

PROFITS PROBE HITS ANOTHER LAWMAKER

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The Weather

Clear tonight; partly cloudy and cooler Sunday with occasional thunderstorms in afternoon.

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Compromise Bid Bans Price Control 30 Days

Temperature Soars to 102 In Roseburg

Immediate Areas Free Of Fires; Smith River Timber Blaze Checked

Maximum temperatures in Roseburg yesterday afternoon soared to 102 degrees between 4:30 and 5:30, the local weather bureau reported this morning.

While local citizens sweltered in the hottest weather reported here this summer, fire fighters battled a serious blaze in the Smith River basin near Reedsport, endangering one of the largest stands of virgin timber in the state.

No forest fires were reported in the Roseburg area. M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, said a small roadside fire near Tiller, some 300 feet long and 10 feet wide, was extinguished Thursday.

O. and C. Administration and Douglas Forest Protective Association officials here said there were no fires yesterday in their stands in this area.

Forest Fire Controlled
Concerning the fire in the Smith River basin, an Associated Press dispatch from Reedsport today said:

"One of Oregon's largest remaining stands of virgin timber was apparently safe today after a hundred men brought a forest fire under control.

"Trails were dug around the blaze last night after it ate through 6,000,000 board feet of felled trees and threatened to reach the green timber of the Oregon & California Revested Lands Administration.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

It looks as if peace has gone to pot in China.

A dispatch from Nanking says: "Rival Chinese government and communist armies are ON THE MARCH along the mighty Yangtze river today and clashes north of this vital artery of China pose a threat of full-scale civil war."

Both sides are accusing each other of aggression (in the language of diplomacy, "aggression" is what the other fellow does to you.)

WE can't believe much of anything we hear from China—where censorship screens out the bulk of the truth and permits only propaganda to filter through. But of this much we can be quite sure:

If the common run of people in China could have their way, there would be no civil war.

The trouble lies in the ambitions of RIVAL LEADERS

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Senate Conferees' Proposal On OPA Revival Bill Waits Reply From House Members

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(AP)—Senate agents proposed today an OPA revival bill compromise under which price controls would remain off major food items for 30 days but be restored then unless a three-man board found they were not needed.

This was disclosed by Senator Radcliffe, a member of a joint Senate-House committee attempting to draft a final version of the measure to restore the price controls. He said House members did not indicate immediately whether they would accept such a compromise.



URGE TO KILL—Frail Albert Jones, 14, high school boy of Oroville, Calif., confessed he strangled a 15-year-old Chico, Calif., girl and then set her afire, and later fatally shot an Oroville woman when she turned her back to get him some cookies. "I just wanted to kill somebody," Albert told police. He faces two charges of murder.

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Two-Day, Annual Rodeo Opened at Reedsport

REEDSPORT, July 20.—The Reedsport rodeo is under way here today with a second show scheduled for Sunday. Christensen Brothers stock will feature the contests with calf roping, bulldogging, bronc riding and trick riding on each bill. A wild horse race is a new attraction for this year's show.

The rodeo is being sponsored jointly by the Reedsport division of the Oregon Mounted Sheriff's Posse and the Coos Saddle Club.

President of Bolivia Misses Death in Riot

HUENOS AIRES, July 20.—(AP)—Rebellious students fired on Bolivian cabinet ministers, wounding one and narrowly missing President Villarroel, in a fresh disturbance at La Paz yesterday, said reports from Chile today.

Earlier reports said 100 persons were killed in an uprising Thursday which had for its aim the overthrow of Villarroel.

Federal Housing Projects in Douglas County Occupied to Capacity; Revenue \$30,208

All housing units in Douglas County's federal housing projects are filled to capacity with new applications for admission being limited only to World War II veterans. V. M. Orr, housing authority chairman, said in his second annual report released yesterday.

Total income in rent from the four projects in Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin and Scottsburg was \$77,876.24, Orr said. After the deduction of expenses, the F. H. P. A. netted a return of \$30,208.96.

Since war workers have been permitted to remain in occupancy of the units, a check now reveals that about 50 per cent of the tenants are former war workers and the remainder are veterans who have occurred.

Because of the stringent housing emergency, plans call for the maintenance of the project for several more years, with the possible exception of the Roseburg Trailer Park, Orr stated.

