

County Court Tells Ferry St. Villagers To Start Moving

The Ferry St. Bridge community must be vacated within 10 days, the Lane County Court ordered Wednesday morning.

The court order said the two-year-old community would be abandoned to make way for the new bridge, the approach of which will be on property now occupied by the tents and shanties in that area.

Among the families which would presumably be affected by the order are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and their three small sons—triplets—who were born Monday.

The court order pointed out that members of the community were "trespassing and remaining on the land" without authority from the county court.

The area to be vacated is near the north approach of the bridge upstream from it, between Island Road and the Williams.

Should residents fail to move within 10 days, the order directed, the sheriff is ordered to evict persons therefrom by all means necessary to do so.

The court order was not surprising to residents who had been told in spring that July 1 was the absolute deadline for them to move from the land.

Before the court's warning last spring there were an estimated 11 persons living in the community. At that time 65 of the residents were colored and 36 of them white.

Leon Glasscock general chairman of the citizens' committee to give the problem said his committee had determined that most of the families were able to pay between \$10 and \$40 a month.

The court order evicting the quarters' came on the heels of Monday night's city council action asking the governor to recommend removal of rent controls from the area.

The council's resolution to the governor stated there no longer exists such a shortage of rental housing accommodations as to require rent controls.

The council approved the resolution 6 to 1, with Councilman Ray Allen casting the only negative vote.

Steel Union Sets Strike Friday

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The UO-United Steelworkers Wednesday ordered a strike effective Friday against steel concerns which have rejected the presidential 60-day truce proposal accepted by the union.

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The CIO United Steelworkers executive board Wednesday accepted a presidential plan for a 60-day steel strike delay — but failed to mention whether steel concerns regarding the plan would be included in the truce.

Only one steelmaker — Jones & Laughlin — has accepted President Truman's proposal. The giant U. S. Steel Corp., the nation's top producer, Bethlehem and Republic have rejected the White House proposal.

A strike embracing 500,000 steelworkers was threatened for this weekend, at Friday and Saturday midnight. President Truman proposed a 60-day contract extension while an unofficial fact-finding board investigated the issue.

U. S. Steel and Bethlehem, the nation's two largest steel producers, said their rejection of the president's proposal did not mean they would halt operations if the workers did not strike.

Both said operations would continue in accordance with contracts which do not expire until next year.

Excommunicates Catholic Reds

VATICAN CITY — (AP) — The Vatican announced late Wednesday that all Catholics who attach themselves to Communism will incur the automatic excommunication of the Roman Catholic church.

The Vatican Holy Office, in an unprecedented denunciation, condemned Communism as "a materialistic and anti-Christian doctrine" whose followers no longer could be permitted to remain within the church.

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Foresters Alert As Fire Danger Reaches Class 6

Drying Winds Make Timber Like Tinder

This area's forest protective groups were keeping close watch on timberlands Wednesday as fire danger reached "Class 6" (in a scale which runs 1-7).

A strong drying northeast wind combined with low humidity readings and tinder-box forest conditions made a forest fire in Lane a definite threat.

Monday and Tuesday wind velocity reached 23 miles an hour in some places and the humidity went as low as 25 per cent. The possibility of lightning in the mountains increased the hazard.

But, although an average of about three small fires have been reported each day throughout the county, no large blazes have occurred.

Fire in Malheur: Other parts of Oregon were not so fortunate. A 1500 acre fire in the Malheur National Forest, touched off Tuesday during a lightning storm, was still burning out of control.

One fire in Western Oregon, covering 400 acres in Coos County, was under control. The fire broke out Monday afternoon on Coos Bay Lumber Company holdings east of Sitkum. As late as Tuesday afternoon the fire still was burning slowly and had eaten into green timber, although lumber company employes and Coos County fire patrolmen had control.

West Lane Fire Patrol reported three small fires during the past two days in the face of "Class 6" readings. Broken glass around an abandoned house owned by Fred Brown started a grass fire Monday which burned three acres about one and one-half miles from patrol headquarters at Veneta. Officials said the fire jumped considerably and almost got away.

