

Threat of Spread in Fire Seen

WILSON RIVER FIRE CONTROL HDQS., Ore., July 18 (UP) — The great 20,000-acre Wilson river fire in Tillamook county is still raging uncontrolled in two sections today, State Forester Nels Rogers reported on the fire-line, and predicted lowered humidity brought a renewed threat of additional loss.

The west, south and southeast edges of the fire have been plowed with bulldozer and man-made trails and the line is being held, he said, but during the night fire got away from weary fighters on the eastern section south of the Wilson river highway.

Pouring In
Also, in the almost inaccessible north section, where no roads lead into the blazing area, the fire continued to advance. This is perhaps the most dangerous section of the 25,000 acres of burned over land, Rogers said. Men are pouring into the area, mostly by foot, but little progress has been made.

The humidity is now about 36 percent or moderately safe, but is expected to drop to about 28 tomorrow, well within the extremely dangerous range. This, coupled with a four to 12 miles an hour wind, made the situation particularly hazardous.

Four Sections
Nearly 2,000 fire fighters, more than two thirds of them soldiers and sailors from posts all over Oregon and Washington, are combating the Wilson and now-controlled Salmonberry blazes, over an area of 25,000 acres.

Four additional sections of land were covered by the spreading blaze on the Wilson river, bringing the total to more than 32 sections. Many spot blazes, caused by burning bark carried by the wind as far as two miles, have been isolated and put out.

Large Losses
Greatest damage so far has been done to felled and bucked timber. One concern lost 9,000,000 board feet, and total damages will run to more than 15,000,000 feet, with dollar-damage going close to the \$200,000 mark.

Little green timber has been lost, but considerable damage has been done to reforestation projects. Loss of logging equipment has been light. The blaze is almost entirely confined in the 250,000-acre, 1933 fire area, but many of the standing snags were being salvaged as usable.

Dean Says Stalin For Freedom of Worship, Religion

LONDON, July 18 (UP)—Dr. Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury, quoted Generalissimo Stalin today as advocating freedom of worship and religion.

Dr. Johnson reported in the London News Chronicle on an interview he had with Stalin during his recent trip to Russia. He quoted Stalin as saying:

"Religion cannot be stopped. Conscience cannot be stilled. Religion is a matter of conscience and conscience is free. Worship and religion are free."

He told Stalin considerable hostility against Russia had been prompted in the past by reports of the Soviet government's treatment of the church. Stalin responded:

"The church has its history, and we have our history. The patriarch of the Russian orthodox church pronounced anathema on the new Soviet government and bade the people refuse to pay taxes. We on our part were obliged to defend ourselves. The state had to act."

Stalin added the war has shown the church how essentially patriotic the Soviet government is and also revealed the patriotism of the church.

Robert Wilson To Succeed Collyer

WASHINGTON, July 18 (UP)—Robert S. Wilson, vice president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, will succeed John L. Collyer as the nation's rubber director, Production Chief J. A. Krug announced today.

Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich company, is leaving government service to return to private industry. He took over the job last March when the tire production program was in serious straits.

In his final report to Krug, Collyer said military and minimum essential civilian requirements for tires and other rubber products can be met this year and next "under programs now in effect."

He cited work stoppages and manpower shortages as principal obstacles facing the industry.

A shortage of natural rubber looms for 1954, Collyer said, but the government is initiating programs to gain new rubber resources in liberated areas in the Pacific.