"We feel that this trailer park

If an agreement were reached on this basis, there would be no price ceiling on such major items as meat, poultry, eggs, dairy products, wheat and some other commodities for 30 days after the bill had become law.

At that time, however, all controls would automatically be restored unless a proposed recon- trol board found that prices had not increased too much and that supplies of the commodity in question were sufficient to meet demand.

This board would be named by the President and its members confirmed by the Senate. With both Senators Barkley and Taft supporting the proposal, Radcliffe said it apparently represented the nearest approach to a compromise that the Senate group has been able to agree upon. House members closed themselves immediately to study the suggested amendment.

Ground Lost, Porter Says
Meanwhile OPA Administrator Paul Porter said today that even if price controls were restored "perhaps some of the damage of the last three weeks can't be repaired."

Porter declared in a radio address that while OPA is "hard at work on plans to recover some of the ground that has been lost . . . even with the best of (price control) bills it isn't going to be

Marshall's Effort Fails, Chinese Armies on Move

SHANGHAI, July 20.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources privately agreed today that U. S. Gen. George A. Marshall's peace mission to China had failed.

Seemingly confirming the opinion, the nationalist government began moving more men toward the fighting fronts and the communists were reported reinforcing their positions.

It is predicted that if the U. S. envoy abandons the peace mission as a bad job, American forces in China will be speedily withdrawn.

Nationalist sources at Mukden reported unofficially today that seven United States Marines who were captured by an armed band near Chinwangtao a week ago had been released by "communists."

Chinese Ask M'Arthur To Disarm Jap Police

TOKYO, July 20.—(AP)—Chinese Nationals, counting two deaths in the struggle for commercial rights in Tokyo's flourishing Shimbashi market area, urged today that Gen. MacArthur be asked to disarm Japanese police.

The Japanese police countered with a declaration they were staking their lives to control black market operations.

The Nationals asked the Chinese mission to relay their request to MacArthur after four truckloads of Chinese were fired upon as they passed the Shibuya police station Friday night. Twenty-one Chinese and two Japanese policemen were wounded in the affray, which a mission spokesman blamed on uniformed Japanese and "Japanese rascals in green uniforms."

Russians Report Death of Long-Sought U. S. Traitor

BERLIN, July 20.—(AP)—The Russians informed U. S. Army headquarters today that Fred W. Kaltenbach, 51-year-old Iowan loner sought by the Americans as a traitor for broadcasting Nazi war propaganda from Germany, died last October in a Soviet detention camp.

Kaltenbach was one of eight Americans indicted June 26, 1943, by a district of Columbia grand jury on charges of treason for broadcasting Axis propaganda during the war.

A native of Dubuque, Iowa, he held a master of arts degree from the University of Chicago and a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Berlin. He specialized on affairs of Germany, where both his parents were born.



BRAVES CAMERAS—Audie Murphy, 22, of Farmersville, Tex., holder of 17 war decorations including the Congressional Medal of Honor, and termed "the most decorated GI," will face the perils of Hollywood next. He's slated for roles in two forthcoming films.

Conspiracy Charge Hits 28 in Detroit

LANSING, Mich., July 20.—(AP)—A bribery conspiracy to defeat banking legislation in Michigan in 1941 was charged today in grand jury warrants against 28 prominent Detroit industrialists and 19 present and former state legislators.

Circuit Judge Louis E. Coash, sitting as a one-man grand jury, signed warrants accusing 28 persons in all of a conspiracy to defeat a bill designed for regulation of chain banking. Four were named co-conspirators but not defendants.

Defendants include 19 past and present state senators and representatives and five private citizens, among them Charles B. Bohn of Detroit, chairman of the board of Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corporation, and Simon D. Den Uyl, secretary-treasurer of Bohn Aluminum.

Union County PUD Plan Assailed in Second Suit

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—Another suit seeking to have the Union county PUD purchase proposal declared illegal was on file in circuit court today, this one brought by Island City, Elgin, and five individuals.

The plaintiffs charged that the PUD and Union County Electric Cooperative had arranged to borrow \$300,000 from the government to force public power on the people without a vote.

The PUD plans to buy electric systems in La Grande, Cove, and Morgan Lake. A bond issue was approved by voters, but private individuals in a similar suit filed earlier contended the present purchase proposal is different from the voter-approved plan.

