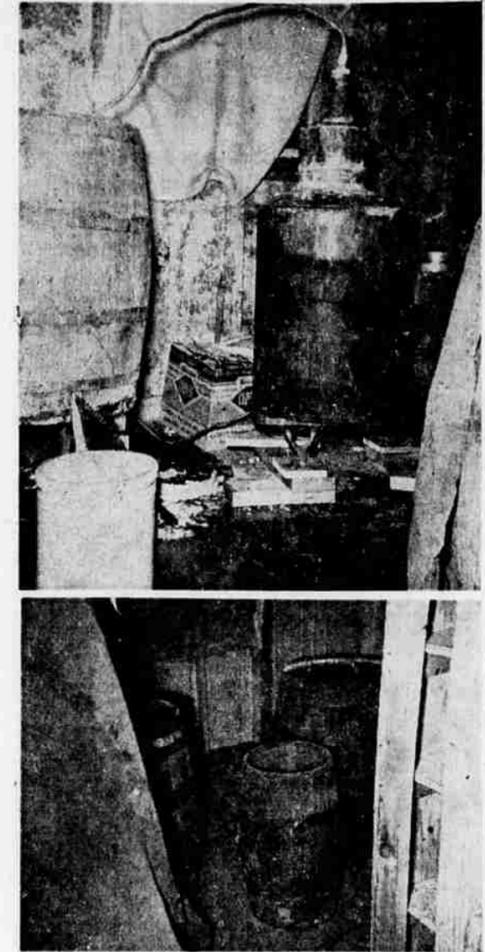


# Monstrous Fire Nears Los Angeles

## Federal Agents Raid Still, Arrest Thomas L. Spencer, Confiscate 13 Gal. Whiskey



MOONSHINE WHISKEY was being made in the still shown at top when federal agents raided the operation Thursday afternoon. The mash was placed in the lower portion of the still which was heated by butane. The vapor rose to the steam head (sealed with dough) and went through the copper tube to the barrel on the left. The barrel contained a copper coil and was filled with water to cool the steam and condense the whiskey which dripped into the crock below the condenser. This equipment, nearly 13 gallons of whiskey, and the barrels of mash shown in the bottom picture were destroyed by officers. (Sheriff's Office)

Another Douglas County moonshining operation was halted Thursday with the arrest of one man and the destruction of a crude still and nearly 13 gallons of whiskey.

Arrested by federal agents who moved in on the still located on Reston Road was Thomas Levi Spencer, 46, Rt. 4 Box 1114, Roseburg. The treasury department men had been watching the operation for several days and made the arrest when it appeared Spencer was getting ready to move out. Spencer had rented the small house where he set up his still. The place was rented Oct. 26 and he told officers he had made but "two runs."

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

How about going sentimental in this space today — just for a change?

The thought is suggested by Dr. Fred Singer, Dr. Singer is an astrophysicist who lives in Virginia and works at the University of Maryland, just across the Potomac River. Astrophysics is the science that deals principally with the constitution of the celestial bodies. That makes him an expert on space satellites, space missiles, space travel and so on.

He is a hard-headed scientist and is one of our leading authorities on this business of outer space, including fantastic weapons and counter-weapons that may travel through outer space in order to reach targets halfway around our terrestrial globe.

It was Dr. Singer who suggested recently that shooting a rocket to the moon would be perhaps as simple in these days as falling off a log but would have little military value. The moon, he added, might be a handy place to test our nuts.

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### The Weather

Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Saturday, with morning fog Saturday. Continued cool nights.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	50
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	27
Highest temp. any November	73
Lowest temp. any November	15
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from Nov. 1	2.70
Precip. from Sept. 1	8.34
Excess from Sept. 1	1.97

Sunset tonight, 4:43 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:15 a.m.

**ONLY 27 DAYS LEFT FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

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## Communist Leaders Call For Unity

### Peiping Radio Broadcasts Text Of Communiqué

LONDON, (AP) — The leaders of a long communist drive have called for iron unity of Communists of all countries in a "struggle for common goals."

The Peiping broadcast the text of a long communiqué drawn up on completion of several weeks of talks in Moscow by the top leaders of the Communist-ruled nations. Time after time, the communiqué said, there is a danger of war, including nuclear war, in the present world political situations in such areas as Germany, the Middle East and Asia.

The communiqué called upon Communists to rally together behind antiwar slogans to "surmount all obstacles in their onward movement and further accelerate great victories for the cause of peace, democracy and socialism."

When the Communists use the word "democracy," they mean it in the Soviet sense of rigid Communist rule.

