

Weather Aids Fire Fighters

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (UP)—Raging flames took continued taking their toll of timber at fire areas in western Oregon and threatened the water supply of two towns.

On the Forest Grove front, fire fighters from the Portland army base, state forest service crews, loggers and Forest Grove volunteers battled to save the city's watershed as flames approached a third of the 2,600-acre area. A few miles away, the Hillsboro water supply was threatened by fire which Sunday jumped out of bounds on Scroggins creek.

Only 12 Miles
U. S. forest servicemen today were strengthening their lines north of the Siuslaw national forest as a new branch of the fire raced out of control down the north fork of the Trask river and across the old 1933 burn, reaching to within 12 miles of the protective area.

As the fire passed the month-old mark today, desperate forestry officials mapped a new battle line for possible use five miles south of the flames and paralleling a cleared telephone right of way from Cherry Grove through the Trask river watershed toward Tillamook. It was the only route through the rugged mountains on which bulldozer equipment could operate.

Much Slower
Higher humidity today slowed the fires appreciably.

State Forester Nels Rogers said 130 lightning fires have been reported since Sunday and Monday storms over southwestern Washington and western and southern Oregon. The worst series of lightning strikes in many years.

A new fire is sweeping up the slopes of Hembre ridge in the Jordan creek sector threatening to connect with another at the summit and outflank fighters, who so far have been successful in holding fire lines at that spot.

45 More
Flames were racing along the very edge of the Nehalem river while soldiers and loggers fought to prevent a river crossing that would cut into valuable timber.

At Grants Pass, forest officials reported some 45 fires started by electrical storms in state-owned forests. Four of these are considered dangerous — one in the Williams creek district, one on Murphy creek, one at the head of Jackson creek, and another on Panther creek in the Applegate district.

Gordon Creek To Join District 23 As Result of Vote

Gordon creek school district No. 30 will be consolidated with Elgin school district No. 23, following elections held Saturday in both districts, Miss Ethel S. Hansen, Union county superintendent of schools, announced today.

The required majority of votes was favorable to the proposed consolidation, with five affirmative and three negative votes being cast in Gordon creek, and 11 affirmatives being cast in Elgin.

Gordon creek had been the only ruly district immediately tributary to Elgin which had not consolidated No. 23. Nine other districts voted some time ago for consolidation with the Elgin district.

Pupils of the consolidated districts will enjoy the advantages of the new school which will be erected soon, and which will be modernly equipped.

Officers Pledged Good Use of Bomb

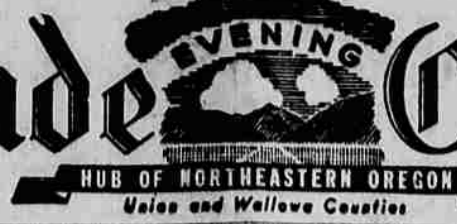
LOS ALAMOS, N. M., Aug. 7 (UP)—An army general who helped develop the atomic bomb and saw the first one explode in a cloud of light which reached the stratosphere said today he hoped the new power "always will be used for good and never for evil."

Among those who say the first test, said Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Farrell, there was a feeling "those concerned with the nativity of atomic power should dedicate their lives to the mission that it would always be used for good."

Union, Wallowa Men Wounded

The navy war casualties reports as wounded Pfc. Gene Earl Wells, U. S. marine corps reserve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wells, and Pvt. Clifford Edwin Burford, USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orpha B. Burford, all of Union, as well as Pvt. Ivan Ray Roberts, USMCR, husband of Mrs. Agnes L. Roberts, Enterprise, and Cpl. John Lowell Wortman, USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ord Wortman, and Wesley Milton Wortman, seaman first class, USNR, son of Mrs. Virginia Wortman, all of Wallowa.

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WAY TO DESTRUCTION
LONDON, Aug. 7 (UP)—The Manchester Guardian, one of the world's most erudite newspapers, summed up the atomic bomb in these words:
"Man is at last well on the way to mastery of a means of destroying himself utterly."

FIVE CENTS

U. S. Hopes Bomb to End Wars

B-26s Renew Daytime Blows Against Japan Naval Base

GUAM, Aug. 7 (UP)—A fleet of 125 Superfortresses hit the Toyokawa naval arsenal with 880 tons of high-explosive bombs today while smoke still belched from atom-bombed Hiroshima, 300 miles to the west.

Radio Tokyo said 40 Iwo-based American Mustang fighter-bombers led by a lone B-29 almost simultaneously bombed and strafed military installations and "cities" in the Tokyo-Kokohama area for an hour for the fourth

4-H Club Girl's Camp Opens With Demonstrations

Union county's two-day 4-H club girls camp was officially opened this morning at the eastern Oregon experiment station at Union, with registration at 9:30 and general assembly at 10.

