

# West's Development Stressed By Truman On Trip



**COUNT CAVE DWELLERS**—Levi Clifford Bush, left, answers the questions of census enumerator Harold D. Smith, while Mrs. Bush, 69, calmly smokes her pipe in the apple storage cave in which they live at Montana, N. J., near Evanston, Pa. (AP Wire-photo).

**The Weather**  
Fair and continued warm today. Mostly cloudy Wednesday.  
Sunset today 8:23 a.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:56 a.m.

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## Floods Sweep N. Dakota, Minnesota Areas

### Plight In Two States Worst In 50 Years

**New Storm Threatens Winnipeg; Tornadoes Hit Nebraska, Iowa**

(By The Associated Press)  
Fresh floodwaters from the Red river of the north today made thousands homeless and isolated many communities in parts of the water-soaked North Dakota and Minnesota. A 24-hour rain fed the rising stream and its tributaries. Across the border in flood-besieged Winnipeg, there also were some evacuations as a new storm threatened further damage from the raging Red river. More than 12,000 persons already have been driven from their homes in Winnipeg and southern Manitoba in the last week. The new floods in North Dakota and Minnesota hit the area which only recently had battled the worst floods in 50 years.

National guardsmen were called out at Grand Forks, N. D., as the Red river crest hit 45.5 feet, 17 1/2 feet above flood stage. Additional rain was forecast for much of the flooded area. More than 200 families were forced from their homes in Grand Forks and 300 families were evacuated from East Grand Forks, Minn., across the river. Other communities endangered by the floodwaters in North Dakota included Minto, Bowesmont, Grafton and Pembina. At Oslo, Minn., 20 miles northeast of Grand Forks, the Red river—normally 100 feet wide—spread over an area of seven miles. Nearly all homes and business places were flooded. Drinking water was hauled in.

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### Slash In Cigar Excises Voted By Committee

WASHINGTON, May 9 —(AP)—The house ways and means committee reversed itself today and voted to cut cigar excises by \$15,000,000 a year.  
The slash, if finally approved, would reduce the \$45,000,000 annual tax on cigar smokers by one-third. The committee previously had refused to cut the cigar tax.  
At the same time the committee voted to close a tax law "loophole" which some members estimated has been depriving the government of from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 annually. This was a technical amendment dealing with tax deductions taken by dealers in tax-exempt state and municipal bonds.  
Today's action on cigars brought the committee's total approved excise cuts to about \$1,080,000,000—almost twice the \$655,000,000 limit President Truman proposed.

### Fires Eat Woods In New England

BOSTON, May 9 —(AP)—High winds whipping through New England have fanned scores of fires into woodland-destroying infernos.  
The two-day gales roared behind some 65 separate fires in Maine and laid waste to more than 1,700 acres of forest in that state. More than 1,300 acres were destroyed in Rhode Island yesterday.  
An unestimated acreage was burned over in New Hampshire, where Gov. Sherman Adams banned all smoking and bonfires in the woods. Numerous smaller fires started in Massachusetts, though none was reported in Vermont.  
Fresh fires cropped up in New Hampshire at Canterbury, where 200 men fought a blaze that destroyed two homes, at Suncook, where three homes were leveled, at Northfield, Wingham and Litchfield.  
State Forester John Forster called the situation "very critical."  
A new fire was reported at south Kingston, R. I., near west Green which where 1,300 acres were previously razed.

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### Injunction Application Still Heard

**Witnesses Continue Their Stories In Picketing Phase Of Milk Dispute**

Legal action in Roseburg's milk dispute went into the second day today, as counsel for the defendants this morning offered testimony to show cause why a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction should not be placed against striking farmers.  
Marvin Mayo, business agent for the Teamsters Local 962, questioned on the stand for an hour and a quarter, today denied the defendants' testimony and cross-examination by lawyers from both sides as counsel for the plaintiff Umpqua Dairy Products company opened the hearing.  
Paul Geddes of Roseburg and William Riddlesbarger, Eugene, presented the case for the plaintiffs and attempted to prove that the recent picketing action taken by the Umpqua Valley Milk Producers association and the local Teamsters union, AF of L, was unlawful.  
Free Speech Stressed  
Counsel for the defendants, Daniel Dimick, Roseburg, and Donald B. Richardson of the Portland law firm of Green, Landy and Richardson, presented opening arguments and cross-examined each of the four witnesses called for the plaintiffs. Richardson, representing the

