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## Stupidity Charged To Army

WASHINGTON, August 1 (UP)—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., today accused the army of "blind and stupid and criminal" lack of cooperation in orderly return of soldiers to civilian life.

Johnson charged the army with keeping millions too many men in service since Germany's surrender. Generous congressional support, "like heady wine," has made the army "arrogant and has distorted its perspective," he asserted.

**Monstrous**  
The "pay-off," he added, was the revelation by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, that the army would continue drafting 100,000 men a month after Japan is beaten. He proposed Hershey be given the congressional medal for "letting the cat out of the bag" on this one.

He termed the army's point discharge system a "mathematical monstrosity" which could not work but was created, he said, "to stall and confuse and bewilder."

**Demands**  
Johnson asserted the United States could not use an army of 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 against Japan. The maximum number that could be transported, supplied and used on the Japanese front, he said, would be 3,000,000 by the end of 1946.

"Then why in the name of common sense, he demanded, 'must we maintain an army of 8,000,000? ... I demand that the army cut the jacket to fit the cloth.'"

The job of returning 15,000,000 service men and women to civilian life, Johnson told the senate, is the "most difficult task the United States ever faced. And the army's utter lack of cooperation in helping to solve it is blind and stupid and criminal."

**Not Enough**  
By "hauling around the country" men who should be discharged, Johnson continued, the army left the railroads without sufficient men to run their trains. "By drafting coal miners it does not need," he added, "the army is forcing the steel mills to close."

Johnson said selective service should continue to draft 18-year-olds for replacement purposes as long as the Japanese war lasts.

"But long ago," he insisted, "it should have ceased to draft essential workers from industry, from the mines and from the farms."

Lashing at Hershey for his post-war continued draft status, Johnson said that congress had "created a Frankenstein that will crush the nation unless congress itself calls a halt."

## 10 Million More Jobs Needed For Full Prosperity

American business and retailers must make efforts to increase national income annually 30 to 45 billion dollars and to provide seven to 10 million jobs if national prosperity is to be maintained, La Grande Rotarians and their guests learned today during the weekly meeting of the organization.

Shown a film, "The Last Three Feet," developed by the C. E. D., the committee for economic development, the group learned that new efforts to attract the customer must be developed in the post-war period and that prosperity will depend on the buying of new commodities by the consuming public.

The committee for economic development is composed of a non-governmental group of small and large businessmen who believe the way to avoid postwar unemployment for large numbers of workers and servicemen is to create work by new building and the full utilization of new methods and products, Gray said.

The film was introduced by Raymond Gray, president of the chamber of commerce, and Frank Schiro, chairman of the C. E. D. for this area, and was shown by A. B. Spud Olson, chairman of the day was H. E. Dixon and Dr. Ruben Measke presided.

## Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.  
Temperature:  
Maximum 90  
Minimum 49  
Forecast: Clear tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight.

# Loggers Flee from New Blaze

### How to Know Cantaloupe, Or... Don't Arouse Your Grocer's Wrath

How to distinguish a ripe cantaloupe, or, don't be the grocer's abolitionist—

If you want the grocer to tear his rapidly graying, already sparse locks, just pinch and poke each melon or highly perishable vegetable in his display until it is dripping juice. There are other ways, but the melon-pinch program is probably the most highly effective—

But, too, there is a method of really determining which melon is ripened to the degree to suit your liking.

**Wide Term**  
The term cantaloupe is used for all varieties of melons having netting on the skins. Muskmelons are in an even larger family and include the cantaloupe breed, honey dew, honey balls and casabas.

Look first at the stem end of the melon you are purchasing and if it is picked when just ripe, it will have a clean scar where the stem grew, but if it were picked too green it will have part of the stem still attached or will have a scar where the stem was

broken off. The fruit should be sound, well netted, and the blossom end should be firm, and show no paleness.

**Sweet, Too**  
When it is fully ripe a golden color should show through the netting. Sometimes it will have little globules of red-brown sugar around the stem scar, when that occurs, you can be very sure the cantaloupe is fairly sweet.

Cantaloupes are high in vitamin A, and are a good source of vitamin C.

