

By Charles A. Sprague

The growing weight of opinion among both whites and Indians favors dropping the ward status for Indians. As long as Indians are held in a ward or junior status they will be a problem. When they are no longer wards the Indian problem will be solved by the ultimate end of the Indian race. Inter-marriage with whites will increase, the fullblood will become extinct and then the halfblood. That would take many generations but it will come. Once the enclave of reservations is broken up, tribal disappearance will be just a matter of time.

But terminating the ward status is by no means as simple as it sounds. The United States has many treaties with many tribes. It cannot terminate them unilaterally. And many Indians do not want to relinquish their ward status. The Klamath Indians who rank with the Osage Indians as the richest tribe in the country (timber for Klamath, oil for Osage) voted down a proposal for closing out their reservation and becoming wholly independent citizens. It is doubtful if the Cello Indians, for instance, would agree to end their tribal status with its guarantee of fishing rights in the Columbia river for themselves and posterity (though they may lose these rights to the dambuilders). And what would the poor Navajos do if they were suddenly to be put on their own?

Thus, while it is easy to agree with the principal speakers at the governor's conference on Indian affairs of last Friday, it should be understood.

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Vessel Pulled Free, Taken To Drydock

QUEBEC, Que., July 16-(P)—Six tugs pulled the grounded liner Franconia from her rocky perch on Orleans island today. She went into drydock at Lauzon, Que., two miles away.

The Franconia, a 80,175-ton transatlantic cruise ship of the Cunard-Donaldson line, went aground at Pointe au Taureau in the St. Lawrence river last Wednesday night, after clearing Quebec for Liverpool with 850 passengers and 1,200 tons of freight. There has been no official explanation of the accident. One unofficial source suggested the liner's steering system might have failed.

There were no known injuries among the passengers or crew of more than 400.

Hunt Started For 2 Boys Lost at Coast

DELAKE, Ore., July 16-(P)—Coastal mountains were being searched today for trace of two Portland boys who failed to return last night to their cabin. State police directed over 200 volunteer searchers between the Siletz river and Drift creek. They were looking for Charles Huggins, 14, and Billy Golden, 11, who left the cabin yesterday with fishing gear and their B-B guns.

Other volunteers were registering tonight for renewed patrols starting at dawn tomorrow. They were to leave from Taft.

Community Chest Asks Approval of Deduction Plan

Salem area firms will be asked to grant payroll deductions to employees who wish to contribute to the Community Chest in this manner, the chest executive committee announced recently.

A committee is being organized to secure at least 100 firms who will cooperate in this venture, officials said. Officers also said folders assembling endorsements of the Community Chest by organized labor are being prepared for local distribution to boost the 1950 campaign.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Darn it, Minnie, stop giggling—I want to ask you a serious question!"

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REDS SMASH YANKS BACK ON TAEJON

Winds Fan Fires, Hazard High

Storms Lash At Midwest; Rainfall Heavy

By The Associated Press
Three forest fires were burning fiercely Sunday in Lane and Douglas counties of Oregon where hot and dry weather intensified hazards to timberlands.

Federal foresters directed more than 350 men working to build trails around a scored 600 acre east of Cottage Grove in the Umpqua national forest. The fire raged out of bounds Saturday and was fanned by a brisk wind during the night.

Two in Douglas County
In Douglas county, there were two fires in an area where hot, dry weather was forecast through Monday.

Steep bluffs had hampered attempts to corral a 300 acre flame zone 12 miles east of Roseburg. The fire was in cut-over lands of the Mitchell Logging company. By nightfall, it was believed controlled.

Farmers and loggers joined men of the Douglas Forest Protective association on the second fire, near Glendale, where 160 acres had burned. Friction of a fouled tail block sparked this fire.

Three special 14-man fire fighting crews of the federal forest service were working in the Umpqua forest with volunteers and loggers. Green timber was burning.

