

Second Pineapple Boat Unloading at Minor Oregon Port

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 27-(P)—A second pineapple barge from Hawaii crept into an obscure Oregon port under fog cover today and began unloading before CIO longshoremen were aware of it.

The barge, carrying 350 tons of the pineapple pack that has been sitting in the islands because of a dock strike there, tied up to an isolated logging dock two miles south of Tillamook.

Hours later, CIO longshoremen found it out and rushed union members from Astoria to set up a picket line. Unloading continued, with truck drivers crossing the picket line to carry the pineapple cases away.

Meanwhile the first barge to slip into a little-used port was sitting idle at The Dalles, a grain transfer point 180 miles from the ocean on the Columbia river. CIO pickets arrived there first, and no unloading attempt has been made.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

I question if more than one person in a hundred stopped to wonder how President Truman got his information about the atomic explosion in Russia. The great majority of the people, I feel sure, read the headlines and the initial story so they knew the statement was official and positive. Then they turned to speculate on the significance of the news and the possibility of war with Russia and the threat to our own security.

This was a big story; but there is a story behind the story. It was hinted at in the follow-up news the next day when a high official, unidentified, said of the discovery of what Russia was up to:

"It was teamwork involving the state department, the military, central intelligence, the British, Canadians and long range planning."

"The methods and sources of the discovery are a deep, dark secret. It wasn't dramatic. It was plain old grind. Several hundred people were involved. But the evidence wasn't seismicographic, and it is complete."

Translated into every day English this means that British and American combined intelligence systems got the whole story - and they got it from inside Russia. Just how it was done - that's the deep, dark secret.

One can speculate of course on the methods employed. It wasn't Mata Hari stuff. It wasn't done after the manner of an E. Phillips Oppenheim story. It wasn't a conclusion drawn from a jarring of a seismograph in Alaska; and there may have been

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Non-Union Labor

The unloading at Tillamook appeared to be by non-union labor, although the Sause Bros. towing service, handling the shipment, said some CIO loggers were in the unloading crew. Logging union officials denied this.

The trucking firms said their drivers were AFL teamsters, but longshoremen protested that the teamsters had promised not to go through picket lines. They attempted to reach teamster union officials at Portland headquarters, but said they were unsuccessful.

However, at Portland, Longshore Business Agent Toby Christian said he believed the truckers were not AFL teamsters.

"I'm satisfied they wouldn't do it," he said.

Trace Cargo Route

Longshoremen then began tracing the route of the pineapple "hot cargo" from the Sause Bros. dock. Trucks carried it several miles to a surplus navy station, now leased by Tillamook county to industrial users. The air station has its own rail spur, connecting to the Southern Pacific line to Portland.

This enabled the Sause Bros. to avoid the easily picketed railroad freight yard. The pineapple was transferred to rail cars at the air station. The air station switch engine later is to take the cars down the spur to be picked up by a Southern Pacific train.

Air Crashes Claim Sixty

Nearly sixty lives were lost in a series of plane disasters the last two days in widely separated areas of the world.

The heaviest toll was taken in Mexico as a plane crashed on a volcano.

Other accidents were reported in Argentina, Oklahoma, England and Tennessee.

In the Argentine crash a government-owned commercial airliner carrying 25 persons crashed in flames last night 155 miles west of Buenos Aires.

Four persons were killed, 20 were injured and the ship's navigator was missing.

The plane carried an Argentine relief mission returning from Ecuador's earthquake-devastated area.

Twenty-five persons, two of them possibly Americans, were believed to have died in the wreckage of a Mexican airliner which crashed Monday in snow at the 15,000-foot level on Popocatepetl volcano.

Three other Monday crashes caused a total of 27 deaths.

A B-29 air force bomber from Smoky Hill base, Salina, Kas., crashed and burned near Talihina, Okla., on a training flight.

The wreckage yielded 13 bodies. A collision of two RAF bombers caused 12 deaths in central England. Two other airmen aboard the plane were missing.

A crash of a single engine plane near Heiskell, Tenn., killed two University of Tennessee students.

Polio Victim's Condition Still Very Critical

John Reinwald, Salem's 12-year-old polio victim who was hospitalized Saturday, was still in "very critical" condition Tuesday night at Memorial hospital.

Reinwald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Reinwald, 890 Plymouth dr., has been kept breathing by an iron lung rushed from Portland late Saturday.

His breathing was maintained prior to the lung's arrival by portable respirator equipment that was being displayed here to support a fund drive to get Salem its own iron lung.

Salem's Eagle lodge, conducting the drive to secure an iron lung here, had brought the portable equipment to the city for display purposes.

Mercury Hits 92 at Salem

PORTLAND, Sept. 27-(P)—The thermometer hit 91 here today—highest for the date on record. It was one degree above yesterday's 90, also a record for that date here.