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**TOP SPOT**—Otto A. Seyferth of Muskegon, Mich., was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at its three-day annual meeting in Washington. Seyferth, a union organizer turned big businessman, is the first man so closely linked with the union movement to be elected head of the nation's biggest businessmen's organization.

### Strike Threat Again Faced By 4 Rail Lines

**Parley To Avert Tie-Up, Slated For Tomorrow, Has No Success Outlook**

CHICAGO, May 9 —(AP)—Threat of a strike by railroad firemen against four of the nation's major carriers at 6 a.m. tomorrow appeared mounting today.  
Representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the carriers appeared deadlocked. Federal mediators said, however, all efforts will be made "up to the last minute" to prevent a walkout.  
The Santa Fe railway system announced that beginning today their would be "some curtailment" in passenger service because of the impending walkout. A spokesman for the railroad said details of the reduction in passenger service remain to be worked out. Plans for curtailing freight service also are being completed, he said.  
In Washington today, the Southern railway system issued an embargo on movement of all freight and passenger traffic which cannot reach its destination or clear Southern system lines prior to the walkout deadline. The Southern said it took the action to avoid congestion and delay.  
The Southern also said that in event the strike materializes it will discontinue all passenger, mail, express and freight service. Such an action would affect the majority of the railway's 38,000 employees scattered throughout the south.  
Peace Hopes Low  
The National (railway) Mediation board held separate sessions with railroad and union representatives throughout yesterday until nearly midnight. A board spokesman said there was "not too much" hope in efforts to prevent the strike.  
The walkout against the Santa Fe, the Southern, and western divisions of the New York Central and Pennsylvania, originally was to have started April 28. However, it was deferred two weeks at the board's request to permit further talks.  
The firemen's principal demand is for a second fireman on multiple unit diesel locomotives. The demand has been rejected by the carriers as well as by two presidential fact-finding boards.

### Opposition To Plans Branded 'Reactionary'

**President Scoffs At 'Socialism' Cry, Plugs For Brannan Proposal**

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
CASPER, Wyo., May 9 —(AP)—President Truman pledged today a fight to push development of the west over the opposition of "Reactionary forces" which he linked to the "Teapot Dome" scandals which centered around an area north of here.

In his speech here, Mr. Truman blasted at "privilege and greed" as the main obstacles to western development and pointed to the new Kortes dam, 60 miles south of here, as an example of government enterprise which will be a source of "wealth and strength for the people of the world."  
The president scoffed at those who cry "Socialism" and "Regimentation" at such government efforts toward water and land resource development.

In a pre-speech walk through clear, brisk air, the President had gone no more than 100 yards from his car when he had picked up a chattering, laughing escort of some 300 youngsters and oldersters, who trailed behind him.  
This struck the same informal, folksy note that marked yesterday's progress through Nebraska where he told an agriculture-minded audience at Lincoln that the controversial Brannan farm plan would help assure "peace and prosperity for ourselves and the world."  
Throughout yesterday, he continued to talk to large and apparently happy trackside crowds in the same chatty, neighborly fashion that marked his successful vote appeal of 1948.

Like at Pacific Junction, Iowa, yesterday where he told them he wanted them to look at their "hired man" to see if he is the same fellow who came out "looking for votes two years ago." He added he was 66 even if they thought he didn't look it.  
Mr. Truman revived the old "Teapot Dome" oil scandal at Casper, contrasting the philosophy of "Teapot Dome" with that behind the construction of the Kortes dam.  
The solemn note he sounded in speeches yesterday in Illinois and Iowa, where he warned the Midwest that a return to "isolationism" could bring on "a third world war" crept into his Casper talk.  
"We are engaged in a world-

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### IDEA SPRANG FROM MUD

## Chamber Of Commerce Antecedent Described By Dexter Rice, First Head

"Your chamber of commerce was conceived and born in the mud and it lifted itself and the community out of the mud with a program of civic betterment," the chamber's noon forum luncheon audience was told yesterday by Dexter Rice, Roseburg attorney.

