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"Big 3" Agree on German Control

Drouth to Cut Seed Harvest

Harvesting in Union county is well started now, with hay harvests being about 60 percent completed, wheat harvests just opening, and with the first cuttings of wild hay and alfalfa having been completed.

Meadow hay and wild hay cuttings are about two-thirds up, and some farmers are in the middle of their second cutting of alfalfa. Some first cuttings of hay are heavy, but most later yields are light because of spring rains. Irrigated hay is expected to last until October.

Cherries Good

Approximately 1,150 acres of grass seed are expected to be harvested this year, but yields, because of hot weather, and lack of rain later, will be lighter than expected.

Quality of cherries in the May Park area is as good and perhaps better than usual, but the tonnage, because of a heavy hail early in the spring, is expected to be somewhat reduced.

In the Imbler and Pumpkin ridge areas, the quantity and quality are both expected to equal that of former years, according to growers in those areas. Acreage in wheat is difficult to determine, what with some spring wheat maturing early, some having been plowed under to make way for winter and fall crops, and some having been withered or burnt. Wheat harvesting may last until September.

Early quality has held up, however, in some of the more recent shipments to mills and elevators.

DEMAND REDUCED FOR APRICOTS

PORTLAND, Aug. 2 (UP) — Demand for apricots this year is somewhat reduced because of the lack of sugar, the Oregon weekly weather and crop bulletin of the U. S. department of commerce reported today.

Apricots, early peaches and early apples are being marketed, the bulletin stated, and late fruits are developing well. Prospects for walnuts and filberts are good.

Peas Lost

The loss resulting from premature ripening of peas in Umatilla county was reported to be quite serious. Canning of peas is about over in Umatilla, but the harvest of peas which ripened too soon for canning is continuing, the bulletin said.

Malheur county is making heavy shipments of potatoes. Elsewhere, in elevated areas some potatoes are in bloom while others are backward.

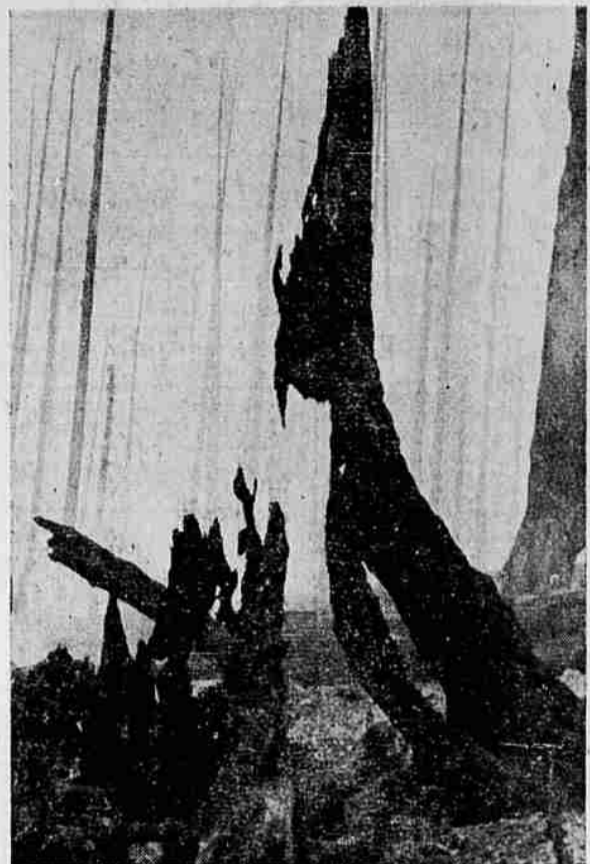
Irrigated corn made good progress, and some unirrigated fields are promising.

Cutting of the second crop of alfalfa is started with good results in most cases. Pastures are dry, but generally adequate, the bulletin said.

Big 3 Refuse To Let Franco Spain In United Nations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UP) — The United States, Britain and Russia dealt a diplomatic blow at the Spanish government of Generalissimo Francisco today by barring it from membership in the United Nations.

The Potsdam communique said that the three governments could support the membership applications of Italy, Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary and Romania when their status had been determined in the peace treaties and democratic governments recognized. Then the communique said: "The three governments feel bound, however, to make it clear that any application for membership put forward by the present Spanish government, which, having been founded with the support of the axis powers, does not, in view of its origin, its nature, its record and its close association with the aggressor states, possess the qualifications necessary to justify such membership."



SPECTER STUMPS MARK PATH OF FIRES—Charred stumps stand bleakly along Wilson river, Tillamook county, marking path of costly fires which raged over 200,000 acres of valuable timber and in five Oregon counties, defying efforts of 1,200 firefighters, damaging and destroying logging camps.

