

Assassination of Abdullah Develops New Crisis for Uneasy Middle East Area

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Souque

Representatives of O & C land grant counties have approved the action of Senator Guy Cordon in moving to reduce the share the counties receive from proceeds of sales from O & C lands from 75 per cent to 50 per cent. But County Judge Day T. Bayly of Lane county does not agree. He says the counties stand to lose \$2,000,000 a year if the concession is made.

The story is simple: When the federal government recovered the remainder of the land grant for construction of the Oregon and California railroad (now part of the Southern Pacific) the counties lost the tax income they were deriving from the lands. Appeals were made to congress which finally agreed to pay the counties sums in lieu of taxes. In doing this the treasury was "out" a considerable sum. Then in 1937 an act was passed, Congressman Mott being the chief sponsor, which fixed the county share at 50 per cent of the proceeds of sales from the lands, and set aside 25 per cent to liquidate the advances made by the federal treasury. It also provided that when the advances were liquidated the 25 per cent also should go to the counties. This point has been re-acted this year, so under the 1937 act counties are due to get 75 per cent.

As the income now is running around \$8,000,000 a year Bayly is correct in saying the counties stand to lose \$2,000,000 a year.

But that isn't the whole story. As congressmen saw this large share going to counties they shut down on appropriations for management of the lands, clipping \$800,000 off administration costs and \$1,000,000 for access roads. That automatically would reduce the amount of timber

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Pet Parade, Bean Feed at Stayton Today

STAYTON, July 20—A parade of pets and a big bean feed take the spotlight Saturday as the annual Stayton Bean festival reaches its climax.

Parade entries number 400, with a wide variety of pets, costumes and youngsters planning to participate, along with such outside attractions as Salem marching Cherrians, a Salem Legion drum and bugle corps, the Cougar Saddle club and bands from Silverton, Stayton and Independence.

Immediately following the parade which forms at 3:30 p.m. will be the community supper at the festival grounds, featuring a bean, hot dog, salad and ice cream menu. Later in the evening will be a public dance at the civic building.

In the Thursday night talent show, sweepstakes honors went to Sandra Christensen of Alpine, a 15-year-old fancy rope jumper.

Senior division winners were: 1, Gary Ward and Dave York, Stayton, a cat and bird pantomime; 2, singer Duane Heuberger, Sublimity; 3, Tom and Jim Tate, Sublimity, piano-drum duet.

Junior division winners: 1, Jane Pegg, Albany, tap dancer; 2, a Mt. Angel dance revue featuring nine youngsters; 3, Janice Wrigglesworth, Corvallis, song and ballet number.

Violent Winds Hit Minnesota; Three Killed

MINNEAPOLIS, July 20—A roaring, 100-mile-an-hour windstorm cut a swath of destruction through eastern South Dakota and central Minnesota, killing three persons and injuring upwards of 100 tonight.

Violent lightning bolts set numerous small fires. Trees toppled in the violent gusts to cut power lines and blackout large areas in the storm's path. Acres of grain crops almost ready for harvest were leveled.

Two deaths came at St. Anthony, a north Minneapolis suburb, when the wind and deluge of rain collapsed the roof of a food store crowded with Friday night shoppers.

Ernest Nelson, St. Anthony fire chief, said bodies of a man and woman were caught in the tons of debris and jumbled canned goods. He added that removal of the bodies would require some time.

In St. Paul, four-month-old Terrence Malm died shortly after a chimney on the family home toppled, pierced the roof and covered the crib with bricks and other debris.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	82	67	.00
Portland	77	53	.00
San Francisco	77	53	.00
Chicago	85	64	.00
New York	78	63	.00

FORECAST from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Mostly clear today, tonight and Monday. Warmer this afternoon with the high today near 85 and the lowest tonight near 60.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
69.24 61.73 37.29

Animal Crackers



Slain

JERUSALEM, July 20—(AP)—Jordan King Abdullah, a friend of Britain who wielded strong force in the Arab world, was assassinated today beside a mosque in Old Jerusalem.

The slaying, on territory Abdullah took over in the Palestine war and ruled as "King of Jerusalem," brought a new political crisis to the troubled middle east.

The 69-year-old ruler was cut down by pistol bullets as he was going to pray at the tomb of his father at noon on the Moslem sabbath.

