

### 6 P-51s Poised in Portland; 33 States Report Seeing Objects

#### VFW Commander Expects Word From Washington on 'Secret'

By The Associated Press  
Military planes in at least two sections of the country were held in readiness today to chase "flying saucers" in an attempt to end the mystery over the speeding objects reported seen in 33 states.

A P-80 jet plane was waiting at Muroc army air field in Muroc, Calif., to pursue any saucers sighted in that area. Six P-51s were in readiness at Portland, Ore., where scores of the mystery discs have been reported in the past two weeks. Photographic equipment was being added to the P-51s.

This development followed a day in which new reports of the discs came in from coast to coast and scientists and military men said they were baffled by the phenomenon.

The army and navy said the discs were not any of their experimental planes.

David Lilienthal, chairman of the atomic energy commission and atomic energy scientist asserted that their experiments had no connection with the saucers.

The California institute of technology denied an earlier report that one of its scientists had suggested the saucers might be experiments in "transmutation of atomic energy." Dr. C. C. Lauritsen, head of the school's nuclear physics department, said he believed the discs "have nothing to do with nuclear physics."

The earlier report, quoting an unnamed Caltech scientist, was published in the Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express. The report was called "glibberish" by Dr. Harold Urey, atom scientist at the University of Chicago.

At Columbus, Ohio, Louis E. Starr, national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, asserted at a VFW convention that he was expecting information from Washington about "the fleets of flying saucers." "Too little is being told to the people of this country," Starr declared.

Two Chicago astronomers said the discs are probably "man-made." The undulating, flashing objects "couldn't be meteors," said Dr. Girard Kuiper, director of the University of Chicago's Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis.

"We realize," said Dr. Oliver Lee, director of Northwestern university's Dearborn observatory, "that the army and navy are working on all sorts of things we know nothing about."

#### Radars to Moon Secrecy Noted

Lee said the discs might represent the same sort of thing as sending radar signals to the moon, one of the greatest technological achievements of the war and accomplished in absolute secrecy.

Col. E. J. Clark, commanding officer of the Hanford Engineering Works in the Pacific northwest where the largest saucer influx has been reported, said the saucers were not coming from the atomic plant there.

"I have been waiting for someone to tie the discs to the Hanford atomic plant," he said. But he declared that as far as he knew no experiments were underway there which would solve the mystery.

Creedence in the saucers - widely laughed off at their first reported appearance June 25 - grew as hundreds of observers, many of them trained fliers, reported seeing them.

A crowd of 200 observed a disc at Hauser Lake, Idaho, on the Fourth of July. A group of 60 picnickers saw them at Twin Falls, Idaho. And in Portland, Ore., so many residents witnessed them that same day that the police department sent out an all-cars broadcast.

A United Air Lines pilot of 14 years experience walked up the ramp to his plane at Boise, joking that "I'll believe in these discs when I see them." Ten minutes later he radioed, shaken, from his plane that he had spotted five of them.

Witnesses in two points of California and in Spokane - one of them an army air force sergeant - reported seeing the discs Saturday.

Near unanimity was recorded on some of the discs characteristics - terrific speed, bright reflections, round or oval in shape, flat, and flying with a peculiar undulating motion. Size was moot and expressed by Capt. Smith of United Air Lines as "hard to judge" without knowing the distance from the observer to the objects.

#### Army Admits 'We're Mystified'

An army air forces spokesman in Washington on July 3 said there was not enough fact to "warrant further investigation," but the air materiel command at Wright Field, Dayton, O., said it was making a study. Saturday at Washington an army researcher admitted "We're mystified," and the navy said it had no theories.

Meanwhile Kenneth Arnold, the man who first reported them, could recall his insistence when his report was widely questioned, that "I don't believe it either - but I saw it."

Col. A. L. Dutton, commanding officer of the Oregon national guard, announced Saturday night that the guard's squadron would attempt to photograph any future apparitions of the discs. He said six P-51 fighter planes, equipped with gun and telescope cameras, would be kept ready to take off on a moment's notice.

Some thought the situation similar to that in Sweden last year, when mystery missiles were reported over that country, and Dr. A. A. Knowlton, Reed college physics professor in Portland, Ore., commented:

"There is a great possibility that the flying visitors are the result of secret experiments with guided missiles, either by our own or foreign governments. Some months ago there were many reports of mysterious rockets over Sweden. Stories about these were never confirmed or officially explained."