Town Organizes to Protect Water Supply from Flames

PORTLAND, Aug. 2 (UP) — Forest Grove officials today organized day and night patrols to protect the town's reservoir and watershed from encroaching fires while 1,000 replacement fire fighters were outfitted for duty on the Tillamook burn.

Winds and continued dry weather kept the big fire area a tinderbox. New fingers of fire kept worrying fire supervisors and one group of loggers in the Jordan creek area had to run for their lives and abandon equipment as winds hurled the fire back upon them.

Imperial Supply
The Scoggins creek fire on the southern front of the three-county fire jumped fire lines to imperil the Forest Grove water supply. Soldiers, forest crews and civilians guarded the water intake and wooden pipelines to prevent spot fires from starting. Another tongue of fire broke over into the Parson's creek area, which is even nearer the Forest Grove supply.

More bulldozers were sent into the Scoggins creek area. The thousands more replacements were prepared to remain on the fire lines a week or two at the least, so intense are the flames even after three full weeks of battling. Most of the newcomers are Negro soldiers.

Transferred
Another group of 400 fire fighters was transferred from Polk county and were concentrated mostly in the Gales creek and Glenwood sectors. Another 700 loggers and civilians are on the fire lines.

Easterly winds were feared today and tonight, which might whip subdued flames into new danger. A favorable wind, however, was credited with saving the community of Cochrane.

The Wilson river fire was endangering the Glenwood Lumber company mill and Consolidated Lumber company headquarters just west of Glenwood. The flames were moving down adjacent to the mill and camp community close to the Wilson River highway.

Fall Weed Control Program Arranged By Schaad's Office

Weed control program for this fall is now being lined up, R. W. Schaad, Union county agricultural agent, announced today, with 142 acres of white top in North Powder under contract to the county for cultivation. Spraying is scheduled to begin about the third week in September, with third week in weed control districts being obligated to cut or spray the noxious weeds with oil, Schaad announced. There is a large supply of sodium chlorate and atrazine available, which may be obtained by applying at the county treasurer's office. The AAA is providing practice payments for weed control under cultivation and chemicals.

40 More Houses to Be Asked

Forty more housing units to supplement the 40 now under construction will be sought for La Grande as the result of action voted today by directors of the chamber of commerce.

The action was taken following a survey which indicated more than 70 applications are already on hand for the present units and many more persons who have not made application do not now have remotely adequate housing facilities available to them.

Protest Action

The directors also voted to protest the recent action of the CAB, civil aeronautical board, in refusing to put La Grande on a main airline stop. In addition, the decision will be appealed and new applications will be made for permanent service on Northwest Airlines and United Airlines.

Dr. Roben Maaske, president of Eastern Oregon college, announced the cadet nurse program at the college will increase by 70 when the fall term starts, Sept. 24.

A college advisory center will be established at the college for returning veterans, he said, through the veterans' bureau. This center will supplement the general advisory and rehabilitation center which will be established in La Grande. Suitable quarters are now being sought for the latter.

Fred Kiddle, chairman of the hospital committee, reported that full steps are being taken to interest the veterans' bureau in the necessity of establishing hospital facilities in this section of the state.

Close Thursday

The directors also voted to commend the La Grande Lions club for their action and activity in initiating and carrying through the street market program.

Mrs. A. T. Trollinger, chamber secretary, announced that the chamber offices will be closed next Thursday for the remainder of the week during painting and redecoration.

Casualties Now 1,061,684 With 249,367 Dead

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UP) — U. S. combat casualties stood at 1,061,684 today, including 249,367 dead.

The total was an increase of 2,806 over a week ago. The rise was largely accounted for by an increase of 2,109 in navy, coast guard, and marine corps losses for the week. The week's increase in army casualties was 697.

Overall casualties included 920,917 reported by the army and 140,731 by the navy and its branches. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported U. S. soldiers mopping up in the Philippines during the past week had slain an additional 4,477 Japanese and captured 587.

In so doing, the Americans suffered 107 casualties, including 34 killed and 73 wounded. Army-navy casualty table:
Killed 197,676 51,891 249,367
Wounded 570,768 73,732 644,498
Missing 34,734 11,551 46,285
Prisoners 117,741 3,757 121,498
Totals 920,917 140,731 1,061,648

Baseball Results

AMERICAN	
New York	3 10 2
Boston	1 7 0
Ruffing and Robinson; Hausmann, Ryba (1), Barrett (7) and Holm.	
St. Louis	0 7 0
Detroit	6 8 1
Kramer, Zoidak (8) and Hayworth; Benton and Swift.	
Cleveland	7 15 1
Humphries, Ross (3) Johnson (4) and Tresh; Reynolds, Salverson (2), Klieeman (5) and Hayes, Desautels (8).	
NATIONAL	
Pittsburgh	0 3 0
Chicago	1 3 2
Roe, Gerbeuser (8) and Salsfeld, Derringer and Williams.	