Storms in Midwest
Meanwhile tornadoes and rain squalls lashed the midwest.

At least one man died as torrents of rain loosed sudden floods, high winds damaged building and high lines, and hailstones pounded ripening crops in Michigan.

Walter Wunderlin, 31, of Plattville, Wis., was trapped when a bridge collapsed into the Little Platte river as he drove across the span.

Hardest hit was the southwest Wisconsin area where high winds were followed by more than three inches of rain. The Little Pecatonica river rose 11 feet at Darlington, Wis., spreading water into the streets.

Eastern Nebraska had tornadoes and rainfall ranging up to four and one-half inches.

A tornado leveled five farms near Craig, Neb., Saturday night, injuring four persons. Another twister damaged buildings on six farms near Cordova, Neb.

Escaping Girls Set Off Alarm; Two Captured

Four girls threw Hillcrest school into a state of mild panic Sunday when they tripped the school fire alarm as they were escaping from a detention ward.

Mrs. Leona Smithson, school superintendent, said two of the escapees were picked up shortly after the break. They were still on school grounds.

One of the girls forced a lock on the detention ward and freed three companions about 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Smithson said. State police are still searching for the remaining two escapees late Sunday night.

After All, It Isn't Every Cat That Has Two Kittens

PATCHOGUE, N. Y., July 16-(P)—Five-year-old Jimmy Morge took his father's box of cigars yesterday and paraded through town, passing out the stogies right and left.

When Pop, Patrolman Adolph Morge, caught up with him, Jimmy explained that his pet cat, Starlight, had just given birth to two kittens.

At Least There's Hope, Wainwright Says; He'd Answer Brutality in Kind

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 16-(P)—"I feel a kindred spirit for our men in Korea today," said Jonathan M. Wainwright.

Plane Dangles from Wires; Pilot Missing

PORTLAND, July 16-(P)—A light plane dangled from a power line over the Willamette river for eight hours today before it was lowered under flood lights. The pilot is still missing.

Police believe the pilot-owner, R. E. Cook, 61, Umatilla, Ore., fell or leaped the 200 feet to the river where harbor crews dragged all day for the body.

The airplane crashed into the 110,000-volt line about 2:30 p.m. shortly after leaving the suburban Troh airport. It was lowered to a barge at 10:30 p.m., when it was determined for certain the pilot was not in the aerial wreckage.

Displaced Family of 4 White Russians Arrives for Warm Welcome by Salem Friends

A displaced family of White Russians arrived in Salem Sunday straight from Europe and found a home and friends awaiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Zachar Akulaw, and their two children, Taisa, 13-year-old girl, and Andriy, 12, a boy, stepped off the train here Sunday morning dead tired. They were welcomed by members of the Salem Presbyterian church.

The church had sponsored their release from a Germany DP camp. A church committee, headed by Tinkham Gilbert, found a home at 425 S. 25th st., for the family. The church congregation furnished it completely and even stocked the larder with food.

The women of the church put the finishing touches to the house and transformed it into a home.

The Akulaws, who said they could not go back to their former home in the Ukraine, cannot speak English. They conveyed through an interpreter the message that they had no words with which to thank their benefactors. When they arrived at their new home, a meal prepared by the Presbyterian women, was waiting for them.

Akulaw formerly owned a sawmill in the Ukraine and later worked in a furniture factory. The entire family was taken at gunpoint by Nazi soldiers in 1943 and shipped to Germany where they worked through the war. After the war they were placed in a DP camp.

One of the first concerns of the 51-year-old father in their new home will be to find a job. He is a skilled mechanic especially in the woodworking trade. His second task will be to learn English.

The family is of the orthodox Russian religion. It left New York Tuesday and came straight west. The Presbyterian church here received word of their coming July 8. Assisting in the committee preparations was Harold Phillippe, elder of the local church.

26 Navy Fliers Keep Airport Busy Sunday

About 26 navy fliers, most of them from Portland, logged 65 air hours Sunday during operations from the Naval Air facility at the Salem airport.

