

Dutch Seize Sumatra Coal, Oil Roseburg News-Review

Long-Closed Ports Reopen To World Trade

Shell, Standard Holdings Being Merged; Natives Still Applying Torch

BATAVIA, Java, July 28.—(AP)—Dutch military headquarters announced today sweeping new successes in Eastern Sumatra, reporting the capture virtually intact of vital coal and oil regions more than 100 miles from the jumping off point of Dutch troops at Palembang.

The advances were announced as the Netherlands Navy ordered the Java ports of Cheribon, Probolinggo and Banjoevangi opened immediately to normal trade in an effort to get great stores of captured raw materials moving to world markets.

In two separate communiques, the Dutch announced that they had captured the rich Sumatra oilfield town of Batoeradjia, 80 miles southwest of Palembang, and the important Boekit Assam coal mines, 20 miles further to the southwest.

Oil Holdings Merged
Batoeradjia was seized intact without resistance, the announcement said, and asserted that the occupation of the Shell and Standard Vacuum Oil holdings there was being consolidated. The attitude of the remaining oilfield personnel "seems favorable," the bulletin added.

The Dutch said they had captured large quantities of arms in the South Sumatra operations, but said the retreating Indonesians had burned several villages to the ground on the road to Sekajoe, some 62 miles northwest of Palembang.

Midway on the southwest coast of Sumatra, near Padang, a small Dutch amphibious force was reported to have captured a Republican battery on Bankoed Bay which had been harassing Dutch shipping.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE is a deeply humiliating note in the news as this is written.

Ex-Congressman Andrew J. May is being indicted by a jury in a federal court in Washington of accepting a bribe (\$53,634.07) for using his influence as wartime chairman of the house military affairs committee to get contracts for an outfit of munitions makers.

He and the bribe givers (the Garsson brothers) are given indeterminate sentences of from eight months to two years in prison.

THAT is outright corruption, for money.

It was corruption, for money, that ate away the structure of government in Rome. As government in Rome rotted away, the Roman empire began to totter. When it fell, civilization fell with it and the world of that day went into the gloomy and awful period that we know as the Dark Ages.

MAY and the Garssons protest that they did nothing dishonest. Their story is that they

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Palomar Mountain Fire Blamed on Incendiary

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 28.—(AP)—Bulldozers were closing the last mile of control gap today around the fourth major brush fire in a week in the vicinity of Palomar mountain and its big astronomical observatory. U. S. Forest Service officials said the fires were of incendiary origin.

An air survey showed the flames, expected to be under control within 30 hours, had blackened 2,000 acres in the Cuca Valley area, 400 acres of which were in the Cleveland National Forest. Nearly 1,000 men were in the federal and state crews fighting the fire.



Photo by Paul Jenkins

NEXT TIME TRY THE TRAIN—Pictured above is a section crew engaged in the work of laying new rails for tracks in the Southern Pacific yards in Roseburg. The main line, from Mosher St. to Oak St., as well as switch tracks are being replaced. This section crew includes 32 men and a bull cook, recruited in Los Angeles and Portland. They are working under direction of C. C. Byrd, Roseburg, yard foreman. The new rails will give a smoother ride into Roseburg.

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City Budget up To Voters 2nd Time Tuesday

Exceeding Tax Limitation By \$42,818 Proposal to be Decided by Electorate

Roseburg citizens will vote on the second special budget election tomorrow, on the question of exceeding the constitutional 6 percent tax limitation by \$42,818.47.

Polls in the four city wards will be open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. The polling places, announced by City Recorder A. J. Geddes, follow:

Ward No. 1, County Courthouse, first floor; Ward No. 2, Junior High School, first floor; Ward No. 3, Roseburg Hotel, corner W. Lane and Sheridan Sts.; Ward No. 4, City Hall, first floor.

Voters will answer with a "yes" or a "no" the question: "Shall a special tax levy in the sum of \$42,818.47 over and above the constitutional limitation be made by the City of Roseburg, Oregon, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, made necessary on account of necessary increases in salaries, the change in the form of government to a city manager system, additional expense in employees and operating expenses made necessary by the increase of costs and the growth of the city."