Highlighting the opening of the chamber of commerce membership recruiting week, Rice traced the founding of the Roseburg Commercial club of which he was the first president.

Detailing the mud incident, Rice said that "years ago" Jackson street resembled a "dirt road piled high with mud hills," as merchants scraped the mud away from door steps and each neat little pile was hauled away by the city. Yards of gravel and loads of crushed rock placed on muddy streets, merely sank out of sight, he said.  
In an attempt to get local residents pavement-minded, Rice said a three-railroad coach excursion was taken to Eugene, where the main street had recently been paved. The Eugene Commercial

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### Wilbur-Roseburg Area Mapped For Budworm Battle

Small spruce budworm infestation areas near Wilbur and Roseburg, comprising 23,651 acres, are part of a million acres in Oregon to be sprayed this spring, according to Fred Southwick, district warden of the Douglas Forest Protective Assn.

Spraying in western Oregon will probably be started the latter part of May, Southwick reported. The exact time will coincide with the budworm's entrance into the short life cycle period, when it is most vulnerable to kill by spray. Daily collections of budworms are now being made to determine the proper time for attack.

The spray is a DDT insecticide with an oil base. It will be applied at the rate of one gallon per acre. The control methods to be employed have been tested on two previous projects with complete eradication of the insects and no damage to livestock or wildlife. The budworm, for some unknown reason, has struck mostly in grazing areas in Douglas county.  
A serious infestation by the spruce budworm in forests of eastern and western Oregon has been detected through a ground and aerial survey conducted by the Oregon State board of Forestry, the U. S. Forest Service and the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.  
The cost of the project in the Roseburg and Wilbur areas will be paid through a cooperative agreement between the state of Oregon and the U. S. government.

**Landslide Kills Father Before Eyes Of Son**  
SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 9 —(AP)—Before the horrified eyes of his son, Justo Pesutich, 65, met death yesterday beneath a two-ton landslide that buried him alive.  
An overhanging ledge collapsed on Pesutich as he and his son, Vieiko, dug topsoil from an embankment. The son shouted for help and dug frantically. He finally freed his father, but it was too late.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS changing-world note:

Down in San Anselmo they have a city ordinance providing that horses must be tethered at least 20 feet away from dwellings. Two housewives have just appeared before the council to demand that this distance be increased.

"Horses," they explain to the city fathers, "are UNSANITARY. Their presence interferes with the use of our patios."

In the olden, golden days, we were acutely suspicious of men who smelled of cologne, but respected and usually admired those who smelled faintly of the stables.

The echoes of the Florida election at which young Smathers took Big Chief Pepper to the cleaners are still rumbling up and down the political canyons. The big medicine men of politics are figuring out what it all meant—and, as usual, each figures it according to his own PERSONAL interest.  
For example:  
To Senator Taft, the SIGNIFI-

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### ALL CITIZENS INVITED

## State's Finances Will Be Forum Topic Here May 17; Legislators To Offer Data

Citizens of Douglas county, especially officials of county, city and school districts, have been invited by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce to attend and take part in a forum meeting to be held Wednesday noon, May 17, at Hotel Umpqua. Guests at the forum will be the members of the legislative interim tax study committee, who will present the facts about the present condition of state finances, discuss the effect proposed measures would have on it and suggest some changes to the citizens.

The program will consist of an outline of present fiscal condition of the state by Senator Howard Belton, chairman of the interim committee. Representative Giles French will talk about the financial effect of the proposed school bill to increase state support by \$30 per census child and the proposed bonus bill for veterans. Mrs. Louise

Humphrey will talk about welfare problems and probable cost.  
Earl B. Day, former legislator, Jackson county judge and state tax commissioner, will speak about proposed changes in the corporate excise tax. Representative John

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### Red Cross Hospital Council Units To Meet

The Red Cross hospital council, comprising representatives from many chapters in Oregon and Siskiyou county in California will hold a bi-monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday at 12 noon at Carl's Haven. Purpose of the session is to determine the needs of the Roseburg Veterans and Camp White hospitals.