Four Portland aviators were checked out for flying at the base, bringing the total from Salem, Eugene and Portland units to 122. Officers said operations were slowed somewhat Sunday because two Salem-based planes were flown to Seattle as replacements for Seattle aircraft now on training maneuvers in California. Only five SNJs were available for flying here.

PRETTY GOOD LIFE!
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 16-(P)—A dog's life? The Kent county humane society has announced that air conditioning equipment will be installed in the society's shelter for stray dogs and cats.

THE WEATHER
Salem Max. 82 Min. 54 Precip. .00
Portland 79 52 .00
San Francisco 72 50 .00
Chicago 86 66 .00
New York 70 66 .31

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Generally fair today and tonight. Slightly warmer today with a high near 88 and a low tonight near 53. Expected low relative humidity this afternoon near 30 per cent. Conditions favorable for farm activities today except for fresh afternoon winds.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
This Year Last Year Normal
43.69 41.70 37.26

perhaps 10 or 20 to one and we had no resources behind us whatever and no hope of any.

"I am confident we will win in Korea. General MacArthur will handle the situation. I put my trust in him. Leave it to Doug, I say. But I think the American public should be prepared for a fairly long war."

In this interview with the Associated Press Gen. Wainwright, who as a prisoner of the Japanese endured beatings, hardships and semi-starvation, brought up the subject of atrocities in Korea.

"I read that the North Koreans took some of our men captive. Tied their hands behind their backs and shot them in the face. I will say unequivocally that were I commanding in Korea, I would meet that situation by giving captives the same treatment. The Japs did that to some of my men. I think the only answer is retaliation."

General Wainwright took command of the American forces in the Philippines after General MacArthur's secret departure for Australia March 11, 1942. He was forced to surrender to the Japanese when Corregidor fell May 6, 1942. The Japanese held him prisoner until August 1945.

Two Killed on Rail Crossing At Harrisburg

ALBANY, Ore., July 16-(P)—Two teen age friends en route to church were killed today when their automobile was struck by a Southern Pacific train at a Harrisburg crossing. A companion was injured.

Orville Ray Howe, 17, and Betty Beene, 15, were killed in the car. June Clark, 16, was in the Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene.

The parents of the Howe boy, Mr. and Mrs. Al Howe, of near Harrisburg, and another son, Lee, witnessed the collision. They were following the youths in a second automobile. The girl was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Benne, rt. 1, Harrisburg.

Police said an older sister of Orville, Mrs. Elsie Howe Pierce, was killed at a nearby crossing here Sept. 5, 1946, when she attempted to push her stalled car from the railroad tracks.

CLOSET DEATH TRAP FOR OREGON CITY MAN
OREGON CITY, Ore., July 16-(P)—A closet was a death trap early today for Virgil Blanton, 29, whose body was found in the embers of a small garage apartment.

Clackamas County Fire Warden Austin Locke said Blanton apparently had entered the closet while attempting to escape the burning dwelling and was trapped by the flames. His body was discovered after the building had burned to the ground.

A brother reported he had entered the burning dwelling, but couldn't find Blanton before being driven out by the smoke and flame.

WASHINGTON, July 16-(P)—President Truman is expected to tell the home front next week what will be asked of it because of the Korean fighting and the general international outlook.

Authoritative informants said the chief executive likely will seek limited domestic controls to back up expanded military operations.

Those close to the situation reported that the president may also announce plans to call up six to nine national guard divisions as well as some reservists. There also was speculation that two or more regular army divisions would be reactivated.

Mr. Truman spent most of Sunday at his White House desk presumably going over the home-front control picture as well as the nation's possible military needs. None of his top advisers was present.

Some officials close to the planning picked Wednesday as the first day when there is any real likelihood that Mr. Truman will be in position to tell congress his conclusions.

