Impaled Racer Still Battling For Survival

YAKIMA. Wash., July 26—(P) Allen Hobson, 24-year-old autoracer who was impaled by a 2x6 inch board in a 70-mile-an-hour crash Sunday, was reported in "good though critical" condition at a hospital early today.

The 10-foot iong board knifed through the left side of his body, breaking four ribs and tearing out the top of his left lung. The Cornelius, Ore., driver sat painfully in the car almost an hour hefore the board holding him could be sawed through.

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An ordinary saw, used at first to cut through the board, had to be discarded as the teeth of the saw set up painful vibrations. Workers finally used nearly a dozen mechanic's hacksaws in cutting through the board. He was taken to the hospital with 14 inches of the board still in him.

him.

Three and a half hours later doctors removed the rest of the board from his body.

His wife stood by him at the track while workers fought to free him.

"When it hurt he'd let us know. But he wasn't screaming or yelling or anything like that. He was pretty darned good about it," ambulance driver Robert Greenlee reported.

Truman Program In Present Form **Appears Doomed**

WASHINGTON, July 27—(A)—Senator Vandenberg (R.Mich) said Tuesday he has told the State Department "the facts of life"—that it can't get approval by Congress of President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms

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program in present form.

The Michigan senator, chief
congressional exponent of the bipartisan foreign policy, has called for a stopgap military supply
program until the projected
North Atlantic council can set up
a defense committee to draft an
overall defense plan.

Vandenberg sald, however,
that he will withhold a decision
on the amount of arms to be
supplied until State Department
officials have given details of the
\$1,450,000,000 proposal to congressional committees.

"I don't think it's my place to
come forward with a (substitute)
bill now," Vandenberg sald.

However, he has consulted
with Senator Dulles (R-NY)
about alternative proposals. And
Dulles has talked to Rep. Vorys
(Oalo) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee about cutting the
proposed outlay by more than
one half.

Doctor Removes His Own Appendix

TELLURIDE, Colo., July 26 (P)— Dr. George C. Balderston was back at work today, two days after removing his own appen-

dix.

Sunday afternoon at the American Legion hospital Dr. Balderston got all the proper tools together and summoned a friend, Dr. Richard Gladman.

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He told Gladman to stand by in case anything went wrong. Then, without using mirrors, Dr. Balderston slit himself open and went to work. In a sitting position he handled the entire operation himself and after about 45 minutes he closed the wound with clamps and stitches. The idea?

"I wanted to get a first-hand reaction of a patient to local anesthesia and I wanted to study post-operative effects."

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