Official greeters at the luncheon meeting will be several members of the Roseburg Gray Ladies. These are Mrs. Lloyd Myers, Mrs. Paul Barcus, Mrs. Harold Powell and Mrs. Joe Boudreau.

### Camas Residence Burns

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Poole on Camas mountain burned Saturday afternoon.  
The fire caught on the roof of the house and, since no water was available for fighting the blaze, the house was destroyed.  
Most of the furniture and clothing were saved.  
Poole suffered a badly burned hand while saving his belongings.  
The Pooles have one son at home and they are keeping a small nephew.

### BUGGLARY CHARGED

Donald Leroy Van Denzen, 26, of Appleton, Wis., and James O'Donnell, 34, of Bakersfield, Calif., are being held in the county jail on \$1500 bail on charges of burglarizing a building at night, Sheriff O. T. Carter reported Monday.

### Water District Election On Bonds Dated May 16

The Winston-Dillard Water district bond issue election will be held Tuesday, May 16, instead of today as previously reported.  
The election is on the issue of contracting bonded indebtedness of \$83,000 for funds for installing pipe lines to serve the residents of the district.  
The election will take place in the annex of True's store at Winston between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. PST, (8 a.m. and 8 p.m. DST).

### RIVER YIELDS BODY

GRANTS PASS, May 9 —(AP)—The body of Walter Crouse Sr., 64, veteran Grants Pass irrigation district employee, who was drowned in a Savage Rapids dam accident April 18, was recovered last night at Tahoma rifle, a mile below the dam.



**FIRE-GUTTED BUILDINGS AT RIMOUSKI, QUEBEC**—The center of town of Rimouski, Quebec, is nothing but ruins after being gutted by a \$20,000,000 fire. More than 2,000 were homeless after being burned out by a fire that started at one of the town's lumber yards. A third of the town is a smoldering ruin.

### Son Loses Fight To Break Will Of Actor W. S. Hart

LOS ANGELES, May 9 —(AP)—William S. Hart Jr. has lost his attempt to break the will of his late father, silent film western star, who left most of his \$1,170,000 to Los Angeles county for a park.

A superior court judge upheld the document last night at the conclusion of a trial which began Jan. 3. It rejected contentions of the actor's 27-year-old son that the elder Hart was of unsound mind and unduly influenced when he made his will, two years before the death in 1946 at the age of 78.

Although disinherited, young Hart was provided for in a \$100,000 trust fund, set up before he was born.  
Among the 102 witnesses in the lengthy proceedings was Hart's divorced wife, actress Winifred Westover, who testified that the actor was dominated in many ways by his sister, Mary.

The actress and Hart were married in 1921 when she was 21 and he 58. They separated five months later, but were not divorced until five years had elapsed.  
Hart told newsmen he intends to press a suit to obtain ownership of the \$250,000 Horseshoe ranch near Newhall, Calif., which his father left for a county park. The Tye Lumber Co. sawmill at Tye was destroyed by fire April 23. The remanufacturing plant at Sutherland was left without a source of supply. J. S. Evans, manager, announced following the fire that approximately 150 loggers and employees of the sawmill and the Sutherland remanufacturing plant were at that time affected.

Mrs. Hart told reporters she intends to file a suit to set aside a property settlement and divorce decree, saying she signed away her rights under fraud and duress.

### Roseburg Lumber Co. Buys Tye Co. Holdings

The entire holdings of the Tye Lumber Co. has been purchased by the Roseburg Lumber Co.  
Earl Plummer, office manager of Roseburg Lumber, said the holdings include the remanufacturing plant at Sutherland and the timber operations at Tye. The company was owned by Theo G. Meyer & Sons, a California corporation.  
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### Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein  
During this National Musical week, don't get peeved if a performer hits a "blue" note. Remember it's also Be Kind to Animals week.