

Illegal Lumber Draws Inquiry In Northwest

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17—(AP)—West coast black market lumber dealers today were the object of one of the largest investigations undertaken by the OPA in this area.

The prime aim of Noel Gray, OPA district enforcement attorney, is to "get the lumber out so that houses can be built."

The investigation extends throughout the great northwest lumber producing area and involves all handlers from saw mill owners to purchase by retail buyers.

"Our problem in the past has been lack of funds to finance a comprehensive investigation," Gray explained. "With the allocation of \$1,000,000 by congress for a nation-wide campaign against the lumber black market, we are now ready to move."

Trade builders, headed by Bernard E. Egan, president of the association, and R. C. Kuhn, executive secretary, declared they are unable to purchase a stick of lumber from northwest mills, although they said recent trips to the mill country confirmed that millions of feet are available at black market prices.

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YWCA Purchases Lot Adjoining Present Site, Plan Expansion

(Story also on page 1)
Simultaneous with its announcement of new building design, the YWCA board of directors yesterday disclosed its purchase of an adjoining house and lot to provide temporary housing during the construction and to provide for possible future expansion.

The 40 by 82 1/2 foot lot was purchased from Mrs. Frances Ramaden for \$15,000. It faces Winter street and adjoins the present YW site, upon which the new building will be erected, at right angles.

Entrance to the new structure will be on State street. Swimming Pool
The swimming pool, to be 28 by 60 feet under a 16-foot ceiling, will be beneath the lobby at the entrance.

On the main floor, in addition to the lobby will be offices for all staff members, a large lounge (which may be used for large meetings or may be divided into three small club rooms), the public rest room, the canteen, a large recreational room, the standard gymnasium, a sick bay, a smaller gymnasium for lighter sports, and all showers, lockers, dressing rooms and other facilities for the pool and gymnasium.

The gymnasium, with a 21-foot ceiling, will be 60 by 90 feet. It will provide for volleyball, badminton, basketball and other games, and also may be used for large dinner gatherings, up to 300 persons, or for lecture rooms. It will have a removable stage.

Housemother's Suite
On the second floor will be 11 double and five single rooms to be used by residents (younger business women 18 to 25 years of age for periods of six to 12 months). Also on the second floor will be the housemother's suite, community kitchen, laundry and parlor, and storage rooms and other facilities.

The third floor will have 13 double and five single rooms to accommodate the overnight roomers and stranded persons requested to be housed by other welfare agencies. Also on this floor will be an apartment for the janitor and his wife, and dormitory space.

Plant Growth Shown in Film

Actual growth of plants was shown by top-motion pictures Wednesday night when Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Judson had invited a few garden enthusiasts in for the evening.

The pictures were taken at the New Jersey agricultural experiment station and were shown by Ben Newell, assistant county agent. The immense difference in plants deficient in minerals from plants with complete food was featured. The growth in 24 hours was shown in seconds.

So interested were those viewing the pictures that Mr. Newell promised to try to obtain them for a showing at some future garden club meeting at Salem.

TREES BLOOMING LATE
CORVALLIS, April 17—(AP)—Oregon fruit trees wintered in good condition and are blooming late, getting added protection from frosts, Oregon State college extension service reported today.

Iturbi Finds Daughter Dead After Suicide

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 17—(AP)—A .38 calibre bullet, the explosion of which set her raven hair aflame, early today ended the turbulent life of Maria Iturbi Hero, 28-year-old daughter of the concert pianist, Jose Iturbi.

Her slender body, clad in green pajamas, was found by the Spanish maestro, lying on his bed, after he had spent an evening entertaining a little group of friends and relatives, at her request, with an informal piano concert in his home.

Det. Sgt. Arthur H. McBain said the death of Mrs. Hero—depressed after a prolonged litigation with her father and her divorced husband, concert violinist Stephen Hero, over custody of her two children—was "clearly a case of suicide."

Local Groups Consider W.U. Area in Park

No definite action was taken Wednesday about the Willamette university area in Bush's pasture as the result of a meeting of two city council committees, the park board and university officials at the tract, according to Alderman Albert H. Gille.

He said the committeemen received a good idea of what Willamette wanted in the way of area and that the proposed area would need to be moved about 80 feet east because of its proximity to the Hill property. F. D. Thompson, state parks engineer, agreed to furnish drawings of the area for submission to the council at its next meeting.

An additional possibility is the widening of Mission street at the northern edge of the pasture to 100 feet to accommodate parking of students using the field facilities, he said.

Twins Born At Silverton

SILVERTON, April 17—(Special)—Twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dorgan at the Silverton hospital April 15. The one weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces and the other 6 pounds and two ounces.