**Tito Doesn't Sign**

President Tito's Yugoslav Communists did not sign this communiqué. It stated that the Communists recognize there are "different roads" to socialism, but it played that theme down in favor of one which insists that the fundamental principles of Red revolution are the same for all countries. Tito's long quarrel with the Soviet Communist Party stemmed from resistance to the doctrine that Moscow must be the domin-

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### Missionary Radios Everything's Okay In Land Of Aucas

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — A Protestant mission headquarters said Friday a British missionary reported by radio he is all right and in no danger from savage Aucas Indians.

The Christian Missions in Many Lands office here reported the Rev. Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh of Bury, St. Edmunds, England, talked by radio with a Shell Oil station early Friday and said there is nothing going on in his area.

Earlier, word received in the United States was that the Indians, who killed five U. S. missionaries two years ago, had closed in around Dr. Tidmarsh's mission station on the Oglan River.

Not since January 1956 has anyone tried to Christianize the Aucas. That month five Americans who had flown into the dense jungle were killed, impaled by needle-pointed spears nine feet long.

**Set Up Shack**

A few weeks ago Dr. Tidmarsh, a missionary for the Christian Missions in Many Lands, set up his shack on the Oglan River in Aucas territory.

Wednesday, the savages closed in on him.

Friendly Indians got the word back to missionary camp at Aranjano, just across a rugged ridge on safer ground.

When his plight became known to Rachel Saint, working on the Aucas language at the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Arkansas, she had an Aucas girl there make a recording, pleading with her people not to slay the white man.

Miss Saint, a missionary herself, is a sister of one of the men killed, pilot Nate Saint.

Last night, the processed recording was broadcast by ham radio operator Paul Carpenter here to Quito, capital of Ecuador, where it was picked up and taped by Maj. Everett Beall, signal officer with the Army mission, and Robert G. Schneider, the linguistics institute's agent there.

### Douglas Women Form Route 42 Organization

Camas Valley area housewives met this week to form a chapter of the Housewives for Highway 42 Assn.

The group now is circulating petitions in Douglas County calling for improvement in the Trail-to-Coquille highway.

Officers elected at the organizational meeting are Mrs. Albert Schaefer, chairman; Mrs. Orley Weist, secretary; and Mrs. Louis Pryor, treasurer. Committee chairman and the committees they head are Mrs. Henry Denn, petitions; Mrs. Ross Halterman, transportation; and Mrs. William Banks, publicity.

Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Weist and other members will attend a meeting in Portland Dec. 6 at which association members will discuss the Highway 42 program with Charles Reynolds, state highway commissioner. A tentative meeting with the Douglas County Court has been slated by the Camas Valley group for next Tuesday.

### BOY'S JACKET STOLEN

Mrs. Agness Waer, 1579 NE Poplar St., reported to the sheriff's office Thursday that her son's jacket had been stolen from his locker at the Joseph Lane School.

### Overheated Stovepipe Causes Ceiling Fire

An overheated stovepipe caused the ceiling to burst into flames at the home of Bob Huskey, 2410 SW Frear St. early this morning.

Firemen from the Roseburg Rural Fire Dept. were called to the fire at 8:30, but it had been extinguished when they arrived.

Firemen estimated the damage at \$5. They said the stovepipe, from a wood stove, led through the ceiling and was insulated. It got too hot, even for the insulation, and the ceiling caught fire.

### Mother Of Four Held On Contributing Charge

Booked at the Douglas County jail Thursday on a charge contributing to the delinquency of a minor was Helen Watson, 33, Idlewild Rd., Box 135, Roseburg.

She is held in lieu of \$3,000 bail and is accused of contributing to her daughters' delinquency. The girls are 11, 14, 15 and 17 years of age, deputies said.

### EX-GOVERNOR DIES

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Francis Burton Harrison, former governor general of the Philippines and member of Congress, died in Hunterdon Medical Center yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 83.

A resident of nearby Califon, Harrison has been in failing health for several years and entered the hospital a week ago.

### Union Leader Claims News Stories Unfair

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George M. Harrison, vice president of AFL-CIO, today accused the nation's editors of unfairness to labor in their coverage of the McClellan committee.

"I say that the newspapers have failed to point out that the dishonesty and racketeering revealed before the McClellan committee have involved just as many businessmen as labor leaders," Harrison said in a speech prepared for delivery to the Associated Press Managing Editors Assn.

"For every labor man who took a 'bribe or a kickback' there was a businessman who gave it."

While the statements were contained in the text of Harrison's speech made available in advance, he omitted them in his delivery of the talk at the morning session.

Harrison, who also is president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, said that the committee of Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark) was set up to investigate labor and management but "you'll find most newspapers have put the emphasis on the misdeeds of labor."

"You can probably guess that I don't think we've had a fair shake," Harrison added, "and"

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### Gein Awaits Sanity Test

WAUTOMA, Wis. (AP) — Edward Gein, who admits slaying two women and pillaging the graves of at least nine other women, wept and prayed Thursday as the courts studied his fate.

