

## Britain, France Okay Aid Pact

LONDON—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas Tuesday signed the Anglo-American agreement setting Britain up for American aid under the European Recovery Plan.

The formal signing closely followed approval by the House of Commons, 409 to 12. Six Conservatives, two Laborites, two Independent Laborites and two Communists opposed.

PARIS—(AP)—The French national assembly Wednesday approved the agreement with the United States on Marshall Plan aid by a vote of 336 to 183.

Communist deputies voted against the bilateral accord outlining the terms for Marshall

Plan aid, and De Gaullists abstained.

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault led the fight for approval in assembly debate which began last Friday. He and other government officials told the chamber that France faced a 50 percent reduction in its standard of living unless U.S. aid were forthcoming.

They denied Communist charges that the bilateral agreement "enslaves" France. The United States compromised on controversial clauses to which the government objected, they said.

**CUB SCOUT AT 106**

WATERLOO, Ore.—(AP)—The Waterloo Cub Scout pack claims to have the oldest "cub" in the world on its membership roster. He is James W. Smith, Civil War veteran who will be 106 this month. He has been formally inducted into the organization.

White flowers, which are discernible at night, attract moths.

## Seattle Vitamin Plant Explodes

SEATTLE—(AP)—A \$350,000 vitamin plant in northwest Seattle looked like a stepped-on apple box Wednesday—ripped by an explosion and scorched by fire that killed two men, injured one critically and left another unaccounted for.

At 5:35 p.m. (PDT) Tuesday—half hour after 40 to 50 workers had completed their shift—The Lyle Branchflower Company's fish processing plant blew up. Store windows were smashed in the nearby Ballard community and homes four miles away were shaken.

The charred, unrecognizable bodies of Roland Stebbens, 27, and John Zenger, plant workmen, were found just outside the gates. Walker Lamphere, 56, was blown through a door. His arm was fractured and he was badly burned.

The missing man was identified as Ira Snyder, an engineer.

Early Wednesday as fire flared up anew in the shattered debris, firemen were again called to the explosion scene. Ten men were kept at the plant overnight to check the blaze.

O. E. Erickssen, assistant man-

ager, said the cause of the blast was not known. Assistant fire chief R. B. Rogers theorized that one of the huge stills used in rendering fish oil had blown up. Dirk Verhagen, chief chemist, said several explosive materials were in the plant.

**Solvent Threatens**

Six thousand gallons of an inflammable solvent were dangerously near the smoldering wreckage. Police kept back the crowds for hours, faring a second blast, and firemen probed cautiously through the ruins for bodies.

The two-story concrete and steel building, 150 feet square. Collapsed inward after the blast. Within minutes, fire-filled smoke was boiling hundreds of feet into the air. Windows in nearby homes blew outward into the streets.

## Group Will Request Legislature Session

PORTLAND—(AP)—A Vanport delegation will go to Salem Wednesday to ask Governor John H. Hall to call a special legislative session on flood relief.

The group will be headed by Spencer Gill, chairman of the citizens committee for flood disaster. This committee was formed by a group of former Vanport residents after the flood.

## Land Disposal Hearings Set

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug has set Aug. 2 for hearings on proposed withdrawal of 3,269,619 acres of public land as a permanent part of the Army's Alamo-gordo, N. M., bombing range.

The hearings will be held in the federal district court room, Las Cruces, N. M. They will be conducted by Roscoe E. Bell, assistant director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Krug said the hearings are the result of "mutual agreement of the secretaries of interior and Army that full opportunity should be afforded for all interested citizens to express their views."

The land includes parts of the White Sands National Monument, the Jornada range reserve and the Cibola national forest.

Under the proposed withdrawal, grazing could continue on public lands north and west of U. S. Highway No. 70 at such times and for such periods as would be agreeable to the Army and the Interior Department. But the land would be withdrawn from all other general use.

The Army originally requested 1,250,000 acres and then raised that to 3,269,619 acres.

## Manslaughter Sentence Set

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Arnold Inman, 35, Portland service station operator, Wednesday was under sentence of 15 years in state prison on a charge of manslaughter.

Judge Martin W. Hawkins, who passed out the maximum prison sentence for manslaughter Tuesday, also fined Inman \$100.

Inman was tried on a charge of first degree murder for the slaying of his business partner, Everett L. Keith, in their service station here March 3. A jury in Judge Hawkins' court convicted Inman of manslaughter last week.

Inman testified he struck Keith with a hammer in self defense.

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## County Farm Girls Enter Movie Contest

County 4-H Club Agent John Gurton reported Wednesday that more than 40 Lane County farm girls had entered a contest being conducted by a Hollywood film producer who wants to find a 13-year-old 4-H clubber to play the lead role in a proposed motion picture.

The girls are sending their photographs to the club office in part of a nation-wide "talent" search that so far has brought in more than 5000 snapshots from farm girls.

Glenn McCarthy, a Texas oil

millionaire, plans to produce Hollywood film "suitable for children to see."

**CHILD DROWNS**  
HOOD RIVER, Ore.—(AP)—Two-year-old George Wade Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bingham, Parkdale, drowned Sunday in an irrigation ditch at his home, the coroner's office reported Wednesday.

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NEW YORK—(AP)—Think your town is hot? Here are some towns that were hotter Tuesday than Hell's Half Acre:

- Thermal, Cal., 110 degrees.
- Boiling Springs, N. C., 98.
- Sunray, Tex., 95.
- Sunshine, La., 94.
- Sun City, Kans., 90.
- Bolling Springs, Pa., 88 (it rained).
- Hell's Half Acre, Wyo., 85.

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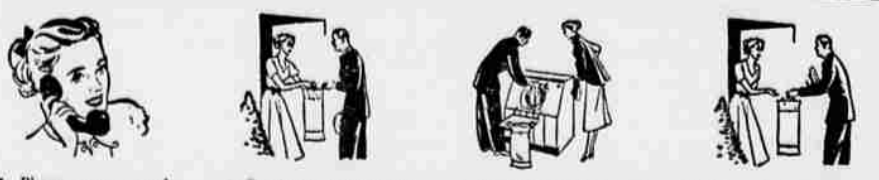


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