New Farm Plan Proposed to Add 15 to 20 Billions to Income; Self Financing

WASHINGTON, August 2 (UP) — W. R. Ronald, editor of the Mitchell (S.D.) Daily Republic, today submitted to the agriculture department's reorganization committee a "self-financing" peacetime farm program which he believes would add \$15,000,000,000 to \$25,000,000,000 to the nation's annual income.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson this week invited Ronald to join the committee as a consultant. The group is composed of well-known agricultural experts, headed by Milton Eisenhower, president of Kansas State college, and has been charged with streamlining the department's many agencies. Ronald maintained half of the department could be abolished.

Full Parity Loans

Ronald's plan calls for an acreage allotment program, conservation practice payments, government commodity loans at full parity and a two-price system.

"It is time the government stops treating the farmer like a poor relation, which indeed he has been because he has not received even cost of production," Ronald declared. "That is why we have the department of agriculture to act as a wet nurse to the farmer. Give the farmer a fair price and a large part of the department of agriculture could be abolished."

Replaced

Under his plan, the agricultural adjustment agency would be replaced by a national conservation association, the association would be entirely farmer-administered and would pay all its own administrative costs through membership assessments.

Ronald pointed out any farm program is essentially a conservation program. Membership in the association would be compulsory after its establishment had been approved by 70 or 80 percent of the farmers.

Pay it Yourself

The association would set up a standard rating for good conservation practices. Compliance would be implemented by a tax every farmer would pay on the sale of his farm products. For example, the tax might be 25 cents a bushel on wheat or three or four cents a pound on hops.

The tax would be returned to the farmer according to his compliance with the conservation practices. If a rating of more than 100 percent were attained he would get back the full tax plus a bonus.

Maximum acreages for each crop would be announced yearly by the secretary of agriculture "to provide an abundance of food stuffs of all kinds."

More Reserves

The acreage allotments would be fixed to provide an "ever-normal" granary — "if anything more abundantly than ever, because it is to the farmer's interest to carry over ample reserves against crop failures."

Commodity loans at full parity would be made available through private banks and guaranteed by the government. At present the government itself extends the loans and disposes of commodities acquired under unredemmed loans.

He proposed that farmers get a "blended" price on exportable commodities. Each farmer would buy "export debentures" on the percentage of the crop normally exported and pay for them the difference between the domestic and world price. The debentures would be resold to the exporters and would enable them just to meet the world price but not undersell it.

City Approves Of Water Contract For Housing Project

Contract for water for the 40-unit housing project now being constructed was presented to the city commission last night, with Ed Ford, city manager, being authorized to sign for the city. July payroll in the amount of \$7,623.46 was approved by the commission. City manager's report for week ending July 28, 1945: general receipts, \$981.09; general disbursements, \$1,517.27; cash on hand, \$47,520.15. Water receipts, \$152.44; water disbursements, \$43.14; cash on hand, \$4,337.19.



SGT. CLYDE WALKER: "Every effort was made to find his missing plane," his parents are informed.

Sgt. Clyde Walker Missing in Action Parents Informed

After receiving notification late in June that their son Clyde Walker, was listed as missing in action, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Walker this week received confirmation from one of the officers.

Capt. Arthur Dorman, air corps headquarters, southwest Pacific wing of the air transport command wrote: "It is with profound regret that I must confirm the message you have received from the war department informing you that your son, Sgt. Clyde A. Walker, has been missing since the air-sea rescue plane on which he was flight engineer failed to return as scheduled."

"Perhaps it is well if I make some explanations of events surrounding his flight. This flight was made for the purpose of obtaining information for instructing new radio operators as to correct procedure while in flight. We last heard from them by radio at 2:35 p. m. June 21. All 9 of them were the best in their work and no real alarm was felt until quite some time elapsed. As soon as it was clear that they would not return at the expected time, immediate search by navy air and sea craft began. The following day all available sources were utilized. Organized search continued for seven days.

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Truman Sails For Home After Talk With King George Aboard Cruiser

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Aug. 2 (UP) — President Truman sailed for home aboard the cruiser Augusta today after a brief state visit with King George VI aboard the British battle cruiser Renown.

Truman is hurrying home to report to the nation on the big three conference concluded early today at Potsdam. A communique on the conference, understood to be 6,000 words long, will be issued tonight simultaneously in Washington, London, Moscow, and Berlin. A British spokesman reported.

