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## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

LONDON — The Voice of America has already spent \$219,837,346 and is asking for another \$100,000,000 to fill the skies over England, Europe and Asia with dimwit blather that is losing instead of creating friends for the U. S. A.

In London, as I related herein yesterday, the average Englishman has no idea of what the U. S. has done with Marshall plan money, nor what our foreign policy is all about. In the latter instance, the traffic is in fact all the other way, with Secretary of State Acheson sitting around waiting for cues from the British on how to behave diplomatically.

Apparently Voice of America employees in England and elsewhere seldom venture from the American clubs, bars and restaurants to learn what the English are thinking about. It might help if they quit talking to British diplomats and started quizzing the British man on the street.

Something ought to be done, for instance, about the Britisher who is convinced the Socialist labor government has repaid all U. S. aid with British made automobiles and machinery. The Voice ought to tell the Britisher that anything sent to the U. S. from England is paid for in U. S. cash.

Voice of America employees might also ask the average London resident how interested he is in a dissertation about a Nebraska girl who makes lamp shades. The Voice recently broadcast this prize example of American production might in 29 languages, including an airing over the British Broadcasting company network.

What the British could be told is that since 1949 we've sent them \$30,000,000 worth of farm machinery, and that prior to that, under lend-lease, we shipped 30,000 tractors, 30,000 grain binders and 29,000 combines — and because we did, their farm production is up 50 percent and they're eating as well as they are because of this.

They ought to be told, also, that American manufacturers can't even sell farm machinery in England, since British farmers are forbidden to buy anything that is not British built. They can take anything free, of course.

**Oregon School Bus Stop Law Soon To Be In Effect**  
Although some school buses are being used to transport harvest workers to and from fields, the state traffic safety division reminds Oregon motorists that soon a stopped school bus will mean children are likely to be in the roadway.  
Under Oregon law, motorists must stop when approaching or overtaking a school bus which is loading or unloading children.  
The fact that school buses are often leased to farmers to haul harvesters during the summer, during which time the "stop law" is not effective, confuses many motorists, the division explains.  
When schools start, however, the law is in effect, and motorists must stop. Failure to do so, the division concluded, can result not only in arrest and a fine, but also could result in injury or death for some child. The law further requires that all vehicles must remain stopped as long as a child is leaving the bus or crossing the roadway.



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### A VISIT TO FIRE LINES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Flood and fire are always terrifying. Last fall we had one of the worst floods in our history. Now we are waging a battle against two of the largest forest fires to hit our county in recent years.

Man's puny efforts seem so futile against the relentless fury of a forest fire. Yet there is so much of heroism that it becomes commonplace.

The best in man's nature comes forth spontaneously in times of emergency when a man will risk his life to protect the home and property of a neighbor; when men and women alike, sleepless for days and nights in succession, refuse to leave posts of service although exhaustion has transformed them into haggard automatons.

Accompanying Paul Jenkins, News-Review photographer, we skirted the east edge of the Hubbard creek fire, visiting the burned-out area of the Elgarose community.

Spectral chimneys marked the sites of former farm homes. In some spots it was difficult to identify the place where a house had stood, so complete was the destruction.

Against the roar of flames, sounding much like an express train crossing a trestle, could be heard the chugging of bulldozers building fire lanes, which all too often proved no barrier at all.

We met tractor drivers like Frank Gibbons, pushing a bulldozer furnished by the Doughty Bros. Eyes red from smoke and sleeplessness, his deeply lined face covered with a heavy stubble of beard, attesting to long hours of continued punishing labor, Gibbons stopped only long enough to pour water into the radiator of his huge machine before pushing on to widen the fire break he was building, joining a similar lane being constructed beyond him by men from the Roseburg Lumber company.

### Heavy Livestock Losses

The acrid smoke, searing eyeballs, carried the sickening smell of burned livestock and poultry. Throughout the area men were hunting blinded and burned animals that they might mercifully end their suffering. Veterinarians were striving to save animals less seriously injured. Hundreds of head of stock were rescued by members of the Sheriff's posse who utilized trailers, normally used in transporting their mounts, to evacuate animals from farms in the path of the fire. One could not help but think of the terrible destruction that must be occurring to wildlife within the burning forest. Don Rust told us of being run over by three panic stricken deer as he fought a grass fire.

And, speaking of displaced wildlife, one must mention the mad and hungry yellow jackets and hornets. Ask Bill Cooper how he got his black eye! A yellow jacket "sat" on it.

