



Still wondering what all the excitement was about, Vernon Scott, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Scott, 3110 Doughton st., managed a rather wan smile for The Statesman photographer after having his stomach pumped out to rid him of seven sulfa pills he had swallowed by accident Thursday. (Photo by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sroog

At the tailend of the fire season this year Oregon has experienced the worst forest fire damage, in extent of area burdened at least, since the third Tillamook fire of 1945. So far as reported every one of these fires was an operator's fire, principally from slash burning which got out of control. We can't blame a one on the careless visitor in the woods; the berry-picker, the camper who failed to put out his campfire, the chap who tossed away the burning butt of a cigarette, or even on the incendiary. These fires were started by employees of logging companies, the majority of them under permits from the state forestry department, and some of them at the encouragement of state inspectors.

The record is a bitter one for those concerned with keeping Oregon green and with forest conservation. It is only fair however to give some explanation of how it all happened.

Good forest practice calls for the burning of slash left after logging (limbs, boughs and needles). Otherwise it becomes a tinderbox that may start a general conflagration in the dry season. This can be done safely after the rains come. The period favorable for burning is often of short duration. When the real rainy season sets in the down-fall is too wet to burn, or is only partially consumed in burning. The operator and the forest service have a hard decision to make: to burn or not to burn.

This year some rain had come, the weather forecast was for continued rain, so the time seemed propitious for burning slashings. The weather went into reverse, the wind changed to an east wind, all ways

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MOCK ASSAULT KILLS 5

BOSTON, Sept. 25-(AP)—A newspaper photographer was killed and four others, including three naval officers, were injured today in a mock marine and navy amphibious assault on a Boston bathing beach.

Animal Crackers



... last time I'll ever chase a church mouse! Sermons, not in' but sermons!

Barge Ordered to Leave The Dalles

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Violence Flares at Portland

(Picture at bottom of page) THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 29-(AP)—The Dalles port commission tonight ordered a strife-ridden Hawaiian pineapple barge to get out of town.

The commission told the Hawaiian pineapple company not to attempt any further unloading, lest there be a new outbreak of labor violence.

Ten were hurt, and equipment was wrecked yesterday as 200 CIO longshoremen rushed onto the commission's dock to stop unloading of the \$800,000 shipment from strike-bound Hawaii.

The company made no attempt to resume unloading today, and state police, carrying riot guns and batons, kept longshoremen from the dock area. There was no violence.

Victory for Union

The commission's order tonight was an apparent victory for the longshoremen, who threw an estimated 100 cases of pineapple into the Columbia river yesterday.

The only other pineapple unloaded was still on the dock or in an adjoining warehouse.

The commission told the company it either would have to take the pineapple away with the barge or give it away to townspeople. Only two truckloads are involved.

A company spokesman later replied, "we deplore the fact that the ILWU (the longshoremen's union) has been permitted to intimidate an American community through a display of violence and brutality."

Robert Tarr, San Francisco, hired by the company as superintendent stevedore, said he would recommend that the company "lease a small piece of waterfront somewhere and carry out an operation similar to the one where pineapple was unloaded at Tillamook."

In Portland another load of the Hawaiian pineapple which CIO longshoremen say is "hot cargo" caused a brief fist fight in a railroad yard and called out a police riot squad.

Longshoremen and two truck drivers fought briefly after the non-union drivers brought a load of pineapple into the Northern Pacific terminal. Police broke up the melee, with no injuries.

That pineapple was from a barge which unloaded at the coastal port of Tillamook last Tuesday. The unloading brought repercussions there, too. Two CIO woodworkers who helped on the job were fired from the Rosenburg planing mill because their fellow-millworkers refused to work with "strike-breakers."

The CIO longshoremen, who didn't know the barge was coming to Tillamook in time to meet it, set up a 24-hour watch along the Oregon coast to spot any other shipments from Hawaii.

CIO Leaders To Confer with McKay Today

CIO leaders will ask Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon today to use his influence to keep Hawaiian pineapple barges out of Oregon.

"All we are doing in Oregon is furnishing a battleground for fight out a dispute that rightfully belongs to California," George Brown, state CIO secretary said.

"The destination of the cargo is California and the trucks sent to get it are from California," Brown asserted.

The governor said he would meet at 3 p.m. with Matt Meehan, international representative of the CIO Longshoremen and Brown, who requested the session.

McKay said he would stay in Oregon over the week end. He had been scheduled to go to Seattle.

Ship Explosion Fatal to Youth

PORTLAND, Sept. 29-(AP)—An explosion ripped off the cabin of the 42-foot sports boat Jimco today, killing an 18-year-old youth, burning his father, and breaking the leg of another man.

The blast tossed Edward A. McGrath, jr., Portland, 30 feet into the Columbia slough. His 46-year-old father, burned on hands and face, leaped to the rescue, but could not find the son.