Flew From Berlin

The president and his ranking advisors flew from Berlin for the historic meeting with King George. The king received Truman for luncheon aboard the Renown and traveled later to the Augusta, where he spent half an hour. They were together two and a half hours. The Augusta pulled out of Plymouth at 3:55 p. m. (10:55 a. m. EWT). King George had left the Augusta at 3:35 p. m. after half

Great Fires Still Raging in Four Japanese Cities

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 2 (UP) — Great fires raged today through Japanese cities and an oil center hit by the greatest air attack in history — grim testimony the warning to these towns they were marked for destruction by superfortresses was no bluff. The targets were hit by a 6,631-ton raid by 820 superfortresses.

Returning airmen reported "good to excellent" results at all five objectives in the pre-dawn assault on the Honshu industrial and transport centers of Hachioji, Toyama, Nagasaki and Mito, and petroleum installations at Kawasaki, a suburb of Tokyo.

In Hiding

The third fleet, for the third day, remained in hiding somewhere off the enemy coast, possibly remaining and refueling for a new attack on the Japanese home lands.

Radio Tokyo said one cruiser and three destroyers, presumably a task force from the third fleet, had bombed O island, northernmost of the Izu islands 70 miles south of Tokyo, yesterday morning.

The broadcast said carrier planes had also joined in the attack. Another Tokyo report said three allied submarines had shelled the west coast of the Cape of Erimo on southern Hokkaido yesterday afternoon.

Took Part

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced an American battleship and carrier planes yesterday joined in a bombardment of by-passed Wake island. Japanese shore batteries and anti-aircraft fire furnished the only resistance. "Extremely minor" damage was caused to some warships by shell fragments.

Only one superfortress was lost in the record smash although the enemy had been forewarned. Seven hundred and seventy eight bombers attacked the five targets while 42 other superfortresses laid mines in Shimonoseki strait between the main Japanese home islands of Kyushu and Honshu and in waters of Seishin and Rishin on the coast of northern Korea.

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Mrs. Leo Miller Burned by Fruit

Mrs. Leo Miller is resting comfortably at St. Joseph's hospital where she was taken after she was burned when a hot can of fruit exploded. She suffered first degree burns about the face and chest yesterday afternoon, according to the attending physician.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 94
Minimum 54
Forecast: Clear tonight and Friday.

Hint Only On War in Far East

WASHINGTON, August 2 (UP) — The big three announced today they have agreed on political and economic principles for governing Germany, with emphasis on the development of agriculture and purely peaceful domestic industries.

The big three decided to delay the final drawing of the western frontier of Poland until the peace settlement, but they set up a temporary western Polish frontier.

More Help

The plan calls for Soviet Russia to take reparations from the zone of Germany she occupies. Russia also will get some additional reparations in the form of equipment, etc.

The big three proposed the "present anomalous position" of Italy, Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary and Rumania should be terminated as soon as possible.

There was no reference in the communique to the far eastern war. But it was significant the last sentence in the communique, headed "Military Talks," said:

"During the conference there were meetings between the chiefs of staff of the three governments on military matters of common interest."

This seemed an obvious reference to the far eastern war and to the conferences in which Lord Mountbatten, British commander in the far east, participated at Potsdam with Russian as well as American leaders.

In connection with the Polish boundary, the conference agreed in principle to a Russian proposal concerning the ultimate transfer to the soviet union of the city of Koenigsberg and the area adjacent to it in east Prussia.

The highlights of those sections were: 1. A new council of foreign ministers—the big three established this new council, to include China and France.

Wiped Out

2. Germany—the new big three pledged themselves to carry out the Crimea declaration of Germany, reiterating determination to wipe out militarism and nazism without destroying or enslaving the German people.

3. German reparations—the reparations formula is based not on obtaining cash, but on "removals" of equipment, war materials, and finished products from Germany.

4. German navy and merchant marine—the conference agreed upon arrangements for use and disposal of the German fleet and merchant ships and will announce the details "in due course."

5. War criminals—the big three reaffirmed their intention of bringing to trial major war criminals whose crimes have no particular geographic location.

All Austria

6. Austria—Russia proposed the authority of the Austrian provisional government be extended to all of Austria.

7. Poland—In addition to the temporary decision on Poland's western boundary the big three noted the plans of the Polish provisional government to hold free elections as soon as possible.

8. Peace treaties and admission of enemy states to the world organization—the big three stated emphatically their opposition to admission of the present Spanish government to the world organization.

9. Territorial trusteeships—after an exchange of views on disposition of former Italian territories, the big three decided to refer the question to the September council of ministers.

Scout Forgets To Hide the Evidence

PORTLAND, Aug. 2 (UP) — A Portland Boy Scout returned from summer camp and casually mentioned to his parents 350 boys were awakened by the bugler early the first morning. After that, it was harder because someone stole the mouthpiece to the bugle, he added innocently. Out rolled the missing mouthpiece when his mother unpacked his duffle bag.