

U.S. DEMANDS SOVIET CONSUL'S RECALL

Red Cross Field Director at Vets Hospital Named



Miss Lucile G. Hunter, above, has been appointed Red Cross field director at the Veterans Administration Hospital, effective as of Aug. 10, according to an official announcement from Raymond H. Barrows, vice-president and Pacific Area manager of the Red Cross.

Miss Hunter, who has served as assistant field director at the hospital since January of this year, succeeded Miss Elizabeth Nolting, who has been transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss Hunter joined the Red Cross in October 1940 after long experience as settlement worker at Kingsley House in New Orleans. She served as head recreation worker at the station hospital at Camp Livingston, La., and at Ft. Belvoir, Va. In 1945, she became director of the program and volunteers for United Seamen's Service in New Orleans, San Francisco and Houston, Tex., prior to coming to Roseburg as assistant field director in January last.

A native of Pulaski, Tenn., she attended Martin College in Pulaski and School of Recreation in Hull House, Chicago. She is a member of the American Association of Group Workers.

U. S. Production Methods Cause Strike in Britain
BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Sixteen thousand British automobile workers are on strike in a dispute over introduction of American mass production methods in the Longbridge plant of the Austin Motor Car Company.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are new moves in the battle of Berlin.

Marshal Sokolovsky offers 60,000 tons of coal to Germans living in the western (allied) part of the city. All they have to do to get it is to come over into the Russian zone and ASK FOR IT.

The 60,000 tons, he says, will be the first installment on their needs for fuel for the coming winter.

WHAT does it mean?

Well, if the Germans in our part of the besieged city go over into the Russian part and ask for coal to keep them warm, it will be an admission on their part that WE CAN'T SAVE THEM AND THE RUSSIAN CAN.

Moscow would love that. There would be joy in the Kremlin if it happened.

SEVERAL weeks ago the Russians tried the same dodge on food, proclaiming that they were ready to feed ALL BERLIN with grain imported from the Soviet Union. The food, they said, was ON THE RUSSIAN SIDE. All the

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The Weather

Cloudy to partly cloudy today and Saturday. Slightly warmer today.
Sunset today 8:08 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:25 a.m.

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Draft Job Start Ordered Non-Veterans, Single to Get First Notices

Deferments Provided in Truman Order; Initial Induction Next Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—President Truman today directed selective service boards today to start mailing classification questionnaires to single non-veteran draft registrants by Sept. 7.

The order was in a set of regulations laying down the detailed provisions for putting thousands of young men 19 through 25 into uniform under the new peacetime draft act.

Under the order, as provided by the act, deferments will be given to men with dependents, to almost all veterans, to men in necessary jobs, including farm work, conscientious objectors and some other classes of registrants. Generally, the classes are patterned after those used in the wartime draft setup.

Single non-veteran men will be the first to get their questionnaires, which the boards will use to determine whether a registrant should be called for induction or deferred.

The questionnaires, which must be returned in 10 days, will go

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Thieves Nabbed Before Market Learns of Robbery

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Two "fish-carrying" suspects were behind bars today, arrested in rapid-fire action by a patrolman who recovered \$1,204 in loot before owners of a south side supermarket knew they had been robbed.

Patrolman Martin Krohn noticed an automobile parked illegally yesterday, approached the car and spotted a large moneybag in the lap of one of two men in the auto.

"I just carry fish in it," the man told Krohn.

The dubious patrolman searched the car, however, found several hundred dollars in the bag, in a handkerchief and other the seats. Krohn arrested the pair—and then delivered the recovered \$1,204 to the startled owners.

500 Indo-Chinese Rebels Slain by French Forces

SAIGON, Indochina, Aug. 20.—(AP)—French planes, troops and naval forces resulted in an "important victory" for the French it was announced today.

A communiqué from the French high command said the Viet-Nam seventh army was routed.

French losses were reported as nine French soldiers and 39 pro-French Viet-Namians killed.

The Viet-Nam Radio, in a broadcast yesterday on the third anniversary of the proclamation of the Viet-Nam Republic, declared the "determination of the Viet-Nam people to chase the French colonialists and beneficiaries of Japanese fascism from their homeland remains unshaken."

County Sales in Security Loan Drive Exceed Quota

With sales amounting to \$129,813 more than quota, Douglas County will rank at or near the top of the list among Oregon counties in the Security Loan campaign which ended July 15, H. O. Pargeter, county bond sales chairman, said today. Total sales were \$519,813, including \$267,916 to individuals and \$251,897 to corporations and institutions. The county's quota was \$390,000.

North Umpqua River Fishing Better Than in Some Canada Waters, Loren Grey Reports

Loren Grey, son of the late Zane Grey, noted western novelist, and his wife stopped in Roseburg for a short time Thursday en route to California. They had just ended a week of camping and fishing on the North Umpqua near Steamboat.