#### Soviet Objections Block Korea Talk

SEOUL, Korea, July 5-(AP)-Firm soviet objections to consult with Korean rightist political groups on forming a Korean provisional government have again deadlocked the American-Russian joint commission.

Returning from the latest discussions in the Russian-occupied northern zone of Korea, Maj. Gen. Albert E. Brown, the chief American delegate, issued a statement that, as a result of the soviet attitude, oral consultations with Koreans, which were scheduled to begin in Seoul Monday, had been postponed indefinitely.

#### Coal Peace Plan Slowed

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)-A 24-hour hitch in signing of a soft coal peace pact for northern mines developed tonight, while southern operators reported getting "a complete brush-off" from John L. Lewis.

Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, postponed until 2:30 p. m. (EST) tomorrow at a meeting of his 200-member policy committee to ratify the "agreement in principle" which has been reached with the northern employers of 150,000 miners. It calls for a 44 1/2 cent basic hourly increase.

A UMW spokesman said the language of the agreement worked out yet, but prophesied this would not interfere with a resumption of digging in 3,000 northern pits on Tuesday, when a 10-day industry-wide vacation ends.

#### U.S., Britain Opposed to Giving Oil Rights to U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, July 5-(AP)-American and British sources expressed opposition today to a proposed move to give the United Nations administrative operation of the rich oil resources in the middle east.

Scheduled for U. N. economic and social council consideration at their July 19 meeting is a proposal that the U. N. establish an authority to administer oil resources in the middle east, by and with the consent of the countries involved.

## Holiday Accident Toll 384

### City Area Remains Tranquil

Salem completed its second day of a tranquil sunny Independence Day weekend Saturday with accidents and violence at a minimum. City, county and state police reported one of the mildest Fourth of July celebrations on record. Local firemen answered no calls and neither police nor sheriff deputies untangled an accident Saturday.

Most beach-, mountain- or relative-bored citizens have already quit the city by Saturday morning. Those unwilling to risk highway travel stayed at home for a quiet day or attended the motorcycle races and other entertainment at the fairgrounds.

Many downtown business houses and several stores in outlying districts were open, while practically all city, county and state offices remained closed.

City police reported a single arrest Saturday on a charge of shooting fireworks in a fire zone, and four other such arrests Friday night.

Arrested include Those arrested included Tom Warner, Salem, who posted \$25 bail; Richard Nutting, Valsezt, \$15 bail; Norman Brown, route 2, box 257, \$15 bail; George Porter, 309 N. Liberty st., \$25 bail, and William Rohr, Valsezt, \$25 bail.

City first aid men treated three accident cases Saturday - none resulting from fireworks. An unidentified adult, however, came to the aid station for treatment of fingers burned by a giant "cracker" aid men said.

Firecracker Burns "Adults are worse than children this year in connection with fireworks injuries," aid men reported. Aid men treated three cases of firecracker burns Friday - and only one involved a child.

Other accidents treated Saturday by first aiders included Marlon Salter, 2280 Front st., who fell down on a broken jar and cut both hands; Warren Clemenc, Salem, who cut his heel in the YMCA swimming pool, and Jerry Gatchel, four-year-old Triangle drive resident, who incurred chest injuries when a truck tire toppled over onto him.

### Donald Beals Beaver Boys State Delegate

Donald Beals, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Beals, 1695 Berry st., was one of two boys chosen Saturday at the annual Beaver Boys State in Corvallis as delegates to the boys' forum sponsored by the American Legion in Washington, D. C., Associated Press reports.

Beals is a student at Salem senior high school. He and Alfred Gleason, Medford, were chosen as delegates for outstanding participation in the boys' state which will end today, AP said.

Cash activity awards were presented Saturday to Robert Week, Eugene, Ray Friedman, Corvallis, and several others.

### Silverton Slates Budget Meeting

SILVERTON, July 5 - Silverton's city 1947-48 budget will either be accepted or rejected Monday night at the public hearing to be held at the city council meeting. Also slated for public hearing is the zone change on North Water street.

The budget calls for funds for improvement in Silverton's street lighting as well as 10 per cent raises in employees' salaries.

### Mrs. Leona Peavy Dies at Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 5-(AP)-Mrs. Leona Peavy, 77, wife of George W. Peavy, president emeritus of Oregon State college, died here today.

