

## Loggers Flee Before Raging Forest Blazes

### Bridges Decries Charges Plot

#### Employers Are Held Builders Of Alien Case

Legion's Radical Prober Tells of Activities of Doyle

#### Defense Contends That US Did Not Prepare Bridges Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Harry Bridges today heard himself referred to as "the outstanding name" in the files of the American Legion's radical research committee in California.

The statement was made at the CIO labor leader's deportation hearing here, by Harper Knowles, chairman of the Legion's committee.

Knowles, San Francisco business man and a former investigator of subversive activities for the Associated Farmers of California, last fall identified before the Dies congressional committee in Washington, many Californians he said were communists or communist sympathizers.

These included Bridges and Governor Culbert L. Olson of California, then the democratic candidate for the gubernatorial office.

Knowles was called by Bridges' defense as an "adverse" witness in an attempt to prove improper inducements were made to government witnesses.

Knowles denies conspiracy. He denied that shippers and other employers—as charged by Bridges—were behind his committee or that he played a part in an alleged conspiracy with immigration officials at Portland and Seattle to bring about the union leader's deportation.

The defense sought to show the case against Bridges was prepared by other than government officials as part of the alleged conspiracy.

Knowles admitted being at meetings in San Francisco at which Ivan Cox, a former secretary-treasurer of the longshoremen's union here, discussed and finally gave an affidavit against Bridges.

Cox, in a suit subsequently withdrawn also named Bridges and 500 other persons as alleged communist conspirators seeking "to dominate the Pacific coast."

The suit asked \$5,100,000 damages.

Knowles denied any hand in preparation of the suit but admitted that after it was filed he gave Cox \$10.

Doyle Present At Session. He said those at the San Francisco meetings were Stanley Morton "Larry" Doyle, former head of the American Legion's 40 at 8 society and a former special prosecutor in an anti-radical case in Oregon; J. W. Barker, representing the San Francisco Industrial association, and Raphael B. Bonham, immigration bureau director at Seattle.

Doyle, now in Minnesota and named by Bridges' counsel as the key-figure in the alleged conspiracy, has been subpoenaed to testify.

Regarding questioning of Knowles, Trial Examiner James Landis at one point asked: "What is the bearing of this testimony on this case?"

Defense Attorney Richard Gladstein said: "If the case is prepared outside of the prosecutor's office by improper methods and then is presented to the prosecutor and taken by him into court, he must be tainted if there is any taint in the preparation of the case. Our contention is that the US government did not prepare this case."

No Questions Asked. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Ray Foredayce didn't stop to ask questions when he stumbled on a seven-foot snake sunning itself in his back yard. He killed it and later learned it was a bull snake that had escaped from a cage of a nearby resident.

Dorothy Thompson Returns. Dorothy Thompson is writing a column for tomorrow's Statesman, the first of her columns to appear in two months. She's been out of the paper while on vacation, but not out of touch with the public and world affairs she writes about. What she has to say is sure to be worth reading.

Don't miss the resumption of her three-times-weekly "On the Record" in tomorrow's Statesman.

#### First Aid Car May Get Space in Fire Station Building in East Salem

Laughlin's Proposal for Special Housing of Car Awaits Committee Action; Payment Is Authorized for Digger

The Salem fire-department's first aid car and crew may be assigned quarters in the East Salem station now under construction as a substitute for a proposal to build an addition to the northeast corner of the city hall, Alderman S. B. Laughlin announced last night after delaying presentation of a resolution to the city council pertaining to the car.

Dr. Laughlin said the proposal to build the city hall addition to house the car and include quarters in which the first aid crew could give adequate attention to patients might be revived later.

The resolution, which was postponed for further committee consideration, would ask the Marion and Polk county courts to contribute to the cost of maintaining the first aid service in recognition of its frequent service outside the city in both counties.

The councilmen took time out to hear two members tell of recent trips east.

"There's a nigger in the woodpile there businessmen object to," said Alderman George Gertrude P. Lobdell said she was told by many persons interviewed during an 8000-mile journey into the eastern and southern states.

Taking every opportunity that came to inquire about the American public reaction toward parking (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

#### Progress Is Seen By Local Airways

Salem Men Being Asked to Request Hearing on Mail Grant

Oregon Airways is making definite progress toward building up its new air transportation service connecting the Willamette valley with Coos Bay, Leo Arany, operations manager, declared here yesterday.

Arany came home for a breathing spell after piloting his five-place cabin plane on 67 consecutive roundtrips between Portland and Marshfield, representing 29,823 miles of flying since June 1 when the line began operations.

Lieutenant Lloyd Hardesty, army instructor for the Washington national guard air corps, has been employed as relief pilot.

#### Lost Elephant Is Back in Big Top

STANTON, Va., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Two-ton Elsie, fugitive circus elephant, was lured back into captivity today after a safari of 200 police and country folk had stalked her through the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains for a day and a half.

Elsie, footsore and hungry, had plodded through the forests south of here for 33 1/2 hours since escaping from a wrecked circus trailer. She walked quietly from the woods with two fellow pachyderms by her side. They had been freed to entice her from her hide-out.

