

# Truman's Attack On Foes Of Spending Draws Fire

## The News-Review

The Weather  
Continued hot with low to very low humidity today and Friday.  
Sunset today 7:52 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 4:46 a. m.

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**BLANKET PROTECTION**—Fire Chief "Dutch" Mills and his Fire Department personnel donned new uniforms to show one of the uses to which this latest piece of equipment may be put. The blanket, a gift from J. C. Penney Manager Bruce Elliott, will be added to the first aid equipment carried by the city's fire trucks. The "victim" here is Gene Henry, Roseburg High School student. Reading from left to right are Bill Reed, Elliott, Chief Mills, Russell Westcott, Tony Shukle, Penney's Blanket Department manager Robert Walker, and Joe Noyer. Bill Chalmers, the sixth member of the Fire Department, was not present for the picture.

### Fact-Finding Board Will Be Set Up By Truman In Effort To Avert Steel Union Strike

WASHINGTON, July 14. — (AP) — The White House said today that President Truman will set up a steel fact-finding board tomorrow whether or not the "Big Three" producers yield to his pressure for them to go along with his plan to avert a strike Saturday. Charles Ross, presidential press secretary, announced this after saying nothing has been heard from Mr. Truman's latest message to the three companies.

### Fall Opening Is Talked By Assn.

Preliminary plans for Roseburg's 1949 fall opening were discussed Wednesday at a meeting of the Roseburg Retail Trades Association. Association members viewed proposals for the type of opening desired and the date the fall event would be held. Although Wednesday evening, Sept. 21, was the date suggested, no definite action was taken. Association President Roland West said all members would be asked to vote by mail before the final date was set. Members will vote on the date and time of day preferred. Also on the ballot will be a proposal to retain or reject the "Treasure Hunt" featured in last year's fall opening festivities.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE world, as nearly as one can judge from the dispatches, is in a badly upset state, with everybody dissatisfied with things as they are and wanting them different. So far as I can see, people are discussing everything but WORKING HARDER AND MORE EFFICIENTLY, PRODUCING MORE GOODS TO BE SOLD AT CHEAPER PRICES, GETTING ALONG WITH EACH OTHER IN A SPIRIT OF LIVE AND LET LIVE AND REMOVING THE BARRIERS TO TRADE SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN SWAP WHAT HE HAS FOR WHAT THE OTHER FELLOW HAS ON AN EVEN BASIS—which is the only true measure of prosperity.

I'm afraid that until we begin to think along these lines the (Continued on Page Four)

### Heat Suspends Logging In All Douglas Areas

Temperatures Soar Near 100 Mark; Pool Jammed, Foresters Worried

Hot? You bet it is—the weatherman reported a high of 95 for Wednesday. And as temperatures rose, the humidity fell to a low of 20 percent, halting logging in all Douglas County areas at noon. Although yesterday's high failed to approach the all-time record of 109 set in 1946, nearly all Roseburg activity, or lack of it, centered around thermometer readings. Over 1000 Roseburg citizens, adults and children, jammed the city's new swimming pool yesterday to break a previous attendance record of 800 paid admissions established Tuesday. This does not include the Red Cross swimming classes. As one swimmer put it, "There's hardly room for your little finger, let alone room to swim." The city's ice cream parlors were jammed throughout the day, with "booming" business reported. Forest Officials Worry Forest Service officials were "worried" about the continued hot weather and the dry, hazardous condition of Douglas County forest lands, according to C. K. Rand, forest service administrative assistant. Rand said that all normal maintenance and repair work had been suspended by Forest Service fire crews and the men were staying close to

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### Truck Mishap Kills Worker Near Tiller

Phillbrook, W. Holmes, 51, contract construction worker, was killed when the body of a dump truck fell upon him, crushing his head, Wednesday, July 13. He was engaged in fixing a broken part of the truck near his home in Tiller when the accident occurred. He had terminated his contract with E. G. Gates Co. a little over a week ago and was preparing to move with his family to San Francisco, his former home. Holmes was born Aug. 26, 1897, in San Francisco and had come to Oregon three years ago, making his home in Tiller. He was a member of Occidental No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Calvary Presbyterian Church, and Rotary Club, all of San Francisco; a former member of the Lions Club of Santa Fe, and a member of the Teamsters Union Local 962, A. F. of L., Roseburg.