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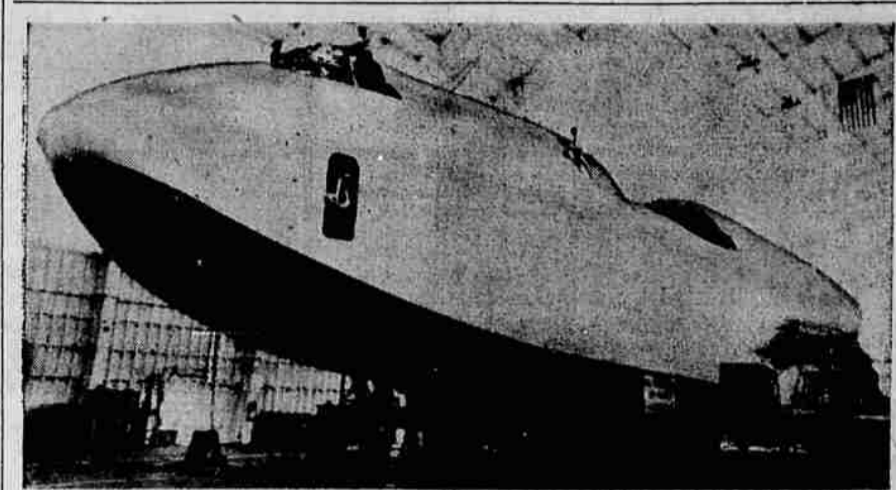
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Airline Service Here Approved



WORLD'S LARGEST PLANE WILL CARRY 750 YANKS—First picture of hull of world's largest plane, the Hughes Hercules, a seaplane cargo plane, to be finished next January. Hull is 220 feet long, 30 feet high, 25 feet wide, has cargo space for equivalent of two railroad cars. The all-wood airship will have eight 3,000 horsepower engines, wingspread will be 320 feet, take off distance over a mile. Gross weight more than 200 tons. Ship will be able to carry 750 fully equipped soldiers nonstop from Honolulu to Tokyo.

Carrier Planes Again Attack Tokyo Areas

GUAM, July 18 (UP)—Japanese broadcasts reported up to 1,500 American and British carrier planes struck from a task force lurking off the east coast of Honshu at airfields and military concentrations in the Tokyo area today for the second straight day.

The reported assault in the heart of the empire and neighboring districts followed by a few hours a 2,000-ton broadside leveled at Honshu's coast by the giant rifles of allied warships sailing to the approaches of Tokyo.

Resumed
Enemy accounts said the new carrier-borne attack hit the districts of Chiba, Ibaragi, Kanagawa, Tochigi, Gumma, and Fukushima as well as the Tokyo region.

Japanese broadcasts said the great carrier strike which spread havoc across Tokyo's sprawling network of airfields from dawn to dusk yesterday was resumed in force around noon today.

Three hours later the attack was still raging an upwards of 500 allied warplanes were bombing and strafing airfields and other military installations on all sides of Tokyo, the enemy accounts said.

Alerted
The new air blow came less than 12 hours after a thundering night bombardment by an Anglo-American surface fleet against the defenseless Japanese coast, barely 25 miles from Tokyo.

Fleet dispatches hinted the allied battlewagons were maneuvering off Tokyo bay this afternoon and the Japanese alerted their coastal population to expect further shelling.

"The enemy task force is liable to attack us at any chosen time and place," the Japanese Domei news agency admitted bleakly.

Approve Increase For Bank Lending

WASHINGTON, July 18 (UP)—The senate banking committee today unanimously approved legislation to increase the lending powers of the export import bank from \$700,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000.

Committee Chairman Robert F. Wagner, D. N. Y., told reporters he would bring the bill up in the senate as soon as the Bretton Woods monetary proposals, now being debated on the floor, are ratified.

Aussies Press Hard In Eastern Borneo

MANILA, July 18 (UP)—Veteran Australian troops pressed Japanese units steadily inland in eastern Borneo supported for the first time by tactical aircraft flying from Sepinggan airfield near Balikpapan, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique announced today.

The airfield is approximately five miles east of Balikpapan and within striking distance of any portion of the constantly changing front.

Army engineers also were working on Manggarai airfield, 13 miles west of Balikpapan, and it will be able to take its full quota of planes soon. This airfield has two hard-surfaced runways.

New Claimant For 'Paternity' Title

LOS ANGELES, July 18 (UP)—Navy Chief Steward Gregorio Zagala, 47-year-old father of 13 children, today claimed the U. S. naval paternity championship.