War Reporter Flies Back to Korean Front
TOKYO, July 16-(P)—Associated press correspondent Tom Lambert flew back to the Korean war front tonight after General MacArthur personally rescinded a ban the army had placed on field reporting by him and another correspondent, Peter Kalischer of the United Press.

Lambert's field dispatches, quoting unnumbered U.S. officers and men as they fell back step by step from Suwon to the Kum river line, raised the ire of some high officers for reflecting disillusionment among some frontline troops. The army contended such quotations gave the enemy "aid and comfort."

His stories were not challenged on grounds of accuracy or security.

Price of Tires Goes Up Today
AKRON, O., July 16-(P)—Effective tomorrow, Firestone tires and Rubber Co. will increase prices to dealers and consumers on all replacement tires, it announced tonight. On passenger tires the increase will be five per cent.

Hands Full



SOUTH KOREA, July 16 — A South Korean woman steadies the bundle on her head and uses other hand to carry belongings as she flees the Korean battle front with a youngster on her back. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Stalin's Peace Plan—Put Red China in U.N.

NEW YORK, Monday, July 17-(P)—The New York Times said today that Soviet Prime Minister Stalin has asked for the seating of communist China in the United Nations security council as a step toward ending the Korean conflict.

The newspaper, quoting confidential sources, gave this account: Stalin, in a note received by Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru yesterday in New Delhi, said he "welcomed Nehru's initiative in trying to restore peace in Korea."

The Soviet prime minister said that "reactivation of the security council should be the first step in ending the Korean dispute and all other problems."

His reference to the council obviously meant that the Chinese communists should be seated on that body in place of the Chinese nationalists, the Times said.

Lumber Blaze On Flatcar Gives Trouble

A load of lumber in a railroad flatcar was partially destroyed Sunday by a blaze that kept Salem firemen busy for more than two hours unloading smoldering two by six timbers.

The fire broke out about 10:15 a.m. in an SP & S flatcar parked near the Capitol Lumber company, 2860 Cherry ave., on Oregon Electric tracks. Firemen from central and north stations quickly brought the smoky blaze under control.

First aid men joined firefighters in unloading the heavy timbers so that firemen could extinguish flames at the foot of the pile. Cause of the blaze was undetermined.

ADMIRAL DIES

NORFOLK, Va., July 16-(P)—Adm. Frank Hardeman Brumby, 76, who at the time of his last promotion was one of three four-star officers in the U.S. navy, died today at Norfolk Naval hospital.

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Salem 7-4, Spokane 3-3
At Tacoma 6-10, Wenatchee 5-6 (Only games scheduled)

COAST LEAGUE
At Portland 4-10, Sacramento 3-9
At San Diego 5-1, Seattle 2-3
At Los Angeles 2-3, San Francisco 3-10

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At New York 3-2, Chicago 1-3
At Boston 12-4, Cleveland 14-3
At Washington 5-3, St. Louis 1-10
At Philadelphia 5-4, Detroit 2-7

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At St. Louis 2, Brooklyn 10
At Chicago 2-10, Philadelphia 0-3
At Cincinnati 12-11, New York 4-10
At Pittsburgh 2-6, Boston 2-3

Invaders Set Back On Other Fronts, MacArthur Says

NEW YORK, July 16-(AP)—The American Broadcasting Company said tonight its correspondent with American forces in Korea had reported that "the air strip at Taejon is all but deserted except for a handful of American troops."

The A.B.C. reporter, who was not identified by name, also said "Communist spearheads are rapidly approaching Taejon" but that the city "is still in American hands."

The correspondent's report, received here at 10 p. m. (EST), said "A communist force has raced down the west coast far south of our left flank after crossing the Kum river near its mouth."

TOKYO, Monday, July 17-(P)—Waves of North Korean troops burst from the Kum river bridgehead Sunday night behind a fierce artillery barrage and drove U. S. infantry back six miles toward imperiled Taejon.

