

It SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

This is July Fourth, the national independence day.

It is also the day in the great Midwest when corn should be knee-high. Remember the rhyme: Knee high by the Fourth of July?

Reports indicate that after a slow start from a cool, wet spring corn is making the height which tradition says it should to insure a big corn crop.

Also reports are that another beautiful corn crop is in prospect, perhaps another three billion yield to make the granaries bulge.

Though the U.S. treasury may groan over that prospect it does insure an abundance of the principal grain grown in the U.S.A.

We do not produce much field corn in the Pacific northwest—growing season is too short, climate west of the mountains too damp, nights not hot enough in summer or frosty enough in fall.

Yet Paul C. Mangelsdorf, professor of botany at Harvard says in an article in July Scientific American: "Corn is the backbone of our agriculture. It is the most efficient plant that we Americans have for trapping the energy of the sun and converting it into food."

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Silverton to Vote on Bond Issue for Dam

SILVERTON, July 3—Silverton's long-debated water project was nearer a showdown tonight after the city council voted to hold a special bond election on dam proposals for a dam.

Voters of the city will go to the polls probably late this month to decide on measures which would finance construction of a dam at one of two sites on Albiqua creek, six miles above Silverton. Plans also call for construction of a filter plant at a later date.

Engineers estimate construction of a dam at the upper site would cost about \$41,000. The second site, 3,500 feet downstream, would cost an estimated \$44,000.

Exact date for the election was not set tonight, but city officials hoped to hold it sometime late in July so construction, if approved, could get underway this year. Mayor Errol Ross presided at tonight's meeting.

State Holiday Deaths at 5

By The Associated Press. Holiday fatalities in Oregon increased to five today. Three came on the highways, two in drownings.

A tire blow-out was blamed for a crash that killed Orvin Thomas Cary, 37, Redmond, near Bend on Sunday.

A Sunday traffic crash on Mount Hood proved fatal today for Mrs. Isabel P. Kunz, Tacoma.

A head-on collision fatally injured Charles S. Longfellow, 63, Lakeview, near Scottsburg in southwestern Oregon Sunday.

Earlier two children drowned, Kerry Michael Wilkins, 1 1/2, at Medford, and Ronald W. Miller, 11, Oregon City, at Ocean-side.

NELSON WINS AWARD. EUGENE, July 3—(P)—Bruce E. Nelson, Woodburn, was awarded the biennial Arthur P. Pratt scholarship for graduate study, the University of Oregon announced today. The youth graduated this spring, majoring in chemistry.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN ACTION AGAINST REDS

He's Ready to 'Shoot the Works' Today



He's loaded for the Fourth of July, today, as are all the kids of the land. Bill Robb, 13, heads for his home at 934 Saginaw st. with an armload of fireworks to celebrate the 174th anniversary of his country's declaration of independence.

State Population Jumps 39 Per Cent in Decade

Growing Oregon now totals 1,511,188 in population, an increase of 39 per cent in the last decade. Preliminary census reports showed this gain for the state with the possibility that final returns in fall may add slightly to the total.

The gain was 421,504 from the 1940 total of 1,089,684, creating the possibility that Oregon would gain another congressman. At present the state has four. In the past a new representative has been allotted a state each time it grew about 300,000 in population.

All but four of the state's counties shared in the increase. Eastern Oregon, however, made only slight gains. The big boom was in western Oregon, particularly in the lumber belt.

Lumber also boomed Lane county nearly 80 per cent, moving Lane ahead of Marion into the No. 2 position in the state. Lane grew from 69,096 to 124,948, while Marion, now No. 3, increased from 75,249 to 100,378.

Clackamas county, fourth in 1940, retained that position. It has 86,574 residents compared with 57,130 ten years ago. Fringe growth from Portland boosted Washington county, which moved into fifth place with 61,221 compared to the 39,194 in 1940.

Table with 4 columns: Rank, County, 1940, 1950. Lists counties like Multnomah, Lane, Marion, Clackamas, Washington, Jackson, Douglas, Linn, Klamath, Coos, Umatilla, Yamhill, Benton, Clatsop, Josephine, Polk, Malheur, Columbia.