He had claimed he was the oldest living descendant of the prophet Mohammed.

Successors on Doarstep

He was born in Mecca, and died on an inner doarstep of the Aqsa mosque in the compound of the towering mosque of Omar that embraces the dome of the rock. Koranic scripture says Mohammed rose to heaven on a white horse from the rock.

The assassin was killed on the spot by Abdullah's bodyguard.

An official announcement later said the assassin was a 21-year-old Jerusalem Moslem tailor named Mustapha Shukry Ashsho, or Ashou. The Arab news agency and other sources said he was a member of the "sabotage corps" or "demolition squad" of an underground group called "The Sacred Struggle Organization."

Two high-ranking officers with Abdullah were reported wounded. An earlier report from informed British sources identified the killer as Mustafa Shakir and said he had past connections with the exiled former Mufti of Jerusalem, now living in Cairo.

In the new part of Jerusalem, ruled by Israel, Abdullah's death was mourned by Israelis who had looked on him as a hope for peace in the middle east.

There was a feeling that his assassination was a clear blow to the prospects for continued negotiation between Jordan and Israel. He was the only Arab ruler who dealt with Israel in the past three years.

Abdullah's body was flown back to Amman.

At Odds With Arabs

The vigorous, bearded king, 5 feet 4 inches tall, had been at odds with his Arab neighbor monarchs from time to time over the years. Abdullah was a first world war ally of Lawrence of Arabia and a protégé of Winston Churchill on the checkerboard of middle-east politics.

The Jordan radio in Abdullah's capital, Amman, announced his 35-year-old second son, Emir (Prince) Naif was immediately named regent to rule over the 300,000 Jordan subjects. The radio then began Jordan's official mourning period with verses from the Koran chanted by the mullahs (Moslem priests).

The Jordan rule also includes Old Jerusalem and a slice of Palestine won by Abdullah's British-supported Arab Legion in the war against the Israelis in the late 1940s.



King Abdullah of Jordan, friend of the United States, who was assassinated in Old Jerusalem Friday. His death created a new crisis in the already troubled middle east.

Tillamook Burn Blaze Races Out of Control

A menacing forest fire broke out of control in the old Tillamook burn area Friday afternoon and had raged over nearly 600 acres early today.

The fire broke out on a half-mile front at the head of Elkhorn creek, 18 miles east of Tillamook, and ran northeast. A strong south-wind pushed the flames into slashings and second-growth timber. Smoke from the blaze was visible in Salem last evening.

The wind slackened off later, after foresters had summoned all fire fighting crews in the northwest Oregon fire district.

Foresters feared a six-year fire struck the Tillamook burn area again Friday. Huge fires have raged over the area every six years since 1932, when the first of the great fires destroyed 370,000 acres of timber.

Foresters said that at least five state crews and many logging crews were on the fire line last night. More men were scheduled to join in the fight at dawn today.

The fire started just a day after the area was reopened to logging after several days' closure because of low humidity. When humidity rose, logging was allowed to resume.

Start of the blaze was on C. F. Laughlin logging operations in felled and bucked timber. The scene was about a mile from an April burn that damaged considerable timber.

Far to the south, still the largest Oregon fire was racing through pine stands of the Fremont national forest, northwest of Lakeview. An estimated 3200 acres of timber have been so far destroyed.

Five hundred men and 11 bulldozers were on the fire line yesterday attempting to bring the fire which for a time raged through the forest at a 200-acre-an-hour clip.

Guy Johnson, regional fire dispatcher for the U. S. forest service said yesterday that crews hoped to have the blaze controlled by this morning.

The weather bureau said humidities throughout the state would remain low today. High temperatures and continuing winds also were forecast.

Fifty Nations, Including Russia, Invited To Join in Signing Japanese Peace Treaty

By Edward E. Bosnar

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—The United States today invited 50 nations, including Soviet Russia, to join in signing the Japanese peace treaty at a conference opening September 4 at San Francisco.

Conspicuously missing from the invitation list were both the communist and nationalist governments of China, and Italy. Also omitted were South Korea and three new French-sponsored states of Indochina.

Russia, which has denounced both the proposed "peace of reconciliation" and the manner in which the terms were worked out, is expected to refuse to sign. It is considered possible nevertheless that Moscow might send delegates to the conference to attack the treaty.