A field dispatch said the heavily-outnumbered U. S. soldiers were pressed back by "hordes" of red troops, who came on in unstoppable numbers despite the heavy cost.

But on the other side of the picture General MacArthur's communique said the South Korean army had administered "two of the most conclusive setbacks" to communist forces on the eastern front since the outbreak of the war. He said the southerners on the east, supported by U. S. artillery, drove the communists back "in disorganized retreat" in the Yongdok area of the east coast, which "resulted in catastrophe" for the invaders and that in the Yechon area 55 miles northeast of Taejon the South Korean 21st regiment halted a North Korean force "dead in its tracks."

Anti-tank Rifle Drills Inch-Thick Steel

U. S. tanks supported the infantry in the bloody fighting on the vital Kum river front before Taejon. Some were hit by a new high velocity antitank rifle that drilled a hole through armor more than an inch thick. At least one tank was abandoned.

Associated Press Correspondent William R. Moore reported that some American units had to run through a hail of red mortar and small arms fire to reach new positions.

Red snipers infiltrated behind the American positions and harassed supply lines all the way to Taejon, which is about 15 miles southeast of the front (nine miles from the new front today).

B-29 Superforts in their second big strike of the war dealt a heavy blow to Seoul's railroad yards 90 miles behind the front. An air force communique said 400 tons of bombs were dropped by more than 50 Superforts, shops were left in flames and tracks were shattered.

The reds in their new drive across the Kum attacked at the site of a blasted highway bridge last night. U. S. troops had withdrawn their main lines in that sector in the face of a flanking threat from the original communist bridgehead 12 miles to the southwest.

Fate of Taejon Apparently in Doubt

Moore said that so far as was known, the communists still had no tanks across the 200-yard-wide Kum this morning.

Moore said, perhaps significantly, that "Taejon has not yet fallen." The city of 100,000 has served both as an advanced U. S. military base and as a refugee capital for the South Korean government. There have been no reports that the city has been lost. The dispatch seemed to reflect, however, the uncertainty on the front.

The North Koreans had reached the south bank Saturday morning in the Sangyo sector, a dozen air miles west of the Chochiwon-Taejon highway bridge.

Associated Press Correspondent Leif Erickson reported from the field that the American Nineteenth regiment withdrew in good order after a brilliant two-day stand at the bridge against bitter frontal, flank and infiltration attacks by a red force at least five times as numerous. MacArthur's communique identified the attackers as the North Korean Fourth division.

Communists Blasted from Bridge

At one time Sunday afternoon, Erickson related, the communists brought tanks up to the north bank level while their infantry desperately tried to plug two gaps in the concrete bridge with logs and planks. A quick call for air support brought Mustangs which rocketed out two more spans on the north side, thus effectively blocking the tanks.

By Sunday night, however, the Americans had to withdraw, after inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

The communist radio at Pyongyang said Sunday night the reds had occupied Mungyong, 12 miles north of Hamchang and 43 miles north of Kumchon. Kumchon is an important railhead whose capture would cut the U. S. supply line between Pusan and Taejon. MacArthur claimed, however, in a communique issued about nine hours before the red broadcast that the communists were still north of Mungyong.

MacArthur speculated the reds may be trying to drive a wedge between the American and South Korean sectors.

Meanwhile U. S. supply stock piles are building up in South Korea. General MacArthur said Sunday night supplies were moving into Korea so fast that stockpiles are beginning to appear near the front lines.



Broken arrows indicate threats on both flanks of Kum river defense line (July 15) as Communists on the west (A) enlarged their bridgehead in Sangyo vicinity. Tanks were brought down farther west to reinforce the expected flanking drive on Taejon, which broke in full force today. In Chongju-Koesan sector (B) South Korean defenders were forced back. On extreme east flank (C) North Koreans were driving on Hamchang (underlined), posing threat to American supply line in Kumchon area. (AP Wirephoto map).