Oregon Nut Crop Uppeled; Douglas Increase Noted

PORTLAND, July 20.—(AP)—The autumn harvest of Oregon filbert and walnut growers will be a record yield, the U. S. Department of Agriculture predicted.

The walnut crop will produce 8,100,000 tons, compared to 6,800 last year, with largest gains evident in Lane and Douglas, but also apparent in Marion, Washington and Yamhill counties.

A filbert crop of 7,200 tons, compared to 4,500 last year, is estimated, with gains credited to increasing producing acreages.

Crash Kills Catholic Priest on Oregon Visit

ALBANY, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—A visiting Catholic priest died yesterday, and his brother lay in a hospital in serious condition as the result of their car being crowded off the Toledo-Newport road last Sunday.

The Rev. Francis Leo Dombrowsky, 50, Spearville, Kas., succumbed in a hospital here, recovery of his injured brother, Robert Dombrowsky, Newton, Kas., was doubtful.

Youth Drowns When Boat Capsizes in Rapids

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—A rowboat was swept down the Clackamas river rapids yesterday, carrying Harwood G. Bloedel, 11, Milwaukie, to his death.

Atom Energy Control Bill Passes House

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(AP)—The House passed a much-amended atomic energy control bill today, sending it to a Senate-House conference for adjustment of differences between the two chambers.

Passage followed almost five days of debate during which the Senate's control bill was changed by a long list of amendments.

Major House changes provided for military representation on the proposed five-member atomic energy control commission; for a military man at the head of the military application division; for authority for the armed forces to make atomic bombs under certain conditions, and for the death penalty for the most serious violations.

A short time before the House rejected a move to pigeon-hole the control bill until next year by a vote of 195 to 46.

Loyalty Check Provided

The House previously shouted into the legislation an amendment requiring an FBI loyalty check for all persons connected in any way with atomic energy development.

The amendment, proposed by Representative Dondero (R., Mich.), was approved by a thunderous voice vote.

Dondero's amendment would require the FBI to apply a loyalty check to "all persons associated in any capacity with the development and control" of atomic energy under the proposed five-member atomic energy control commission.

Rankin Voices Warning

Its adoption followed a declaration by Representative Rankin (T., Tenn.) that communists "are packed into every department of this government" and the committee on un-American activities "knows about it."

"They are packed into the War Department," Rankin said, and accused congress of not having

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Oregon Income Tax Take Establishes New High

SALEM, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—State income tax collections during the year ended June 30 were \$2,872,242, largest in history and \$650,000 more than during the preceding year, the State Tax Commission said.

The commission said the total collections would have been \$1,000,000 more if it had not been for the new law providing for simplified tax returns.

The reason for the big increase is that the discount, provided in the 1943 legislature's Walker tax rebate plan, was eliminated. Of the total receipts for the past fiscal year, \$14,486,633 was paid by individuals, and \$8,381,308 by corporations.

Fire Destroys Dairy With Loss of \$160,000

EUGENE, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—The modern processing plant and barn of the Cloverleaf Dairy was destroyed yesterday by fire, with loss estimated by owner V. H. Davis at \$160,000.

All but two calves and one cow of the 175-cow herd were saved. The blaze, which Davis attributed to defective wiring, was the second to destroy the dairy in 17 years.

Davis said the plant was fully insured and would be rebuilt now because of materials shortages. Several hundred tons of feed, a silo, milk shed, and machine shop were lost.

Future Atom Bombs May Be 1,000 Times Worse Than Ones That Hit Japan, Arnold Says

LOS ANGELES, July 20.—(AP)—Gen. H. H. Arnold, wartime chief of the Army Air Forces, says he believes any future blow against the United States "will come from across the Polar regions, not by way of the seas."

Predicting future atomic bombs "may well be 1,000 times as destructive as those exploded over Japan," Gen. Arnold, in a press conference yesterday, countered an inquiry as to whether the U. S. could know if any other nation were secretly building atomic bombs with this question:

"Who knows what's going on deep inside Russia?"

Later, in a speech before the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, he predicted "invasion of the stratosphere" by "true space ships . . . capable of one or more trips around the world."