Japan will have the right after the treaty goes into effect to make peace separately with the nations which fall to sign at San Francisco.

China was left out to avoid a showdown between the United States and Britain over whether the nationalists or communists should be invited. Italy, a late entrant in the World War II lineup against Japan, was ignored because officials deemed it inappropriate for a former axis partner to make peace on the same terms as the nations which began fighting at the time of Pearl Harbor.

The South Korean republic and the new Indochina states of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia, came into being years after V-J day, and also have not been recognized by some of the Asiatic nations which the United States is anxious to have join in the settlement.

This anxiety was reflected in a state department announcement today that the tough issue of reparations will be left open at least until August 13. This was a concession to the Philippines which has been up in arms since the publication of the treaty draft last week rules out any big indemnity payment. The Philippines has estimated its occupation losses at more than \$8,000,000,000.

The treaty formula recognized "in principle" that Japan would pay. But because of cloudy prospects for Japanese economic recovery, it provided only for limited reparations to be paid through Japanese industrial skills.

The treaty formula permits Japan to make agreements to process raw materials for the Philippines and other occupied countries.

President Truman today appointed a 10-man delegation to represent the United States at the signing. Chief delegates are Secretary of State Acheson, Ambassador John Foster Dulles, republican adviser to the state department who handled treaty negotiations, Senator Connally (D-Tex.) and Senator Wiley (R-Wis.).

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Showdown Talks Recessed at Reds' Request

Controls Measure Passes

WASHINGTON, July 21—(Saturday)—(AP)—The house early today passed a new economic controls bill with administration forces dramatically snatching partial victory in a sudden and unexpected reversal of past defeats.

Final passage came on a roll call vote of 323 to 92.

The bill, which extends controls in modified form for one year, now goes to a senate-house conference to settle conflicts in the separately passed versions.

The senate has already passed an eight-month extension. It differs in many respects from the house bill.

Weary legislators staggered from the floor following passage at 12:05 a. m., EST, after 14 solid hours of grueling see-saw battle in the final showdown.

A last-minute republican motion to send the bill back to committee for further study was defeated by a vote of 209 to 117.

Although it also suffered severe setbacks in the showdown voting, the administration succeeded in beating:

1. An amendment forbidding price ceilings unless they permitted businesses to make "a reasonable profit" on every line of goods they handle.
2. An amendment denying the administration power to impose ceilings which would deprive meat processors of a profit on any line of meat.
3. Another amendment "freezing" price and wage ceilings for 120 days, except on farm products and rents.

Administration men had said this freeze, by preventing the correction of "inequities," would deal the whole control system a death blow. Backers of the freeze said on the other hand, that it meant a real halt to inflation, pending study of further steps.

In an earlier vote, the house plumped for relaxed credit curbs on new and used autos, household appliances and homes. It went further than the administration wanted in this direction.