Jennie Marie Warren, Umatilla county home demonstration agent from Pendleton, gave demonstrations before the group, followed by luncheon and rest period.

Clayton Fox, national Moses trophy winner, talked on national contests, and Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent, lectured on "Table etiquette and meal service."

Tour of Inspection
The camp was set up at 3:30, followed by a tour of inspection conducted by H. B. Avery, superintendent of the station.

After dinner, group singing will be held, with Mrs. Schock playing the piano.

Panel discussion on "Your Future 4-H Club Work" will be led by Dr. Roy Skeen of the Eastern Oregon college of education.

Movies will be shown at 9 p. m., followed by lights out, bringing the first day of the camp to its close.

Swim at Cove

Highlights of the program tomorrow will be an assembly at 8:30 a. m. conducted by Mrs. Azalea Sager, state home demonstration leader from Oregon state college, talks on "Your Health," by Mrs. Anne Thomas, Union county health nurse, "Overseas Adventure," by Jean Williams, experienced Red Cross recreation worker, and work in leather crafts, conducted by Mrs. Williams.

The two-day camp will be ended with a swimming party at Cove, with Harvey Carter, instructor at Pine Cone swimming pool, in charge.

Man Dies in First Robbery Attempt

CAMARILLO, Calif., Aug. 7 (UP)—Julian P. Foster, shot as he tried to get away with \$2,300 he allegedly stole from the bank of America here, died today in Ventura county hospital. The former Oxnard, Calif., high school English teacher was shot yesterday in his first robbery attempt.

Foster told officers he escaped six months ago from Camarillo state mental hospital.

SOONG RETURNS

MOSCOW, Aug. 7 (UP)—Premier T. V. Soong of China arrived today to resume his discussions with Premier Josef Stalin which were interrupted by the Potsdam conference.

Does No Good to Kick Jars or Get New Oven If Jars Explode

If your freshly canned jars of fruits and vegetables explode in the oven, don't rush out and buy a new oven, which can't be done anyway, and don't kick the jars in anger, which only makes it worse. Instead, learn the method of canning, Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent, advises.

The agent's office recommends the hot-pack method, with more liquid and less pack, for good heat penetration. The fruit should be dropped in boiling syrup, pre-cooking it for three to five minutes. This shrinks the fruit, so more can be packed in the jar, and also allows for more equal

time in five days. Several British planes participated in the Tokyo raid. Tokyo said. It marked the first time British land-based planes have been reported in action over the Japanese capital.

400 Planes
From Okinawa came a belated report 400 bombers and fighters of the far eastern air force had utterly demolished what appeared to be robot plane launching installations and other military targets at Taramizu in southern Kyushu. The city itself was left a sea of flames, airmen said.

Returning pilots said they saw on the ground a number of small planes resembling the V-1 or V-2 jet-propelled and rocket bombs used by the Germans against Britain. It was theorized the Japanese might have been plotting a robot bombardment of the American invasion base of Okinawa.

Hit Arsenal
Superfortresses thundered over the naval arsenal at Toyokawa, 35 miles southeast of Nagoya, at the noon lunch hour today in their first daylight raid on the enemy homeland in recent weeks. Two-based fighters escorted the big bombers.

Preliminary reports indicated excellent results were achieved in pin-point bombing of the main surviving source of Japan's naval ammunition. The arsenal also turned out machine-guns, aircraft, cannon, anti-aircraft guns and rifles.

The arsenal was situated on a narrow coastal plain northeast of Atsumi bay. "Some damage" was caused during the 90-minute raid, Radio Tokyo admitted.

21 Killed, Four Wounded When Vessel Hits Mine

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (UP)—Twenty-one men were killed and four wounded when the 2,100 ton destroyer Lavallette struck a mine off Luzon last February, the navy revealed today.

The three-year-old destroyer is now at Hunter's Point naval drydocks, San Francisco for permanent repairs. She had been damaged once previously when a Japanese torpedo hit her off Guadalcanal in January, 1943. The Lavallette has accounted for at least 11 Japanese planes and several troop-laden enemy barges in operations extending from the west African coast to the Philippines.

The ship had four commanding officers during her service. They include Comdr. Wells Thompson, of 1725 Naomi Place, Seattle, Wash.

Einstein Won't Talk About Bomb

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Aug. 7 (UP)—Prof. Albert Einstein "thoroughly understands" how the atomic bomb works, his secretary said today, but he won't talk about it.