Coming here after vacationing in Canada at Lake Louise near Calgary, on Vancouver Island and on Campbell River, Grey stated that he found fishing on the North Umpqua better than in the parts of Canada he had visited.

However, in commenting on fishing conditions here, he concurred with his late father's viewpoints on the benefits derived from prohibiting commercial fishing on the lower river, to permit a buildup of salmon, steelhead and trout in the upper river.

He stated he could not speak authoritatively on the subject, as he was not too familiar with the actual fishing conditions. He has visited the North Umpqua at intervals since a small child. His father had chosen the Umpqua over the Rogue in the late years of his life, and maintained a lease on a forest camp site at Williams Creek in 1935, '36 and '37.

Grey carries considerable photography equipment which he uses in filming various areas visited for commercial purposes. From Roseburg the Greys were on their way to their home at Altadena, Calif.



LOREN GREY
Fishing Luck Compared

Petitions Seek Formation Of Water District

Petitions for the formation of the Winston-Dillard Water District have been filed with the county clerk, and at a meeting held Monday night at the Dillard Schoolhouse, five water commissioners were nominated.

The nominees, for whom petitions were signed by at least 25 legal voters of the district, include Frank O. True and Marshall Haughn of Winston and C. C. Fosback, Paul B. Hult and Roy Gordon of Dillard.

The nominating petitions will be presented to the County Court and those named will appear on the ballot at the water district election. The election date will be fixed by the Court not later than 30 days nor later than 50 days after filing of the petition.

Additional petitions may be filed by anyone naming any qualified legal voter and resident of the district to be placed on the ballot as commissioner, and names may also be written in at the time of election.

Fire Destroys Packing Sheds, Cars at Turlock

TURLOCK, Calif., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Two blocks of produce packing sheds, 19 railroad freight cars and thousands of melons were consumed last night in this San Joaquin Valley town's most spectacular fire.

Damage was estimated at upwards of \$400,000. No one was seriously injured. One volunteer fireman was overcome by smoke.

Five packing sheds were destroyed. All were owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad and leased to packers.

Seven Die as Church Bus, Lumber Truck Collide

SAN AUGUSTINE, Tex., Aug. 20.—(AP)—A church bus and a heavy lumber truck sideswiped on a narrow-bridge 13 miles south of here last night, killing seven persons and injuring three.

Plans for YMCA Camp Discussed By Local Board

Dwight Welch, area YMCA representative, met with the local YMCA board of directors at a meeting Thursday night in the City Hall, with Dr. Morris Roach presiding. Welch presented information on plans and organization of YMCA camps.

Dr. Roach presented a sketch map of the proposed Y camp to be erected by Medford on a tract of ground recently secured at Diamond Lake. Representatives from Medford had contacted Dr. Roach, requesting that Roseburg be one of the communities to participate in this project.

The local board of directors went on record as favoring participation, pending further investigation as to cost.

Welch presented general personnel papers for the perusal of the group but no definite action was taken. However, the board expects to have preliminary matters completed very soon in order that action may be taken to bring a competent director to the community.

The next meeting has been called for Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 p. m. in the City Council chambers. All directors are asked to note this date and make plans to attend, as important matters are to be completed, it was announced.

Wreck Destroys Auto, Driver in Hospital

Two men were taken to Mercy Hospital, but one was released after treatment, following an accident in which their car left the highway north of Roseburg about 2:30 a. m. today. No other car was involved, reported State Patrolman Bruce Lattin.

Armand Hilaire, Bedford driver of the car, may have gone to sleep while driving, said Patrolman Lattin. He suffered lacerations about the head, but his condition is reported from the hospital to be good.

Passenger in the car was reported to be Ray Edward Branstetter, who was released from the hospital after treatment. The car is reported by the officer to have been a total loss.

'Axis Sally' Will Face U. S. Trial for Treason

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 20.—(AP)—"Axis Sally" left for the United States today to face trial for treason.

She is Mildred D. Gillars, formerly of Portland, Me. During the war she broadcast appeals to American soldiers to stop fighting. She was arrested soon after American troops entered Germany; released briefly and then jailed again.

LADY LUCK
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Out in San Francisco Bay sailed Mrs. Woodward Melone on her first fishing trip. Her husband jokingly told her the best bait to use was fried bacon, a slice of tomato and a geranium. She followed his advice.

Credit Rules Stiffened By Government

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The government today pulled a brake on free-wheeling credit. New rules to stiffen "easy payment" loans and purchases covering most consumer goods costing from \$50 to \$5,000, were posted officially by the Federal Reserve Board. They take effect Sept. 20.

Businessmen were divided. Some thought it "fair and reasonable." One furniture executive denounced it as "rationing the poor."

These are the terms—backed up by criminal penalties and the power of the Federal Reserve Board to put a violator out of the credit business:

One third down on automobiles.