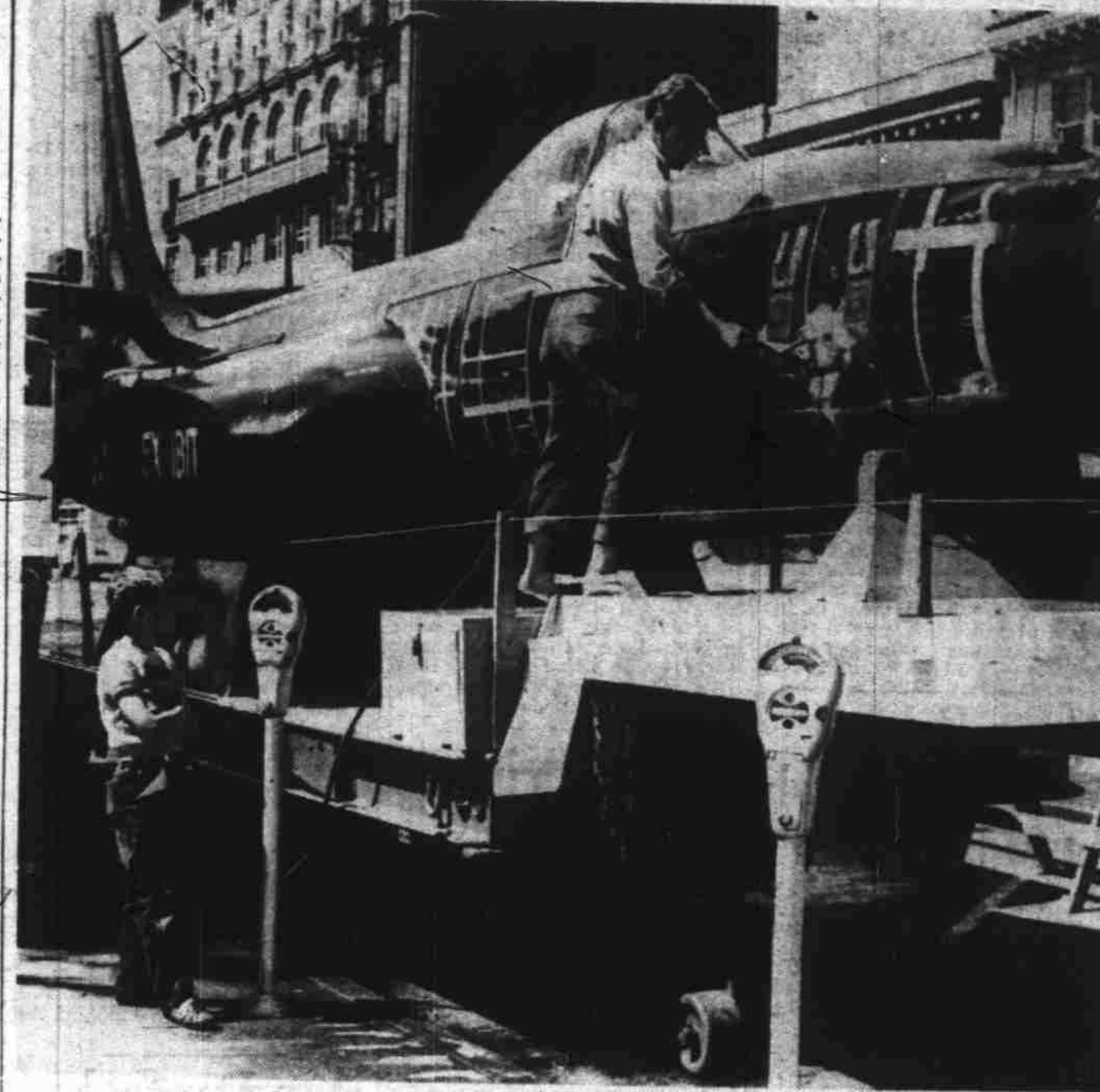
Auto Terms Spread

It agreed to permit auto payments to be spread over 21 months instead of 15 as to present. The down payment on new cars would remain one-third, as now, but the down payment on used cars would be changed to 25 per cent instead of one-third.

The chamber decided to lower down payments on household appliances, including television sets, to 15 per cent from the present 25 per cent. Payments could be spread over 18 instead of 15 months, and trade-ins could apply toward the down payment.

On homes, purchasers would be required to pay only 10 per cent down on homes costing up to \$10,000 if the house version is accepted by the senate and signed by President Truman.

Prepare Exhibits for Public Today



It's swab down the decks, even in a dry-land U. S. navy exhibit. Sailors with the exhibit at Marion county courthouse square provided an interesting note to spectators as they doffed shoes, took swabs in hand and washed away the dust of travel from the vans and trailers. Particularly interested above is Kenneth Singleton, 1137 E. Rural st., watching AN Don Olin, Ellensburg, Wash., wash down the Phantom FH-11 twin-jet fighter in the display. (Additional Statesman photo and story on page 5.)

Delegates Return to Munsan

MUNSAN, Korea, Saturday, July 21—(AP)—Showdown talks for an armistice in the bloody Korean war were recessed today until next Wednesday — at communist request.

The big issue seemed to be a red demand for agreement now on the question of withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea. The allies regard this as political and not a condition for a cease-fire.

However, before the recess was announced, a spokesman at Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo said that was not the only point of disagreement between the allied and red delegations. He did not elaborate.

An unexplained attempt by the U. S. arm to "kill" news of the recess—after issuance of an official announcement—resulted in some delay and confusion as to the status of the negotiations.