"You and I know that this is not an idle fantasy," he told engineers attending institute sessions on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.



LEGION'S CHOICE—Jack Maris of Roseburg, above, was chosen state vice-commander of the American Legion at the convention held in Portland this week. A member of the Sutherlin-Oakland post, he served 19 months overseas with the Navy during the first World War.

Police Chief Kills Invader of Store

SWEET HOME, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—Reid Hall, 19, was shot and killed early today as he crouched in a dark corner of the Kenneth White Hardware store.

Deputy Coroner John Summers said that White, acting police chief, told him he emptied his pistol at a dimly seen figure after entering the store at 4 P. M. to investigate a noise.

The youth's body, with three bullet holes in the head, was found in the basement beneath a trap door over which he was bending when the shots were fired, Summers said.

Summers said naners on the body gave identification and indicated the youth was from Brigham City, Utah. He had been seen here for several days but was not known by police as having been employed.

His entry to the store was gained through a basement window, Summers said.

2 Tons of Zinc Pennies Doomed to Discard

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—(AP)—The U. S. mint has on its hands two tons of zinc pennies which came into use during the war and if no one has use for them they'll be dumped into San Francisco Bay.

Superintendent Neil Callaghan says local junk dealers are not interested in melting them down so a grave in the bay is about the only thing left. The mint is trying to get the pennies out of circulation.

Booth-Kelly Co. Offers To Buy 20-Mile Railroad

PORTLAND, July 20.—(AP)—George T. Gerlinger said yesterday the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, Eugene, has offered to buy the 20-mile long Oregon Pacific and Eastern Railway between Cottage Grove and Disston.

Acceptance by stockholders will probably be announced Monday, he said. The line was constructed in the 1890's during the Bohemia district mining boom and has since carried lumber for several miles.

Electric Jolt Kills L. Buell At Log Pond

Leonard Buell, 25, Lookingglass, died at Morey Hospital last night after four hours of artificial respiration had been administered for electric shock, reportedly caused by a short in the starting switch of the end of a long electric cable in one hand, and one of the chains securing his load in the other. The short- age occurred when he attempted to put the hoist in operation, and 440 volts passed through his body.

Buell, the driver of a log truck, was preparing to dump his load shortly before 4 o'clock. It is surmised that he had grasped the starting switch at the end of a long electric cable in one hand, and one of the chains securing his load in the other. The short- age occurred when he attempted to put the hoist in operation, and 440 volts passed through his body.

There were no witnesses to the accident. John Bratton, Sutherlin, another log truck driver, had just dumped his load before Buell moved in. Bratton had branded his logs in the pond and was rounding the front of Buell's truck, he said, when he saw Buell writhing on the ground clutching the switch against his chest.

Bratton said he jerked the cable and freed Buell from the switch. Another witness, who rounded the back of the truck as

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Two Wrecked Planes, Five Bodies Discovered

TACOMA, July 20.—(AP)—The body of Sidney Matz, New York business executive who disappeared on a flight to Seattle July 8, was found last night in the wreckage of his plane on a high peak in the Cascades mountains.

The searchers report said the plane evidently struck a tall tree and crashed, killing Matz outright.

The search for Matz led to the discovery of the wreckage of another plane—an army craft missing from Buckley field, Colo., since February of 1945—and brought death to John F. Mines in the crash of a searching aircraft.

The ground party reported the remains of four men, all badly burned, were in the wreckage of the army plane.

Easing of Oregon Flying Regulations Sought

PORTLAND, July 20.—(AP)—Regulations more lenient than those of the Civil Aeronautics administration were recommended by Oregon flight operators, today to the state board of aeronautics.

The operators, reporting that establishment of CAA rules would leave just 14 men in business in the state, proposed temporary waivers to enable operators to fulfill building requirements.

They recommended a year's postponement in requiring an initial \$10,000 plant, and elimination of a state examination on weather and navigation.

Other recommendations included allowing operators to maintain auxiliary fields for instruction, and requiring an 1,800 by 300 foot runway.

Savant Dies 86 Years Short of His Life Span Goal

MOSCOW, July 20.—(AP)—Dr. Alexander Bogomolov, Soviet scientist and politician who said that human beings normally should live to be 150 years old, died yesterday at Kiev. He was 64.