Besides Dr. Peavy, she is survived by three sons: Bradley A. of Seattle, George D. of Salinas, Calif., and Norbert E. of Portland. Funeral services will be held here today.

### Local Woman Saw 'Discs' During War

Mrs. Pearl McVey of West Salem, who worked with the air raid warning system during the war, said Saturday she had seen "discs" three separate times during the last few months of hostilities, and that "I certainly don't think these people seeing them now are merely imagining them."

Mrs. McVey said one "disc" appeared to be just south of Salem, early in 1945, and that "it just disappeared, vanished." One of the three, she said, appeared to be about the size of a plane, the others were smaller. All three incidents were reported to the air raid warning system, she said.

### Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	76	54	00
Portland	72	50	00
San Francisco	62	53	00
Chicago	83	65	21
New York	86	67	00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today. Highest temperature today 75, low 55. Afternoon winds will interfere with crop dusting, otherwise weather is favorable for all farm activity.

### FIREWORKS ILLEGAL

As of midnight last night, shooting of fireworks in Salem became illegal, city police warned. By city ordinance fire works became legal only on July 3, 4 and 5.

### Blonde Beauty Wins Title of 'Miss Salem'

#### Joyce Evensen to Travel to Seaside

Joyce Evensen, blonde and only 19, bears the title of Miss Salem given her by judges last night in the finals of the local beauty contest at the state fairgrounds.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Evensen, 971 Union st., Miss Evensen vied with three other local beauties for the title. The contest was sponsored by the American Legion, Capitol Post No. 9 and the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Evensen was unaware of her choice as queen until informed of her nomination by the Statesman. When the announcement of the final Miss Salem choice was made at the fairgrounds, it was discovered that all the contestants had gone home.

Feature of Show The contest was held as a feature of the legion's annual three-day Fourth of July celebration at the fairgrounds which ended last night. The four contestants appeared Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and were judged on personality, appearance and talent.

The other three beauty contestants were Edith Cook, 265 N. Commercial st.; Yvonne Ardelie Gardner, 1490 S. 13th st., and Vivian May Heth, box 394, Salem route 2.

Judges were Mayor R. L. Elstrom, Mrs. Josephine Spaulding, Mrs. Reginald Williams and Frank Neer. Dave Hoss conducted the contest and was master of ceremonies.

Miss Evensen will compete in the Miss Oregon contest at Seaside on July 25, 26 and 27 with beauty contestants from 35 other Oregon cities. The winner will earn the right to represent Oregon in the Miss America finals at Atlantic City in August.

Salem High Graduate Salem's queen graduated from Salem senior high school in 1946, having attended Parrish junior high school prior to that. Her main hobbies and recreation are sports, especially swimming. At present she is working with her father in the Capitol Street Grocery, which he owns.

The Miss Salem choice was announced at the dance in the fairgrounds' grandstand, which climaxed an afternoon of motorcycle racing and an early evening vaudeville entertainment attended by over a thousand spectators.

U.S. Food Aid Sets Record WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)-President Truman reported today U.S. exports of food to the world's hungry set an all-time record in the past 12 months, and he promised continued American aid.

He indicated in a statement, however, that future assistance will have to be reduced if corn and other summer-grown grain crops are short. The corn crop has been plagued by a wet, cool spring and by destructive floods.

The president said the United States exported 18,433,000 long tons or about 41,275,000,000 pounds during the year ending June 30. The old record of 17,122,000 tons was set by the United States a year ago.

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John Garner Burns Letters WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)-Former Vice President John N. Garner has turned down all offers to write his memoirs and has burned all letters and other data bearing on his nearly 40 years in the nation's capital, Bascom N. Timmons says in a dispatch to the Washington Star.

Timmons, an old friend of Garner's, wrote the story from Uvalde, Tex., Garner's home town.

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### Oregon Deaths Total 4

The nation counted at least 384 persons dead from accidents by early Sunday with one day remaining of the three-day Fourth of July weekend.

Pleasant weather contributed to the heavy toll in motor accidents and drownings. Motor fatalities normally outnumbered deaths from all other violent causes combined but this year there were nearly as many drownings.

The national safety council has predicted 275 traffic fatalities during the three-day period. There was some possibility this figure might be reached before Sunday midnight. The peak traffic jam was expected when homebound motorists hit the pavements Sunday night.

Three of the deaths from fireworks occurred in Maryland. The other two were in Maine and California.