At the nearby United Nations peace camp, speculation as to reasons for the request of red Korean Gen. Nam Il for the recess centered on:

- (1) The possibility that the reds, unprepared for the allies' adamant stand on withdrawal of foreign troops, want to reconsider their entire position and get new orders from higher levels.
- (2) That an agenda for discussion of cease-fire talks has been agreed upon and only details remain to be studied before being worked out in new meetings.

The United Nations delegation returned to the peace camp at 12:44 p. m. (7:44 p. m., PDT, Friday) in four helicopters. A misting rain veiled their landing.

This following official announcement was released:

"The conference recessed this morning at 11:03 a. m. At 11:36 a. m. the conference reconvened. At 11:38 a. m. the meeting ended. Admiral Joy stated, the communist delegation asked for a recess until July 25 and Admiral Joy agreed to this request."

Will Order Lifted

In Tokyo, general headquarters distributed this official release and then asked that it be "killed."

A few minutes later, after considerable pressure from news agencies, the kill order was lifted.

The communists demanded an agreement now on the question of withdrawing foreign troops from the mountainous, ravaged peninsula.

The allies have insisted this question is political and cannot be a condition for a military cease-fire.

It was the eighth meeting of the allied and red delegations. Yesterday's sessions were postponed after streams prevented the U. S. five-member group from reaching Kaesong by jeep.

An allied source said Friday "there is no great reason for optimism" on the possibility of settling the issue of withdrawing troops from the peninsula.

Even if this issue is solved, it will not mean a cease-fire, but merely an agreement on what subjects to discuss in seeking a cease-fire.

Dike-Smashing Missouri Adds To Record Toll

ST. LOUIS, July 20—(AP)—The muddy Missouri raged its biggest flood crest in more than a century to within a few miles of the swollen Mississippi tonight, leaving behind at least 27 dead and a billion dollars in damages.

It battered down dike after dike as it completed its paralyzing journey across the state from Kansas City, which suffered the heaviest blow from flood waters that poured down off the Kansas plains last week.

Five Miles Wide

With its dike-smashing blows, the untamable Missouri flattened out for miles across the countryside. At points it was five miles wide.

Its crest passed St. Charles, Mo., the last town of any size between it and its juncture with the Mississippi, today and was expected to push the Mississippi up to 40.5 feet here by midnight Saturday. That would be the highest mark for the river since 1844.

Most of St. Louis, on high ground, was out of the flood danger zone. But precautions were taken here against a water shortage and contamination of the supply.

Residents Stay Put

The Red Cross has set up flood relief shelters for 3,720 persons in Missouri, exclusive of the Kansas City area. It is feeding 8,800.

Even as the Missouri neared its tumultuous rendezvous with the Mississippi, the 300 residents of West Alton at the juncture refused to leave their homes in the face of crumbling levees. Water stood three-feet deep in some of the houses. The coast guard stood by ready for rescue work.

Hot Customer Cools Off by Warming Ice Sale Machine

SEATTLE, July 20—(AP)—The customer got a chill reception from the ice vending machine. He put in 50 cents to get some ice. The machine kept the 50 cents, and the ice, too.

So, sheriff's deputies reported, the customer cooled off by breaking \$110 damage to the device.

Behind the machine the deputies found a message today which probably explains everything:

"This thing owes me 50 cents"

Elfstrom Eyes Liquor Board Chairmanship

Possibility that Robert L. Elfstrom might replace Carl Hogg as chairman of the Oregon liquor control commission was reported in the office Friday. Both are Salem businessmen.

Elfstrom said freely that he's considering such an appointment, but beyond that there has been no official indication of commission changes since Hogg tendered his resignation to Gov. Douglas McKay several months ago.

Elfstrom, former Salem mayor and League of Oregon Cities president, said he was studying all phases of the liquor board program, pending a decision as to an appointment. He hinted he wouldn't take the post without assurances that "certain changes" would be made in the liquor department setup.

Reports from Portland coupled the Elfstrom speculation with the assertion that the liquor administrator's job would be taken over by Fred Peterson, Portland city commissioner. Present administrator is William Hammond, recently under fire from a Multnomah grand jury which made a liquor investigation.

Gov. McKay at that time vowed his continued confidence in Hammond. The governor, vacationing at the coast, was not available for comment last night.