The 66-year-old master physicist, whose theory of relativity pointed the way toward the development of the fantastic explosive, has been given the subject intensive study.

He will withhold any statement, for political and military reasons, she said.



PLANE WHICH CARRIED Maj. Richard Bong to his death is this type of P-80 "Shooting Star," jet propelled. It does better than 550 m.p.h. and its ceiling is more than 40,000 feet.

Major Bong Dies In Crash of P-80 In Test Flight

By PATRICIA CLARY

BURBANK, Calif., Aug. 7 (UP)—Maj. Richard I. Bong, America's greatest ace, was killed in the flaming crash of a jet plane from which he desperately tried to jump clear, investigators said today.

Bong, 24-year-old congressional medal of honor holder, died yesterday as he struggled to free his heavy clothing from the narrow escape hatch of the P-80 Shooting Star he was testing. He had almost bailed out when the crippled aircraft exploded.

"Safe" Duty
The force of the blast, which shattered the plane into pieces less than three feet square, shot Bong's body clear of the plane. He had pulled the ripcord of his parachute, and its silken folds swirled about the crumpled body as flames swept over it.

Bong was brought home for "safe" duty after he became America's all time air ace by shooting down 40 of the enemy without a scratch. "Safe" duty was testing the jet-propelled P-80, the army's newest fighter model.

In Trouble
Bong contacted the control tower at the field almost as soon as he was airborne, officials said, and reported he was "having trouble."

"He was dipping first one wing, then the other," said one witness. "The motor was making a muffled popping. He flew over some telephone wires and under high tension wire making for a vacant lot."

The ship lurched over a clump of trees and exploded in the field. Smoke and flames belled off 400 feet and brought crowds running from the airport.

By the time the wreckage was reached it had been almost consumed and Bong's body badly burned. When the wreckage cooled, bystanders pulled the veteran flyer's body from the jumble of molten metal and tossed a gray blanket over it. One wrist and hand protruded, showing Bong's army identification tag.

With Body
Mrs. Bong leaves today to accompany the body to Superior, Wis., in an army transport plane.

Bong, who fought his twin-engine Lockheed fighter through the toughest battles of the southwest Pacific, also wore the distinguished service cross and the silver star. In all he held 26 decorations.

His death left Lt. Col. John C. Meyer, of Forrest Hills, N. Y., the nation's leading ace with 37½ planes to his credit, the war department said. Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, jr., of San Antonio, Tex., listed as missing in action, was credited with 38.

Johnson Will Have Simple Funeral

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (UP)—Funeral arrangements are being made today for Hiram Johnson, California's 78-year-old Republican senator who died yesterday.

Announcement of burial plans was being held up pending the arrival from California of his son, Hiram. He was expected some time today.

The body probably will be taken to California for interment after simple services here. In keeping with Johnson's wishes, the family was expected to rule out the elaborate ceremony of a state funeral.



MAJ. RICHARD BONG: He returned to "safe" duty from fighting in south Pacific.

Valley's Wheat Quality Exceeds Expectations

Quality of Grande Ronde valley winter wheat now being harvested has held up well beyond expectations despite scorching summer weather, Merton Kiddle of the Pioneer flour mills at Island City said today.

Kiddle, running tests on wheat now being hauled to the mill, declared that the quality has held up to No. 1 with only a small amount dropping below 60 pounds to the bushel. Quality has ranged over the 63 pound mark.

Yield has also held up beyond expectation. Lon Eyers has estimated a 60 bushels per acre harvest for his operation in the Cove area. W. W. Wright is averaging 70 bushels to the acre and Joe Harrison of Gekeler lane, who began harvest yesterday, is estimating a minimum of 50 bushels.

Kiddle declared pre-harvest indications pointed to a lower quality, similar to that experienced in the Umatilla valley, but so far quality has remained high. Spring wheat, which had little chance to mature before advent of the hot weather, may suffer, he added.

Cottage Grove Man Wounded by Police

EUGENE, Aug. 7 (UP)—Don Frazier, 25, Cottage Grove, was in a Eugene hospital today after being wounded in the arm and leg while trying to escape from a bit of the Cottage Grove police station Monday where he was held on a felony charge.

New Energy to Bring Fantastic Changes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP)—The dawn of the age of atomic power brings with it visions of fantastic changes. Men of science can see reason now for believing some time such things as these can be:

Automobiles, trains and airplanes that run for their lifetime on a single fueling of a bit of stuff from which atomic power can be released at will.

Huge Power
Furnaces of vast-pocket size. Power for whole cities produced from a few handfuls of matter.

