

Clue Offered To Identity of Found Human Bones

A possible clue to the identity of several old human bones found at the Jones Brothers Lumber Co. camp on North Myrtle Creek recently was given today by A. H. Kroegel, 710 E. 3rd Ave. N., Roseburg.

Kroegel, who appeared at the sheriff's office yesterday, said he believed he could identify the bones as those of "Doc" Mills, an old-time prospector, if the skull were included in the collection.

Mills had a peculiarly-shaped

head and an extremely long jaw, Kroegel said. He had known the prospector when both were in the Lake Chelan, Wash., country 40 years ago.

The bones were found Wednesday by M. H. Rowe, a bucker employed at the Jones Brothers Lumber Co., 17 miles up North Myrtle Creek. The bones he found included a thigh, hip and shin bones. A search of the area by police and loggers failed to reveal any other remains.

Partly petrified and covered with moss, the bones were given to the custody of the sheriff.

Recalls Gold Find

Kroegel last remembered Mills — if his memory serves correctly — about 15 years ago, when the prospector "sniped" \$800 worth of gold from the South Umpqua River, "the year that Metzger put in his dragnet."

Mills owned a cabin up Coarse Creek in the Olalla country. After he disappeared, presumably while hunting, his horse had been found dead, tethered to a tree, about two miles from his cabin.

The bones at the sheriff's office, however, seemed almost "too old" to be those of Mills. Kroegel also was at a loss to understand how the bones could have been found on North Myrtle Creek if the prospector was lost in the Olalla country, where he located his cabin.

"He could however have pulled up stakes and moved. He could have put up a new cabin in a couple of days," Kroegel observed. E. R. Metzger of the Roseburg Sand and Gravel Co. today said he did not recall anyone "sniping" gold from the river in 1932, when he put in a dragnet below the Soldiers Home. He remembers some "sniping" in 1934, when he put another dragnet in the river near Milo.

Kroegel also remembered an earlier date — in the '20s — when the old prospector could have disappeared. Mills was approximately 75 years of age when last

Labor Regime of Britain Battling Rising Discontent

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Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's feverish charge that President Truman spoiled England's negotiations over the Palestine issue last autumn is highly illuminating — not as regards the Holy Land, to be sure, but as indicating the British government's anxiety regarding its own political future.

Bluntness is one of Bevin's characteristics, but this time he out-blunted himself. His rebuke to the President was, to put it mildly, a most unusual development between allies. Moreover it didn't add much to our fund of information, for London long ago made it plain in more diplomatic fashion that England wasn't pleased with Mr. Truman's call for the admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine.

Why then did Mr. Bevin raise the matter in this combative form on the open floor of the House of Commons several months after the event? The answer as I see it, isn't hard to find, and it is this:

Regime Fights For Life

Prime Minister Attlee's government — trying to turn a new furrow with England's first Socialist plow — finds itself in serious difficulties. The country's economic position is grave, as the government itself has disclosed to the world within the week. The people are enduring an austerity of life exceeding that of wartime. The granting of independence to India and Burma is like an atomic bomb on the empire. There are many other ills, of which the

Palestine situation is one.

Naturally Prime Minister Attlee's opposition, headed by the politically shrewd Winston Churchill, has been blistering the government with charges of bungling. Even as Mr. Bevin was addressing Commons, the conservative House of Lords was raising hob with the decision to withdraw from India by June, 1948. And of course the opposition has ridden the Socialists hard over the handling of the Palestine issue.

But that's not the whole story. Discontent has been showing itself among the general public which gave the Socialists their majority in the election of 1945. These voters, by the way, included many conservatives who decided to give Socialism a chance to show what it could do. Now the austere life, and the unhappy economic position, have got them down.

So we find the Attlee government fighting with back to the wall for its life. Foreign Secretary Bevin's outburst was part and parcel of that fight — an effort to appease a relentless opposition.

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