

Summary Given On Red Cross Activity

In a matter of minutes the American Red Cross went into action following the disastrous explosion on July 17 at Port Chicago, Calif., according to reports of the disaster relief activities sent the Lane county chapter of the Red Cross.

Disaster volunteers of the Martinez Red Cross chapter, nearby, were on their way to the devastated town with relief supplies, and the chapters adjacent to Port Chicago were rushing in reinforcements in personnel and material. Among the first to arrive on the scene was Don Cramer, acting director of disaster service of the Pacific area. Lawrence Woods, field director at Camp Stoneman, and Mrs. Elizabeth McNeilly, field representative of the Red Cross nursing service for the Pacific area. Red Cross chapters throughout the bay area were alerted, and disaster personnel and facilities were standing by for immediate activation in case of need.

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Lights, telephone, and gas service were disrupted by the blast, and until carefully checked by Contra Costa county health authorities, even the water supply was under question. This posed immediate problems of feeding. Danger of flying glass from shattered windows necessitated confinement of all foods in the damaged areas, and food supplies were rushed by the motor corps of the Martinez chapter to the scene, prepared by Red Cross canteen corps volunteers in nearby Martinez. Red Cross nurses and volunteer nurses aides administered first aid to more than 350 persons who came to the Red Cross station which was immediately established in the small section of the school which had not been consumed as unsafe. Complete disruption of all telephonic communication necessitated the registration and information service, by which all persons in Port Chicago were asked to register so that later inquiries as to their welfare by anxious relatives might be carefully checked and immediate replies forwarded.

Shelter was needed, as many houses were made uninhabitable by the blast, so the Red Cross provided 150 cots, and 300 blankets so that the homeless might have a place to sleep. A store of Red Cross blood plasma was rushed to the scene, available for use by any who might need it. To furnish light for the disaster operations, in the blacked-out town, four portable light units and over twelve Coleman lanterns were installed in the shelter and feeding center shortly following the disaster.

The day following the disaster, Cramer, who had over-all direction of the disaster operations, authorized the purchase of 80,000 square feet of wall board, and immediate priorities and delivery were arranged. This material was distributed to Port Chicago residents who found their houses would be inhabitable provided the glassless windows could be boarded up. More supplies of this nature were obtained and distributed on July 19. Estimates are being prepared of materials which would be necessary to rebuild damaged homes, prior to acceptance of the WPB in Washington, D. C.

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Alleged Night Club Bandit Awaits Hearing

SEATTLE, July 25.—(UP)—Thomas McDonald, arrested by federal bureau of investigation agents, was awaiting hearing today on charges of having robbed a Reno, Nev., night club of \$20,000 last April 22.

Leland V. Boardman, special agent in charge, said McDonald, accompanied by a man and woman, entered the night club, forced a Chinese cook and helper into a small room and took the money from a safe.

McDonald was charged also with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Officers said the woman was tried and sentenced to from five to 15 years in the Nevada state penitentiary, but the male accomplice has not yet been apprehended.

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BLOCK PARTY—Several hundred seamen back from the Normandy invasion were guests at a block party in East 37th street, New York City. Here is the welcoming committee, which had the aid of the swank Union League Club.

4-Inch Telescope Given University

Gift of a refracting telescope with an objective lens of four inches diameter and 60 inches focal length has been made jointly to the University of Oregon and the general extension division of the state system of higher education by Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Grants Pass, to be known as the "Kennedy telescope." The telescope was manufactured by Mrs. Kennedy's late husband, Raymond Berry Kennedy, who taught physics at Washington State college for seven years.

Mrs. Kennedy, in transmitting the telescope, asked that it be used in the place and by the person who can make the most use of it among the students of the general extension division and of the University of Oregon and of the general public. Since J. Hugh Pruett is an instructor in astronomy in the extension division, the telescope will be installed at his Evergreen observatory on Fairmount heights. Hugh P. Currier, Eugene electrical engineer, is helping Pruett mount the telescope so that it will be electrical drive. "The electric drive keeps the telescope moving at the same angular rate as the star at which it is pointed. This keeps the star constantly in the center of the telescopic field of view without moving the telescope by hand."