Think Control of Atomic Energy Sufficient to Deter Aggressors

By R. H. SHACKFORD
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (UP)—The advent of the atomic bomb today made imperative the demands of peace-loving peoples there must be no more wars.

And it placed in the hands of the United States an instrument the threat of which alone may deter any future would-be aggressors.

With it go great responsibility for the United States and immense problems of how this weapon of utter destruction can be used to keep the peace.

Sure to Find It
Scientists the world over know a lot about the theory of atomic energy. Sooner or later they are certain to make the same discovery American-British scientists have. But the United States and Britain now know the most about it and the United States has a monopolistic head start in facilities for its production.

Misused, the atomic bomb could probably destroy civilization.

Well used, it should enable the

great English-speaking nations to assure a world of peace. The threat of the bomb alone might be enough to prevent any saberrattling.

Revolutionary
That is the hope of President Truman, Winston Churchill, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and other officials who are aware of the awesomeness of the new military weapon.

The war department described

it as "a revolutionary weapon destined to change war as we know it, or which may even by the instrumentality to end all major wars."

One of the first questions raised was: Will the United States make the new discovery available to the united nations organization?

Keep Secret
The answer probably is, this country will use the atomic bomb in the interest of the united nations, but keep under its own direction the secrets of its development and the experience gained in producing it.

The United States congress will have the last word on that. Truman has promised the congress will be responsible for the control of both production and use of atomic power within the U. S.

TRUMAN SAYS U. S. WILL RETAIN CONTROL
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (UP)—The potentialities of atomic power are so great President Truman See "CONTROL" . . . Page 5



HENRY HESS: "If drafted for the office I shall serve."

Hess Boosted For U. S. Attorney For Oregon

If Henry Hess, La Grande attorney, is offered the post of U. S. district attorney for Oregon he will accept it but he has not made any application for the job and will not actively campaign for it, he said today.

A telegram to Richard R. Nacy, vice chairman of the democratic committee, recommended Hess for the post, and was sent by Lew Wallace, national committeeman. Elton Watkins asked to be withdrawn due to the pressure of his private law practice.

Wallace was not joined in the proposal by Nancy Honeyman Robinson, national committeewoman, State Chairman Henry Aike nor Vice Chairman Celia Gavin.

Carl Donough's term ended July 23 and President Truman will be able to act directly upon any nomination sent him.

Hess ran for governor in 1938, defeating Governor Martin in the primaries and losing to Charles Sprague in the fall. He had previously served five sessions in the state senate for Union and Wallowa counties. Since 1921 he has been practicing law here, and was in partnership with H. J. Green until the latter was elected circuit judge in 1938.

A veteran of the world war, he saw action in France, and had been practicing law at North Powder before the war. Born at Rexburg, Ida., he moved to Oregon when a youth and attended high school at Union. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon law school.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 97
Minimum 58
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with scattered showers.

Germany Within Five Months Of Own Atom Bomb

21ST ARMY HDQTRS., Germany, Aug. 7 (UP)—Germany was within five months of completing her own atom bomb when the European war ended.

A British task force four months ago discovered that German scientists almost completed work on the bomb in a two-room laboratory in the heart of a small silk factory north of Hannover.

The bomb, it was calculated, would wipe out everything within a radius of six miles.

A famous German research scientist in charge of the experiments was flown immediately to Britain at the time. He estimated his work would have been completed by October.

He said the German government had given him unlimited funds and equipment and had not demanded any immediate results.

Contracts Signed For Remodeling Of Courthouse

Contracts for remodeling and improvement of the county courthouse were signed by Weldon Vedder today, following acceptance of his \$3,460 bid by the county court. Work on the courthouse will begin as soon as materials arrive, it was announced.

Main improvements will be the building of a larger fire-proof and burglar-proof vault in the basement directly below the present recorder's office, and a new stairway to be built from the first-floor vault to the basement vault, with the stairway being used for stacks.

Changes will also be made in the locations of offices, it was announced. A doorway will be made between the county recorder's office and the present county superintendent will then office, which will be converted into the county clerk's office. The county superintendent will then move to the present location of the county clerk's office on the second floor.

Chinese Forces Recapture Port

CHUNGKING, Aug. 7 (UP)—Chinese forces have captured the south Kwangtung port of Yeung-kong, and Tanchuk airfield in eastern Kwangsi province, it was announced today.

Bulletin

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Aug. 7 (UP)—Twenty persons were believed to have been killed and at least four were missing as a result of an explosion in No. 5 Saskatchewan wheat pool elevator today.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Aug. 7 (UP)—President Truman returned to this country today, exactly a month after he left to attend the momentous big three conference at Potsdam.