Fright engendered by the wreck that killed a circus attendant and another elephant was gone when the fugitive found her mates, and she quickly was loaded on to another trailer and started on the way to Roanoke, Va., where the circus is showing.

#### Roosevelt Would Be Easiest Man to Beat, Says Waltman

President Roosevelt can have the democratic presidential nomination if he asks for it, but in many respects he would be the easiest man to beat, Franklyn Waltman, publicity director for the republican national committee, told a group of 75 republicans at a luncheon at the Argo Monday noon.

If Roosevelt ran again it would provide a clear-cut test of his record, Waltman said; and it would be better for the nation if he would run and be defeated, rather than retire undefeated, for in the latter case he would be in position to harass his successor through a newspaper column.

Waltman expressed confidence in a republican victory "if we can hold the gains made in 1938," pointing out that the electoral votes of the states which elected republican governors or senators, with the vote of either Illinois or New York added, would be sufficient. He said the democratic majority of only 30,000 in Chicago's last mayoralty election would not balance upstate Illinois' republican majority, and that New York might also swing to the republican column. His figures did not include the electoral votes of Idaho nor Colorado, even though they elected republican governors, because of the local issues involved.

Oregon is a bright spot nationally to the republican party, Waltman said, and he expressed hope that a trend similar to that shown here in 1938 would spread to other Pacific coast states next year.

Explaining that the national committee takes no part in the selection of candidates, Waltman mentioned the present discussion of Senators Vandenberg of Michigan, and Bridges or Taft of Ohio, District Attorney Dewey of New York, Governor Bricker of Ohio and Congressman Bruce Barton of New York. He added that in the west, he had heard mention of Governor Sprague of Oregon, who sat beside him at the luncheon.

#### Poland Takes Point in Row At Free City

Danzig Senate Decides to Cut Restrictions on Customs

British China Officials Concerned Over Ships Bombed Sunday

(By The Associated Press) Poland scored herself a point over Danzig last night in an official announcement saying the free city senate had agreed to withdraw restrictions placed on Polish customs inspectors last week.

The dispute, mounting since last Friday, found Poland firm. Her mood was pointed up yesterday at a huge patriotic rally where her military commander insisted she would fight if necessary to keep her rights in unadominate Danzig.

Poland was given control of the free city customs after the World war, and last night's communique said "customs control will be integrally maintained in Danzig."

The senate's note was said to have given assurance of no intention to present Poland with a sudden stroke abolishing the customs control, and included an agreement to enter negotiations on the troublesome question.

A Munich dispatch said Albert Forster, Danzig Nazi leader, flew to Salzburg, near Adolf Hitler's Berchtesgaden estate, and although Berlin sources disclaimed knowledge of the visit, Danzig quarters said he had gone to consult the Fuehrer.

British officials in China were increasingly concerned over the bombing of British vessels and commercial property by Japanese planes near Ichang Sunday, as further details came from a gunboat which barely missed being hit.

"We have no information," said a Japanese army spokesman. "If it happened, it is a regrettable mistake."

The Chinese Central News agency at Chungking reported official concern over alleged persecution of Chinese by authorities of Thailand (Siam). Some Chinese believed Thailand might be influenced by a pro-Japanese policy.

#### Final Major Unit Of Oiling Is Done

The last major unit of Marion county's 1939 road oiling program was completed late yesterday afternoon when the surfacing crew finished work on the Mt. Angel-Meridian road.

The crew will spend the rest of the week on spot jobs non-skidding various dangerous curves and making repairs. The biggest task left, aside from applying a sealing coat of oil late this month to newly-surfaced roads, will be the non-skidding of East Center street road from the state hospital east one mile to the Staton cut-off intersection.

Oiling work to be done by the county for the Salem Indian school at Chemawa was postponed until next year after the county cut inspected the grounds involved and decided preliminaries could not be completed in time to do the oiling during the dry season.

#### Youth Is Rescuer Of Lake Swimmer

REEDSPORT, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Clifford Harvey, young dust-bowl-immigrant, was alive today, thanks to the efforts of Jack Barnes, 21, Crown-Willamette Paper company office worker.

Harvey was swimming in Siltcoos lake with a friend when he suddenly sank. A woman screamed and Barnes came to the rescue. Barnes brought the victim to the surface after nearly five minutes and gave first aid on a stiff-boom log as he was unable to reach the shore.

Woman Is Sheriff. STEVENSON, Wash., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. T. M. Borden was sworn in today as sheriff of Skamania county, succeeding her husband, who died of a heart attack Sunday at Olympia. The new sheriff's term will expire in November, 1940.

#### Brrr! Plenty of Humidity Here But It's all in Solid Chunks



W. Bernard Morse, operator of a boy's farm camp near Eola, and his two daughters, Marilyn and Isola Mae, together with Tom Blair, assistant camp master, and Campers Bob Hollwyler and Park Roselle, were having absolutely no trouble keeping cool here. They were snapped by a Statesman photographer in the ice room of the Capital Ice & Cold Storage plant.