At Salem, the weather bureau said the day's high was 92, down three degrees from yesterday's 95. Other highs about the state: Roseburg 78, The Dalles 88, Newport 82, Eugene 77.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"You should see some of the stuff they've got in there—it's amazing!"

Moist Wind Slows Forest Fire Flames

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20,000 Acres Burned

By The Associated Press
Forest fires were still burning brightly in western Oregon Tuesday night but a moist southwest wind blowing off the Pacific was slowing the racing flames.

The breeze was easing the task of several thousand men working to control the worst outbreak of fires in Oregon in recent years.

Near Dallas, in Polk county, where 24 fires kept more than 1,000 men busy Monday and Tuesday, a drizzle began falling at 11 p.m. Tuesday night, answering the prayers of fire fighters who have been on the job for the past 48 hours.

Early Tuesday afternoon, the scorching eastern wind relented at pushing the blaze that has covered more than 20,000 acres of timberland in Polk, Benton and Yamhill counties. A coastal fog, drifting over the coast range brought lower humidities and a wind switch that sent the flames back over the burned areas.

See End to Threat

Officials manning the mobile U. S. weather bureau station in the Dallas area predicted, hopefully, that the dropping thermometer and a rising humidity rate would meet today, ending the threat that endangered Northwestern Oregon timberland.

Earlier Tuesday, Gov. Douglas McKay issued a proclamation which called for a modified postponement of the deer season opening. It would take effect Saturday in virtually all of western Oregon including the territory north of the Lane-Douglas county line between Roseburg and Eugene and west from the summit of the Cascade mountains.

The smell of smoke was evident in metropolitan Portland Tuesday night, being blown from the fires in the valley and along the coast.

Coast Towns Saved

Residents of the coastal towns of Cannon Beach and Tolovon Park were confident Tuesday night that their homes were out of danger. A 3,000-acre fire had licked brush and trees within a quarter-mile of the main portion of the communities. Crews fought through the night, aided by ocean fog early Tuesday which slowed the fire advance.

Three fires in the McMinnville sector had merged and a reporter flying over the sector estimated more than 22,000 acres were burned. Foresters, however, considered this estimate very high.

South of Grand Ronde, crews still worked a fire that had burned over 3,000 acres of timber and logged-off tracts.

Cottages Destroyed

Two fire cottages were burned in Yamhill county areas where 80 persons were evacuated Monday. Some logging camps and a few small sawmills were wiped out. Several small communities were threatened for a time but were saved by firemen.

Two fires east of Eugene along the McKenzie river and highway were troublesome Tuesday. Dispatcher Johnson said the two areas burned totaled up to 2,000 acres. He expected them controlled by this (Wed.) morning.

The only reported victim was James B. Zachary, 41, a logging camp superintendent who was crushed when a bulldozer rolled on him while correcting a small slash fire. The scene was 30 miles east of Molalla.

The farm of Glenn Brenaman, northwest of Sheridan, was destroyed.

At Salem, a bureau of land management forester said his estimate of the timber loss was between 25 and 30 million board feet.

University of Oregon students worked the fire lines east of Eugene. Forestry students at Oregon State college were also on the lines in the valley sector.

Truman Gets Armed Service Pay Bill

Railroad Union Sets Walkout On Crew Issue

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27-(P)—David B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive firemen and engineers, said tonight his union will strike next month against all major railroads in protest against rejection of a union demand for an extra crewman on diesel engines.

"We will do it to assure a proper measure of safety for our members and the public," Robertson told a reporter.

A presidential emergency board on Sept. 19 turned down the union's demand for assigning a second fireman to help run diesel locomotives on the railroads.

Robertson said no date has been set. But he noted that the law bans strikes during 30 days after such an emergency board makes its report.

Diesel engines are now manned by one fireman and one engineer. The same presidentially-appointed emergency board recommended several months earlier against assigning an extra engineer to diesels.

Whee! One Way to Keep Shine on New Slide



Taking his first solo flight on a slide is Terry Alley, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alley, 440 Hickory st., while waiting their turn at the top are Michael Cochran, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cochran, 841 South st., and Judy Babbitt, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Babbitt, 460 Hickory st. Waiting at the bottom at right is Judy's brother, Buddy, 3. The slide is part of new playground equipment installed at Highland park by the Salem Junior Women's club. Other pieces include chinning bars, swings and a merry-go-round. At left is Mrs. E. J. Babbitt and at right Mrs. Roger Cochran, both helping the children use the slide safely. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

House Votes Pay Increase For Postmen

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27-(P)—The house today voted pay increases for about 500,000 postal employees and sent bill to the White House another bill to boost pay for most members of the armed services.

The postal pay measure, which goes to the senate, would cost an estimated \$180,000,000 a year.