Surviving are the widow, Clara May, Tiller; a son, Peter, Tiller; his mother, Mrs. H. E. Holmes, San Francisco; a sister, Mrs. F. W. Pleas, Woodside, Calif., and a brother, Henry P. Holmes, San Francisco. The body will be shipped by the Roseburg Funeral Home to Sacramento, Calif., for funeral services and interment.

### Mother Loses Her Life In Saving Her Son

ASTORIA, July 14. — (AP) — A 30-year-old mother was credited today with sacrificing her life to save her small son. An autopsy showed that Mrs. Florence Rita Peterson, 30, died of injuries inflicted when she tumbled out of a moving car after grabbing her 3-year-old boy to safety. The top opened the door of the car in which Mrs. Peterson and her husband were riding last Sunday. He started to fall out. The mother lunged for him, yanked him back to the safety of the car, but lost her own balance. She crashed to the pavement just as her husband braked the car to a stop. Mrs. Peterson died in a hospital Tuesday. She came here from Boston a year ago to join her husband, Carl, who is stationed at Tongue Point naval station.

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### Crug Opposes Referendum On CVA Proposal

WASHINGTON, July 14. — (AP) — Secretary of the Interior Krug opposes any referendum on the Pacific Northwest on whether to set up a Columbia Valley Administration. Krug, now being cross examined before the House Public Works Committee on his testimony in behalf of CVA legislation, testified it would be impractical to hold referenda in the interested states. The elected representatives in Congress should speak for the people on creation of the agency to develop natural resources of the Columbia River basin, Krug said. "If the people are against it," he added, "we should find some other means of developing a river basin." Krug said agencies such as the proposed CVA "will not work" if the people in the affected areas are against them. He added he thinks the Committee should determine whether the people of the Northwest want a CVA. He did not enlarge on how the Committee should do that, but he did indicate that could be done by hearing witnesses for and against the legislation.

### Missouri's Union Control Statute Is Repealed

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 14. — (AP) — Organized labor won its fight Wednesday for repeal of Missouri's union control act. Gov. Forrest Smith, with labor leaders as witnesses, signed a bill repealing the Madison Act almost two years after it was approved July 22, 1947. The Madison Law barred jurisdictional strikes (fights between unions), sympathy strikes, strikes against government and secondary boycotts (where a labor dispute ties up a business not involved in the parent strike). It also set up compulsory arbitration. It said no strike could be called unless a majority of the eligible union members voted for it.

### Mother Of 14 Children Electrocuted Victim

HOUSTON, Texas, July 14. — (AP) — The 41-year-old mother of 14 children was electrocuted Wednesday as she ironed clothing in her backyard. She was Mrs. Viola Williams. Capt. Charles Nix of the sheriff's office said Mrs. Williams had gone outside to iron because it was cooler. She was barefoot, he said, and the ground was damp, making a good electrical contact. Nix said a neighbor quoted Mrs. Williams as saying a few days ago there was a short in her iron.

### Gov. McKay Undecided On Proposed Rent Decontrol

SALEM, July 14. — (AP) — Governor Douglas McKay hasn't made up his mind whether to decontrol rents in Salem and Eugene. The city councils in those cities asked him to remove rent controls. The governor said he won't decide until he sees all the evidence on both sides.

### Papal Decree Descends On Communists

Excommunication Of Red Catholics Arouses Bitter Resentment

R. O. M. E., July 14. — (AP) — The Pope's excommunication of Communists stung the Communist-controlled press of Europe to violent reaction today. The Vatican disclosed last night that Pope Pius XII has cut off from the Sacraments and Comforts of the Faith all Roman Catholics "who make profession of the materialistic and anti-Christian doctrine of the Communists."

The action was a stern warning that the church will not compromise with Communism. It Paese, Communist-line newspaper in Rome, called the decree "an act of hatred" and the official Italian Communist newspaper, L'Unita, said the order "crowns a violent provocatory campaign of the Holy See against Catholics who do not intend to submit to its political directives."