The 31-year-old bachelor was arraigned in Wausau County Court on a charge of first-degree murder and was bound over to Circuit Court for trial.

Defense counsel William Belter and Dist. Atty. Earl Kileen already had agreed on a sanity test for Gein.

Under Wisconsin law, Circuit Court could commit Gein immediately to the Central State Hospital for the Criminal Insane without hearing the murder trial. Wisconsin does not have capital punishment.

Gein is charged specifically with murder and mutilation last Saturday of Mrs. Bernice Worden, 58-year-old hardware store operator in Plainfield, seven miles from his farm.

### Oil Drilling Started Again In Riddle Area

The search for oil is continuing in Douglas County.

This time, it is Sam Humphrey and Buck Corner of Riddle. They are down to the 600-foot depth on the Fred Wallenberg place at Riddle. Their rig will drill to between 2,000 and 2,500 feet.

Humphrey is the son-in-law of the late W. M. Parnell, who was killed several months ago when his oil rig collapsed on the Dayton farm near Riddle.

The Wallenberg place is near the Dayton farm, and Humphrey said the same oil-bearing shale formation found on the Dayton property extends into the new location.

### NEW SPEED MARK

SEATTLE (AP) — A new London-Seattle speed mark over the polar route was claimed Thursday by Pan American World Airways, which said one of its airliners made the flight Wednesday in 17 hours 54 minutes. The scheduled time is 19 hours, 15 minutes.

The Pan Am DC7C carried 36 passengers and a crew of 12.

### Two Break-ins Reported To Roseburg Officers

A burglary and an attempted burglary were reported by Roseburg police today.

In the Thursday burglary of the Harvard Avenue Fruit Stand, only some pennies — about a dollar's worth — and a few apples were taken, police said. The burglary was recovered by the owner, Clarence Mahley, Rt. 2 Box 575, Roseburg.

The method of entering the fruit stand probably was by means of an air vent, investigating officers said. They also found that the burglar had slept there in a bed made of sacks. He had eaten several apples and left a pair of slacks behind.

A rear door of the New Method Cleaners was found forced open early this morning by a merchant patrolman. Police said they could find nothing disturbed inside the building and that the owner, Clarence Hunn, is to make a check today to see if anything was taken.

### Two More Are Charged In Reedsport Burglary

Two more youths were arrested Thursday in connection with the Sunday burglary of a Reedsport grocery store.

Sheriff's deputies brought two boys, 16 and 17 years of age, to the Douglas County jail where they are held on burglary charges in lieu of \$2,000 bail each. Both are from Reedsport.

A 15-year-old was arrested Wednesday on the same charge. The boys are accused of breaking into the store where watches and money was stolen. Several of the watches have been recovered as was \$38 which was overlooked when store records were thrown away.

### CLOVERDALE WORK STARTED

A shovel started cutting the first ditch for laying of a storm sewer in the Cloverdale district of North Roseburg Thursday. J. R. McAllister, holds the \$74,000 contract for installing the sewer. Also scheduled soon is street improvement. The Federal Housing Authority is putting up the money. (Paul Jenkins)

### Death Vehicles To Point Up Highway Dangers In Display Slated Here November 30

Six traffic deaths in six days were enough to trigger another "Death Row" campaign.

The grisly remains of the vehicles which carried these six and others to their deaths in Douglas County this year will go on display in downtown Roseburg Nov. 30.

It was the same man in 1951 who spearheaded the presentation of a similar display. The reason was the same then: deaths on the highway had taken a disturbing increase.

Robert G. Davis, chairman of the Douglas County Highway Life-savers, Thursday afternoon called for a repetition of "Death Row."

With spontaneous vigor, police agencies and a small group of interested citizens offered their support.

"Death Row" is the dramatic focus of a program to shock the driving public into the consciousness of the need for traffic safety.

### Shock Treatment

This "shock treatment," Davis said, is necessary to show what speed and reckless and unattended driving can cause. "People have heard so much about safe driving they take it like a radio station break. It doesn't mean anything to them. They need to see what happens."

"Death Row" this year will be set up in Roseburg between Cass and Oak avenues on Southeast Jackson Street. The smashed remains of death vehicles will be dragged

### Miller To Speak To Douglas Fir Scouts' Dinner

Guy Miller, who is being transferred from duties as executive of the Oregon Trail Council of Boy Scouts, will be the speaker next Monday night at the Douglas Fir District's annual dinner.

The dinner will be in the St. George's Episcopal Parish Hall in Roseburg at 7 p.m. New council officers will be elected.

Vondis E. Miller, district chairman, said the dinner is for scouters and their wives.

Miller, who will become executive of the Portland area Jan. 1, will be succeeded by George E. Alexander, 45, Seattle, who has been deputy executive in Seattle since 1954.