Honey dews are only slightly netted. The skin is a light yellow when ripe. They have a smooth skin and their pale green color changes to a creamy white as they ripen. To determine if it is ripe enough to put in the refrigerator to chill, shake the melon and listen to hear if the seeds are loose.

Honey dew melons are a fairly good source of vitamin C and like the cantaloupe can be served on the breakfast, luncheon or dinner table and can be used as appetizers, as salad or in fruit cups.

## Lose Fire Line; New Area Hit

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (UP)—Loggers fled for their lives before flames of the Wilson river forest fire in western Oregon as wind whipped up new peril in the Jordan creek section on the southwest edge of the 200,000-acre burn.

They were forced to abandon tools and valuable equipment as flames roared back through hills previously spotted by spot fires more than a week ago.

**Lose Line**  
More fire line has been lost in western Washington county where flames ate into new growth timber, and another finger of the fire is pushing along mountain into the south between the Trask and Tualatin watersheds.

Thirty miles to the north, in Clatsop county south of Elsie, last week's outbreak has grown into a huge spot fire, but this has not joined the main burn. Flames also are eating southward toward the town of Cochran, but the progress is slow.

The mysterious burning of the high trestle over Devil's Fork canyon forced rerouting of fire fighters from the chief dispatching headquarters at Owl camp. The bridge had been guarded closely but embers in the timbers broke out suddenly.

The northwest sector of the fire was scouted to determine the extent of spot fires. The terrain is so rugged fire crews have been barely able to get to the fire fronts.

Bulldozers widened fire breaks on most of the other fronts.

**Nearer Town**  
Some crews are being released on Polk county fires, now under control.

The Forest Grover reservoir and water shed continued to be threatened, with flames barely a quarter of a mile away. Augmented crews battled the fires.

In western Washington, more than 100 firefighters brought fires on nearly a square mile of logged-off land near Enumclaw under control early today. Foresters said the fire will burn itself out if winds do not rise. No one was injured, but 3,000,000 board feet of lumber was destroyed.

## Baptist Leave For Anthony Lake Camp

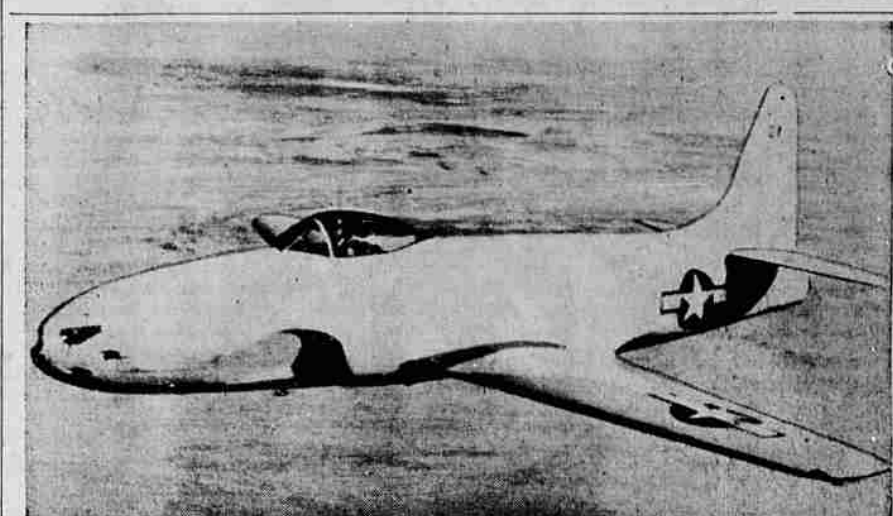
Youth and adult members of the Baptist churches of the Grande Ronde association left today for the Baptist camp to be conducted from today through the 10th at Anthony lakes.

Included in the Grande Ronde association are Baker, Cove, Enterprise, Haines, La Grande and Ontario, as well as communities which do not have Baptist churches.

Pastors from various parts of the northwest are present to instruct the classes and direct recreation and will be assisted by laymen from the different districts.