Touring the area it seemed that every plowed field held a "crop" of refrigerators, washing machines, ranges, etc., moved to points of safety. We saw one load of appliances ingeniously loaded on a tractor's drawbar ready for evacuation.

### Half Baked Apples

Gaylord Lucas gleefully pointed out his crop of "half-baked apples" — baked on one side and raw on the other. Lucas, when we saw him, was counting himself as being extremely fortunate. When he and Mrs. Lucas evacuated their home, they had no expectation that anything could be saved. But, by one of those peculiar freaks of fire, their barn was burned, while two adjoining oil-soaked sheds and the residence were relatively undamaged. The nearby home of a neighbor was completely razed.

Thousands of words could be written to credit the many men and women rising to heroic stature under the stress of emergency. We could "scoop" Glen Wellman and his "Feed Bag" by telling how the Douglas County Flour mill crew spent days and nights helping Elgarose poultrymen backfire around their farms; how the owner of the Melrose store is patrolling the fire lines distributing refreshing soft drinks to weary firefighters; how the Melrose dairy is delivering free milk to the schoolhouses, grange halls, churches and other buildings where men from the fire lines occasionally manage to catch a meal. It is impossible to give credit to every firm, company or individual contributing to the effort. Everyone, it seems, is responding to the emergency, giving help wherever possible. Those mentioned are only typical of the services being furnished by so many others.

When we read about the "bad" side of human nature in our stories of crime, graft, selfishness and lust, it is inspiring to see demonstrated the preponderant "good" to be found in all mankind but which seldom makes newspaper headlines.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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act when he sees any act of crime, including vice law violations in his territory.

The order also holds all ranking officers personally responsible for any failures of officers under them to ignore the new order.

"IF" is a big word in our language. So let's put it this way: IF that order were strictly enforced what the order loosely terms "vice law violations" would practically disappear from Tacoma.

The idea that we can't control crime (including gambling and succa) is tommyrot. We could control it efficiently enough if we were SINCERE ENOUGH in our efforts.

A violent earthquake in Hawaii does heavy damage in a variety of ways, but the HEAVIEST damage results from the breaking of water reservoirs and the loss of the water stored in them.

All of a sudden, water is coming to be recognized as possibly the most precious of our resources.

There was a time—long, long ago—when the valleys of the Ti-

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

There's a little village in New York state where certain names go way back: Ewell is one of them. When I was a child attending school in Wyoming, I knew "the Ewells." Now today I read with interest about Earl Ewell, 70, who had just started on a trip around the world. By air. With frequent sightseeing stops all long the way.

Mr. Ewell is a retired farmer, but, evidently, all the time he was keeping four farms going he was also keeping a dream in his head. I suppose he will be one of the farmers we have been reading about who have gone overseas to see how intensive farming is done over there. Won't the Wyoming Grange enjoy his stories when he gets back!

Some of the places on his list of stopovers are: London, Paris, Rome, Cairo, Bangkok—I'm quoting the Wyoming County Times—Singapore, Manila, Wake Island, Honolulu and back to San Francisco, to mention a few places.

Mrs. Ewell thought she would rather just stay home. So that's what she is doing. I guess she will be taking a keen interest in the mail from now on.

Mr. Ewell had taken eight "shots" and had to submit to one

### Forest Products Market Report

Limited information from state farm foresters indicates little change in Willamette valley markets for farm forest products during the week ending August 20, according to the weekly farm forest products market report, prepared from data supplied by State Farm Foresters to the OSC Extension Service and other information.

DOUGLAS FIR LOGS: Demand continued good for second-growth Douglas fir sawlogs during the last week. Offers by valley mills have ranged from \$32 to \$42 a thousand board feet for lots 12 feet or more in length since the \$2 advance early this month. Most sales recently have been made within the \$35 to \$38 spread. Eight-foot logs have brought mostly \$18 to \$20 a cord or \$30 to \$38 a thousand.

Old-growth Douglas fir have continued at \$32 to \$40 a thousand for No. 3 grade, while No. 1's brought up to \$60 at valley mills. Plywood peelers held at \$100 to \$110.

PULPWOOD: Leading pulp mills are out of the market for Douglas fir pulpwood. Stock piles are large, and storage space is mostly filled. Plants still in the market have paid around \$17 a cord for unpeeled spruce and hemlock wood.

POLES SPLITTING: Peeled poles have recently ranged from 9 cents a foot for 20-foot lengths up to 45 cents for poles 60 feet or more in length. Barkies were usually 2 to 3

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