The Soviet Council of Ministers said that Bogomolov, who created a serum known as A. C. (anti-reticular cytotoxic) which he maintained would hold off old age by slowing up deterioration of connective tissues, succumbed of a "grave disease."

In an interview six weeks ago, Bogomolov said that some of his assistants had taken doses of his serum, but said nothing about having taken it himself.

Five Youths Get Jail Terms for Larceny

Five Long Beach, Calif., youths employed at the Eugene Plywood Company logging camp on Little River, were sentenced to 60 days each in the county jail on charges of petty larceny, Justice of the Peace Hartfield reported this morning.

The youths, three of them brothers, had allegedly taken a car radio, and wheels and tires from a trailer for use on their own automobile.

Their names were given as E. J. Logan, 19; James I. Logan, 17; Joe P. Logan, 21; C. R. Barnett, 21, and Eugene George, 18.

Rep. Coffee of Washington To Be Called

Explanation of \$2,500 'Campaign Contribution' From Contractor Sought

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(AP)—Senator Brewster (R.-Me.), a member of the Senate War Investigating Committee, said today that Rep. John M. Coffee (D.-Wash.) would be asked to "explain" a five-year-old \$2,500 "campaign contribution" from a Tacoma, Wash., war contractor.

Already, at Tacoma, Coffee had declared:

"I welcome an investigation on the entire matter."

Brewster said that the committee has already asked the Department of Justice for its files on an investigation which Coffee has said it made of the contribution.

Brewster bluntly called Coffee's definition of the \$2,500 as a campaign contribution a "belated alibi."

Brewster said of Coffee's willingness for an investigation: "He certainly will be welcome. The more quickly he appears, the better."

At Tacoma, Coffee said that the circumstances had been widely published in the state and that the Justice Department, after its investigation, found "no basis for action."

'Honorable' Aim Claimed
Also at Tacoma, Contractor Elvino Anderson told the Associated Press:

"There was no evil purpose in the payment of this money. . . . I was merely trying to achieve something that was highly honorable at the time—remove handicaps as it was urgent to get something done."

Anderson explained he had a big building project then under way at Fort Lewis, Wash., and "things were not moving fast enough."

The check went to Coffee's secretary at the time, Paul A. Olson. Coffee identified himself last night as the congressman involved in the investigation, saying he had not wished heretofore to "dignify this political canard with detailed refutation."

"I welcome an investigation of the entire matter," he said, describing the money as a campaign donation.

Letters Enter Record
Brewster's office made public transcripts of a photographic copy of letters to Anderson from Coffee and Olson. These appeared in the Tacoma, Wash., News Tribune on March 5, of this year. A copy of the newspaper had been filed with the Senate committee.

Disclosure of the inquiry into the five-year-old contribution came as the Senate awaited the reaction from Chairman A. J. May of the House Military Committee, to a summons to appear Tuesday to explain under oath his intervention on behalf of an Illinois munitions combine.

In the letter to Anderson, Coffee wrote that his secretary had shown him a "slip of paper," and added: "It is impossible to express adequately my deep feeling of gratitude for your helpful cooperation."

An earlier letter from Olson himself to "Dear Elvino" said that "I got a great kick out of helping you achieve what John and I both regard as the greatest department victory our office has had a part in."

It added that "you have no idea how gratified John is—and how much mental relief and worry has been lifted—by reason of the assurances you gave at the foot of the stairs over in the Capitol Building."

"If a few more people in the world would show the same sense of appreciation and understand-

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Motorcyclist Killed In Crash With Auto

NEWBERG, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—Robert LeStokes, 23, was killed early today as his motor cycle and a car driven by Everett Osterman collided near McMinnville.

Stokes was returning to his home here at the time.

He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Stokes, Newberg.

Four Persons Slain on Turkey's Election Eve

ISTANBUL, July 20.—(AP)—Four persons were reported shot to death today on the eve of Turkey's general election to determine the fate of President Inonu's government.

Tension mounted as Turkey prepared to vote in her first great experiment in democracy tomorrow. The military commander at Istanbul issued a directive warning he would tolerate no disorder of any nature.

Lovely Fact Rent

By L. F. Rosenblatt
Lots of Americans these days are more concerned about a piece of meat at home than with a peace meet abroad.