**Every Emergency**  
Every possible contingency which a nurse would face in a ground hospital can be handled adequately by an ATC flight nurse while her plane flies over the Pacific—thousands of feet in the sky. At the school of aviation medicine at Randolph field, Texas, Lieutenant Peare received rigid training for high altitude flying. She can, if necessary, ad-

## 800 B-29s, Record Force, Hit Four Honshu Cities, Including Oil Center



550 MILES PER HOUR, WITH EASE—Fast as a bullet, new USAAF P-80 "Shooting Star" in flight. Powered by new jet propelled engine, the Star is capable of 550 miles per hour cruising speed and is maneuverable at an altitude of 40,000 feet. It is one of several U. S. secret weapons to be used soon in Pacific.

## 12,000 Pounds of Paper Collected In Last Drive

More than 12,000 pounds of paper was gathered by the Union county salvage committee and its assistants Friday and Saturday in La Grande, it was announced today by Lynne Bohnekamp, chairman.

The pickup was made by the salvage committee with trucks donated by Wayne Shuster of the Peoples Garbage service, Lynn Williamson of La Grande Garbage service and Smith Brothers hauling service.

Only about 1,000 pounds of tin was collected. The 12,000 pounds of paper was added to part of a carload from the paper depot, making nearly 47,700 pounds in the car shipped.

While a donation is being made to the Shrine hospital in Portland as soon as money is received from the sale of the paper, this drive was conducted entirely by the Union county salvage committee.

Assisting in loading the car were Clarence Powers, Chester Peterson, president of La Grande junior chamber of commerce, Charles Karther, Wayne Shuster, Dick Lewis and son and Lynn Williamson and son. Cub scouts assisted in getting the paper out in various parts of the city.

## Support Price On Beets Announced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced today a 1946 support price program on sugar beets and sugar cane which offers higher payments as an incentive for increased production.

## Kathleen Peare Is Flight Nurse



LT. KATHLEEN PEARE only flight nurse from Union county, now on duty on hospital planes.

## Final Big Three Session Tonight

POTSDAM, Aug. 1 (UP)—The big three met in plenary session today and it was believed the conference will end tonight after a final session to approve the official communique.

A U. S. army spokesman said flatly the big three are meeting tonight for what was expected to be their last session. Shortly before this announcement it was understood the conference was over.

Questioned regarding a report published in the United States that the conference had ended, the army spokesman said: "The conference has not ended."

## Canadian Travels 1,900 Miles to Hear Combs Imitate Birds

Nineteen hundred miles is a long way to travel to compare whistles but that is what Thomas Gorst of Winnipeg did after reading of Nephi Combs' talent, as described in Progress Guide recently.

He arrived here Friday and plans to leave today. While here he visited Wallowa lake, Anthony lakes and other points of interest in eastern Oregon and voiced profound appreciation of the scenery of the country.

Gorst imitates birds as a hobby, but uses an entirely different technique from Combs.

## MANY JAPS DIE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1 (UP)—The Australian army department announced today Australian troops have inflicted between 12,000 and 13,000 casualties on Japanese forces in the Solomons and New Guinea.

## 3,000 Pheasants Released Here In Last Week

With 3,000 more Monoglian pheasants added to the bird population in the Grande Ronde valley within the last few days, the valley has a better pheasant outlook "than we have in the Ontario neighborhood," according to the superintendent of the Ontario game farm.

The birds were brought into the valley from the game farm by state game commission trucks and were freed at various parts of the valley by farm employees with the assistance of members of the Sportsmen's club here.

**Five Loads**  
The birds were freed near Union, Cove, Summerville, Hot Lake and other vicinities within the county. There were five truckloads of them, brought in 600 to the load.

Claud Mackey, Nate Zweifel and Ernie Walden assisted the game commission employees in releasing the pheasants. They were told there were more released here than in any other area of the state.

**Ideal Conditions**  
With the number of birds already in the county, the 3,000 new population of birds any where from a third to half grown will assure hunters of plenty of game when the season opens. Game commission workers said cover, water and food conditions in the valley are ideal for propagation of the pheasants.

