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U.S. May Have More Radioactive Fallout Than Other Nations

indicates the United States may have more to fear than any other major country from radioactive fallout produced by nuclear explosions.

Fallout, mainly from Soviet nuclear tests promises within a few months to double the amount of radioactive Strontium 90 in a belt centered on 40 degrees north latitude, which passes through the middle of the United States.

The evidence was placed before the joint congression al subcommittee on radiation by the Atomic Energy Commission Tuesday during the first of four days of hearing on the fallout problem. The information was accompanied by charts showing that: —In 1957-58 radioactivity from Firm Paid

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Rackets Committee heard testimony today that a big East Coast printing firm paid out more than \$300,000 to union officials to get favors from the teamsters and longshore unions.

Charts showing that:

—In 1957-58 radioactivity from Russian tests for the first time exceeded the combined total for the United States and Britain. Nearly three-fourths of the Soviet total was spewed into the stratosphere during tests last October.

—The rate of testing by all nations during the two years exceedings during the two years exceedings during the two years exceedings.

Executives of the Neo Gravure tions during the two years exceed Printing Co., Weehawken, N. J., said the money was paid to Harold Gross, ex-convict president of teamsters Local 300 in Miami, and to Cornelius Noonan, head of Local to Cornelius Noonan, head of Local

1730 of the International Long-shoremen's Association.

They said \$45,750 was paid to the pair during a 1948 teamsters out and two-thirds of the U.S. restrike to make appoint to the pair during a 1948 teamsters out and two-thirds of the U.S. restrike to make appoint to the source of the source of the source of the U.S. restrike to make appoint to the source of the U.S. restrike to make appoint to the source of the U.S. restrike to the test of the U.S. restrike to the U.S. rest strike to make possible night de-liveries of newspaper supplements to the New York Times and Mir-Even with the big increa

The company prints Sunday supplements for a number of East Coast newspapers. Its officials said the Time and Mirror later apparent reimbursed Neo Gravure for the payments to the union officials. average man.
Fifty to 100 additional cases of

Payments For Peace Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) suggested that officials of the two newspapers be asked whether they deducted the payments as business

expenses for tax purposes.
The Neo Gravure execution The Neo Gravure executives said Gross was paid \$100,000 over a 13-year period to keep peace

with the teamsters.

In addition, they said, \$28,000 in cash was paid to Gross over seven years so that copies of the American Weekly could be delivered to the New York Journal American without fear of a jurisdictional dispute between the teamsters and the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union. Mail Deliverers Union.

Sing Sing Graduate William P. Hillbrant, treasurer, and Charles E. Chenicek, vice president and general manager of Neo Gravure, said the firm paid salaries to Gross totaling \$98,459 at the rate of \$143 a week plus \$460 a month since 1945, when he went on the payroll as a foreman. Committee staff members said

Gross was hired several months after being paroled from Sing Sing Prison where he had served about three years of a sentence for ex-Earlier, 13 officials of the New

York Newspaper Deliverers Union took blanket refuge behind the Fifth Amendment when asked if they received payoffs from newspaper distributors.
Called before the committee in Sonar Equipment

witnesses —including nine members of the 10-man union Executive Board -all pleaded possible Being Flown In self incrimination to avoid answering questions.

JUST ROCKS

MONTREAL (UPI)—City offi-cials today launched an investigation into garbage collection after learning that employes of some private firms that get \$6.80 a ton were loading up with rocks.

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"I sold it the first day — I'd call that immediate results." says Mrs. Holmes.