50 Oregon Men Fighting in Korea

PORTLAND, July 3—(P)—Several hundred Oregon men are assigned to army combat divisions in the Far East command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Army and air force recruiting offices here reported today that 230 men sent overseas the first six months of 1950 had requested assignment in the Far East command. Of these, about 50 went to combat units now in Korea.

Public swimming pools will be in the full splash of operation all day at Leslie and Olinger parks, despite the closing of organized public playground programs for the holiday.

THE WEATHER. Salem Max. Min. Precip. Portland 89 58 .00 San Francisco 82 54 .00 Chicago 78 66 .00

Infantrymen Push Forward To Suwon Area

TOKYO, Tuesday, July 4—(P)—American troops went into action against North Korean forces yesterday for the first time, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

A spokesman said a detailed announcement would be issued shortly on this first combat for American infantry since the end of World War II.

The officer said the Americans last night reached the area of Suwon, 23 miles south of conquered Seoul.

Meanwhile, a tank-led North Korean column was reported fighting nearly 75 miles southeast of Seoul on the eastern sector of the 100-mile-wide front.

Headquarters said "the situation is fluid north of Suwon with no definite front being established." It added:

"There has been little change in front lines of other sectors." Base at Pusan.

The communique announced establishment of a Pusan base command under Brig. Gen. Crump Garvin. Pusan is a port city in the far southeast of the Korean peninsula nearest Japan.

The base command solidifies the American beachhead in South Korea.

American supply lines are functioning so well that the communique reported regular shipments of cigarettes and toilet articles. Copies of Stars and Stripes, the army newspaper, are being flown to troops in Korea.

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean's United States army forces in Korea (USAFIK) now has been established officially as a major command under MacArthur's Far East command.

One U. S. F-80 jet fighter was shot down by communist tank fire yesterday eight or nine miles north-northwest of Suwon, the communique said. The plane crashed and exploded.

Contacted American forces might have come in contact with a tank-led North Korean column. This is the closest point to Suwon that official reports have placed invading armor.

American bombers and U. S. and Australian fighter planes were in action over the battle area yesterday. B-26 light bombers hit a railroad overpass seven miles southwest of Seoul and strafed troop concentrations—presumably in that same area.

The fighters, the communique continued, flew 34 missions in the Seoul area, blasting moving targets with rockets and machine guns.

Tanks Captured. Unconfirmed reports to advanced U. S. headquarters in Korea said eight Northern tanks and armored cars were captured by South Korean troops near Chechon, 75 air miles southeast of conquered Seoul.

North Korean communiques previously reported this easternmost column had captured Wonju, which is only 20 miles west of Chechon.

The main communist invasion force was reported gathering for a new southward drive on the front six miles north of Suwon, which is south of Seoul and well to the west of the latest reported red push.

The communist forces in the Wonju-Chechon area are those which fought straight down from the border across the mountains northeast of Seoul.

No important communist advances there were reported overnight. However, the weather turned bad today over South Korea, resericting aerial activities.

Redwoods Fire Area Evacuated

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., July 3—(P)—Immediate evacuation of the thousands of campers and visitors in the California Redwood (Big Basin) park was ordered tonight as a fire raged among redwoods on its southwest edge.

There were 2,500 campers and an undetermined number of visitors in the park.

Officials emphasized that the fire, which was lit of control and spreading through wild, remote timberland, presented no immediate danger to the park tourists. However, they wanted the area cleared to give the firefighters more freedom of movement.

The state highway patrol planned to send in cars to aid in removing the tourists.

Marines Ordered As Reinforcement

WASHINGTON, July 3—(P)—American marines today were ordered to Japan in response to a request by General Douglas MacArthur for reinforcements in the Korean war crisis.

The navy said the famed "Devil Dogs" and marine air units will move from bases in California.

