

Knotty Issues Await Return Of President

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—(AP)—President Truman, nearing home today with a satchel full of international agreements, will find the domestic pot boiling with problems.

First off Mr. Truman must complete his manuscript for the radio report to the nation he is expected to make within the next day or two on what happened when he sat down with Generalissimo Stalin, Prime Minister Attlee and former Prime Minister Churchill.

The Big Three Potsdam communiqué left unanswered such questions as the use to which German prisoners are to be put, how European relief will be handled and whether newsmen actually are going to be permitted to report on what happens inside Poland and the Balkan countries.

News Freedom Wanted
Senator Vandenberg called on the Big Three yesterday to guarantee news freedom privileges in those areas as a check on the freedom of elections there.

Whether Mr. Truman answers any of these queries, he apparently is going to have to say something about the size of the Army. Some legislators lately have been hearing down on the key that the Army is keeping too many men in uniform.

Capitol hill friends of the president expect him to stand squarely behind the high command if it maintains that it still must have 7,000,000 men in the Army next June 1. Significantly, Secretary of War Stimson said recently the maximum of discharging men now is being carried out.

Coal Problem Faced
Because most congressmen have gone home, Mr. Truman may not face any showdown with them until October. But he may have to tell the Army to release more transportation workers and coal miners.

Although now on vacation, Secretary of Interior Ickes is likely to be an early White House caller to discuss the coal problem. Defense Transportation Director Johnson, who has been "hollering" about the lack of railroad workers, also may have a few words for the president.

Still another White House visitor is likely to be Secretary of Labor Schwelb, with a suggestion for a national conference on postwar labor-industry relations. The CIO wants Secretary of Commerce Wallace cut in on any such get-together, first broached publicly by Vandenberg.

Bids Call on Paving of Alley to Be Re-Issued

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has released the field to the city for commercial purposes. Feit agrees to assume the city's obligation for maintenance of runways, fences and buildings, and was given authority to install additional buildings and equipment.

A request from the Coates Construction company, requesting a contract for fire protection, pending completion of the proposed rural fire protection district, was referred to the board of fire commissioners. The company is constructing 26 residences just south of Roseburg city limits and desires protection from city-owned fire fighting equipment.

An ordinance which would repeal old restrictions on speed of trains moving through the city to 15 miles an hour, raising the limitation to 25 miles per hour, was placed on first and second readings.

The beer license formerly held by Carl McCown was revised to include the names of Carl McCown and his brother, H. T. McCown, now associated with him in the business.

A. B. Collier, city auditor, presented his annual report and a monthly financial statement. The sum of \$6,882.51, received from the state of Oregon as the city's share in distribution of motor vehicle revenues, was ordered transferred from the general fund, upon the auditor's recommendation.

Metal Stop Signs To Go.
A delegation from the Roseburg Central Labor council requested removal of the metal stop signs used at street intersections, terming them "fire busters." The delegation was informed that the council already has made plans to replace the center-street markers with signs to be erected at curbsides and changes will be made as soon as the signs arrive.

At the request of James Newberry, evangelistic chairman, the Roseburg chapter of Glidons was granted permission to hold Saturday night religious services at the Oak and Jackson street intersection.

The council authorized sale of lots 4, 5, 6, 7 in block 41, Kinney's improved plat, to Morris Woodrum for \$550. The lots are located on East First Avenue North.

A compromise on a bill for sewage disposal services in the emergency trailer camp was reached with the Federal government, the city accepting \$243 for 18 months' service. A complaint was made that the proposed charge of \$1 per unit on the 60-unit public housing project to be located in West Roseburg was excessive, but the council contended the city could not handle disposal at less cost and declined to lower the charge.

Vacancies Hard To Fill.
Councilman G. C. Finlay, of the Health and Police committee and also a member of the board of fire commissioners, reported that it had been found impossible to fill vacancies in the police and

Three-Day Wait for Building Permits



Not to be caught napping—in a business way—are these building contractors who spent three days camping outside Los Angeles FHA office to make sure they'd get their share of building permits for 1100 homes recently allotted the city. Contractors Jack Senit, Bart Motley, Jack Tilley, B. P. Fairbanks and Walter Zastrow (left to right) catch up on some sleep as they wait for opening of the office.