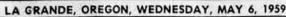
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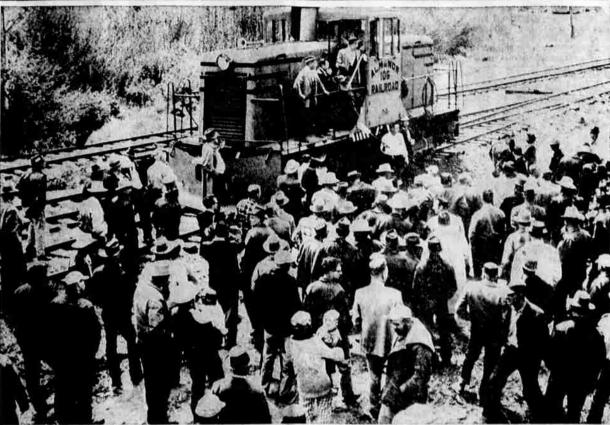
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KISS OF DEATH AT PONDOSA

A wink, a head nod or a lifted finger- these were signs which signaled the kiss of death yesterday for Pondosa, Ore. as the auctioneers recognized the various maneuvers as bids on sawmill equipment,

BY H. E. PHILBY

visitors and sawmill and real estate

All that remains today is the

job of moving out houses and thousands of sawmille equipment

pieces and the memory of a one-

time active and thriving lumber village of 250 people.

Although Valsetz Lumber Com-

pany officials and auctioneers an

nounced that it was hoped the town

would be bought in one piece and

retained as a town, but the 543 registered bidders decided differ-

tered for the entire site of 53

nomes, 11 industrial buildings, a

water system and 280 acres of

Rex Roberts, representing the

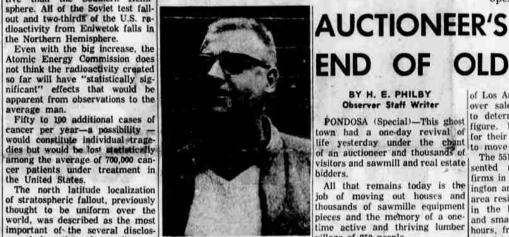
Northwest Machinery Sales Com

Employes of the Milton J. Wershow auctioneering company

Not a single bid was en

homes and real estate. Legitimate bidders and just plain sightseers are shown above while a locomotive was auctioned for \$27,000 to a Portland scrap dealer who said he would use the vehicle in his

CHANT



REX ROBERTS

ures before the subcommittee. Dr. Lester Machta of the U.S.

area is two and one-half times greater than would be the case

if the distribution were unifor around the globe.

He Hasn't Any

Place To Hide

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) -

Penitentiary newspaper colum-

nist Herb Cheatham predicted

the Indians will clobber the

Yankees for the American Lea-

"It is hoped the Cleveland club doesn't let this writer down after going his far out on a limb. There ain't no place here to hide."

sibly other upstream areas of the Columbia river for the station wagon of Kenneth R. Martin of

The bodies of two members of

the missing family, daughters Sue, 11 and Virginia, 13, were

found in the Columbia Sunday and Monday. Pathologists listed

death by drowning in both cases. The parents and a third daughter

proved negative.

City Officials Vote

Themselves A Raise

PORTLAND (UPI)- Top Portland city officials voted them-selves a pay hike Tuesday. Mayor Terry Schrunk will re-

ceive \$15,000 a year instead of \$12,880. The other city commis-sioners will get \$12,500 annually

instead of the present \$11,081.

The new rates are effective

gue pennant. He

Weather Bureau said this means that fallout danger in the affected Neuberger Asks Support From Hatfield

WASHINGTON (UP1) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) to-day urged his state's Republican governor, Mark Hatfield, to sup-port his bills to expand federal revenues so money would be available to increase allocations to the states under the water pollution control program.

Neuborg of Roseburg successfully bid \$7,750 for the sawmill property, botel, general store and 11 industrial buildings, all located on about \$200 merces.

Neuberger's statement came in response to a letter from Hatfield asking him to back an increase was the mill and town water supin appropriations for water pollu-tion control above the sum con-tained in President Eisenhower's Roberts said he had no idea 1960 budget. Neuberger said he favored such an increase but that more money must be found to ownership of the buildings would finance such undertakings.

finance such undertakings.