Timothy David Lake, 27, Depoe Bay, broke his leg in the explosion.

BASEBALL

Coast League Playoffs At Hollywood 2, Sacramento 4 At Oakland 4, San Diego 9 National League At Boston 2-9, Brooklyn 2-9 At Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 3 American League At Washington 2, Philadelphia (rain) At Chicago 2, Cleveland 8

Blast, Gunfire Mark Mine Walkout

Hopes for Steel Pact Diminish

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 29-(AP)—One small steel company today accepted the CIO United Steelworkers' terms but all other signs pointed to a nationwide steel strike at midnight Friday.

As other companies banked their furnaces—and some workers already were leaving their jobs—Pittsburgh, O., Steel corporation signed a contract to break the steel industry's united front.

It agreed to foot the pension and insurance bill for its 4,000 employees. Previously all steel companies had insisted that if their workers wanted a social security program they would have to help pay for it.

There was no indication that the Portsmouth agreement would set the pattern for the steel industry. Everywhere the picture looked bleak.

Contract talks between the CIO United Steelworkers and the steel industry seemingly were getting nowhere but they met again tonight in two important instances, with Bethlehem and Republic, they collapsed completely.

Woman Hurt As Old Logging Bridge Falls

MILL CITY, Sept. 29-(Special)—A Portland woman is recovering in a Salem hospital today from serious injuries suffered in a 25-foot fall into the North Santiam river here when an old logging bridge collapsed beneath her.

Injured was Mrs. E. A. Moravec, 26, Portland. Attendants at Salem Memorial hospital reported her condition as "fair." She was brought to Salem by Mill City police when they discovered no ambulance was available.

The accident occurred when Mrs. Moravec crossed the bridge to join her husband who was fishing in the river. Witnesses said one of the large timbers in the old logging bridge, one mile west of here, gave away. She fell on the rocks below, fracturing her wrist in six places. She is also suffering from a severe head cut and bruises.

Police expressed concern over the bridge failure because children have been using it as a school route. Officers indicated the structure would be condemned.

Search for Fliers Halts as Message Revealed as Hoax

NEW YORK, Sept. 29-(AP)—A renewed plane and ship search for two missing Italian Transatlantic fliers called off late today after the mysterious message which inspired it was exposed as a hoax.

The mysterious message had given hope that the two airmen—John M. Brondello and Camillo Barigioglio—might be drifting in the Atlantic 300 miles east of the Bahamas. They had been missing 12 days.

However, reports from Rome late in the day indicated that the whole thing was based on a fake message received by "telegraphic currents," not by radio.

SENATE PASSES PAY HIKE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29-(AP)—The senate tonight passed 52 to 14 a bill to boost the pay of cabinet members and other top level government officials. It goes to the house which has approved a bill calling for generally larger salary increases for some 240 key executives.

Russ Cancel Mutual Aid Treaty with Yugoslavia

MOSCOW, Sept. 29-(AP)—Soviet Russia has broken off her war-born mutual aid treaty with Yugoslavia on grounds that Premier Marshal Tito's government is linked with foreign imperialists in hostile and disruptive work against the USSR. The treaty normally would have run until 1965.

The government announced the break tonight.

Its accusation was based on the recent Budapest treason trial, in which former Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo Rajk and two other high communists were sentenced

Arrest of Mother Starts Drive Against Parents of Delinquents

Grand Jury Indictment Brings Salem Juvenile Ring to Light

A crackdown on the parents of juvenile delinquents started Thursday when Marion county authorities arrested the mother of a 15-year-old boy on charges of contributing to his delinquency.

Vera Evelyn Mills, 1348 Waller st., was arrested by deputy sheriffs following a secret indictment by the grand jury. She was held at Marion county jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

District Attorney E. O. Stadter said the charge involved negligence of parental discipline and supervision.

The charge grew out of an investigation by Salem and Marion county authorities of a ring of 10 juveniles who admitted a variety of recent crimes ranging from larceny to morals offenses.

Eight boys—ranging from 8 to 16 years old—and two girls were involved in the investigation.

The case dates back to August 22 when city police were informed that some of the youths had stolen some bottles from a residence. On being questioned, nearly all admitted partaking in some of a long list of offenses.

Prowling cars, stealing bread and pastries from two bakeries, taking a fish pole from a West Salem residence and four boxes of hooks from the Salem boat house were mentioned. Forty dollars was taken from one car and divided among the participants according to one report.

An eight-year-old boy—who was picked up for stealing a bicycle a year ago—admitted that he smoked. He said some of the others gambled for money. Most of the statements told of morals offenses.

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Attlee Regime Awarded Vote Of Confidence

LONDON, Sept. 29-(AP)—The House of Commons gave Prime Minister Attlee's labor government an overwhelming vote of confidence tonight in a showdown on devaluation that might have forced Britain into a new national election immediately.