Season is from Oct. 13 to Nov. 4 in Union, Baker, Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa counties. Bag limit is four males a day, eight in possession but not to exceed eight in any seven consecutive days.

## Crude Rubber Of Philippines Is Reaching U. S.

MANILA, Aug. 1 (UP)—Crude rubber from the Philippines has begun moving to the United States and production will be increased steadily, it was revealed today.

Officials of the foreign economic administration and the affiliated rubber development corporation reported 58 tons of crude rubber have just been shipped to America. Earlier, 800,000 pounds of salvage Japanese rubber was shipped.

The rubber, and all subsequent shipments will be sold to private industry in the United States. James S. Baker, of Washington, D. C., deputy director of the Philippines mission, said the shipments are "just a drop in a bucket considering the United States' rubber requirements but nevertheless they're most welcome. Beside the shipments will be increased steadily."

Philippine plantations produced 1,000 metric tons annually before the war and production within the next year is expected to exceed that figure greatly.

**By United Press**  
Eight hundred Superfortresses the greatest B-29 fleet ever to raid Japan—dropped upwards of 6,000 tons of incendiaries and two-ton blockbusters on four Honshu cities and a petroleum center early today.

8th important industrial and transportation hubs of Hachioji, Toyama, Nagasaki and Mitu were warned 24 hours before they were on the 20th air force "death list."

**200 More**  
With the Kawasaki petroleum center near Tokyo they felt the weight of possibly the biggest bomb tonnage ever dropped by American planes anywhere. B-29s used today topped the previous high by some 200.

The giant raid was described by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay as his "swan song" as commanding general of the 20th and a celebration of the 38th anniversary of the founding of the U. S. army air force.

Announcement of the attack was made in communique No. 1 issued by the new U. S. army strategic air forces headquarters, under command of Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, with Lemay as chief of staff.

**Also Hit**  
Four mighty task forces of 160 B-29s each sent their fire bombs tumbling into the rail and industrial cities of Mitu and Hachioji, near Tokyo, and the Honshu port cities of Toyama and Nagasaki. A fifth fleet dropped blockbusters on the Mitsubishi, Hayama, Asahi, and Aikoku oil refineries at Kawasaki.

(Tokyo radio reported Niigata, port city 25 miles north of Nagasaki, also was hit in what the Japanese said was a two-hour raid.

Raid today raised to 57 the number of enemy homeland cities devastated by the B-29s. Ten of the 19 cities forewarned by American "death list" leaflets now have been bombed.

**Mustangs, Too**  
Radio Tokyo reported 20 American P-51 Mustangs bombed, rocketed, and machine gunned airbases and transportation facilities in the Osaka-Kobe area southwest of Tokyo for 50 minutes beginning at 8 a. m. (Japanese time).

Another Japanese broadcast said an allied submarine surfaced off the south coast of Hokkaido and boldly shelled Tomakomai for 30 minutes about 6 p. m. yesterday. The broadcast said damage was slight.

**Swing South**  
The third fleet has been silent since sending its destroyers into Suruga bay to shell the city of Shimizu. Swinging south after attacking the Tokyo area Monday, American carrier planes sank two ships, damaged six, destroyed 56 planes on the ground and damaged 33, sweeping along a 90-mile stretch from Nagoya to the Masure naval base on the sea of Japan.

Since July 10 the third fleet has destroyed or damaged 1,477 Japanese planes and 957 ships, including 109 warships.

**Take Junction**  
Chinese headquarters in Chungking announced Chinese troops have captured the Pinglo road junction, 55 miles southeast of Kweilin.

Also from Chungking Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's headquarters announced the 10th U. S. air force is being shifted to China from the India-Burma theater.

In eastern Borneo, Australian artillery continued softening up the road toward the rich oil sources at Samarinda.

## School Election Set For Saturday

Election for consolidation of the Gordon creek and Elgin school districts has been set for Saturday, Aug. 4, Miss Ethel S. Hanson, Union county superintendent of schools, announced today.

Elections will be held at both places, it was announced, and if the proposal is passed, Gordon creek school district No. 30 will be consolidated with Elgin school district No. 23, meeting at the Elgin school house.