Deaths by states from traffic, drownings and miscellaneous causes not connected with fireworks: Oregon 321.

Oregon's four deaths included the death of an aged man in an auto accident at Junction City, the drowning of a boy in a surf at Reedsport, the suffocation of a 5-month-old boy in a car at Eugene, and the drowning of a mother in the Rogue river while attempting to rescue her two children.

During the four-day Independence day weekend last year, 512 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents, drownings and miscellaneous violence directly attributable to the holiday observance. However, many of the injured died days or weeks later, swelling the final total.

MEDFORD, July 5-(AP)-Mrs. Gertrude Marilla Snow, 37, Eagle Point, drowned in the Rogue river yesterday while attempting to rescue her two children.

The children - Alberta, 14 and Loren, 11 - were pulled to safety by other campers. The youngsters had fallen in over their depth while wading.

Rescuers brought the mother to shore, too, but she did not respond to artificial respiration.

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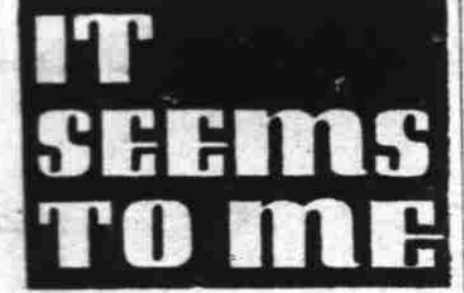
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By Charles A. Sprague

Noting the decline in the divorce rate in Klamath county, Mac Epley in his editorial column in the KF Herald and News hails the fact as good news, observing:

"Our guess is that a study would show juvenile delinquency rates rise and fall with the divorce rate. The more fathers and mothers who stick together and maintain their homes, the fewer kids get into trouble."

A direct relationship between juvenile delinquency and broken homes is generally accepted as true. But Clifford R. Shaw, head of the department of sociology, Illinois Institute of Juvenile Research, a division of the state public welfare department, does not agree. Based on his 25 years experience with wayward children he lists as false the following notions:

1. There are more delinquencies among children of broken homes.

2. Certain races and nationalities produce more kids who go wrong.

3. Delinquency is affected by prosperity and depression.

The "true" facts disclosed by studies made by his staff are as follows:

1. There are regular delinquency areas in the city, regardless of their racial composition.

2. These areas are concentrated near the center of the city in the so-called "slum" regions.

3. The number of "repeaters" is (Continued on editorial page)

### Rambo Wins Top Trophy at St. Paul Rodeo

ST. PAUL, July 5-(AP)-Gene Rambo, 25-year-old world's champion cowboy from Shandon, Calif., won St. Paul rodeo's President's trophy for the second time during the 12th annual show which climaxed Saturday night.

Runner-up to championship honors was Pat Parker, Pawhuska, Okla., who scored high in the roping events. Rambo made outstanding records in calf roping, bulldogging, and cow-milking, and in the latter event won the show's championship spot.

Presentation of the three-foot high gold President's trophy was made by St. Paul Rodeo Queen Mary Lou Manegre. A sterling silver belt buckle was presented to Parker by Holly Jackson, Salem.

Other winners and events were: Wild cow milking contest, Gene Rambo, Shandon, Calif., 41.2 and 45.4 seconds; saddle broncs, Gerald Roberts, Strong City, Kansas, wild horse race, Joe Martin, Dayville, Ore., first; Homer Sims, second, and Bob McKay, St. Paul, third.

Calf roping, Shoate Webster, Nawata, Okla.; with time of 13.4 and 14.4 seconds; bulldogging championship, Barney Willis, White Salmon, Wash., time 8.6 seconds and 11.2 seconds.

Cowgirl's race - Barbara Webb, Turner, first; calf roping - Gene Rambo, Shandon, Calif., 14.8 seconds.

Bareback riding - Gene Rambo; pony express - Frank Gamble entry, Tappanish, Wash.; bulldogging - Chuck Sheppard, 11.2 seconds; boys' pony race - Dick Smith, St. Paul; cow milking - D. Bergwin, Walla Walla, Wash., 29 seconds.

Salem Friday winners included: senior cowboy, Holly Jackson, first; senior cowgirl, Rose Franke, first; Mrs. Ellen Jackson, second.



"Don't you think it's about time we told Junior about people?"

Our Senators Lost 6-3