The Filipino veteran of 27 years in service listed his eight sons and seven daughters and said he expected to clinch the title when Mrs. Zagala gives birth to another baby in November.

Zagala's record ruled out the championship bid of S. I. C. Roman L. Springer of Winona, Minn., father of 14 children.

The Zagala brood range in age from Dolores, 25, to James, 4. Two of the girls are married while three of the sons have followed their father into the navy and are now overseas.

Pendleton Hotel Closing Sending Business Here

Railroad men and transients are rearranging their schedules in order to be in La Grande for meals and lodgings following the closing of Pendleton's hotels and laundries early this week.

The hotels and laundries remained closed following word from the OPA of 7 and 8 percent price increases granted local laundries. They also included increases in dry cleaning which the laundry men objected to as putting them out of line with other dry cleaning prices in town.

Not Enough
Increases granted by the regional OPA offices at San Francisco have fallen far short of what Pendleton laundries declare they need to resume business, and until they reopen, hotelmen said they will be unable to operate.

Closing of the hotels meant removing some 300 rooms from Pendleton's housing facilities. Hotel men brought out at a recent meeting there was no chance to get their laundry done at nearby cities, which can take no extra business, and that their stock of linens, sheets, etc., are not large enough to make it possible to send the laundry to far-away points.

Overtime, No Soap
There was also talk today that barber shops and similar establishments might be confronted with an emergency situation similar to the hotels.

A telegram was received Monday from Senator Guy Gordon stating he was contacting the service trade price branch of the OPA and would report any developments.

Meanwhile, Pendleton housewives were working their washing machines or washboards overtime, if they had them, and to cap the climax, there is a shortage of laundry soap and chips.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m. Temperature:

Maximum — 81
Minimum — 49
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; few scattered showers.

Washington—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Thursday; few scattered showers Thursday. Warmer today but cooler west of Cascades Thursday. Moderate northwest winds off coast.

Lions Say Time To Start Digging For Street Posts

It is, say Lions club members, time to start digging.

The idea is to have 100 holes two feet deep and of the diameter of a post hole auger or shovel at the corner of every intersection in a prescribed area of La Grande finished by Saturday night. The holes are to hold the new street markers.

The area is enclosed in the following boundaries: from the corner of Palmer and Alder south to Spring street, east on Spring to Fourth, north to the railroad tracks and along the tracks back to Palmer and Alder.

Stakes Placed
Stakes have been placed by the city to show where to dig. Householders are asked to dig the holes on their property and where there are vacant houses or lots the Lions club will dig the holes.

They want the holes finished as near as possible by Saturday night so they can take up the slack before the following Wednesday.

Save Stakes
Ed Ford, city manager, asks that when the holes have been dug, with the stake marks as the center of the hole, the stakes will be saved, placed in the hole, so they can be used in the next section of town to be marked out. They will be picked up by city crews.

The dirt from the hole should not just be tossed around on the grass but be carefully piled in the gutter or near the hole, the Lions committee chairman, Horace J. Nelson, pointed out.

New York Papers Print Big Editions

NEW YORK, July 18 (UP)—New York's morning newspapers, fat with advertising, hit the streets for the first time in 18 days today and the metropolitan area's 13,000,000 readers celebrated by rushing to the newsstands.

Ending a famine of news brought on by a walkout of the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' union, thick editions were circulated today. The New York Times went to 42 pages. The Herald Tribune printed 46. Advertisers who had been out of touch with millions of consumers bought large sections of the morning editions.

Cpl. Kenneth Knute Given Discharge

Cpl. Kenneth Knute arrived in La Grande yesterday afternoon after having received an honorable discharge from the army with 100 points to his credit.

He was overseas 37½ months, having participated in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, and also having duty in Ireland and England.

Corporal Knute, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oley Knute, 2195 North First street, entered the army Jan. 30, 1942 and went overseas in May of that year. Besides his campaign ribbons and battle stars he has the Good Conduct medal. Before entering the army he was engaged in farming.