The bill raising military pay scales, now ready for President Truman's signature, adds more than \$300,000,000 annually to federal payroll expense. The house completed congressional action by accepting amendments tacked on by the senate in passing the legislation yesterday.

Overwhelming Vote

House approval of the postal pay measure, which Mr. Truman has opposed through the budget bureau, was an overwhelming 332 to 2 rollcall vote. Only Reps. Wheeler (D-Ga.) and Hoffman (R-Mich) voted against it.

Opposition to the bill had been raised earlier by the post office department and also by the civil service commission. The commission objected on grounds that it discriminates in favor of postal employees by comparison with other government workers.

The bill provides:

A flat raise of \$150 a year for all employees, plus hourly increases for workers hired on a part-time or hourly basis.

Automatic Raises

Automatic increases based on length of service and a raise from \$2,500 to \$2,900 a year in the starting pay of regular postal employees.

Automatic increases for substitute mail carriers at well as regular carriers.

All field service employees, including postmasters, would benefit.

Postal employees would get 20 days annual leave instead of the 15 they get now.

Only President Truman's signature is needed to give most members of the armed services a hike in income effective next Saturday. It will be the first general revision of military salary scales in 40 years.

Congressional action was completed when the house agreed by voice vote to accept senate amendments to the measure. It provides raises ranging from about \$5 a month for recruits with five months' service to \$300 and up a month for generals with more than 30 years' service.

Soviet Agrees To Return 30 Ships to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27-(P)—Russia agreed today, after four years of prodding to return soon a batch of ships obtained from the United States under wartime lend-lease.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panuyshkin signed a commitment to turn back 30 vessels by December 1. Included are three ice breakers and 27 frigates, which are small patrol craft.

The action followed several weeks of negotiations and was a new break in the long effort to work out a settlement with Moscow for Russia's over all \$11,000,000,000 lend-lease account. Diplomatic officials said cautiously it appeared to increase the chances for an eventual general balancing of war time accounts with Russia, such as have been reached with Britain, France and other allies.

Office Building Plans Okehed By State Board

Preliminary sketches of the new state office building to be constructed in Portland were approved Tuesday by the state board of control.

The new 10-story structure, containing 176,000 square feet, will cost \$2,500,000 or \$12 a square foot. Architect Morton H. Caine told the board.

This figure is \$1.80 a square foot less than bids last week for the new highway office building in Salem. Caine said the Portland structure will be cheaper to build.

The new building will be a one-story structure covering an entire block, plus a nine-story, U-shaped building on top of the base story. The bottom floor will house the unemployment compensation commission.

Caine said the structure would be the first post-war building in Portland to contain off-street parking. Space is planned for 70 cars.

In other board action Tuesday, a fire loss report was released showing \$139,400 total damage from the blaze May 18 that destroyed the hospital at Fairview home.

The board appointed Leslie D. Howell architect for improvements at the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. Improvements will include cold storage and pasteurizer, \$73,000; bathroom additions, \$88,000; and shop, \$35,000.

Oklahomans Vote To Remain Dry

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 27-(P)—Prohibition forces tonight won their battle to keep Oklahoma legally dry.

Returns from 3,545 out of 3,720 precincts in a special state repeal election gave:

For repeal 258,711.

Against repeal 306,905.

The state's two largest cities—Oklahoma City and Tulsa—went wet by comfortable margins. But their votes could not overcome the out-state swing.

Alaska Shaken By Quake but Damage Slight

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 27-(P)—Mother Earth kicked up a tremor in her Alaskan joints today, but did little more than give awakened northerners a thrill. There were a few minor damage reports.

The earthquake was recorded here at 5:31 a.m. (7:31 a.m. Pacific standard time). It was felt over a wide area of the territory.

It was recorded about a minute later by the Coast and Geodetic survey station at Sitka, in southeastern Alaska. Sitka residents did not feel it, however. A tidal "surge" of a few inches was reported at Sitka about an hour and a half later.

Joel Campbell of the Sitka Geodetic survey station estimated the quake's center was about 450 miles to the west. That would be near the center of the Gulf of Alaska, closer to Kodiak than Sitka. Residents of Kodiak did not feel it.

Cards Lose; Red Sox Win

NEW YORK, Sept. 27-(P)—The Boston Red Sox kept up their sizzling pace and hung onto their one-game lead in the American League race Tuesday but the pennant drive of the National League-leading St. Louis Cardinals hit a snag.

The Red Sox beat the Washington Senators, 6-4, for their 11th straight victory, but the second-place New York Yankees kept pace via a 3-1 verdict over the Philadelphia Athletics.

The Cardinals bowed to the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-4, and saw their top margin melt to one game as the runner-up Brooklyn Dodgers enjoyed an idle day.

(Complete details on sports page.)