Photographer Irks Egyptians' King

LUGANO, Switzerland, July 20—(AP)—Honey-mooring King Farouk of Egypt and his party of 50 fanned back to Italy in a huff today because a photographer snapped the monarch's picture.

Farouk doesn't like to have his picture taken without permission and objected to a Swiss photographer last night. Police seized the camera and film from Farouk's bodyguard and returned them later to the unidentified photographer.

Driver Slain; Soldier Held

PENDELTON, Ore., July 20—(AP)—A motorist was found shot to death on the highway about 50 miles west of here today.

State police identified him as Anthony Peter Alpp of Weston, Ore., a construction worker at McNary dam.

A soldier from Fort Lewis, Wash., Ray Alyn Barber, 17, Hillsboro, Ore., was held at Heppner in connection with the slaying.

Morrow county Sheriff C.J.D. Bauman said the young soldier had admitted the shooting.

Barber was picked up near the scene of the shooting by state police officer George Harris.

Operators on Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20—(AP)—Telephone operators struck the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in northern California and Nevada today after failure to reach agreement on wage demands.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Tri-City 11, Salem 4
At Victoria 4, Vancouver 11
At Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5
At Tacoma 4-4, Yakima 5-0
At Tacoma 11, Spokane 3

Coast League
At Portland 3, San Francisco 11
At Seattle 3, Hollywood 5
At Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5
At Oakland 3, Sacramento 1

National League
At Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 2
At New York 11, Cincinnati 3
At Boston 11, Pittsburgh 6
At Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3

American League
At Detroit 4, Boston 1
At Chicago 1, Washington 3
At St. Louis 6, New York 1
At Cleveland 1, Philadelphia 6

Portland Boy Missing Near Olallie Lake

An 8-year-old Portland boy was missing in the mountains 30 miles east of Detroit early today.

Forest rangers and others searched for young Blain Myers from 1:30 to 10 p. m. Friday without locating a trace of him.

The boy was reported to have disappeared while walking ahead of his father, Stanley F. Myers, 3419 N.E. 82nd ave., Portland, during their outing in the vicinity of Surprise lake, which is near the Skyline trail in the heavily forested Olallie lake area.

In Salem the state police headquarters instructed Officer Charles McKelvey, stationed at Idanha, to join in the search when he resumes at 7:30 this morning. State police officers from other areas also are to help in the search.

Zigzag ranger station reported last midnight that U. S. forest service crews scoured the area within 5 miles of Surprise lake for nine hours. Archie Mills, ranger of the Bear Springs station, led the search party.

The boy's father and another Portland man, who was with him at the time of the boy's disappearance, pressed the search long after darkness.

They could not be reached by telephone, and the ranger headquarters at Zigzag had no report of where the Portland party had been camping or visiting.

Olallie lake lies just across the Marion county line at the summit of the Cascades in Jefferson county. The area is within the Mt. Hood national forest.

Con Man Admits Taking Clients For Thousands in Bribe Money

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—The fabulous Sam Mason admitted today that he tapped "clients" for thousands in "bribe money" on promise to bribe Washington officials.

"But, he asked senators, 'what's wrong with that?'"

In answer, a senate investigating committee turned over his testimony to the justice department and internal revenue bureau, with a view of prosecution.

The committee has charged that Mason fleeced "gullible victims," including two Greek Orthodox priests, out of a third of a million dollars.

Most of it was supposed to be used in lining up bargain dollar-a-year leases on government buildings. There would be a lot of buildings available, he told his clients, because the government was going underground to escape an atomic attack.

The committee said the 59-year-old Mason of New York, is really a Russian-born confidence man by the name of Munsman with a criminal record a yard long.

Mason, who said he once stuffed money into his hollow wooden leg, testified he had taken \$38,000 from "clients" but said he had turned over most of the money to a mysterious "Mr. Eungart," now in Australia.

He also admitted he had not filed an income tax return since 1929 because he never had any money left at the end of the year. He said he lost a lot on the probe.

The pudgy, florid-faced witness spoke calmly in a guttural voice.

The committee included in its testimony a criminal record attributed to Mason under the name of Munsman. It dates from 1922 and includes a long list of indictments and charges for mail fraud, bogus stock deals and larceny. At least two jail sentences are included, the last was a three to four year term at Charleston, Mass. for larceny. The man was released in November, 1946, and apparently has a clean record ever since.