

# Salem Marines 'At Attention' at Camp Pendleton



CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF.—Marine Reserve members of the Salem, Ore., 3rd 155 mm Gun Battalion have arrived here for summer training in a two-weeks duty tour. Pictured on their arrival by air (left to right above) are Pvt. Donald C. Ruth, Pvt. Warren L. Ruth, Sgt. Delbert J. Ditter, Cpl. J. T. Hallam, PFC Frank E. Parker, Pvt. Alan J. Bruce and Staff Sgt. John H. Read. Commanding the Salem outfit is Maj. Cecil A. Gardner (pictured separately). (Marine Corps Photo.)

## BBC Broadcasts Cure for 'Cure'

LONDON (AP)—The BBC broadcast a cure for bug stings Wednesday morning and spent the rest of the day warning Britons not to use it. The recommended solution was denounced by the British Medical Association as highly dangerous. Seems the household hint broadcaster had forgotten to tell listeners to add water to the carbolic acid and vinegar solution she was touting.

## Forest Blaze Held in Check In Washington

By The Associated Press  
A 600 acre forest fire on the steep slopes of Washington's north central Whatcom County was held for no gain Wednesday as approximately 450 men battled the flames.

Don Fraser, in charge of fire control for the Washington Division of Forestry reported the blaze was out of control late Wednesday but foresters expected to have it trailed by Thursday noon. All trailing was being done by hand work, he said, as the terrain was too rugged for operating tractors.

State Forester Bernard Orell said the fire was located about three miles north of Glacier on the Mt. Baker Highway. It started in a logging operation and swept through several hundred acres of logging slash before reaching green timber where it became relatively inactive, he said.

In Oregon 150 men with tractors, tank trucks and power saws, still battled a fire late Wednesday on the north slopes of Mt. Hood in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Johnson said the blaze had covered 80 acres by the time it was trailed Wednesday but spot fires accounted for the razing of an additional 160 acres.

Hazardous fire conditions continued in southwestern and south central Oregon, Johnson said, but had eased somewhat in northwestern Oregon Wednesday evening.

## Swedish Paper Drops Story of Red Refugees

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—The Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter Thursday dropped its earlier report that nine Hungarian Olympic athletes had refused to return to their Communist homeland.

Neither the paper nor Associated Press correspondents could substantiate the report in Helsinki. The paper had carried the report in editions Wednesday night under a Helsinki dateline. Repeated checks in the Finnish capital could find no basis for the report and it was dropped from Thursday editions.

The report had said that the nine sportsmen had taken refuge in Western legations in Helsinki. It said the nine dropped out of sight one by one over last weekend in a smartly executed maneuver designed to avoid drawing attention to their flight.

Their disappearance was discovered yesterday when Hungary's team leader tried to get his squad together for a post-Olympic tour of Finland, the paper said.

Fearing more desertions, the report from Helsinki said, the Communist coaches called off the tour and chartered two airplanes which flew the rest of Hungary's crack Olympic squad back behind the Iron Curtain Thursday.

The missing team members were not identified immediately.

# Nurseryman Hearing Ends In Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—A two-day hearing was completed here Wednesday on the application of a nurseryman for renewal of his state license, after thousands of complaints were received against his business operations.

The nurseryman, Jack Hurd, operates Riverside Gardens, Oswego, and does business under the name of Luke Hopman at Garden Home.

The State Agriculture Department hearing, which opened in Salem, was shifted here Wednesday and 15 witnesses, including Hurd, testified.

Walter A. Upshaw, manager of the department's Portland branch, said complaints against Hurd included delivery failure, late delivery, and no answers to inquiries. Hurd blamed suppliers for part of his difficulty, claiming they failed to fill orders for merchandise he advertised.

Robert Thompson, wholesale florist, testified for Hurd, declaring chrysanthemum plants were picked up often by Hurd and appeared to be given proper care.

John Kaptayn, Mt. Vernon, Wash., bulb service operator, said Hurd bought good merchandise. He said he sold Hurd the rose plants which brought the nurseryman some 40,000 complaints. Kaptayn said one other mail order business also had reported complaints from the stock, but that professional growers seemed to be able to use it without difficulty.

A decision must be made on the application within 30 days by Frank McKenney, chief of the Plant Industry Division of the agriculture department.

# U.S. Rejects Middle East Defense Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Wednesday threw cold water on a British proposal for creation of a Middle East defense organization without the participation of most of the Middle Eastern states.

A diplomatically worded statement put out by the state department set forth the American view that any effective Middle East command system must include the largest possible number of countries in that strategic area of the world.

Under the British plan, Turkey would be the only country in the area participating. The British proposition apparently is designed to get some kind of an organization set up despite the fact that for more than eight months Egypt and the other Arab states have cold shouldered an invitation to join a Middle East command. Israel has also voiced a number of criticisms of the command structure.

Press reports from London yesterday said the British had drafted a plan for a seven-nation command to map the defense of the Middle East. The nations would be the United States, Britain, France, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. London indicated the other six nations had already given tentative backing to the project.

# South Carolina Democrats to Back Stevenson

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—South Carolina Democrats, following the lead of Gov. James F. Byrnes, Wednesday named the national party's Stevenson-Sparkman presidential tickets as that of the state party.

The state party, which bolted the National party in 1948 over the controversial civil rights platform, beat off an attempt to place Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's name on its ballot.

The action, taken during a stormy three-hour state convention here, added South Carolina to the growing list of Southern states whose Democratic parties have backed Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson.