He plan to take vocational training, specializing in diesel en-

Express, Passenger, Mail Service Asked

La Grande has been recommended as a station on the Empire Airlines for passengers, air mail and express, by F. Merritt Ruhland, civil aeronautics board examiner, according to word received today by Ed Ford, city manager, from Bert Zimmerly, president of Empire airlines.

Zimmerly presented his petition to the CAB last November at a hearing at San Francisco, a meeting which Charles Reynolds, chamber of commerce air committee member, also attended.

Zimmerly's telegram to Ford: "CAB examiner Ruhland recommends your city for air service for passengers, mail and express on proposed operations of Empire airlines. Your past cooperation appreciated and the continued support of your city necessary for final board approval."

OPA Figures In Price Comparison Challenged Here

Differentials in All Items Shown In List

Figures released yesterday by OPA sources on comparative wholesale prices in 1919 and today were controverted this morning, following further check with local wholesale and retail grocers.

Officials of the community service committee and the county price and rationing board said the prices had been received from the Portland office and had been a reprint of an editorial from the Quincy, Mass., Patriot Ledger and apparently had to do with prices in that area at the time of the editorial.

A step by step check with all prices published in last night's issue, showed differentials in every item. Prices in last night's story were based on wholesale price to the retailer, carload lots, point of origin.

Comparisons follow:
Beans — OPA figures, 1919—\$9.30 per 100 pounds; today, \$6.25. Actual prices paid by local retailers in lowest bracket for small Idaho whites—\$7.30 per hundred pounds. For Red Mexican beans per 100 \$8.30. Retail ceiling selling price for the former is \$9.02 and for the latter \$11.28.

Peaches—OPA figures: 1919—\$5.45 per dozen; today, \$2.22. Actual prices paid by local retailers for very cheapest peaches, seldom on market, \$2.70 per dozen. Regular grade Flay-R-Pak peaches 2½¢ per dozen \$3.52. Retail ceiling selling price on the latter is \$4.32.

Milk
Evaporated milk—OPA figures, 1919—\$6.48 for 48 cans; today, \$4.10. Actual prices paid by local retailers \$4.30. Retail ceiling selling price is \$5.26.

Lard — OPA figures, 1919—\$25.80 for 100 pounds; today, \$13.80. Actual price paid by local retailers \$18.25. Retail ceiling selling price is \$21.53.

Raisins — OPA figures, 1919—19 cents per pound; today seven and seven-eighths cents per pound. Actual price paid by local retailers 11 cents per pound. Retail ceiling selling price, 14 cents.

Rice — OPA figures, 1919 — 19 cents per pound; today, six and one-half cents per pound. Actual price paid by local retailers, eight and one-half cents per pound. Retail ceiling selling price, 11 cents per pound.

Sugar, beet — OPA figures, 1919, \$16 per hundred; today, \$5.60. Actual price paid by local retailer, \$6.35. Retail ceiling selling price, \$7.11.

Sugar, cane—Actual price paid by local retailers, \$9.55. Retail ceiling selling price, \$7.33.



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AIRMEN SPONSOR BLIND PRODIGY—Wearing a presidential unit citation, an ETO ribbon and the army air force silver wings, Jimmy Osborn, left above, blind 9-year-old piano prodigy, arrives in New York by plane from England for the chance provided him by the 9th U. S. air force. Members of the unit chipped in \$3200 for Jimmy's education at Perkins institution for the blind in Watertown, Mass., where he is headed. With him in the photo is Capt. John F. O'Connell, one of the boy's sponsors.

Pioneer Children To Have Annual Picnic Thursday

Carrying out the custom of the annual picnic, sons and daughters of Union county pioneers will congregate tomorrow at Riverside park for the potluck dinner at noon and the afternoon program.

Even the setting for the picnic is reminiscent of the days of the settling of La Grande, the park being the site of the old Proebstel homestead, settled in 1862.

