walking the last mile. The only thing in doubt is when we shall administer the coup de grace.

The Japanese sea and air fleets presumably will come into action, provided our air bombardment doesn't compel surrender. But they will be fighting defensively to try to delay our amphibious invasion of the homeland. They are following the Hitlerian strategy of battling for time in hope that some fluke will save them.

Great things depend on what Stalin is saying to President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill in Potsdam right now. Observers on the scene believe that both America and England are pressing for the quickest possible action to end the Japanese war. That is so, it presumably means that they are using their best arguments to bring mighty Russia into the conflict for a speedy

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Power-Saw Wage Rate Cut In West Lumber Industry is Decided on by National Board

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21.—(AP)—Decision of a six-man division of the National War Labor board to slash the power-saw rate in the western lumber industry by 35 cents an hour was announced today.

The ruling set aside the \$1.75 hourly rate established by the West Coast Lumber commission, leaving in effect the \$1.40 guide rate, with some area differentials. Labor members of the board dissented.

The power-saw issue had come up in the Willamette valley and Oregon coast operators' cases, the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations committee case, involving Douglas Fir operators, and six cases involving northwest pine operators. The decision rejected an appeal of the J. Neils Lumber company, Klickitat, Wash., for a \$1.671 hourly rate.

West Coast Lumber commission action in three other dispute cases was upheld by the NWLB as follows:

(1) A ruling in the Willamette

Hon. Foe Supplies Scrap Iron From B-29s, Japs Say

(By The Associated Press)

It's the queerest thing, the way these Superforts are giving a boost to the Japanese war effort. The last anyone heard the Japanese needed more iron in their more commodious cities, and the Superforts provided some.

Now, by current Japanese accounts, recorded by the Federal Communications commission, the hon. enemy was on the verge of running out of scrap iron.

And at this crucial moment, said the Tokyo newspaper Asahi, why along came the Superforts and did the Japanese the following favor:

"At the beginning of this war, scrap iron was not important, so it was gathered from among the common people.

"Recently, however, due to the fact that our technical skill has progressed and to the fact that the amount of scrap iron has increased considerably in the war-damaged areas, we have been able to get all the scrap iron we want and need."

Now if any Japanese junk dealer runs shy on metal, just send word to the B-29s and a cargo of scrap—fresh from the finest war plant—a yen can buy—will be delivered smack on his doorstep.

Postwar Disarmament Opposed by Rep. Mott

PORTLAND, July 21.—(AP)—If America disarms after the war she will throw away "the very best chance we have of keeping the peace," Rep. Mott (R.-Ore.) declared here.

He said the house naval affairs committee would fight any attempt to weaken the navy's strength after victory. He is ranking minority member of the committee.

"The naval affairs committee," he said, "is of the opinion—if we need (postwar) bases in New Zealand, New Caledonia or anywhere in the Pacific, we should get them—and no monkey business."

Costly Forgetfulness

PORTLAND, July 21.—(AP)—Robert I. Hoffman forgot furniture movers were coming when he hid \$200 under a bedroom rug for safe-keeping.

Today both rug and cash had been carried away.



AMNESIA FAKE FAILS—Karl Horst Max Wacker, 20, arrested by the FBI, is shown above posing with the Swastika while claiming to be Pvt. William Walker, USA, amnesia victim. A trained Nazi espionage agent, he gained nationwide publicity when he arrived in Boston June 19 aboard the SS Wakefield, and returned to this country a "casualty."

Truman Believed Trying for Russian Aid Against Japan

POTSDAM, July 21.—(AP)—The Big Three held their fifth meeting today, the American delegation announced, and "much serious business has been done."

Both President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill were understood, however, to be anxious to speed up deliberations.

President Truman may possibly be insisting that bargaining on conference proposals be predicated upon Russian participation, at least to some extent, in the war against Japan. It is regarded as obvious that he is presenting the American position as stemming irrevocably from the premise of saving American lives.

The negotiations here still are clouded by official secrecy, and it is difficult to determine the extent of agreement reached thus far.

In London, diplomatic observers said that from the Potsdam meeting may emerge a United States foreign policy free from favoritism, yet friendly toward all nations of good will. Smaller nations' representatives were said to be counting heavily on the hope that President Truman would translate such a policy into a role for the United States as impartial arbiter in Europe's problems.

