

A Pessimist Views One Day's News

Fire

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14—(UP). A firebug who started seven separate fires in three apartment houses—one of which narrowly missed becoming a major tragedy—was hunted by police and fire inspectors today.

A blaze started in the basement of the Barbette apartments fanned up through a four-story elevator shaft to the roof, blocking the only stairway and trapping 90 residents who were forced to take to the fire escapes and fire ladders.

"It was just luck and quick work that saved those people," said Fire Chief Edward P. Walsh.

Fire investigators had seen smoke from the Barbette fire shortly after 4 a.m. while still investigating another incendiary fire three blocks distant.

Within 35 minutes there was a total of three apartment house blazes that routed 300 occupants and caused damages estimated at \$35,000.

NEW YORK, May 14—(UP). Michael Colon, age two and one-half, always ran in the closet and locked the door when he had done something wrong.

Michael and his brother, Joseph Jr., three and one-half, were playing with matches in the bedroom of their tenement home this morning. They set the bed afire.

Joseph ran to his mother, Benedicta, 37, in the adjoining room. Michael, fearing punishment, toddled into the closet and locked the door. The frantic mother ran into the room but was driven back by flames.

Joseph scampered down the stairs to a nearby store where the father was buying groceries. He came back, on the run, but was stopped by the flames.

Six other families in the tenement fled to the street. No one was injured except Michael. He was burned to death in the closet, hiding so that he wouldn't be spanked.

Disaster

SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 14—(UP). Two of three men, entombed for more than 53 hours in a flooded mine, are definitely alive, rescue workers reported tonight. The third man was unaccounted for.

A rescue worker approached to within 12 feet of the two men but a water barrier prevented immediate rescue. Plans were made to reduce the depth of the water to permit a rubber raft to clear the ceiling of the inundated tunnel 150 feet below the surface.

The rescue worker, Peter Lazarski, said the two men identified themselves as Arthur Peter Gordon, 32, and Edward Heck, 41. He said they told him they were "all right."

Webfoot Freshmen

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third. Humble doubled a few minutes later, only to die at his post.

Oregon State's Graham picked on Hann's second pitch of the eighth inning for what looked like a triple to deep right field. He was slightly disappointed after pulling up at third to see Mel Krause step on the keystone—which he had missed in stretching his blow to a triple. Krause fired the Ducklings in both games with sparkling fielding play at shortstop which, combined with Welch's timely clouting, sent the Rooks back to the farm without any bacon. Big Bobo Clingman expressed the Aggie mood after the last out of the nightcap when he hurled his catch-

War

By UNITED PRESS

The Sovereign State of Israel came into existence at 12:01 a.m. Saturday and, a few minutes later, the Egyptian government ordered its army into Palestine.

Other Arab armies, including the mechanized, 10,000-man Arab legion of Trans-Jordan, already were on Palestine soil or ready to march across its borders from north, south, and east. Arab spokesmen threatened a dread "holy war."

In the course of a day that will fill pages of history, there were these developments:

1. Great Britain ended her 30-year mandate rule of Palestine at 10:08 a.m. when the British high commissioner, Gen. Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham, stepped off the dock in Haifa into a launch which took him to the cruiser, Euryalus.

2. At 4 p.m., in a museum in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv, David Ben Gurion proclaimed the birth of a nation for the Jewish people who have wandered over the earth for 2,000 years. As his followers prayed and wept, Ben Gurion, who heads the new state, announced it would come into being with the end of the British mandate at midnight.

3. At the White House in Washington, President Truman surprised the world by extending formal recognition of the new state only minutes after it came into the Palestine partition plan a few months ago had drawn the wrath of millions of Jews in the United States and overseas.

4. In Cairo, Egypt, the foreign minister issued an ominous communique. It said its armed forces had been ordered to enter Palestine. It was apparent that upwards of 30,000 Arab soldiers were now ready to fight for a land which they believe is rightfully theirs and not the Jews.

5. At United Nations headquarters at Flushing, N. Y., the UN found itself facing the apparent beginning of a war without having the slightest authority in Palestine. The 58 nations, meeting in emergency session, unexpectedly killed an American plan for a special UN Regime in the city of Jerusalem and thereby removed the only prospect of a UN link with the British mandate. Jews danced in the halls of the world organization headquarters at news of American recognition.