Though none of the original settlers are left, each year their sons and daughters, some of whom were small children at the time, gather each year and retell the experiences of life during that era.

A number of those pioneers who have moved away return for the event and enjoy the program an dthe visiting and the invariably sumptuous potluck dinner.

Mrs. Kate Hanley and Mrs. Frank Jasper were the committee in charge of the program this year.

Bean Describes Australian, New Guinea Life

Lt. Colonel Walter Bean of La Grande described manners and customs of Australians and residents of New Guinea today to members of the Rotary club during the regular meeting of the group at the Stein cafe.

Colonel Bean, who has been in the service five years, three of which have been spent overseas, said the Australians were very glad to see American troops when they arrived. Japs had landed on the northern section of the island.

Australia has seven million whites and 70,000,000 natives, he said, with the whites populating its area, greater than that of the United States, very sparsely. He described vast sheep and cattle ranches and methods of their operation, natives of Australia and of New Guinea. He left Australia for New Guinea 14 months ago.

Colonel Bean was introduced by H. E. Dixon, chairman of the day. The meeting was presided over by Frank Schiro, vice-president.

Franco Says King Best Rule For Spain

MADRID, July 18 (UP)—Gen. Francisco Franco told Spaniards last night monarchy is the only form of rule to solve the country's vital problems, but did not suggest a time for the restoration.

Franco made a 36-minute speech to the Falange party's national council. It was broadcast throughout the country.

Monarchists heard the speech with mixed pleasure and disappointment. Informed observers took the speech to indicate Franco intends to retain the leadership of Spain for many years to come.

Public Warned Away From Garbage Can

PORTLAND, July 18 (UP) — In warning the public today to stay away from a certain garbage can at the city arboretum, curator Ernest E. Fischer said he didn't know how a skunk got into the can in question, that he knows only the skunk was there.

Asked why he didn't remove the skunk, Fischer said it wouldn't be worth the effort, that the can was worth only a few scents.

Conversion Not To Hurt Coast, Krug Declares

PORTLAND, July 18 (UP) — Proximity of Pacific coast states to the Pacific war zone will not be allowed to give the east re-conversion advantages if the war production board can prevent it.

So said J. A. Krug, WPB chairman, yesterday, in Portland before leaving for a Seattle conference, scheduled for today on re-conversion methods.

According to latest figures, he said, the east is ahead of the west in reconversion just now, but the difference is slight. Krug is now in the region on a "running check" of coastwide reconversion progress.

The increased importance of this area to the war effort, making reconversion here difficult, has prompted the first of the monthly meetings of the operations council of the WPB on the coast. It is the Seattle meeting, scheduled for today.

Union Decides To Return To Work

OAKLAND, Calif., July 18 (UP) — Complying with a war labor board order, 3,075 AEL shipyard workers today voted to return to their jobs repairing 21 navy and merchant ships at the General Engineering company's Alameda, Calif., yards at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

The men complied with a union steering committee recommendations that they end a work stoppage begun last Friday after a one hour mass meeting. Originally 875 men and nine ships were involved in the dispute.

Three Month Old Baby Lost After Accident On Bus

RICHMOND, Va., July 18 (UP) — A three-month old baby was missing today after a Greyhound bus plunged from a weakened bridge into rain-swollen Gillies creek within the Richmond city limits. Hospital authorities said the other 45 passengers and the bus driver had been rescued.

Mrs. Eva Nora Hammel 29, Delta, Pa., told rescue workers she was holding her daughter, Donna Jean, in her arms, when she climbed out of a bus window to the top of the vehicle. She said she lost the baby while the passengers were standing on the crowded top of the bus waiting for rescue.

A Card Holders To Get Some Tires

WASHINGTON, July 18 (UP)—Rubber Director John L. Collyer predicted today some A-card holders may obtain new tires by next February or March, if present production goals are met.

Tires have not been available to A-card holders since July, 1943. Collyer said 25,000,000 passenger car tires are scheduled for production this year—or "little more than essential replacement needs."