"Since you have urged an appropriation above that contained was purchased during the auction. Being Flown In

PORTLAND (UPI) — Sonar tequipment provided by the Bendix Corporation at Los Angeles was being flown to Oregon for possible use today in probing the Cascade Locks canal east of here and possibly other upstream areas of the in the President's precariously balanced budget, I hope that you will support my proposals to raise

"revenues must be found to meet important national needs" and had introduced bills to raise the motor fuels excise tax, re-impose the excess profits tax, reduce to houses to either La Grande or a.m. before other employes ar-15 per cent the depletion allowance of oil and gas companies and permit the Post Office Department to fix rates consistent estate and industrial buildings. with costs so as to eliminate op-The parents and a third daughter are still missing.

Bendix portable sonar equipment was used before in a search for the missing Martins on the Columbia. That time, last January, equipment also was flown here from Los Angeles but results

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist 12,000-word editorial in TOKYO (UPI) — Communist 12,000-word editori

of Los Angeles, Calif. are pouring equally ridiculously high figures. over sales records today, trying M. Gale Beals of Mt. Emily nation of federal deductions legisto determine the total auction Lumber Company a subsidiary of slators feel it will raise enough to figure. Bidders are here paying Valsetz, said that for the most support an estimated 314 million deliver a support an estimated 314 million PONDOSA (Special)-This ghost town had a one-day revival of life yesterday under the chant of an auctioneer and thousands of

firms in Oregon, California, Wash- maintained as a single unit. ington and Idaho, as well as local numerous local residents exact residents interested primarily pressed remorse over the death of

hours, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. to tourist attraction because of the complete the sale. Three auctioneers varied the of the United States as recently

pace to suit the mood of the crowd. determined. Some items, among the literally

Held Manager **Prisoner Then** Robbed Bank

ONTARIO, Calif. (UPD - Two bandits held a bank manager prisoner during the night and then ac-companied him to his Bank of America branch this morning be-fore fleeing with an estimated

The car was found minutes la-ter abandoned in the parking lot

for their purchases and arranging part he was happy the way the to move their items. part he was happy the way the to move their items.

The 551 registered bidders represented numerous large lumber the entire townsite and homes be

MARKS

in the houses, office equipment Pondosa, particularly in view of and small shop items. It took 11 the potential of the area as a nearness to the geographic center

The death of Pondosa thousands offered for sale, auctioned at ridiculously low figures and other pieces of equipment This 14-mile private track line owned by a Portland investor, was built in 1926, when Pondosa was established, to haul logs from cutting areas to the sawmill. A 50ton locomotive, owned by Mt. Emily and used on the line, was auctioned to Manuel Schnitzer, at Portland scrap dealer. Schnitzer paid \$27,000 for the locomotive.

John Wright New

Legislators Pass Income Tax Bills; **End Now In Sight**

o wind up its work today, went into an afternoon session as he Senate became embroiled in a battle over state salaries. The Legislature passed its biggest hurdle Tuesday by ap-

proving an income tax program and sending it to Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The Senate scheduled an afternoon vote on a motion to cut an appropriation for state salary increases from \$3,150,000 to \$1,500,000. Sen Dan

D-Portland). The Senate also, after spirited Still debate, passed with only six dissenting votes and sent to the governor an approximate 10 million dollar building program for the

Board of Higher Education. The main income tax bill, which would eliminate the federal income tax deduction and lower ates, got by the Senate 19-11 after passing the House 33-27.

A second tax bill would continue installment payments of state income taxes but with a one per cent per month interest charge to raise more money. It passed the House 37-22 and the Senate 19-11.

The House vote on the main inome tax bill was strictly along party lines with the 33 Democrats and the 27 Republicans against. In the Senate three Republicans voted for the measure and three Democrats voted against it. The GOP members in favor included Sens. Edwin Durno of Medford, Denald Husband of Eugene and Francis Ziegler of Corvallis. The Democrats opposed were R. F. Chapman of Coos Bay,

were R. F. Chapman of Coos Bay.
G. D. Gleason of Portland and
Boyd Overhulse of Madras.