The telescope is of the equatorial type and the metal parts are entirely of aluminum which makes it very light. Professor Kennedy constructed the entire telescope in his workshop, even casting the cylindrical five-foot tube and grinding and shaping the lenses. The instrument is equipped with four eyepieces and a prism diagonal and is mounted on a beautiful, heavy oak tripod with adjustable legs.

Tests at the Evergreen observatory have shown that it is of excellent quality optically, mechanically and as well-made as if it had been made by commercial workmen. Pruett says it is an honor to any educational institution. Mrs. Kennedy studied library science this summer at the University of Oregon, and has now returned to Grants Pass.

Pruett states that in August, 1943, Ben R. Bones, operator of a gladiolus farm at Grants Pass, was counting Perseid meteors at his newspaper request and his reports showed so much knowledge of the skies that Pruett wrote him a letter of thanks. This brought a reply from Bones stating he had the use of a 4-inch refractor and a request for information as to how telescopic laboratory work was carried on for university students. Pruett in turn sent him pictures of the Evergreen observatory and a detailed account of the work.

On Sept. 12, 1943, Bones wrote again that he believed the telescope he was using, property of Mrs. Kennedy, really belonged where it could be made more use of than he was giving it. Pruett heard nothing more until July 4, 1944, when he received a call from Mrs. Kennedy that Bones would be driving to Eugene in a few days and they would bring the telescope to the residence of Pruett and leave it with him to be presented to the proper authorities. He, in turn, reported the gift to the University of Oregon, and to general extension division of the state system of higher education.

'Cotton Ed' Smith Nears End of Career

By The Associated Press
End of a senate trail that he set out on nearly 36 years ago beckoned today for the vociferous and colorful "Cotton Ed" Smith, new deal-hating senator from South Carolina. He is within a month of 80 years of age.

Smith was far back in second place in yesterday's democratic primary and the man he trailed was Gov. Olin D. Johnston, who tried unsuccessfully, with President Roosevelt's help, to unseat the veteran in 1938.

And in Arkansas' democratic primary, the senate's only woman member, quiet Hattie Caraway, lagged far behind in a renomination try that she had apparently thought was so safe she could afford to campaign only leisurely.

The leader there was Rep. J. W. Fulbright, 39, who is serving his first term in congress. Fulbright, Ozark mountain native who grew up to become a Rhodes scholar and university president, gained his first real fame as the author of the "lasting peace" resolution in the house.

Fulbright, while polling heavily as returns mounted may not attain the majority of the total vote of all five candidates he needs to win the senate nomination outright. Latest returns indicate an Aug. 8 runoff between two high candidates will be necessary.

If Johnston's lead stands up, there will be no need of a South Carolina run-off. When more than half the precincts had reported this supporter of President Roosevelt had a majority of all cast.

The unofficial count in the two senatorial primaries showed: South Carolina, 1354 precincts out of 1,540—Johnston 109,332,

Smith 69,569. Arkansas, 1,683 precincts out of 2,087—Fulbright 49,841, Caraway 18,134, Gov. Homer Adkins 36,000, Col. T. H. Barton, El Dorado oil man, 34,158.

While the new deal was the principal issue in the South Carolina voting, in Arkansas there were no particular issues. Mrs. Caraway, who has been in the senate since November 13, 1931 following the death of her senator husband, released a letter in which President Roosevelt spoke of their "long and enduring friendship."

Smith has been in the senate since March 4, 1909. He is dean of the senate and chairman of its agriculture committee, his political career built on aid to farmers (especially cotton), outspoken advocacy of "white supremacy,"

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17-Month-Old Girl Thrown from Horse

VALE, July 25.—(AP)—Nancy Laurence laid claim today to being the youngest rider to be tossed from a bucking bronc in these parts. She is 17 months old, and was thrown from a supposedly gentle saddle horse. Her ankle was broken. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Laurence.

HORSES NOT NEEDED
MYRTLE POINT, July 25.—(AP)—Cavalry horses no longer needed in beach and other patrol duties will be auctioned here August 1. About 60 animals are stabled at the country house until the sale.

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