The best information emanating from the conference area is that the genial president is making a hit with both Stalin and Churchill because of his informality and his aversion to pretense and flattering phraseology.

Girl Larcenist, 19, Given Jail Term of Thirty Days

A sentence of 30 days in the county jail was imposed by Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright at Reedsport Thursday on Glenda Lenora Robertson, 19, charged with petty larceny. The young woman was reported to have stolen a small sum of money together with several ration books while on a party at Sawyer Rapids, Judge Wright reported.

Presbyterians Oppose U. S. Envoy at Vatican

PORTLAND, July 21.—(AP)—The Presbyterian synod of Oregon was on record today as objecting to the United States' sending a representative to the Vatican.

Calling the practice "a violation of our national principle of separation of church and state," the group sent a petition to the president and to Oregon congressmen.

Bull Goes Veterinarian While Undergoing Test

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U. S. Control Of War-Won Islands Urged

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—President Truman's statement that the United States is not seeking "one piece of territory" prompted congressional demands today that this country retain complete control of strategic Pacific islands.

Senator George, foreign relations committee, told a reporter he thinks there are areas taken from the Japanese at a high cost in lives where United States control should not be hampered even with the technical restraints of a proposed international trusteeship system.

George's declaration was echoed in part by some other senators. All expressed the opinion that Mr. Truman was not talking about the Pacific when he said at a flag raising in Berlin: "There is not one piece of territory or one thing of a monetary nature that we want out of this war."

Dissecting Expressed

Nobody argued with the president's further contention that the United States is not fighting for conquest, although Senator Ellender said he thought Mr. Truman was being "too liberal."

"I think we must retain the islands we have conquered in the Pacific, as well as some bases we have built in other parts of the world," Ellender said. "Moreover, I think that some of our allies should agree to make available to us some of the natural resources we have dissipated in the war, such as oil."

Senator Austin said he didn't think the "cut across the bow" of army and navy policy which calls for retention of Pacific areas this country needs for future defense purposes.

Exceptions Recognized

Austin and George agreed that some of the non-strategic islands the Japanese held under mandate from the last war well may go under the trusteeship system proposed as a part of the United Nations peace-keeping organization.

Under this system the United States could specify in an agreement with the proposed trusteeship council the terms under

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Three Aides Held in Hospital Deaths

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Three hospital attendants are in custody today awaiting grand jury action in the death of a sailor mental patient at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

A coroner's jury ordered the attendants brought over to the grand jury yesterday after hearing testimony they struck and kicked the sailor, seaman 2-C Clark J. Leeper, 22, formerly of Phoenix, Ariz. Leeper died Wednesday of a ruptured liver.

Three attendants held under \$1,500 bonds are Fred A. Brown, 40; Lloyd E. Lacey, 50; and Samuel H. Seigel, 38.

Meanwhile, an investigation continued into the death of a second patient, Howard J. Cian-dali, 21, of San Diego, Calif., A discharged sailor.

Dr. Winfred Overholser, hospital superintendent, said cranial died from peritonitis after a stomach injury received in a struggle June 30 when he escaped temporarily from the government-operated hospital.

Attorney Ends Illness By Five-Story Plunge

SEATTLE, July 21.—(AP)—A man identified as Atty. Aubrey Levv, about 55, plunged to his death today from a fifth floor room of a downtown hotel, coroner C. L. Harris reported. A note left by his physician read: "anything that happened is due to my innocent extreme carelessness. No one else is at fault."

He had been ill and under a nurse's care and asked her to leave the room momentarily, a police patrolman said.

His brother left yesterday for Alaska.

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FILLS DIES POST—Rep. John S. Wood, above, democrat, of Georgia, is the new chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, made famous by Rep. Martin Dies.

Geo. Crenshaw Dies After Heart Attack, Fall into Mill Pond

George Crenshaw, 64, slip feeder at the Young's Bay Lumber company mill, died suddenly Friday afternoon while engaged at his work. Death was reported to have resulted from a heart attack and drowning.

Apparently overcome by a heart attack, Crenshaw fell from the slip dock into the mill pond. Coy Short, resting nearby during his lunch period, heard the splash and pulled Crenshaw from the pond, while the mills first aid crew, hurriedly summoned, immediately began artificial respiration, being aided by the Roseburg fire department's inhalator. Resuscitation efforts were continued until a physician reported further efforts to be useless.