Tomorrow's election was originally scheduled for July 8. Due to discovery of a technical error in estimates of income for the office of city manager, in the published notice of the budget hearing, the outlay was revised and a new date for the election set.

Need Not Be Taxpayers
Voters in tomorrow's election need not be taxpayers, as was the case in the school election. Residence in the state six months, in the city 30 days, and ward 10 days will qualify citizens for participation.

Judges and clerks for the election were named by Geddes in a

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All-Out Vote on City Budget Urged

Every eligible Roseburg voter was urged to go to the polls in tomorrow's election, in the following statement issued today by Mayor Albert G. Flegel:

"On Tuesday, July 29, the voters of Roseburg are being asked to go to their polling places and indicate their desires concerning the money to be spent by their council during this fiscal year. Approval of the budget figures, as published in the Roseburg News-Review Saturday, July 12, is requested by your city council.

"The original budget presented to the voters and rejected by them, has been revamped and cut down substantially. It now compares favorably to the budget of the year just past, in spite of the rapid rise in the cost of administration.

"As your mayor, may I take this opportunity to urge each and every eligible voter to go to the polls and indicate by balloting your desires concerning Roseburg's future."

Wallace Faction Loses Move to Ban Truman O.K.

LOS ANGELES, July 28.—(AP)—Members of the California State Democratic Central Committee, meeting in a long weekend session, adopted resolutions praising President Truman for his domestic policies and brushed aside attempts of a small Henry A. Wallace faction to block commendation of the President's foreign policies.

The meeting, presided over by James Roosevelt, committee chairman, adopted resolutions approving Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley labor and the Republican tax reduction bills.



Photo by Paul Jenkins

Congress, President Agree on Foreign Affairs but Split on Major Domestic Problems

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—Sign posts pointing toward teamwork with the White House on world affairs, slugging matches on domestic problems and hot 1948 election issues stand out along the rough road the 80th Congress traveled to its own half-way mark.

The first session crashed to a close in Sunday's early hours. Adjournment until January—unless President Truman or Republican leaders call an emergency session sooner—shot off a raucous, roaring political scrap in the Senate and a back-slapping, rollicking song fest in the House.

'Potatoes' Grow In Garden Valley; Ted Post Has 'Em

The farmer in Indiana who was reported last week to have raised "potatoes"—tomatoes growing on a potato vine—has nothing on Ted Post of Garden Valley, who brought a similar phenomenon to the News-Review office this morning.

Post's tomato plants are growing four feet north of his potatoes, and he believes the prevailing winds from the north have aided pollination of his potato blossoms by his tomatoes.

The plant he brought to the News-Review has the original potato cut from which the foliage and roots grew, five new potatoes, and a little green tomato hanging loosely from its stem.

Like potato blossoms, Post believes that none of his "potatoes" will grow to maturity and become edible. The "potatoes" he has observed are approximately half-an-inch in diameter. They drop off with ease.

U. S. Employee, Filipino Bride Forced to Separate

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 28.—(AP)—With Cupid's arrow undeniably snarled in government regulation, Raymond Schwartz, a U. S. government employee from Enumclaw, Wash., bid farewell to his Filipino bride, Sally, yesterday, each to go separate ways.

Married in Manila last year, the young couple sought recently to come to the United States. Penniless, they stowed away aboard the S. S. Lake Cowichan in Manila. Ten days of starvation and stifling heat in the hold of the vessel, however, forced them to reveal themselves to the captain.

Immigration officials here ruled after a week's detention that Raymond would be permitted to proceed to his home, but Sally must return to the Philippines. Sometime this week, Sally is to return to Manila alone either to forget or to await legal entry at some distant date under quota allotments.

Lightning-Struck Man Suffers 3 Broken Toes

LANCASTER, O., July 28.—(AP)—Roy Huffman, 54, was alive today, able to describe what it felt like to be struck by lightning.

Treated for his injuries at a hospital here, Huffman said he was standing at the door of his cottage on Buckeye Lake, 16 miles northwest of Lancaster, when a bolt struck the front porch last Sunday.

"A green flame enveloped me," he said. "It felt as if thousands of red hot needles—and I really mean hot—were sticking me."

The lightning ripped the shoes on his feet to shreds, singed his legs and tore his trousers.

X-rays disclosed his worst injuries were three broken toes.