UNITED NATIONS HALL
FLUSHING, N. Y., May 14—(UP). Guatemala's United Nations delegate announced tonight that Guatemala formally recognizes the new Jewish state of Israel. It was the second nation to do so.

LONDON, Saturday, May 15—(UP). The foreign office spokesman said early today that the British government would take no action as regards possible recognition of Israel "before a reasonable time this morning." A "reasonable time" at the foreign office is possibly 10 a.m. (5 a.m. EDT).

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Score by Innings

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Brem and Clingman; Hanns, Schoonover (9) and Bennett, Artzt (6).		

Crime

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14—(UP) In the wake of yesterday's abortive drug store robbery and the wounding of two policemen, the roundup of a bandit ring operating here and in Los Angeles was swelled to 14 today with the arrest of two more suspects in Salt Lake City.

Police in the Mormon city picked up James R. Lynch, 29-year-old ex-convict and a man identified only as Paul Nelson. Lt. Dan Mecklem of the San Francisco police intimidated three or four additional men would be arrested as accomplices soon.

Police believed the roundup would solve a wave of Safeway and chain store robberies here and in Los Angeles.

Prices

LOS ANGELES, May 14—(UP) Prices on California lemons were up 20 cents a box this week, the California Fruit Growers Exchange reported today, but sales on both oranges and lemons and orange prices remained at the previous week's level.

The threatened rail strike caused the market to open stronger and higher, the exchange said, but cancellation of the walkout brought a slight decline.

Strike

ALTADENA, Cal., May 14—(UP) Housewives objecting to installation of telephone poles in front of their homes staged a sit-down strike over postholes today.

As soon as workmen finished digging a hole, a housewife plumped herself down on it. Telephone company officials, summoned by workmen, temporarily called off the installation work pending a study of the situation.

Death

BERLIN, Saturday, May 15—(UP)—Father Edward J. Flanagan, 61, the Jesuit priest who founded Boys Town, Neb., with a borrowed \$90 and a faith that there is no such thing as a bad boy, died today of a heart attack at an army station hospital.

Hundreds of once-wayward boys Flanagan prepared for society with kindness and full stomachs were orphaned by the death of the Catholic priest who came to the United States as an immigrant.

Col. F. T. Chamberlain, commander of the 279th station hospital, announced Flanagan's death in a terse statement. The tall, amiable priest died shortly before 1 a.m.

He had collapsed of a heart attack Thursday night at a dinner party at Harnack house, the army's guest house here. His aide immediately called an army doctor and an ambulance. Flanagan was taken to the station hospital in a serious condition. Hospital attendants were instructed to issue no information.

Chamberlain said Flanagan died of a coronary occlusion. With him when he died were Patrick Norton, his assistant at Boys' Town, Patrick J. Moriarty, Shakotee, Minn., the European command's top German youth organizer, and several doctors and nurses.

Flanagan was stricken while spreading his gospel of kindness to misled youth in Germany. He arrived here May 9 to make a two-week study of conditions among young people in the American zone of Germany. Before that, he made a month's study of Austrian youth problems.

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Earthquake

SEATTLE, May 14—(UP) An earthquake was reported along the Aleutian island chain and in the Bering sea at 12:20 p.m. today and all coast guard stations in the area have been alerted for further tremors or tidal waves.

Coast guard headquarters at Seattle reported its Ketchikan office radioed "Severe earthquake reported at 12:30 p.m. at latitude 54.41 north, longitude 171.18 west."

"We have radioed all coast guard stations along the Aleutian chain and the unit at St. Paul island in the Bering sea to be on the alert for further tremors and tidal waves in the area," the message said.

Officials said the message had been transmitted to all long-range navigational and lightship stations along the 1,700-mile Aleutian strip and those rimming the Bering sea.

Officials said no reports of the earthquake had been received from Alaskan mainland areas, however.

The earthquake was reported by seismographs at three west coast universities at the same time earlier today.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Slated

Newman club will hold their final communion breakfast of the term Sunday morning at the church cafeteria following 9:45 mass, George Yost, chairman, announced.

Plans for the Newman club picnic will be discussed at the breakfast, he said.

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