Twenty per cent down on stoves, dishwashers, ironers, refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, radios, phonographs, television sets, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, furniture and rugs.

A 15-month time limit to complete payment if the article costs \$1,000 or less.

An 18-month limit on "credit" (Continued on Page Five)

Traffic Mishaps In Umatilla Kill Auto Driver, Boy

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Two persons were killed in widely-separated Umatilla County highway accidents, state police reported today.

Tommy McDonald, 8, died under the wheels of a truck on a Pendleton street. The truck, driven by John T. Fletcher of Pendleton, struck the boy's bicycle after its driver frantically tried to miss the youngster.

Walter E. Livermore, 36, of Route 1, Pasco, Wash., was killed instantly when his car overturned on Highway 730 near McNary damsite about midnight. His brother, Lawrence, 25, was in a hospital here suffering from serious injuries. He told Sgt. N. W. Smith of the state police that he and his brother had been drinking.

An inquest was scheduled this afternoon into the death Wednesday of a 12-year-old Indian boy, Craig Hayes. State police reported the boy was killed when his bicycle was struck by a car driven by Donald E. Ferguson, 37, of Vancouver, B. C. Ferguson was not held.

Airlines, In Financial Slump, to Boost Fares

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—A ten per cent airline fare boost is coming soon—with the added prospect that free meals in flight will be ended.

Present fares, average about 5.5 cents a mile. The new rate of just over six cents will be the highest in nearly 15 years. It will take effect either in September or October.

That outlook is the result of a precedent-setting conference called by the Civil Aeronautics Board to talk over the industry's financial crisis.

First Tom Turkeys Quoted 56 1/2c a Pound

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The first tom turkeys of this season were quoted at 56 1/2 cents a pound to the grower today.

That price was paid, dressed, to H. S. Fenton & Sons, Orchards, Wash., who delivered the first 1948 tom turkeys to a packing plant here.

Three Ex-New Deal Counsel Refuse to Talk at Spy Probe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Three former New Deal lawyers—Lee Pressman, John Abt and Nathan Witt—refused today to tell a congressional committee whether they were members of a pre-war Communist underground.

Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.) said the three declined behind closed doors to answer questions concerning accusations made against them in the congressional spy investigations.

Truman Requests Injunction to Ban Dock Union Strike

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—President Truman today directed Attorney General Clark to seek an 80-day injunction to forestall a threatened strike of 45,000 East Coast dock workers.

The president acted immediately after receiving a report from a fact-finding board telling of the failure of management and the AFL's Longshoremen's Union to reach an agreement. A strike had been set for midnight Saturday.

A major issue in the dispute involves a Supreme Court decision calling for payment of what the employers term "over time on over time."

The present straight time rate for day work is \$1.75 an hour. The overtime rate for night, holiday and weekend work is 1 1/2 times this or \$2.62 1/2 an hour.

Under a Supreme Court decision of last June, work performed in excess of 40 hours a week must be paid for at the rate of 1 1/2 times \$2.62 or \$3.93 an hour.

Mystery Fires On Farm Studied By Puzzled Officials

MACOMB, Ill., Aug. 20.—(AP)—A state fire official returned to the Charles Willey farm today to continue his investigation of a series of mystery fires—and found there had been three more in his absence.

The latest fire destroyed the second barn while two others—in the chicken and milk house—were extinguished by the elderly farm couple. Previous blazes had destroyed their house and another barn.

The second barn fire was discovered late last evening too late to do anything to save the structure. The other two blazes started almost simultaneously. One was in a box of old newspapers discovered by Willey himself.

Mrs. Willey found newspapers on a cupboard shelf smoldering. Meantime John Burgard, deputy state fire marshal, returned from Springfield, where he had samples of wallpaper tested. Fires which destroyed the Willey home started in the wallpaper and later in the walls.

Fred Wilson, Macomb fire chief, said "I'm completely mystified" over the new fires. He took samples of the newspapers to his office for analysis.

Results of the various analyses of insect spray, wallpaper, and other newspapers have not yet been made public.

Tax Decision Means Resort to Nov. Ballot

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court decision against use of surplus tax revenues for current expenses may be reflected on the November ballot.

The State System of Higher Education has expected to get \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000 of the surplus tax fund for new buildings. Chairman Edgar W. Smith said there was no other course now except to get up petitions to send a special tax levy on the ballot.

Other state agencies also will need funds.

The Welfare Commission is expected to wind up with a \$4,000,000 deficit next year. Chairman Jack Luhn of the Welfare Commission said the agency might issue deficit warrants, which the 1949 legislature would have to meet.

Other state bodies had hoped for funds for new buildings. They are expected to go to the next legislature with new demands.

