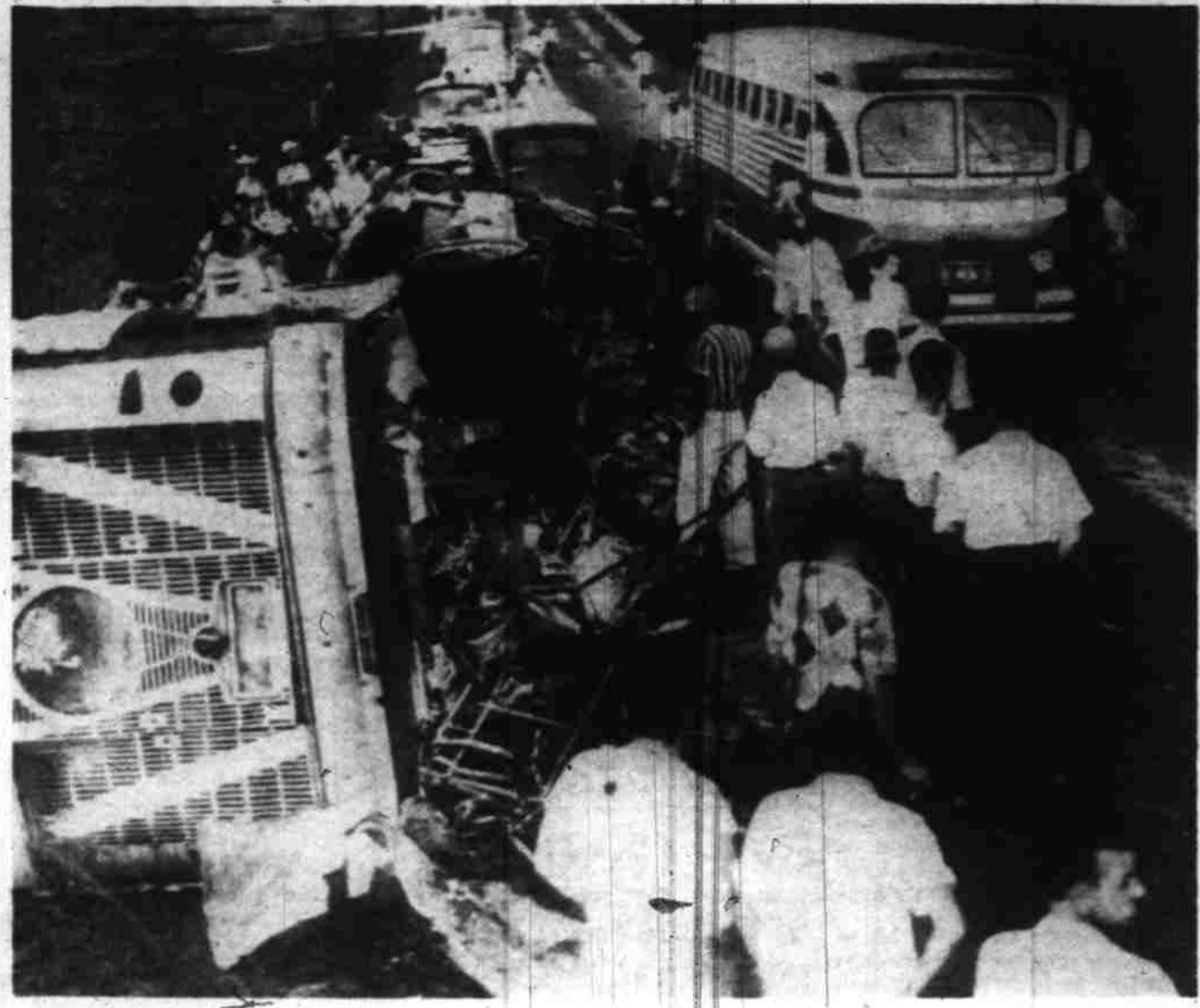


Fifteen Meet Fiery Death As Bus Rams into Bridge



BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Aug. 10 — This is the seared wreckage of a Greyhound bus which crashed into a bridge abutment near here today. Fifteen charred bodies were removed from the charred bus and 12 others were injured. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Herbert C. Hoover was the recipient of many tributes and congratulatory messages yesterday on his 75th birthday. He was felicitated by a joint resolution of the 81st congress. Governors of states and men of affairs all over the world sent him greetings. Newspaper editors over the land reviewed his career and tendered high praise to the man who has rendered conspicuous service to the people of his own country and of Europe for a third of a century. At his old home in Palo Alto, a large assemblage gathered to manifest by their presence the love and respect in which he is held.