The government's action cutting the value of the pound sterling from \$4.03 to \$2.80 as a means of bettering Britain's economic position was approved 342 to five, with members of the conservative opposition abstaining.

A motion of no confidence proposed by Winston Churchill, stocky leader of the conservatives, was defeated a few minutes earlier by a vote of 350 to 212.

The 212 votes in opposition equals the highest vote ever cast against the labor government since it took office in 1945.

Congress Passes Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29-(AP)—The senate tonight passed a \$5,809,890,000 bill for foreign economic aid, already approved by the house, and sent it to the White House.

Senate approval of the huge aid measure was by voice vote. The house had passed the bill earlier in the day against little more than token opposition.

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Santiam River Flows Through Tunnel at Dam

By Lester Cour Valley Editor, The Statesman

DETROIT, (Friday), Sept. 30-(Special)—Consolidated Builders, Inc., crews early this morning completed diversion of the North Santiam river through a 1,282-foot tunnel around the Detroit dam axis.

Working under floodlights with steamshovels, bulldozers and dump trucks, the workmen gouged out a 40-foot canal at the upper end of the 25-foot tunnel to channel the swift river around the dam site.

Two bulldozers pushed tons of dirt and rocks into the river to form a temporary coffer dam immediately after the diversion channel was pushed through to the river banks. Almost instantly, six feet of water began flowing through the tunnel carved through solid rock on the Linn county side of the river.

Russell Hoffman, CBI superintendent in charge of the dam project, supervised the operation.

With the river diverted crews today will start work on completion of the main coffer dam above the dam axis. Hoffman explained that swift currents and 30 feet of water at the coffer dam location prevented its completion until the river was diverted through the tunnel.

The tunnel was completed about a month ago after three months of work by expert drilling and blasting crews.

McKay Rules Deer Season to Open Saturday

The deer season will open in all sections of Oregon Saturday morning, Gov. Douglas McKay announced Thursday.

The governor rescinded a proclamation issued Tuesday to postpone the deer season in northwestern Oregon, west of the Cascade mountains and north of the Douglas county line, because of hot, dry weather.

Latest action of the governor was based on new reports from acting State Forester Dwight L. Phipps following an investigation of forest conditions.

Phipps reported that at least 30 of an inch of rain fell over the northwestern part of the state during the past 48 hours and there was so much rain in Linn county it was necessary to close down logging operations because of wet roads.

The Tillamook burn received "a good soaking," Phipps reported, and conditions there are back to normal.

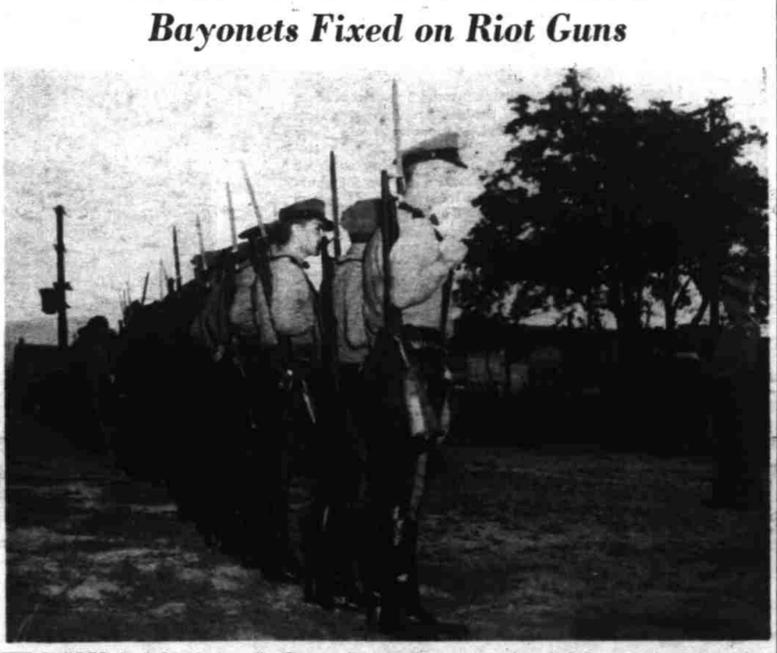
Police Seek 4 Fairview Girls

State police continued a search Thursday for four of seven girls who escaped from Hillcrest school for girls Sunday night.

The girls made their get away after one of them pried open a window in a room used by staff members, according to Mrs. Kathryn Loazia, superintendent of the institution. A new staff member was in charge of the quarters when the girls made their break.

Three were apprehended a short time later.

All of the girls were 17 or 18 years old and habitual runaways, according to Superintendent Loazia. It was the largest number to escape at one time for about five years, she added.



THE DALLES, Sept. 29—State police line up here as they prepare to patrol the waterfront to prevent any outbreak of labor violence in the controversy over the Hawaiian pineapple barge. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).