Alexander was a field executive in Joplin, Mo., from 1940 to 1942. Afterward he was executive at Greeley, Colo., and assistant executive in Portland before going to Seattle. He is married and has three children.

Miller has been executive of the Oregon Trail Council for the past five years.

### Roseburg Youths Picked Members Of Silver Wings

Kerwin L. Doughton, David S. Jackson and Barney D. Wimer, all of Roseburg, were recently picked as members of Silver Wings, the Air Force ROTC drill society at Oregon State College.

Doughton, 867 S. Pine St., is a freshman majoring in business and technology; Jackson, 114 SE Temple Ave., is a freshman majoring in Liberal Arts; and Wimer, 334 SE Elk St., is a freshman majoring in engineering.

The Roseburg youths qualified in tryouts conducted among 520 freshmen enrolled in Air Force ROTC at the school this year. Silver Wings presents special drill demonstrations at campus programs, sports events and community parades in addition to taking part in ROTC formations and ceremonies.

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## Hurricane Winds Spur Huge Blaze

1,000 Men Fighting Fast Spreading Blaze; Airplane Buffeted

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A monstrous forest fire that spread with fantastic speed under the lash of hurricane winds ranged uncontrolled Friday only 20 miles from downtown Los Angeles.

It broke out late Thursday amid shrieking gusts that caused havoc from the Mexico Border 200 miles north to the San Joaquin Valley. This morning the fire had raced over some 20,000 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains—an acreage figure fires usually take days to reach.

Potentially threatened are a half dozen communities at the base of the San Gabriels, the famed observatory at Mt. Wilson and adjacent television towers, and summer cabins in mountain canyons.

### Barren Area Protects

The fire got to within less than two miles of Mt. Wilson Friday morning, then the wind changed and it started blowing away. The area is partially protected by an area made barren by a fire a few years ago.

Winds that topped 100 m.p.h. Thursday and Friday raked most of Southern California—toppling countless trees, fences, signs and even oil derricks, shattering windows and unroofing homes.

A Las Vegas, Nov.-to-Los Angeles airliner with 33 aboard met turbulence flying over the fire and was buffeted 16 were injured, three seriously. A 75-foot yacht sprang a leak in stormy seas and barely made a safe anchorage. Two smaller craft were sunk by heavy seas. There were no injuries.

### Many Injuries

There were many minor injuries, but no known deaths.

Winds dropped Friday, but were still strong in the fire areas.

The fire started Thursday when a camp fire got away from a prison crew working on a highway near Crystal Lake, at the head of San Gabriel Canyon.

Fanned by the dread Santana windstorm—hot dry canyons sent the fire roaring up the slopes of Los Angeles Basin by high pressure conditions in deserts—the flames raced wildly.

One veteran fireman said he "never saw fire move so fast in my life." Ninety m.p.h. winds funneled into the canyons, sent embers hurtling like tracer bullets through the night, hissing a mile or more ahead of their source.

The blaze is centered in timber and brush at the 3,000-to-4,000 foot level of extremely rugged isolated country, mostly rans and into the one of the fire's worst spots, firemen had to walk four hours uphill.

### 1,000 Men On Lines

There were 1,000 men on the fire lines at dawn and the perimeter of the blaze was 40 miles. Hundreds of additional fire fighters were being flown in from all over the Southwest.

The flames, starting on the upper slopes of the San Gabriels, were fanned downhill toward the communities of Arava, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre and East Pasadena.

During the night and morning several canyons were evacuated, among them San Gabriel and Fish canyons. Highways in the area were closed.

But by dawn only one cabin had been burned and the fire line was still several miles from the outskirts of any city.

One hundred children at Camp Hi-Hill, a Long Beach City school facility, were evacuated by bus.

The smoke from the great blaze, plus dust clouds kicked thousands of feet into the air by winds, made it a grey, sunless morning for the Los Angeles Basin. A fine film of dust and ash coated trees, cars, sidewalks. Pedestrians left footprints anywhere they walked.

### 600 Persons Apply For Jobs At U. S. Ply

A spokesman at U.S. Plywood Corp. said today that some 600 persons have applied for work at the new plant slated to begin operations next February.

The spokesman said about 250 initially will be put on the payroll, with hiring starting probably in early January. He emphasized that no hiring is taking place at present, but that applicants are being "screened" to uncover those most qualified.

Applications have been taken throughout the week, and the spokesman said they will continue to be received through next week. Applicants may file for work at the plant from 1 to 4 p.m. on weekdays and next Tuesday evening, he said.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Thought for Thanksgiving: Those who mail a generous quantity of greeting cards for Christmas and New Year's should be grateful to Uncle Sam that the postage rate was not boosted from 3 to 4 cents — this year at any rate.