'The Unfinished Portrait' on Display



This is the unfinished water color painting of the late President Roosevelt which the artist, Elizabeth Shoumatoff, above, was working on when the President died. Mrs. Shoumatoff, declaring the portrait the "property of the people," has authorized its display at a New York department store, but its permanent disposition has not been decided. She's shown at public unveiling with Frank Kingon, radio commentator and friend of Mr. Roosevelt.

Thriller at Star Tuesday thru Saturday



Franchot Tone, Merle Oberon and Thomas Mitchell are costarred in the startling, eerie film from the Saturday Evening Post serial, "Dark Waters."

fire departments at salaries now being paid. George Frew, street superintendent, reported he also has two vacancies in his department and has been unable to find replacements.

The council agreed to increase salaries of police, fire and street departments \$10 per month, or from \$160 to \$170, exclusive of the street superintendent and assistant superintendent, who were given increases when the

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Land Offer to Roseburg For Playground Studied

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cluded to force the river's current away from the city's land. Cost in either case would be approximately the same—about \$3,000—Croft said.

Park Option Favored
Some members of the council questioned the site as suitable for a children's playground, because of close proximity to the river and railroad tracks. It was held that the property is particularly desirable, however, for park purposes and the council indicated willingness to accept the gift providing the restrictions are made to apply to "park and/or playground" purposes. Utilization for playground can be obtained through adequate fencing when funds become available, it was stated.

An expression of appreciation for the offer by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis was voiced by the council, which referred the matter to the ways and means committee for further investigation and study.

Superforts Follow Up Atomic Bomb Assault

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pon's high command said. Some sources in Washington suggested the "details" would show the city of more than 300,000 persons was just about wiped out by the single bomb.

No Defense Against Bomb
The bomb, which may be packed by the new B-29, was described as 2,000 times as destructive as any other bomb and carrying an explosive power equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT. A pea sized amount of the atomic death can excavate a hole large enough to hold a house.

Unveiling of the atomic bomb perhaps explains why some commanders in the Pacific have hinted that the war against Japan might be won from the air. The Japanese have no defense against threatened atomic bomb attack, described by President Truman as "a rain of ruin from the air the like of which has never been seen."

Both sides exploited the propaganda value of war's newest and most devastating weapon. American planes showered Japan with pamphlets on the destructiveness of the projected invasion of the island of Japan. Tokyo said U. S. Japanese mainland drove the enemy to resort to such inhuman tactics.

Tokyo Area Again Raided
Typically, Mustang fighters guarding today's raiding B-29s found no enemy interceptors to fight. Superfort crews reported "excellent results" in their mid-day attack on the Toyokawa naval arsenal, one of the ten largest in Japan.

Of 600 bombing and mine-laying B-29s over Japan yesterday,

only one was shot down and its crew was rescued.

Tokyo reported 40 Mustangs from two Jima, accompanied for the first time by "several British planes," raided the Tokyo-Yokohama area today. Nearly 100 Mustangs ripped up the same area yesterday.

Four hundred bombers and fighters from Okinawa set the southern Japanese city of Yamaguchi afire Sunday in a two-hour attack with jellied gasoline.

County Forest Fires Boosted by Lightning

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and North Umpqua districts of the Umpqua National forest. Three fires were near logging operations west of Drain, according to a report from the Douglas Forest Protective association.

All fires were reported to be small at present, but one in particular is in a potentially dangerous area. This fire is on Elephant mountain, north of Diamond Lake, and the Copco crew surveying the proposed hydroelectric site at Toketee falls is aiding forest service crews. The blaze had been stopped this morning after covering about two acres and firemen had hopes of preventing further spread. The largest fire to date was on Dismal creek in the upper Coe Creek area, the blaze covering seven acres before it was brought under control.

One Paratrooper Hurt
Sixteen paratroopers were dropped on remote fires Monday afternoon. Six went into the area north of Diamond Lake and 10 jumped at the Lemon Butte fire on the headwaters of Steamboat creek. Radio reports from Lemon Butte today were that the blaze there had been stopped after covering about three acres. One paratrooper, whose name was not learned, was reported to have been injured and a physician was dispatched to the scene by plane. No details were available at forest service headquarters in Roseburg.