Italy is an overwhelmingly Catholic country in which the Communists officially number more than 2,000,000, and the Papal decree could have a telling effect here. French Paper Failed The Communists have swung 5,000,000 votes in the postwar (Continued on Page Two)

### Mother And Child Burned By Blast

Mrs. Wilbur Brookout, and her two-year-old daughter, Linda, sustained serious burns when a gasoline lantern exploded at their home at Winston Wednesday. Mrs. Brookout was quite seriously burned about the arms, the lower part of her abdomen and legs. The child sustained less serious burns about the hands, legs and chest, according to a report from their attending physician. Both are in Mercy Hospital. Also confined at Mercy Hospital is 11-year-old Kenneth Mahoney, who, according to information received by the News-Review, fell off the schoolhouse at Diard. The boy reportedly sustained head injuries.

### GOP Chairman Ready To Yield To Right Man

WASHINGTON, July 14. — (AP) — Senator Martin (R-Pa.) indicated today that Rep. Hugh Scott Jr. will step down as Republican National Committee chairman "if we get assurance an outstanding man will take his place." Martin said, however, that he, Scott and other Pennsylvanians "are not going to be shoved around" by those who want someone else in the key GOP post. "There is no use talking about Scott moving out until we are sure that there is a top flight man to succeed him," Martin told a reporter.

### Gunshot Kills Boy

SALEM, July 14. — (AP) — Douglas McCauley, 18, Airline, died yesterday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The shooting occurred Monday night when the boy was sitting in a parked car with two girls.



**WESTERNER ELECTED HEAD ELK**—Emmett T. Anderson (left) of Tacoma, Wash., who was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at the 85th Grand Lodge convention in Cleveland, shows his emblem of office to outgoing Ruler George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y.—(NEA Telephoto.)

### Malheur Forest Blaze Not Subdued; Tillamook Burn Is Closed As State Hazard Rises

PORTLAND, July 14. — (AP) — Fire jumped over cleared trails on Gunbarrel Creek today and roared out of control beyond 5000 already-blackened acres of South Central Oregon pine forests. The 200,000-acre Tillamook burn of Northwestern Oregon—often-burned powderkeg of the Pacific Northwest—was closed to entry as temperatures soared and humidity fell. The Gunbarrel Creek fire in Malheur National Forest, 35 miles northeast of Burns, was one of 34 set off by a Monday night lightning storm. It was the only one in Oregon not controlled quickly. Guy Johnson, forest service regional fire dispatcher, said the Gunbarrel situation was "extremely serious." Little merchantable timber, however, is in the immediate area. "We are sitting on a powder keg throughout the state," he said. The Weather Bureau, which sent its mobile forecasting unit to the Gunbarrel Creek area last (Continued on Page Two)

### Roseburg Elks Top Attraction At National Meet

Roseburg is receiving its share of publicity at the national Elks convention being held this week in Cleveland, Ohio. Al Cordon, a member of Roseburg's Ritualistic team, which competed for national honors Tuesday, sent an airmail letter to the News-Review and enclosed two pages of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, in which Roseburg was prominently mentioned. Pictures of Mrs. Margaret Krewson and Mrs. Helen Cordon, Lady Elks, who accompanied their husbands, appear in the paper. Also a paragraph in a news story on the convention states: "Colorfully costumed groups of delegates were to be seen in all hotel lobbies. Frequent bellows of Timber! were shouted by a spectacular group from Roseburg, Ore., who made the rounds of most headquarters." Cordon wrote: "Enclosed are two plugs for Roseburg in Cleveland's leading paper on Monday a.m., following our first full round of the hotels. Note the pluck of our two gals, who were chosen from a huge crowd; also the 'hub' on Roseburg and the 'Timber' call. "The unique outfits of the Roseburg group have aroused comment throughout Cleveland and Oregon is acknowledged as the outstanding group."

### No Competitive Bids For O-C Timber Tracts

PORTLAND, July 14. — (AP) — Eleven Oregon & California timber tracts failed to attract any competitive bids in a sale in which the agency sold 4,563,000 feet of timber for \$34,989.65. High bidders on ten parcels sold included R. B. Bohlman, Estacada; Monroe Lumber Co., Eugene; Hildeberg Lumber Co., Drain; Puckett & Scheerer, Klamath Falls; Gilchrist Timber Co., Gilchrist. Best bids by species, per 1000 feet, were Douglas Fir \$6.48; salvage Douglas Fir, \$2.05; hemlock \$2.71; western red cedar \$2.30; white fir \$2.61; Port Oregon cedar \$15.06; sugar pine \$21.66; ponderosa pine \$14.37.