#### Low Humidity Increases Fire Danger Near Salem

Temperature Hits 94 as Relative Humidity Drops to an Unusually low 12; Many Brush Fires Reported Nearby

A very low relative humidity was registered here yesterday, the official weather observer reported, adding to danger of fire in the Salem area while the temperature rose to 94 degrees.

At noon the humidity stood at 19, an unusual figure, and in the next three hours the reading fell seven more points to 12 at 3:30 p. m.

Heavy atmosphere here was attributed to smoke from nearby brush and grass fires, clearly visible from Salem.

Two major brush and grass fires were burning in Marion county yesterday. A large fire of about 2000 acres was reported two miles east of Marion, in the southern part of the county, on what is known as the "Island" on the North Santiam river.

A grain field on the west side of the Pacific highway about 12 miles north of Salem also burned. The fire was controlled by nearby residents.

The Salem fire department was called out about noon yesterday when a grass fire threatened between Hazel and Spruce streets in North Salem. No damage was reported.

#### 61 Are Admitted To Law Practice

64 per Cent Are Passed in State Bar Exams; Seven From Salem

Sixty-one or 64 per cent of the 95 applicants who wrote in the state bar examinations here July 11 and 12 were successful, the state supreme court announced yesterday.

The examinations were conducted by the state board of bar examiners.

Salem applicants who passed: Charles Roy Cater, Lee Adam Ellmaber, Tyrone Gillespie, Hal Raymond Gross, Franklin J. Kucers, Frank H. Spears, Jr., and Samuel F. Speerstra.

Successful Portland applicants: Anthony J. Amato, Harlow C. Barber, Elvin L. Barton, Richard J. Burke, Harry N. Burnside, Alan E. Davis, Maxwell J. Donnelly, W. H. Erwin, Earl A. Fewless, Hershey Gross, Paul W. Hand, Paul W. Haviland, George E. Holington, Lee Irwin Kennedy, J. Graham Kilham, Len Lagerquist, Allen Kendall Lottridge, McLaughlin Mahony, Jack N. McLaughlin, George H. McAllister. (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

#### Wind Whipping Glenwood Fire In 3 Counties

Flora Logging Camp Held Lost; Stimson Camp Endangered

State Forester Flies Over Area; Control Is Impossible

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Flames roared through northwestern Oregon's timberlands today, cloaking their destruction in billowing smoke, as dangerous fire conditions continued also in Washington and Idaho.

Hundreds of fire fighters battled to control the fires in the three states.

Fires raged at both the east and west flanks of Oregon, but the northwestern part of the state faced by far the greatest peril.

Logging operators reported "utterly helpless," fled before the racing Glenwood-Saddle mountain conflagration, which the wind whipped across Oregon's Tillamook, Washington and Clatsop counties. It threatened to assume the proportions of the devastating 1885, one of the worst in the northwest's history.

Flora Logging Camp Held Lost; Stimson Camp Endangered. District Warden Cecil Kyle said tonight there was little hope of saving the Flora Logging company camp, equipment worth well over \$100,000, and between 14 and 15 million feet of down timber. He said too there was little prospect of saving the Yamhill Logging company camp, its four donkey engines and other equipment.

The flames roared on tonight toward the McMinnville domestic water system in the Haskin creek region. Latest estimates placed the fire area in excess of 12,000 acres.

An estimated 2000-acre fire also roared through brush and timber 20 miles southwest of St. Helens, lower Columbia river city, burning an estimated 600 acres an hour.

A thousand fire fighters appeared to have controlled a 15,000-acre blaze which spread from the Mt. Spokane region of northwestern Washington into Idaho, consuming several homes and buildings and burning dangerously close to the Little community of Blanchard. Cooler weather and a change in wind brought at least temporary relief from a threatening situation.

Two of the three big forest fires in the north-west region remained out of control and virtually impossible of control under existing conditions late yesterday afternoon, State Forester J. W. Ferguson reported after making an aerial inspection of the fire area in the state's new airplane.

Only the fire in the Oregon-American holdings northwest of Forest Grove appeared to be under control and diminishing in intensity.

The forester described as "bad" the two large fires southwest of Forest Grove, one in the Saddle mountain district and the other nearby in the old Tillamook burn.

The Saddle mountain blaze, encircling one of the Stimson logging camps, had started fires within the camp, it was indicated, but had not destroyed it.

The other fire, around the Flora Logging company's camp No. 5, was raging for the most part across burned-over timber left by the old Tillamook blaze.

Direction of the wind, speed of the flames and inaccessibility of the old burn area made it impossible to send in fire fighters safely. The forester said fire crews would have to await a change in the wind or advance of the fire into green timber where it would travel more slowly.

Eight hundred OOC enrollees were battling the three fires. Two hundred of them were enrolled in by the federal forest service to assist the state forestry department.

Northwest fire patrol officials met at Forest Grove yesterday noon and formulated plans toward restricting the fires.

4 Die as Bomber Cracks Into Cliff. LONDON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A royal air force bomber crashed on a steep cliff on the English channel at Beachy Head tonight, killing its crew of three and a woman who was walking on the 350-foot precipice.

The big twin-motored plane toppled over the cliff and into the surf. The bodies of the crew were not recovered until the tide fell.