Mr. Crenshaw was born Dec. 25, 1880, in Springfield, Mo., and had made his home in Roseburg for 26 years.

Surviving are his wife, Florence Belle Crenshaw; three sons, Richard S., a prisoner of war, taken at Wake Island and held at Shanghai, China; Staff Sgt. Dale Crenshaw, Lowerfield, Denver, Colo.; and George E., Jr., Roseburg, and a daughter, Rita Crenshaw, Roseburg. He also leaves three brothers, Claude and Ernest Crenshaw, Ozark, Mo., and Albert Crenshaw, Texas.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral home at 10 A. M. Tuesday, conducted by Rev. J. B. Needham. Interment will follow in the L. O. O. F. cemetery.

Gasoline Coupon Theft Confessed by Youths

PORTLAND, July 21.—(AP)—One of four youths charged with illegal possession of gasoline coupons, 17-year-old Andy Joe Adams of Eugene, was free today after his acquittal in federal court.

His attorney had contended Adams carried the coupons from Salem to Oregon City only as a favor to his friend, Douglas Gene Hardy, 16, Salem. Adamsie pleaded innocent, but Hardy changed his plea yesterday to guilty.

Guilty pleas also were entered by John H. Cook, 20, Salem, accused of stealing the coupons from his mother, proprietress of a bus company, and Samuel Clironovich, Jr., Oregon City.

Governor Spurs Drive on Portland Slot Machines

PORTLAND, July 21.—(AP)—City police today launched a drive to arrest out slot machines here under the impetus of a warning from Governor Snell that the state may take over unless local authorities get results.

District Attorney Thomas B. Handley and Sheriff Martin T. Pratt had urged the immediate arrest of every person operating a slot machine.

Feeder Air Line Service for Roseburg Recommended by CAB Examiners in Report

Roseburg is recommended for feeder air line service by the Southwest Airways in a report filed by examiners for the Civil Aeronautics board at Washington. The recommendation was made following prolonged study and hearings to determine the most feasible and efficient method of inaugurating commercial freight and passenger service.

The Southwest Airways is recommended by the examiners to set up a service to include Oregon City, McMinnville, Salem, Dallas, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and Klamath Falls as a part of the Portland-San Francisco operation. It also would provide pickup service at Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Newberg, Woodburn, Silverton, Independence, Junction City and Reedsport. On its

Portland-Seaside operation, Southwest would touch at Astoria, with pickup service at St. Helens.

Other Plans Listed

United Airlines would be allowed to serve Bend as an intermediate stop between Portland and San Francisco, and The Dalles on the Pendleton-Portland run. It also would receive a permanent certificate to fly non-

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House Session Ended After Notable Work

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—With a lot of work behind it and some tough jobs ahead, the house cleared up legislative odds and ends today in a rush to start its longest vacation since 1938.

At the end of today's session, house members—the few still in Washington—will begin an 11-week holiday that will last until October 8 unless an emergency arises to recall them sooner.

They will leave Capitol Hill to a faithful handful of the job of completing legislative action on the Bretton Woods monetary program and a corporation tax relief measure. Both skimmed through the house yesterday in record time.

An estimated 100 house members will spend their vacation traveling abroad on investigations. Some already have departed for foreign shores; others are waiting for boats.

Besides appropriating some

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Paper Salvage in Douglas Started

The Douglas County Shrine club today started its weekend waste paper collection as a benefit for the Oregon Shriners' hospital for crippled children. Efforts were in progress this afternoon from receiving depots from Drain to Glendale.

A door-to-door canvas will be made in Roseburg Sunday. As work will start at 9 A. M., all Roseburg householders are urged to have their paper bundles, securely tied, on curbsides by the appointed hour.

Volunteer workers are needed to assist with the task of picking up paper and loading cars. Men and older boys willing to give a few hours of volunteer help are asked to be at the city hall before 9 A. M.

Another Minesweeper Lost to Japs off Borneo

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—The motor mine sweeper YMS-84 has been lost in the Borneo area from enemy action, the navy announced today.

Casualties included ten enlisted men wounded out of the vessel's normal complement of 35 officers and men.

The loss raised to 325 the total naval vessels lost from all causes since the start of the war.

The vessel was under command of Lt. James V. Barton, whose wife, Mrs. Alice Barton, lives at Detroit, Mich.

Truman Takes to Huddle Jap Surrender Terms

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—The Army and Navy Journal said today that President Truman carried to the Big Three conference a draft of Japanese surrender terms as favored by the state, war and navy departments.