### Soaring Traffic Deaths Bring On Speed Limits

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 14. — (AP) — Something new will be added to Oklahoma's highways come August 25—speed limits. Up to now Oklahoma was one of the few remaining states to let drivers decide the speed best suited to safety. The Legislature changed that this spring after debating the state's soaring death toll, and the Highway Department is busy making signs to show the new limits. For cars, the new limits are 65 during the day and 55 at night; trucks under 48,000 pounds, 50; trucks over 48,000 pounds, 40; busses, 55.

### Haste At Bridge Costs Motorist 4 Tires, Fine

SHEBOYGAN, Mich., July 14. — (AP) — Haste wasted \$53.35 and four automobile tires for Edgar Mallin yesterday. Mallin, speeding to get across the Sheboygan River State Street Bridge before it lifted, poked his car through a guard rail, roared it up the raised part of the bridge and jumped the four-foot opening. As the car landed at the other side of the span, all four tires blew out. Then Mallin was fined in Justice Court on a reckless driving charge.

### Liquor Vote Slated

DUNDEE, July 14. — (AP) — Whether sale of liquor is to be permitted in this Yamhill county town will be decided at a special election July 26. Mayor Earl Namitz said sentiment of the people appears divided on whether a state liquor store should be opened here and the Council decided on an election. The city now permits sale of beer

### Both Parties Represented In Answers

### President Says That 'Selfish Interests' Block His Program

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH  
WASHINGTON, July 14. — (AP) — President Truman's sharp attack on "selfish interests" urging drastic cuts in federal spending collided today with both Democratic and Republican criticism in Congress. So did his assertion that many people would like to have a depression "for political reasons." On the other hand, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) called Mr. Truman's arguments "reasonable common sense and full of practical justification." The President spoke out last night in telling the nation about his new program designed to expand production and avert a more serious business slump. He went on both the radio and television. "We shall have to be sure," the President said, "that the selfish interests do not drive us into the ditch, as they have done before." As he did in the economic report he sent to Congress last Monday, Mr. Truman said: "We are not in a depression." Many people who talk of a depression, he said, would like to have one "for political reasons." But he added that the increase in the number of people out of work "is something to worry about, and something that must be cured."

### Tom Wharton Is Claimed By Death

Tom Wharton, long time Roseburg resident, died today in a local hospital. The body has been removed to the Roseburg Funeral Home, which will announce funeral arrangements later. Wharton was associated with his brother, George, in the Churchill Hardware firm, now Umqua Valley Hardware, for many years. Surviving are: brothers, Jack, Charlie, and George, all of Roseburg, and Joe, ex-mayor of Grants Pass; and sisters, Mrs. G. V. Wimberly, Bess Wharton and Jane Wharton, all of Roseburg. That was an obvious reference (Continued on Page Two)