Simultaneously, the air force ordered B-29 superfortress bombers flown from Pacific coast bases to advanced U.S. bases in the Far East—described as the first aerial reinforcements since the invasion of south Korea.

Air force quarters indicated that the full strength of the 92nd bomb wing at Spokane, Wash., and of the 22nd bomb wing at March field, Calif., will join the Far-East command.

The Spokane wing has 30 B-29s, and March field has 45. A navy spokesman said the 29ers were being dispatched in reply to MacArthur's call for additional combat manpower. It is expected they will start moving across the Pacific in a few days.

Invasion Springboard. In another development, Ambassador Wellington Koo reported to the State department that probably 200,000 communist troops—Chinese and Korean—are in north Korea, the springboard for the invasion of south Korea.

Koo said this estimate came from Chinese nationalist sources. He said the Chinese communists have a "large group" massed on the north Korean border, ready to enter the battle if needed.

Koo also reported that between 400,000 and 50,000 Chinese communists are drawn up along the coast of red China, ready to launch the long-threatened invasion of Formosa.

Fleet to Protect. President Truman last week ordered the U.S. 7th fleet to protect Formosa against communist invasion. The island, 100 miles off the China coast, is the last stronghold of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese nationalist regime.

In announcing the dispatch of U.S. marines to the Far East, the defense department did not say whether they would be thrown immediately into the south Korean war to bolster American infantry already moving into action there.

However, with their training for combat, it was assumed they will get into the fighting zone in short order.

Ordered to Report. The navy said marine troops and air units from the fleet marine force at Camp Pendleton and El Toro, both in California, were ordered to report to Gen. MacArthur in Japan.

Camp Pendleton is headquarters of the 1st marine division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Graves Erskine. El Toro is headquarters of the 1st marine air wing.

About 22,000 leathernecks are stationed at Camp Pendleton, including three combat battalions. The air wing at El Toro includes fighters, dive bombers and attack planes.

Jail Escapee Succumbs to Gun Wounds

Jack J. Holt, city jail escapee who was shot by a Salem policeman June 17, died at Salem general hospital early Monday of pneumonia, hospital authorities reported.

It was expected Monday that Patrolman Arch Wilson who fired the shot which critically wounded the 47-year-old ex-convict would face routine charges of either homicide or manslaughter. Police officials pointed out at trial action is necessary if Wilson is to be cleared of Holt's death.

Holt was shot by Wilson when the escapee pulled a toy pistol as the officer attempted to recapture him. Holt had walked away from the city jail the morning of June 17, shortly after being made a trusty.

Wilson spotted Holt in a taxicab and when he approached, witnesses said Holt pulled the pistol. Wilson fired three times, one of the shots tearing through Holt's stomach and liver. The wounded man was apparently recovering until stricken by pneumonia.

The dead man is survived by his widow, Mrs. Opal Ann Holt, Salem; a son, Larry Holt, Alameda, Calif.; a daughter, Barbara Ann Holt, Salem, and two step-children, Marvin Carter and Delbert Carter, both of Salem.

Funeral services will be announced later from the Howell-Edwards chapel.

Holiday Death Toll Hits 514

Accidents killed at least 514 persons—more than one every ten minutes—up to late Monday night in the four-day Fourth of July holiday.

Traffic again was the big killer—338 deaths. And the worst day for traffic mishaps is expected to come Tuesday—on the fourth itself. Drownings took 109 lives and miscellaneous accidents accounted for 68.

Fireworks, one of the biggest lethal agents in the Independence day celebrations, claimed only one life, in New Hampshire.

Coast Cool, Salem Sizzles

Salem area residents who pick the coast for celebrating the Fourth of July will find the temperature 30 degrees cooler, the weatherman predicted early today.

Stay-at-homes will have to contend with temperatures nudging the 90-degree mark and clear skies. But foggy and cloudy conditions are forecast for the coast area with the mercury staying down around the 56-58 mark.

The fair weather is expected to continue at least through Wednesday.