Would Broaden Base
The Income tax bill lowers the
printed rate from the present 3 to
9.5 per cent range to a range of
2.5 to 7.5 per cent. But by elimination of federal deductions legis-END OF OLD LOGGING TOWN support an estimated 314 million dollar budget.

Both Sens. Harry Boivin (D-Klamath Falls) and Ward Cook (D-Portland) said it was not an easy task to reach a stage of compromise because of the wide variance in tax ideas held by the House and Senate. Boivin said the main income tax bill would broaden the tax base through eliminat ing the deduction for federal tax-es and would bring in a large number of taxpayers who had not

paid a state tax in the past. But Boivin said the increase were not large. He said one fea-ture included in the bill was a provision for persons living in Vancouver, Wash., and working in Portland to take the standard deduction which is impossible under present Oregon tax laws. Another section of the bill reduces withholding on agricultural work-ers from 2 1-2 per cent to 2 per

measure would raise state income tax receipts about 9 per cent and produce some 12 million dollars in revenue.

Other Highlights

Dimick (R-Roseburg) proposed the motion which was criticized by Sen. Alfred Corbett Steel Talks Agreement

NEW YORK (UPI)-Top steel company and United Steelworkers officials entered the second day of preliminary contract talks today far apart on issues and un-der a presidential warning against an inflationary settlement. President Eisenhower warned

Tuesday the government "cannot stand still and do nothing" if both stand still and do nothing it obta-sides do not take statesman-like action. Administration officials said they believed Eisenhower was trying to build up public opin-ion against a wage increase that would lead to higher steel prices.

Negotiators for both sides pledged to seek a non-inflationary pledged to seek a non-initiationary agreement, but their positions dimmed hopes of avoiding a strike after the three-year contracts, covering 500,000 workers in the basic steel industry expire June

The weekly magazine, The Iron Age, said nothing short of a miracle seems likely to prevent a long and bitter strike. It said the USW might strike some compa-nies and let others work. In that case, Iron Age said, the compa-nies have provided for a mutual assistance plan under which oper-ating firms would turn over part of their revenue to those hit by walkouts.

Eisenhower and leading economists have expressed fear that an mists have expressed tear that an inflationary agreement in steel could touch at a new wage-price spiral in the nation. A steel agreement will set the pattern for wage talks in other basic industries such as aluminum and can making.

ing.

The union began individual bargaining talks Tuesday with U.S.
Steel, Bethlehem, Republic and Kaiser Steel. It met separately to-day with those four firms and sev-en other basic steel companies. The last of the industry's Big 12

uill join netogiations Thursday.

Upon completion of these preliminary "sound off" meetings,
possibly early next week, four man bargaining teams of each side will open the actual give-and-take talks.

Couple Admits Slaying Children

left hand under his chin, against his throat, and pushed down with my right hand on top of his head.

I held him this way for about two

Union Recorder

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UNION (Special)—John Wright was appointed City Recorder and monourced.

The two men, one tall and the other short, went to the home of manager Frank Colella about 9 p.m. Tuesday. The tall man identified himself as "Sgt. Murphy" of the Ontarlo Police Department and, although the men were not in uniform, Colella permitted them to enter.

After entering the, house, the bankits drew guns and told Colella they planned to rob the bank branch. Then they forced the manager and his wife and his father into the Colella car. Colella said.

They Tried To Be Cheerful

Winnie And Ike Pay Sad Call On Two Sick Friends

The car was found minutes later abandoned in the parking lot of a motel in this community 35 miles east of Los Angeles The FDR TIBETAN SUCCESS

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China ended today any Tibetan hope of independence or even self-government within the Communist empire. It predicted total communist empires. It predicted total communist em