All logging operations have

been suspended in the South Umpqua district and woods crews have joined with forest service fire fighters in combatting blazes in that section, it was reported. The men of the Rock Creek woods crew, directed by Maurice Hallmark of Roseburg, has gone to the aid of fire fighters in the North Umpqua district, national forest headquarters reported.

In all 44 fires were reported burning in Douglas county today, all but six being manned and thought under control. Protective agencies were fearful of further storms tonight and all stations are alert to pick up possible new strikes and to discover outbreaks of "sleeper" fires, which ordinarily develop from lightning storms, often as much as two weeks later.

Zoning Plan Proposed For City of Roseburg

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around each residence to provide adequate separation of residences. The only existing residential district included in the No. 1 district is Laurelwood, but the new

addition planned by the extension of Kane street would be affected as would any new construction in the eastern part of town.

Residential district No. 2, which embraces all of the present residence area, would permit apartment houses, semi-commercial buildings, community stores, etc.

Would Widen Business Area

The business district would embrace the present business section of town and would be extended to include Stephens street. Residential construction in the business district would not be affected.

The industrial and warehouse district is proposed to follow the main line of the Southern Pacific company right of way and the spur tracks in North Roseburg.

The city attorney is instructed to prepare the legal description of boundaries and to set forth the various regulations proposed by the fire commissioners in the form of a proposed ordinance. When these legal steps have been taken, the commission proposes to advertise the zoning program in detail and will call for public hearings prior to final adoption.

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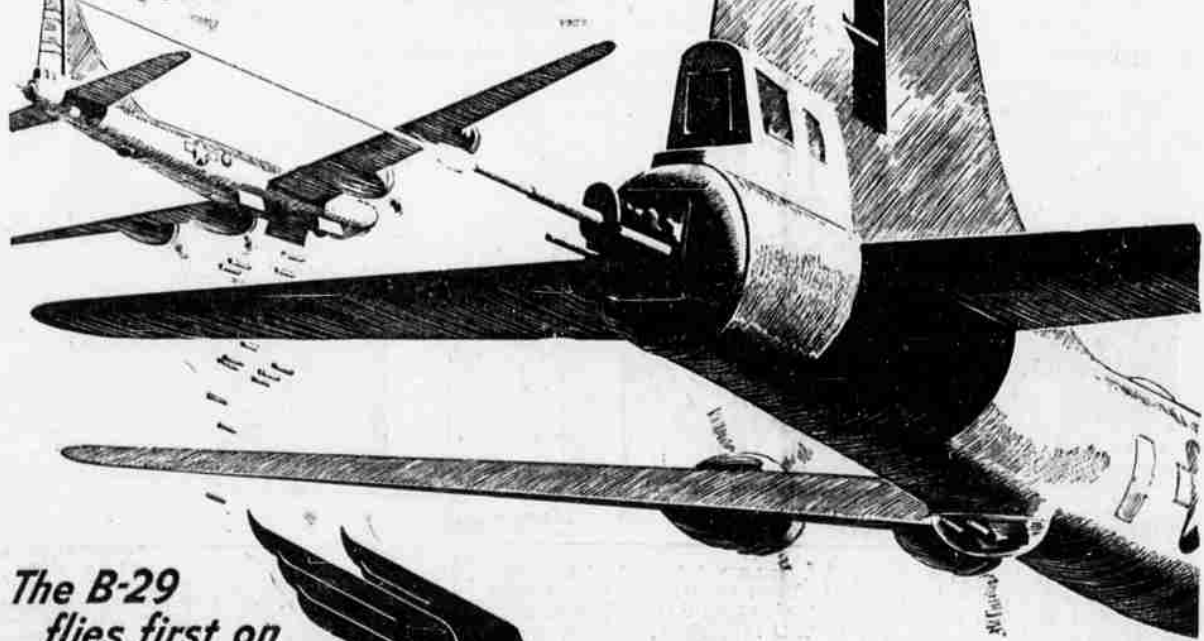
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