Reapportionment Initiative Ready for Filing of Petitions; Other Plan Lags

One legislature reapportionment plan is due for final filing as a voter's initiative measure today, but a second plan for reapportionment appeared doomed for lack of petition signatures.

More than the required 25,522 signatures appear on his petitions which will be filed today, it was reported Monday by A. Freeman Holmer, Willamette university professor and backer of an initiative proposal known as the "balanced reapportionment" plan.

That plan is based on both county representation in the Oregon legislature and on population. Each county would have at least one representative, but no more than 15. Number of senators would be increased to 36, with no county allowed more than nine.

A reapportionment proposal backed by organized labor was considered by statehouse observers and others Monday as having little chance to get on the November election ballot. Deadline for filing the completed petitions signed by at least 25,522 qualified persons is this Thursday. Backers of the plan, however, did not concede that sufficient petitions would be lacking.

The only state initiative measure filed to date is a proposal for bonus payments to Oregon war veterans, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Three additional initiatives have been proposed but have not yet appeared at the statehouse in final petition filing. Whether any of these is near the required number of signatures has not been learned in statehouse circles. One would give persons accused of insanity the right of jury trial to deter-

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mined sanity; one would prohibit sale of alcoholic beverages advertised within the state; the third would "utilize service contributions of Oregon citizens as a basis of credit issues."

Six measures will be on the ballot, in addition to initiatives. These stand referred from the 1949 state legislature. They provide a \$600 annual salary and mileage at 10 cents for legislators; financing for higher education buildings; increase the veterans home and farm loan fund; authorize the governor to establish daylight saving time if bordering states use it; levy of property tax to increase basic school support fund; a \$50 minimum pension per month and right of state to file claim against any property owned but not used as home of the pensioner.

BASEBALL

Western International. No games scheduled.

Coast League. No games scheduled.

National League. At Philadelphia 1, Boston 2. At Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3. At St. Louis-Chicago, rain.

American League. At Cleveland 1, St. Louis 4. At Chicago 4, Detroit 2. At Washington 7, New York 2. Only games scheduled.

NORTH KOREANS PROTEST LAKE SUCCESS, July 3

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Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Oh, oh, kids—here comes grandpa's eye-witness account of the first Fourth of July!"

LONDON, Tuesday, July 4

4—(AP)—Russia today demanded the immediate withdrawal of American armed forces from Korea.

A lengthy statement by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko charged also that the United States was making war against the Korean people and carrying out "direct aggression" against both Korea and communist-led China.

The statement, distributed by the Soviet news agency Tass, claimed the U.S. was seeking to gain control of all of Korea for its use as a military and strategic bridgehead in the far east.

Gromyko said President Truman's order to the U.S. navy to neutralize the island of Formosa meant the occupation of "that part of the territory of China" by American armed forces. This, he added, "constitutes direct aggression against China."

Truman's promise of arms to the Philippines, the statement said, was "aimed at interference in the internal affairs of the state... and at fomenting internal strife."

Role of Gendarme. The American promise of aid to Indochina showed the U.S. is "fomenting war against the Vietnam people" and has assumed the role of gendarme over the people of Asia," the statement continued.

"The United States of America has committed a hostile act against peace," Gromyko declared in demanding the American withdrawal from Korea.

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In Washington, press officers Lincoln White said the state department would have no immediate comment on Gromyko's statement.

Road of Intervention. The statement declared that the United States had embarked on the "road of armed intervention in Korea." It continued:

"Having taken that road, the United States government violated the peace, and by so doing, demonstrated that not only is it not striving for the consolidation of peace but, on the contrary, is the enemy of peace."

"The United States government is revealing step by step its aggressive plans in Korea. First it announced that United States interference into Korea's affairs would be restricted to the mere sending of military and other materials."

Then it was announced that air and naval forces would also be sent but without ground troops. Subsequently they announced the sending of United States ground forces to Korea.

"It is also known that first the United States government declared that American armed forces would take part only in operations in the territory of South Korea. However, only a few days later the American air force transferred its operations onto the territory of North Korea and attacked Pyongyang and other towns."

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