### Jake Bird Loses Plea For Execution Stay

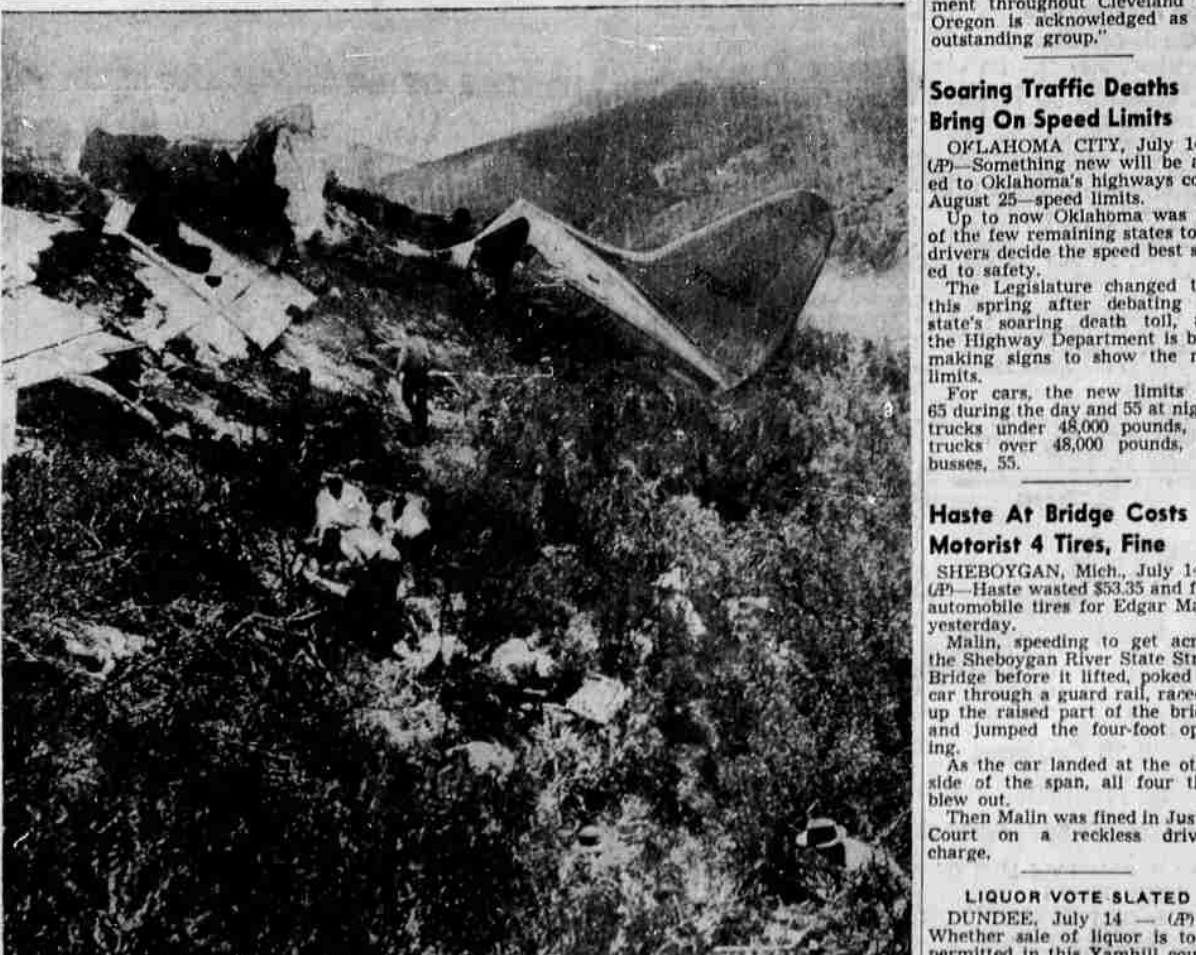
WASHINGTON, July 14. — (AP) — Justice Black of the Supreme Court refused today to grant a stay of execution to Jake Bird, convicted slayer scheduled to be hanged tomorrow in the State of Washington. The Court twice before had refused to review Bird's case. He was convicted in the ax slaying of Bertha Kludt at her Tacoma, Wash., home. Bird had asked for the execution stay on grounds that he had been coerced into confessing the crime and that he never had been permitted to have a full transcript of the trial proceedings. When television station WDTV interrupted its grunt and groan show to switch to the Capitol for Truman's economic talk its telephone switchboard lit up like a Christmas tree.irate wrestling fans demanded the station return to the usual Wednesday night fare. The presidential talk lasted just long enough for the cameras to miss the main bout.

### Tragedy Suspends Flying Rights Of Air Line

WASHINGTON, July 14. — (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Administration today suspended the operating rights of Strato Freight, Inc. It operated the plane in which ten persons were killed in Puerto Rico last month. CAA Administrator D. W. Rentsel accused the company of operating faulty equipment. He also asserted that it had repeatedly violated safety regulations.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein  
Lightning is bad enough; don't make things worse by personal carelessness with fires in the woods. Enjoy, don't destroy.



**REMOVED FROM BURNING PLANE**—Rescuers (foreground) remove injured persons from a burning commercial airplane (background) which crashed and burst into flames shortly before it was to have landed at Burbank, Calif. The pilot had just reported a fight among passengers in which one man was badly beaten. There are 35 dead and 14 injured. Civil Aeronautics authorities blamed the crash, not on the fight, but on the negligence of the pilot in flying too low. The plane struck a hill in the Santa Susana Mountains.—(AP Wirephoto.)