Dance Pavilion Struck By Lightning; 2 Injured

CINCINNATI, July 28.—(AP)—An American Legion post outing almost ended in tragedy last night for some 200 persons when lightning struck a tree and sent it crashing through the roof and floor of a crowded dance pavilion.

Only six persons, all Cincinnatians, were injured.

Physicians at Good Samaritan Hospital said nine-year-old Robert Donatillo, who received a fracture of the right leg when he was pinned under falling timber, and his mother, Mrs. Rose Donatillo, 34, rib fractures and cuts on the face and head, were admitted.

Avalanche Takes Life of American Climber

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 28.—(AP)—Mount Waddington, highest peak in British Columbia, has claimed one life in a party of nine United States mountain climbers. It was learned today.

Charles Shiverick of Cleveland, O., died July 22 of punctured lungs when an ice avalanche caught him and three companions on the Schmitz Glacier, about 150 miles northwest of Vancouver.

His companions, slightly injured, buried his body in a gorge and struggled three miles back to their base camp.

The Weather

Showers tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday.

Showdown on Balkans Plan Due This Week

LAKE SUCCESS, July 28.—(AP)—A consensus of delegates indicates that a far-reaching decision may come tomorrow on the Balkan problem, and with it a test of the United Nations' powers for effective action in the peaceful settlement of disputes.

As the U. N. Security Council prepared to convene today, delegates said they anticipated a vote tomorrow, or not later than Thursday, on an American proposal to set up an international "watch-dog" commission over the Balkans.

The vote on the plan will climax a week-long fight between Russia and the United States over the Balkan problem, which was brought to the council by Greece and resulted initially in an inquiry into Balkan border incidents.

Russia Shows Hand
When a U. N. inquiry group found Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania primarily responsible for supporting guerrilla warfare in Greece, the United States demanded that the council establish a semi-permanent investigation commission on the Balkan borders.

Russia, along with her three satellites, immediately opposed the U. S. plan and said she could not accept it, thus giving rise

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Gunman Nabbed by Taxi Driver's Tip

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—A gunman who police said told of walking the streets for three nights and drinking to nerve himself to rob money for a return to Michigan was held today under \$8,500 bail.

An alert taxi driver tipped off police after two sisters were robbed and wounded in a scuffle with a gunman Saturday night.

Augusta Amato, 24, and Mary Rose Amato, 33, were parked downtown when a man forced his way into their car and, after ordering them at gunpoint to drive him about town, took their money. Near a service station, the younger sister grabbed for the gun. It went off, inflicting minor flesh wounds on both sisters. The man fled.

A little later a gunman answering the same description robbed ST from a cab driver, Clifford E. Wright. The taxi dispatcher warned all cabbies.

Toward midnight Cabbie James Pearce picked up a suspicious fare who asked for a non-existent address. Pretending his telephone stand was ringing, Pearce climbed out, phoned police. They arrested the man.

Detective Roger Sinnott identified the man as Jay Harmon Gough, 30, and booked him on counts of assault and robbery. The detective said Gough admitted carrying out the robberies to finance his way back to Michigan where he had served a prison term.

Record Prices Paid for Sheep in Yoncalla Area

YONCALLA, D. C. Wilson, buyer for James E. Lewis, reports that from July 7 to July 21, inclusive, 3,396 head of fat and medium sheep were shipped from Yoncalla, which netted the farmers at this shipping point \$44,322.10. An all-time high in prices has been paid. Two other buyers also have shipped lambs from Yoncalla this year, according to George Edes, who weighs all cattle shipped from this point.

Wage Increase Granted Grocery Office Workers

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—AFL office workers in seven wholesale grocery firms here have voted to accept a new contract providing for a pay increase of 10 cents an hour, retroactive to April 1, and a 15 cents an hour increase after August 1.

Sugar Rationing's Last Phase Ended, Price Controls Remain

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department announced the end of sugar rationing at 11 A. M. (Eastern Standard Time) today because of a lack of funds to finance the program.

The action ends rationing to industrial and institutional users. Rationing to households was ended two months ago.

However, price controls are being kept. And controls on the amount of supplies which industrial users may have on hand were instituted.