Other births reported at the hospital during the week were sons to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hein of Molalla and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lynn both on April 15; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Green of Beaverton, April 13; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vandehy of Woodburn, April 14; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Terhaar, Woodburn, April 15; and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Baker April 15.

Portland Traction Sale Postponed

PORTLAND, April 17—(AP)—Sale of the Portland Traction company was postponed today by Federal Judge James A. Fee in a referral of reorganization proceedings of its parent company Portland Electric Power company, to the special master in bankruptcy.

A bid of \$7,500,000 had been entered for the property by the Portland Transit company, a new organization headed by L. R. Adams, San Francisco.

English Laborites Plan To Nationalize Steel

LONDON, April 17—(AP)—Britain's labor government said today it plans to nationalize a large part of the nation's iron and steel industry, and a conservative spokesman charged Prime Minister Attlee was "acting like Hitler."

The tumult touched off in the house of commons indicated the proposal would be one of the most controversial of all the government's public ownership projects.

JAPANESE ACQUITTED
GUAM, April 16—(Delayed)—(AP) Japanese navy commander Hikaru Cho was acquitted today by a U.S. military commission of charges of beheading an American on Wake Island in 1942.

ROAD STATUS UNCHANGED
No material changes were noted in Oregon road conditions Wednesday, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported.

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Gold Rush Fever Spreads Over South Africa With Large Strike

By R. F. A. Dewdney
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April 17—(AP)—A wild gold rush and feverish speculation buying swept South Africa today with the reported rediscovered secret of a fabulous strike in northwestern Orange Free state.

The gold fever was fanned to epidemic proportions by announcement by Western Holdings, Ltd., a mining firm, of deposits yielding 62.6 ounces of gold per ton of ore in early tests -- about \$2,170 a ton. The usual yield here is a quarter ounce per ton.

For years the secret had been locked in the graves of two forgotten prospectors who were said to have found a rich deposit near the surface close to the little village of Oendaals-Rust.

Speculators Rush
Speculators rushed to the area near Oendaals-Rust, while in this capital business was virtually at a standstill as many joined a mad scramble to buy property in the neighborhood of the strike.

(On the London stock exchange, Johannesburg gold mining shares soared to record highs. In the first hour of trading the market valuation of securities of the seven leading South African companies jumped by \$50,000,000. News of the strike captured the imagination of speculators, and trading was even more excited than yesterday when the first announcement was made.)

The area near the village is filled with people milling about in search for property in scenes reminiscent of the wild days of California and the Klondike.

Fortunes were being made and lost within a matter of minutes as prices fluctuated wildly. In Johannesburg, typists, merchants and brokers joined the rush, and there was scarcely a person to be found without a story of good or bad luck. Prices steadied somewhat during the day, but the floor of the exchange was jammed.

Lions Hear Talk on Cancer

Cancer is an increasing public health problem, Dr. Roscoe C. Wilson declared Wednesday before Hollywood Lions club in a talk supporting the current drive for cancer funds. The cancer increase, he explained, is due partly to the increase in the number of older people and partly to the reduction in deaths due to many other diseases.

If discovered in early stages, Dr. Wilson stated, most types of cancer can be cured. He said the funds collected by the cancer committee here and elsewhere are to be used in aiding indigent persons affected by the disease and in supporting centers for the study and treatment of cancer.

Butte Copper Strike Nears Settlement

BUTTE, Mont., April 17—(AP)—Settlement of a nine day old strike at the Anaconda mining company **Too Late to Classify**

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Ford Lays Off 45,000 Due To Shortages

By the Associated Press
Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small reported yesterday (Wednesday) that the soft coal strike had dealt reconversion a "serious setback."

In the automobile manufacturing industry, the Ford Motor company announced a weekend shutdown affecting some 45,000 production workers because of a parts and steel shortage.

Small said lack of fuel had forced the closing of "scores of plants" and that the coal strike was "increasing the injury done by the recent steel strike."

Small asserted a survey showed steel production was dropping steadily, that some railroads may be forced to curtail service in the next two weeks and that 15 small brick plants, whose output was essential to new housing, have been closed.

The Ford company said production was suspended indefinitely at its Lincoln plant, but most of its production workers probably would be recalled next Monday.

Rosson Urges Use of Service-Acquired Skills

Greater use of service-acquired skills should be made by veterans seeking up-grading in schools and in employment, Hugh Rosson, director of the state veterans department here, announced Wednesday.

Rosson urged veterans to avail themselves of whatever credit may be granted them by their employers or the schools of their choice. The granting of credit for service acquired training is a matter which has not been fully exploited, Rosson declared.

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