Nothing I might write would add more than a trifle to this universal expression of regard for Mr. Hoover. Instead I am going to relay in part the thought-provoking address he made to the gathering at Stanford university, — and to the people of the United States.

A year ago at West Branch Mr. Hoover indulged in delightful reminiscence about his boyhood in the small Iowa town where he was born. Yesterday he spoke not of the past, but with words freighted with meaning he offered sage counsel for the present and future. His theme was "Think of the Next Generation", and the recurring phrase used to drive home his points, one-by-one, was "Think it over." All Americans should.

Here is the gist of his message, the next-to-last paragraph: "My word to you, my fellow citizens, on this 75th birthday is this: The Founding Fathers dedicated the structure of our government to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. We of this generation inherited this precious blessing. Yet as spend—

Firefighters Plan Use of Drill Tower

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 10—(Special) Possible use of Salem's proposed new fire drill tower for training reserve firefighting units was discussed at tonight's monthly meeting of the Marion County Fire-fighters' association.

City Manager J. L. Franzen, Fire Chief W. P. Roble of Salem were present at tonight's meeting.

The 14 fire departments represented tonight reported 75 fires in Marion county during July.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Mountains!"
"Seashore!"
"Mountains!"
"Seashore!"

Negro Cab Driver Credited with Rescue of Several Survivors

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Aug. 10—(AP)—Fifteen persons met fiery death as a Greyhound bus toppled sideways and burned after hitting a bridge abutment near here early today.

No one aboard the bus escaped unscathed; twelve other passengers and the driver were injured.

The bus was rolling along a straight stretch of state highway 37 in the hill country just north of Bloomington when the accident happened.

Wayne Cramer, 25, of Indianapolis, the bus driver, gave this version of the accident before Dr. Robert E. Lyons, Monroe county coroner, clamped down on further statements, pending an inquest: "It seemed like the steering gear went out. Either that, or we had a tire blowout."

A few passengers, probably two or three, the bus driver said, escaped through the front door.

Others climbed through a rear window booted out by Edgar Davis, 43, driver for an Indianapolis taxicab company. Some of the survivors credited Davis with heroic work in rescuing them.

It was hours before the bodies could be removed. They were brought to Bloomington to await identification. All had been charred beyond recognition.

The coroner said the victims apparently were eight women, four men and two children. The fifth was adult, but the body was burned so badly the sex could not be determined, he said.

Vote Indicates Strike Favored

DETROIT, Aug. 11 (Thursday) —(AP)—First returns from the Ford strike election early today showed a substantial trend among CIO United Auto Workers favoring a strike to reinforce union demands.

Hoel P. Fox, chairman of the state labor mediation board, said the first 28,000 votes counted indicated at least a majority of Ford workers in Michigan plants were willing to strike. Some batches of votes, he said, showed seven or eight to one in favor of a strike and other batches ran three or four to one in favor.

Timberman, Legislator Fuller Dies

DALLAS, Aug. 10—(Special) W. V. Fuller, 88, former Oregon legislator and nationally known forestry authority, died here today.

He was born in West Union, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1861, and in 1880 was married to Eliza Stewart in Albert Lea, Minn. After working in the timber industry in Minnesota for 15 years, Fuller came to Oregon in 1901 when he worked on a timber claim in the Siletz basin.

As a specialist on Polk county timber, Fuller cruised the entire county in 1907 with State Forester F. A. Elliott. He aided in organizing the Polk and Lincoln county fire protection districts and director for both organizations.

He was joint representative for Polk and Lincoln counties in the legislature for the 1917 and 1925 sessions, and represented Polk county in 1919. He also had served as president of the Dallas city council, was a member of the Polk county fair board and during World War I was chairman of the Polk county defense council.