Many animals move themselves by reaching out, taking hold of something and pulling themselves toward it.

# B-36 Burns During Thunder Storm



CARSWELL, TEXAS—A parked B-36 exploded and burned (above) on the flight line at Carswell Air Force Base, Tex., during a thunder storm as the big aircraft was being readied to take off. Thirteen were taken from the blast scene to the base hospital, however only seven were hospitalized. In foreground are firefighters who were unable to control the conflagration. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

# Alger to Vie With Williams

DETROIT (AP)—Democratic Governor G. Mennen Williams will fight it out with his Republican secretary of state, Fred M. Alger, Jr., for Michigan's governorship in this fall's elections.

Tuesday's rousing Michigan primary, with possibly more than one million votes cast, sent Alger into the lists to oppose Williams in the latter's bid for a third term. Alger, after trying and failing once before to win the Republican nomination, was victor this time—by a convincing margin. Labor-backed Williams was unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

# 6 More Red Jets Downed in Combat

SEOUL (AP)—Deadly U. S. Sabre jets tangled with a sky full of Communist MIGs Wednesday and shot down six in the third straight day of torrid combat, the Fifth Air Force said.

Three other Red planes were hit, bringing the three-day toll to 11 destroyed and 13 damaged. American losses, if any, are announced weekly.

# U.S. Cuts Off Funds To West Germany

BONN, Germany (AP)—The United States has cut off Mutual Security Agency (MSA) funds for West Germany's coal mining industry until the Germans boost their production rate to meet agreed goals.

MSA Chief Michael Harris said the suspension would be temporary if the Germans produced. He said 25,667,000 marks (\$6,008,746) in Marshall Plan counterpart funds which had been earmarked for investment in the mining industry had been frozen.

# Vice-Mayor Title Abolished

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Suggested charter changes being studied Wednesday by the City Charter Revision Committee include the changing of the title of vice-mayor.

The title of "vice-mayor" connotes something evil and has been the butt of ribald jokes and jibes for some time, so city officials feel

# 'Soak-the-Rich' Tax Devised By Mossadegh

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh presented to his cabinet Wednesday night proposals for a sweeping "soak-the-rich" tax law aimed at balancing the budget of this impoverished, uneasy country.

Iran's main sources of revenue dried up when Mossadegh nationalized properties of the British-controlled Anglo Iranian Oil Company. The British promptly blocked off world markets and Iran was stuck.

But Communist Czechoslovakia moved in Wednesday. A five-man trade delegation arrived to discuss buying oil and arranging a barter agreement between the two nations.

Details of the new tax plan, drawn up by Mossadegh and his financial advisers, were not disclosed officially, but it was reported they call for a two per cent tax annually on all real estate holdings.

One source close to the government said it was believed the levy could raise at least 330 million dollars yearly—which is slightly more than the government's present total annual outlay.

# Savage Rapids Dam Project to Start in 1953

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Bureau of Reclamation hopes to start rehabilitation work on the Savage Rapids Dam near Grants Pass, Ore., in the fall of 1953, the office of Sen. Gordon (R-Ore.) reported today.

Bids on the new gates for the Rogue River structure are expected to be called next month. Because of the steel involved these are considered to be the most likely source of possible delay.

Robert Parkman, the senator's administrative aide told a reporter he had been advised that designs for the rehabilitated dam are expected to be complete by May 15, 1953 with contract-letting planned for six weeks later.

Actual work, however, won't get underway until late September or October, at the end of the summer's irrigation season. The bureau hopes to be able to complete the work prior to the 1954 irrigation year. Congress appropriated \$700,000 for the rehabilitation work.

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# Marines Train In California

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—Latest arrivals at Camp Pendleton this week are members of the Salem, Ore., Organized Marine Corps Reserve unit, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battalion, commanded by Maj. Cecil Gardner.

The battalion was flown to California in one of the Marine Corps newest R4Q's, a plane especially designed to airlift personnel and cargo.

During their two-weeks training period at Camp Pendleton, personnel of the battalion will engage in firing artillery and in field problems designed to teach the newest techniques under simulated battlefield conditions.

Recruits in the battalion will receive a short but intensive "boot training" that will include instruction in military courtesy, combat formations, drilling and care and operation on the M-1 rifle. Every man in the unit will fire his rifle on the rifle range for individual record.

# Drought Impact On Business 'Not Serious'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fearful of the impact of the drought on business activity and employment, Secretary of Commerce Sawyer has taken a poll of his field offices which shows:

No serious slump in any area, but some sharp increase in produce prices; scattered setbacks to rural trade; some decrease in the hiring of harvesters and, in a few areas, a threat to factory production if dry weather persists.

The drought has business men as well as farmers scanning the skies for rainclouds. Sawyer has ordered a repeat survey next Monday, with field men reporting by wire.

Most of them informed him that around a billion dollars—so far has not been reflected in curtailed buying or hiring in agricultural centers.

Concern was felt, however, that sales of farm implements ultimately would be hurt. This concern was expressed even in the Midwest although the corn belt is affected only moderately by the drought.

MANILA FLOODS CONTINUE  
MANILA—Manila's main thoroughfares were turned into rivers and large sections of the city of more than one million were awash Thursday as the heaviest rains of the year continued without let-up for 48 hours.

FLOODS IN ENGLAND  
LONDON (AP)—Freakish rain and electrical storms struck Southern England Wednesday night, flooding London's subway system, jamming highway traffic and putting all radio broadcasts off the air for half an hour.

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