The department said all orders suspending sugar rationing to alleged violators of rationing rules are revoked. Likewise, all suspension order proceedings now pending were ordered ended.

Persons under subpoena or notice to appear in such proceedings are now released from making their appearance.

Briefly, the new inventory controls, restricting the amount of

Jo Ann Amorde, Roseburg Entry, Wins 'Miss Oregon' Crown at Beauty Contest



Jo Ann Amorde, "Miss Roseburg," blonde Sutherlin school teacher, will represent Oregon in the National Beauty and Talent Contest in Atlantic City, N. J. She was awarded the coveted state title Sunday at Seaside, Ore., following a contest in which 17 Oregon beauties participated. (Photo by Paul Jenkins.)

Piqued Man Tries Family Wipe-Out

MAPLEWOOD, N. J., July 28.—(AP)—Police posted a guard today at the hospital bed of a 76-year-old retired jeweler who, they said, told them he had attempted to wipe out his entire family because a new apartment development was "fencing in" the 22-story frame dwelling he had spent 30 years in beautifying.

Police Capt. Howard Dowd said that the man, Frederick F. Dieter, had signed a statement saying he had shot and killed his son and seriously wounded his wife, daughter-in-law and dog, because he was certain his family's privacy and comfort were now at an end and that therefore he "didn't want to leave behind anybody I loved."

Dieter himself suffered bullet wounds in the head and right hand, the first being the result of what police said was a suicide attempt and the second the climax of a 20-minute Sunday morning gun duel in which his weapon was shot from his grip. Capt. Dowd said he came out then from the cellar of his home shouting, "don't hurt me, I'm an old man."

Dowd said the son, Frederick, Jr., 50, was found dead in his bed with a bullet through the head. The son's wife, Mary, 47, was also in bed, bleeding from a bullet wound in the neck. The wife of the elder Dieter, Lena, 66, was found slumped over a windowsill where she had been screaming for help after being struck by two bullets.

Gold Rush Period Hotel Destroyed by Flames

DOWNIEVILLE, Calif., July 28.—(AP)—The St. Charles Hotel, gold rush landmark in which the barber shops still served as a part time court room, was destroyed by fire early today.

Eight guests escaped unharmed from the two-story wooden structure, built in 1863.

The barber shop was owned by Justice of the Peace C. W. Robbins, who held court in the rear of the shop.

Zone Agent Named

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—Robert B. Bradford, veteran member of the War Assets Administration, was named yesterday to the post of administrator of zone six.

The zone, with headquarters in San Francisco, embraces California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Montana and Arizona.

Civic Reception Set in Roseburg For 'Miss Oregon'

The keys to the city will be presented to Jo Ann Amorde tomorrow when she returns here from Seaside as "Miss Oregon," according to Jerry Gilbo, Lions Club representative who accompanied the fair beauty tillic to Seaside last week.

The keys will be presented to her by Mayor Albert G. Flegel during the broadcast of the civic reception to be staged on N. Jackson St., near the Umpqua Hotel. The broadcast will be part of the "Man on the Street" program.

It is expected that "Miss Oregon" will return here by plane, landing at the Roseburg Airport about the late forenoon, Gilbo said. She and her parents will be brought into the city by a police motorcycle escort.

The Roseburg Elks Band will also take part in the welcome. In the event that weather conditions rule out her return by air, "Miss Oregon" will return by bus, and the police escort will meet her at the Greyhound Bus Depot.

"This is a very fine thing for the city and puts Roseburg on the map as more than an industrial center," Gilbo said.

It is expected that Jo Ann will receive a civic welcome from Sutherlin, when she returns with her parents to her home there, Gilbo said.

Mickey Rooneys Decide To End Estrangement

HOLLYWOOD, July 28.—(AP)—Mickey Rooney and his wife have decided to have another try at making their marriage work, her attorney, Leonard Wilson, announced.

The young film comic and his wife, the former Betty Jane Rase of Birmingham, Ala., separated about six months ago and she filed suit for separate maintenance.

They were married in 1944 and have two children, Mickey, Jr., 2, and Timothy, 6 months.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen
The weekend storm in the Umpqua Valley was just the thing needed to spur Congress into passing the flood control appropriation bill. The West's greatest recreational region certainly carries a long range punch when it comes to getting results.