In addition to his many activities, Fuller operated a Dallas pharmacy from 1909 to 1925.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eliza Fuller, a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Hays, and three grandchildren, all of Dallas.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. from the Henkle and Bollman chapel with the Rev. W. Benbow officiating. Masonic lodge will be in charge of services. Burial at Dallas IOOF cemetery.

High-Volt Wire Badly Burns Polk Worker

DALLAS, Aug. 10—(Special)—A Polk county bridge crew worker was knocked unconscious and incurred severe burns on a leg and an arm today when he touched a high-voltage wire while working on a crane near Godsey mill, east of Dallas.

The worker, Herschel Hanson, 30, of Dallas, suffered the shock when the boom of the crane he was following struck an 11,000 volt high line of the Mountain States power company on the current escaped through a cable Hanson was holding.

Two Dallas doctors who were summoned both indicated Hanson would recover.

Power company workers cut the circuit's main switch at the Dallas plant until the damage was repaired.

WRECKAGE SIGHTED

WHITEHORSE, Yukon, Aug. 10 (CP)—Searchers tonight sighted the wreckage of a U. S. air force P-51 fighter which crashed in mountainous country 75 miles northwest of here earlier today.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	78	54	trace
Portland	75	53	.00
San Francisco	84	54	.00
Chicago	94	78	.00
New York	90	81	.00

Willamette river -3.4 feet.
FORECAST (from the U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight, a few late showers today. No change in temperature with high today near 74 and low tonight near 50. Conditions mostly favorable for farming activities today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Aug. 11)

This Year	Last Year	Normal
42.23	47.00	37.42

Senate Told of Checks for Hunt

Unemployment Problem Not Acute in Salem

Salem area employment is holding up better than other Oregon areas and no signs of immediate unemployment danger are seen throughout the state, officials reported Wednesday.

Unemployment compensation leaders say surveys show no Oregon areas near the 12 per cent unemployment rate considered dangerous by the federal government.

They cautioned, however, that jobless lists for some Oregon areas may reach or top that mark after current seasonal work is completed. A continuing check by the state agency is being made.

Unemployment on August 1 in Marion and Polk counties stood at approximately 4.5 per cent of the labor force, well below the state and national averages of 6.3 and 6.4 per cent, according to reports.

In the Portland-Vancouver labor market, the current unemployment rate is 6.66 per cent, which the SUCC called "well under the danger figure." Presidential Aide John R. Steelman on Tuesday urged federal agencies to concentrate spending in distress areas whose unemployment rate exceeded 12 per cent in order to help absorb the jobless. Portland is the only portion of Oregon to be included in a report to Washington, D.C.

For Oregon as a whole, the estimate of unemployed declined during July by 1,500, but the 49,900 now unemployed is nearly 75 per cent above the 23,400 jobless estimate of a year ago. The state's labor force is computed at approximately 650,000 persons. Last winter, officials said, the unemployed rate hit about 14 per cent in Oregon.

Seasonal industries, while not up to normal, caused a decline from 3,700 to 2,150 during July in Salem area unemployment. Salem's total unemployed Aug. 1, 1948, was only 600 persons. A year later this was exceeded by the number of jobless veterans alone, 625.

During the fourth week of July more than one-half of the 846 who received unemployment benefits were in three industries for which this is considered a good work season. These were food processing with 128 persons; logging and lumbering with 110 and construction with 54.

Areas which had increases in jobless in July were topped by the Dalles, LaGrande and Bend, but the fir timber area also reported more idle workers than for many summers—including Lebanon, Eugene, Coos Bay and Roseburg.

Vet Level Steady

For Oregon the number of unemployed veterans stayed at 9,800 about 2,700 more than at the same time in 1948. Women comprised slightly more than one-fourth of the total jobless estimate, compared with 30 per cent last year.

While the Oregon employment service placed 22,726 workers on farm jobs and 4,908 in other lines during July, unfilled non-farm job openings dropped from 1,072 to 987, compared with 2,315 a year before. New industrial and trade opportunities received during July were 6,431, compared with 10,633 in the same period of 1948.