These terms, the unofficial service publication said, call for the total loss to Japan of what remains of her fleet and air forces, as well as for other military disarmament; the loss of territory outside the home islands; the destruction of her war industries; the complete control of her economy by the United Nations and the surrender of designated war criminals.

The Journal said that interest in the Potsdam conference revolves around the question of whether Emperor Hirohito will be declared a war criminal and punished accordingly.

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Florida-Voted Anti-Closed Shop Snagged

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Decision was awaited today on a union request for a closed shop in Florida, after two WLB decisions unholding maintenance of union membership clauses despite Florida's anti-closed amendment.

The War Labor board confirmed today it had denied a second petition of intervention by J. Tom Watson, Florida attorney general, and a company appeal from an Atlanta regional WLB decision ordering maintenance of membership in contract between the AFL carpenters union and three Tampa box manufacturers.

The board yesterday upheld its Atlanta regional board in ordering a voluntary maintenance of union membership clause in the contract between three AFL unions and the St. Joe Paper Co., of Port St. Joe, Fla.

Federal Govt. Superior.

It denied a petition of intervention by Watson. The board said Watson cited the Constitutional amendment adopted by the people of Florida last November asserting the right of persons to work shall not be denied because of membership or non-membership in a labor union.

Watson denied the question of superiority of federal law over the Florida constitution had been raised in the paper case. Informed of this, board officials said in upholding the Atlanta regional WLB the national board acted on 7/19.

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Three Grades of Lamb Ration-Free

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—The OPA today ordered three grades of lamb ration-free in western Oregon from next Monday through September 1.

Commercial, utility and cull grades are being made free, OPA explained, "to prevent the loss of meat which might result if the 'soft' lamb crop in the Willamette valley of Oregon were not slaughtered and consumed rapidly."

This was a victory for Senator Morse of Oregon. It relieved him of the self-assigned task of talking daily at 5 P. M. in the senate about removing such lamb from rationing. Morse had said he would continue until the OPA acted.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21.—(AP)—Meat Dealers here were jubilant today over the secretary of agriculture's ration-free lamb suggestion, but the district OPA head didn't like it.

"Oregon people have long enjoyed more meat than the rest of the nation has," said McDonnell Brown. "I do not think the points should be removed to give local people more meat than the rest of the country, and especially when the army needs the meat."

Livestock officials have claimed that the army can not take all lambs because of its high requirements, and because Oregon does not have enough federally-inspected plants to kill all the peak lamb supply.

Strikes in Nation Still Keep About 50,000 Idle

Strikes and walkouts, some new, others of long duration, kept the number of idle across the country around the 50,000 mark again today.

In the past 24 hours two strikes ended and a truce was called in the controversy which had tied up milk deliveries in Kansas City. But fresh disputes cropped up along the labor front, adding more than 10,000 to the list of idle.

Roseburg "Conchie" Denied Reclassification

DENVER, July 21.—(AP)—George Bierg, 24, Roseburg, Ore., who sought reclassification as a minister instead of a conscientious objector, under a writ of habeas corpus, was back in the Mancos, Colo. conscientious objectors' camp today.

Federal district court denied his plea for a 4-D status instead of 4-E.

Kelsey Area Fire Controlled: Help Sent North Fight

A crew of fire fighters was reported today to have brought under control a "sleeper" fire discovered Friday evening in the Kelsey valley area of the Diamond lake district on the Umpqua national forest, Ray B. Hampton, fire control officer, reported. The fire apparently was started by lightning storm a week ago remaining dormant until Friday when it broke into a blaze.

George Churchill, Diamond Lake district ranger, reported the fire probably would cover between two and three acres.

Responding to a plea for experienced men to aid in directing fire crews battling the Willamette Valley Lumber company blaze near Dallas, the Umpqua National forest today furnished three men to act as overseers, Hampton stated. Albert Hall, from the South Umpqua district, Gene Slocum, Myrtle Creek, and Earl Elliott, Bohemia, all experienced fire fighters, were dispatched to Dallas to join the force being used to battle the large blaze in that area.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Don't be too quick with criticism or sarcasm toward the overseas jaunt of 11 congressmen. Their announced purpose of "studying conditions" to guide them in future related legislation may merely be camouflage for the possible intention of locating the vaulted Japanese "secret weapon."