Poles Flee to Sweden To Escape Homeland Misery

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Three young Polish refugees made a forced landing in a small plane last night on Bornholm Island. They told police they were fleeing from Poland to Sweden "because conditions in Poland were unbearable."

Lomakin Abused His Position By Conduct in Mrs. Kosenkina Affair, State Dept. Declares

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The United States is stripping the Soviet consul general in New York of his official position because of his conduct in the Kosenkina affair and has demanded that Russia get him out of this country.

This sensational turn in the Soviet-American row over the refugee school teachers in New York was disclosed today with publication of an American note handed to the Soviet Embassy last night.

The note flatly rejected Soviet charges that the teachers, Mrs. Oksana Kosenkina and Mr. and Mrs. Mikhail I. Samarine, were abducted by the Anti-Soviet Tolstoy foundation with the connivance of American officials. The three, the note said, wanted to stay in this country.

While recognizing the right of Soviet officials to protect its nationals in this country, the note said they also are entitled to the protection of the "applicable laws of the United States."

Declaring this government will not turn Mrs. Kosenkina over to Russian authorities against her will, the note said:

"The government of the United States cannot permit the exercise within the United States of the police power of any foreign government."

Presidential press secretary Ross told reporters "the whole thing was done under the president's orders."

Ross first said Mr. Truman would sign the revocation of the consul's credentials shortly. Later, however, he said the signing would be delayed several days in order to give Lomakin time to close out his official duties.

The state department told Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin and his government that the Russian charges, including some by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, "have been based upon misinformation."

Deadly Blow-Gun Devised by Cons; Book Gives Clue

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 20.—(AP)—An amazing story of a prison-made compressed air blowgun which can shoot 19-penny nails through sheetmetal was told by State Penitentiary officials today.

The weapon was found hidden in the bunk of one of the prisoners and Superintendent Tom Smith said at least three ring-leaders are involved in what may have been an escape plot.

He said it was possible the nail-shooting gun had been devised to snipe prison guards noiselessly off the wall.

The barrel is made of copper tubing. Nails, packed in with cotton, are shot out by compressed air. Smith said the prisoners had experimented with the weapon in an unused part of the license plate building. It was from this building that parts were taken to make the weapon.

Investigation started when an unidentified inmate came to Smith with a book which he had lent to the library. Whenever it was allowed to flop open, it always opened to the same page—page 197, which described in detail how primitive blow-guns are made.

Smith also thought it quite odd and a search of the prison was ordered.

Drunk Driver Accused In Death of Bicyclist

SALEM, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Joseph William Brown, Woodburn, was in the County Jail today on a negligent homicide charge as the result of the death Wednesday night of Eugene Ready, 16, Portland.

The Ready boy was killed and his brother, Alvin, 14, was seriously injured when they were struck by a car while riding their bicycles in Hubbard.

After the hit-run accident, Brown was arrested for being drunk on a public highway. Then state police made the homicide arrest, and Brown is in jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

Memorial Hospital reported Alvin is semi-conscious and in fair condition, but that he had a poor night.

California Visitor Drowns in Rogue River

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Lyle Geiger, 35, chemical engineer for the Neville Corporation, who lived in North Hollywood, Calif., was drowned Thursday afternoon while fishing in the Rogue River below Robertson bridge.

Others in the party were not close enough to render aid, State Police Sergeant C. R. Borgman said. Geiger lost his footing in the swift current and was swept into deep water.

The victim arrived here Wednesday accompanied by his wife and three small children. They were visiting relatives at Wilderville.

Negro Boys Admit They Started Tragic Reno Fire

RENO, Nev., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Two nine-year-old Negro boys, who were playing with matches, started the disastrous downtown fire Sunday that killed five persons and sent 137 others to hospital. Chief of Police L. R. Greeson announced the development yesterday.

But the cause of an explosion which hurled flaming debris among crowds of spectators remains unexplained.

The two boys have been charged technically with arson and will be turned over to juvenile court.

12 Salem Meat Markets Targets of Strike Call

SALEM, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The Salem Meat Cutters Union has issued a strike call against 12 Salem meat markets, Claude Boyd, union president, said today.

Boyd said the union asks \$70 a week for journeyman meat cutters, while the employers have offered \$68. The union demands a \$5 a week increase.

Boyd said most markets have met the union demand.

LARGENY CHARGED
Leo Charles Arthur, 27, wanted by authorities at Yreka, Calif., on a larceny charge, was arrested Thursday by State Police officers at a local bus depot and is being held in the County Jail, pending arrival of Yreka officers.

British, U. S. Air Units Slate Defense 'Games'

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—British and American air units will join next month in the biggest air defense "games" since the war. The air ministry said nearly 100 U. S. superforts based in Britain will take part in the exercise, as well as U. S. bomber units from Germany.

Russia probably won't object to yanking a consul from the United States, inasmuch as several thousand more of his ilk are left here to carry on nefarious activities.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reimataila