FARMEROO STARTS

NEWBERG, Aug. 10—(AP)—The Newberg Farmerco will open tomorrow, amid streets lined by gingham and denim clad residents.

Nation 'On Last Mile to Collectivism' Hoover Claims in 75th Birthday Talk

By Schyler Allman
PALO ALTO, Calif., Aug. 10—(AP)—Herbert Hoover declared today that "through government spending and taxes our nation is blissfully driving down the back road" to collectivism and is "on the last mile."

The only living former president said on his 75th birthday that while "we have not had a great socialization of property" the result was being achieved by governmental spending of the peoples' savings.

Hoover spoke at Stanford university at ceremonies honoring him on his birthday. In his address he lashed out at new federal and state proposals for spending taxes.

"Along this road of spending," Hoover said, "the government either takes over, which is socialism, or dictates institutional and economic life, which is fascism."

"The American mind is troubled by the growth of collectivism throughout the world."

"We have a few hundred thousand communists and their fellow travelers in this country. They cannot destroy the republic. They are a nuisance and require attention. We also have the doctrinaire socialists who peacefully dream of their Utopia."

"But there is a considerable group of fuzzy minded people who are engineering a compromise with all these European infections. They fail to realize that our American system has grown away from the systems of Europe for 250 years. They have the foolish notion that a collectivist economy can at the same time preserve personal liberty and constitutional government."

But, Hoover said, the "austerity" in England should be "a sufficient spectacle" of what happens when nations try it.

Hoover said the thinking of the American people was dragged by such slogans as "welfare state." He called this term "a disguise for the totalitarian state by the route of spending."

Hoover presented some figures. The average working citizen he said now must work 61 days a year to pay taxes supporting the government, local, state and federal.

(Story also on page 2)

Tempers Short, Weather Hot in New York City

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—(AP)—The mercury zoomed to 98.7 today, shattering records and tempers for the second day.

The hottest day of the year, beating the 97.8 mark of July 29. The hottest Aug. 10 in the history of the local weather bureau; demolishing the 93.9 record that had stood since 1900.

Yesterday's 97.6 also was a record for the date.

The all-time high in New York was 102.3 on July 9, 1936.

The New York Post covered most of page one with the headline: "Too X!?!&* Hot!"

Said the weather bureau: Hot and humid tomorrow.

Hotelmen Pay For Purchase Aids Claimed

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—(AP)—Senate investigators were told today that James V. Hunt was paid \$86,000 for helping a hotel firm repurchase the Lido Beach hotel for half what it had cost the government.

Hunt received a \$5,000 check from the hotel firm while he still was employed by the war assets administration as a \$50-a-day consultant, testified Francis D. Flanagan, staff investigator.

Quoted from Records

Hunt kept the check three months, then returned it, quit his government job, got a new \$5,000 check and was paid the rest in fees for services to the Selden hotel company, Flanagan went on.

With Hunt's help, the Long Island hotelier which cost the navy \$1,300,000 when it was taken over for war-use went back to the Selden company as surplus for \$635,000, the witness said. He was quoting, he added from records of Hunt and the WAA.

The special subcommittee looking into persons who allegedly sold businessmen their "influence" in the government heard also that:

1. Albert Lewitt, former secretary to ex-Senator Hawkes (R-NJ), figured in testimony about the hotel deal. He was paid \$5,000 by Hunt as a "consultant and adviser." Lewitt said, but Selden gave advice. He denied that the money in reality was a fee for steering Hunt onto the profitable Lido Beach transaction.

2. Lewitt, a registered lobbyist in 1947, sent letters to his paying clients describing fictitious interviews he was supposed to have had with top-ranking leaders of congress.

Angry, Committee Counsel William Rogers barked at him that the committee is concerned over "persons falsely selling influence" who mislead clients and reflect on persons in public life.

The "five percent" spotlight returned briefly to the White House. Housing Expediter Woods related yesterday how General Vaughan called him to the White House in behalf of "some of my friends," the operators of the Tanforan tract near San Francisco.