China Blames Reds for War

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 27-(P)—Nationalist China charged today the soviet union is threatening the independence and territory of China and the peace of the whole orient.

China's chief delegate, T. F. Tsiang, called for a moral judgment by the United Nations assembly against the Russians.

Tsiang told the assembly last week the Russians are directing and backing the Chinese communists against whom his government is fighting for its life.

In the formal complaint lodged today with the general assembly Tsiang said also that Russia had violated a 1945 treaty of friendship and alliance with the Kuomintang government.

Boy's Death Is Listed as Suicide

TOLEDO, Sept. 27-(P)—Sheriff Tim Whelp listed as a suicide the death of 11-year-old Freddie Walters, a fifth grade pupil here.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Vern Bates, found the boy in the front yard of their home this morning with a bullet wound in the head from the family's .38 caliber revolver, Whelp said.

He died a few hours later in a hospital.

Atom Bomb Production Speed-up Plans Studied

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27-(P)—A swift step-up in American production of atomic bombs was discussed tonight as congress pushed action on a \$1,314,010,000 arms aid program to bolster non-communist nations.

Simultaneously, military planners were reported intent on speeding development of an atomic engine for airplanes.

There was also talk of atom-powered missiles, both for defense and offense in the event of war.

Chairman McMahon (D-Conn.) told newsmen the senate-house atomic committee may discuss the question of expanding American A-bomb production with members of the atomic energy commission tomorrow.

McMahon said Russia's advances in the atomic field may also lead to requests that congress provide more funds for the U.S. atomic weapons program.

He noted that congress has already provided \$1,100,000,000 for fiscal 1950, over and above the \$4,000,000,000 previously spent in developing the world's deadliest weapon.

McMahon discounted Soviet claims that Russia now has a stockpile of bombs.

"I believe they tested a bomb as soon as they had one," he said, alluding to President Truman's announcement last Friday that an atomic blast had recently been detected in the U.S.S.R.

Obviously spurred by news of the Soviet explosion, a senate-house committee reached final agreement on the huge global

40-Mi. Speed Limit Set on Extension Of S. 12th Street

A 40-mile-per-hour speed limit has been established on the South 12th street extension from the south city limits to Fairview avenue.

The speed limit was established by the state speed control board and approved by Marion county court Tuesday. County road crews are to place signs along the road warning motorists.

Action of the state speed board grew out of a petition filed several months ago by D. C. Roberts, chairman of the Salem traffic improvement association. The petition sought a 35-mile-per-hour control.

County road crews also are busy this week erecting roadside signs near rural schools warning motorists of approaching school zones.

Mrs. Walter Pearson Files Divorce Action

OREGON CITY, Sept. 27-(P)—A suit for divorce was filed here today by Mrs. Walter Pearson, wife of the state treasurer.

She charged cruelty. She said she and Pearson have been living apart and have arranged a property settlement.

Married at Spokane in 1941, she was Pearson's second wife.

British Labor Party Raises Taxes On Business Profits, Threatens More

LONDON, Sept. 27-(P)—The labor government raised the tax on business profits and threatened to restrict dividends by law in defending devaluation of the pound at an emergency session of parliament today.

At the same time it turned thumbs down on fatter wage envelopes to prevent an inflationary cycle arising from cheapening the pound.

Sir Stafford Cripps, economics minister and chancellor of the exchequer, made these moves in the house of commons in opening the cabinet's appeal for a vote of confidence.

But Oliver Stanley, lieutenant of conservative leader Winston Churchill, rapped devaluation as "just one more expedient" and cried, "we have no confidence in the government." He said the

opposition would challenge the government by seeking to amend the motion of confidence.

In an aside to the devaluation debate, Prime Minister Attlee rejected a request from Churchill for fuller information on the British, American and Canadian announcement of last Friday that an atomic explosion had been detected in Russia recently. He said any further statement would not be "in the public interest."

Attlee also made no comment on a proposal by Laborite Capt. A. R. Blackburn that the prime minister, President Truman and Prime Minister Stalin hold an atomic conference.

The labor government went into the special three-day debate on devaluation after a secret caucus of labor members of parliament which was reported to show general agreement to support a confidence vote. An informant said there was "no fireworks" at the caucus.

The small liberal party, holding 10 house of commons seats, announced however it would vote against the government.

Cripps said the tax on business profits would be boosted from the present 25 per cent to 30 per cent "as from today." The tax is on distributed profits after an income tax of 45 per cent has been paid.

A treasury spokesman said Cripps had authority to raise the tax, but probably would submit a motion asking commons approval later on.

Observers saw the move as a sop to the rank and file of labor, which fears the working man will take the biggest rap from devaluation because it will raise the cost of living.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Washington 4, Boston 4
At Chicago 2, Philadelphia 1
At Chicago 3, Cleveland 3
Only games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 4
At Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 1
Only games scheduled.