Woods recalled to Stand

Woods was recalled to the witness chair today. He said Vaughan came to his office Jan. 12, bringing with him Eugene Mori, Camden, N. J. president of the Tanforan company.

The racketeer was then stymied by the expediter's refusal to grant a permit under the regulation which forbade the use of scare housing materials in amusement places.

Vaughan asked him to "please hurry" a clearance, Woods testified, because there was "something" before the California racing commission which would cause Tanforan to lose its franchise unless it could do the rebuilding job.

Woods granted the go-ahead the next day.

Truman Signs Unification Bill Into Law

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—(AP)—President Truman signed into law today a measure designed to tie the nation's fighting forces into trim, taut unity.

The measure gives the secretary of defense more direct power to steer all military activities, provides for a permanent chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and of possibly vast importance to American taxpayers — creates a centralized, business-type budget and accounting system which has been held capable of saving hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

As soon as the measure became law, Secretary Johnson appointed a national defense management committee and a management advisory group.

To head the management committee, Johnson selected General Joseph T. McNarney, former chief of the air force materiel command at Wright-Patterson air force base, Dayton, Ohio. Other members are Army Secretary Gordon Gray, Navy Undersecretary Daniel A. Kimball, and Eugene M. Zuckert, assistant secretary of the air force.

The undersecretary of defense (now Stephen Early) gets a new title, deputy secretary, outranking the army, navy and air force secretaries. His pay will be \$14,500 a year.

Strong Winds Fan Idaho Forest Fire; New Blazes Start

McCALL, Idaho, Aug. 10—(AP) A 35-mile an hour wind fanned the Salmon river forest fire tonight as early evening lightning storms ignited 32 other small blazes in the Payette and Boise national forests.

Walt Hankins, fire dispatcher for the Payette national forest, said the high wind whipping the 5,000-acre Salmon river fire is coming from the south, sending the flames into burned-over timber.

He said there's a possibility that if the high winds continue from the south during the night the blaze may jump the Salmon river and get into tall timber stands north of the stream.

FINANCE SYSTEM VETED

SHERIDAN, Aug. 10—(AP)—The State Sanitary Authority has turned thumbs down on Sheridan's way of financing a sewage system. The authority said it would take too long to get enough funds by a 10 mill assessment and a 50-cents-monthly charge on water bills.

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Bremerton 2, Salem 4
At Victoria 6, Spokane 2
At Vancouver 4, Wenatchee 3
At Tacoma 3, Yakima 2

COAST LEAGUE
At Hollywood 3, Portland 1
At San Francisco 2, San Diego 3
At Sacramento 10, Los Angeles 6
At Seattle 4, Oakland 11

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Boston 2, New York 5
At Detroit 3, Chicago 10 (10 in.)
At Washington 4, Philadelphia 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 0
At Philadelphia 4, Brooklyn 7
At New York 1, Boston 4
At Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 6

Grand Opening of Sears Store Set at 10 a.m. Today



Magnitude of the Capitol Shopping center where the new Sears, Roebuck store opens today, is indicated above in a recent Statesman serial photo. The huge white Sears building at upper left faces North Capitol street. Its 300-car parking lot extends back to 12th street. Only earlier completed building in the center is Berg's market facing. Center street and showing above at right. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Sears, Roebuck & Co. will open its new Salem store on North Capitol street at 10 a.m. today. A ribbon across the main entrance will be cut by Mrs. Harold Heiserman who has been chosen

Details of the Sears opening are in a special section of The Statesman today.

"Average Sears Shopper." Salem Mayor Robert L. Eifstrom and West Salem Mayor Walter Musgrave will take part.

The new store, managed by James F. Mosolf, has 80,000 square feet of floor space and dominates the Capitol Shopping center, a \$2,000,000 development of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Gardenias will be given at the opening.

Several Sears officials will be on hand, including S. A. Epstein, Los Angeles, assistant vice president; A. T. Cushman, District Manager; S. W. Donogh and other northwest officials from Seattle: Claude Walter, merchandising manager; Harold Grisdale, Seattle, construction and real estate superintendent; Orville Lee, in charge of new store establishment and displays.