A railroad fire Monday caused by sparks from a signal burned an acre of grass near Penn, between Walton and Noti.

Small One at Cheshire: About one-fourth acre of slash burned Tuesday near Cheshire at an abandoned mill site.

West Lane's weather readings included a wind velocity average which reached 19 miles, and averaged five miles an hour. Humidity was 23 per cent at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. A "Class 5" day was expected Wednesday.

Fire danger recorded by East Lane patrol reached "Class 6" Wednesday, after two days of "Class 5." Wind velocity reached 18 miles Tuesday with an average of 14 miles. Humidity hit a low of 29 per cent and averaged 36 per cent.

East Lane officials reported fuel sticks down Wednesday with very slight fuel recovery overnight.

Mop-Up on McKenzie: Crews were mopping up a one-fourth acre logging slash blaze Wednesday which started Tuesday evening at McKenzie Ridge south of Walthersville at the logging operations of Chris Keller.

Willamette Forest officials said Wednesday morning that there was no area within their jurisdiction with more than a "Class 5" day. District rangers report in an emergency basis when conditions go beyond this point. The area near Detroit was Class 6 on Friday of last week.

Classifications on fire danger made during the season are based on fuel moisture content in the woods and on wind velocity and humidity. Humidity is not so important except that it contributes to likelihood of forest blazes.

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WHILE THE CAB investigated the Tuesday crash which claimed the lives of 34 airline passengers, rescue workers on the scene at Susana Pass in San Fernando Valley, California, rummaged through the smoldering wreckage searching for the missing bodies of the victims. The pilot, who was killed in the crash, had just radioed that there was a fist fight among passengers, before the Curtiss Commando plowed into the rocky hillside. CAB investigators tentatively decided the fight had nothing to do with the crash. (Wiltshire engraving.)

CAB Probes Plane Crash Which Claimed 34 Lives

CHATHSWORTH, Cal. — (AP) — Pilot Roy G. White was 2000 feet below officially prescribed altitude when he smashed a C-46 Commando into the Santa Susana Mountains with loss of 34 of its 48 occupants, Civil Aeronautics Board Inspector James Peyton said Wednesday.

"I think I know why he was too low, but I don't want to say why until we complete our investigation and hold a formal hearing," he said.

He said he was convinced a fight between two passengers had no bearing on the crash.

The plane, owned by Standard Airlines, a nonscheduled line, crashed and burned in Santa Susana pass Tuesday morning as White was coming in for a landing at Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank.

Deputy Coroner John Bragg of Ventura County said the bodies of 33 dead were recovered. Fourteen injured were identified and one passenger was unaccounted for and presumed dead. The Airline said that one of the originally reported 49 occupants — Lois Tucker — apparently failed to board the plane at Kansas City.

Peyton said he and his investigators would spend "another two or three days" digging through the charred wreckage strewn among the boulders in an effort to confirm his opinion of why White was flying at 1600 feet instead of 2500 as prescribed by the CAB.

"Everything else about his approach was normal," Peyton said. "He came in on the right leg, contacted the control tower at the proper points; lowered his landing gear as prescribed, and made the correct procedure turn."

He added that visibility was adequate, pointing out that a California Central Airlines pilot in the air awaiting his turn to land was able to see the burning wreckage of White's plane from the prescribed altitude of 3500 feet.

Deputy Coroners Bragg and Frank Watkins concentrated Wednesday on identification of the 33 recovered bodies. They said some may never be identified positively because they were so badly burned and mangled.

The wreck scene was gruesome. Bodies were strewn along a ridge for half a mile, some sprawled over rocks and others dismembered by the impact. Survivors fought free of the burning plane and some wandered down the narrow box canyon toward a fire roadway.

Ambulances rushed the victims to hospitals and mortuaries in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

Reuther Seeks Tight Control

MILWAUKEE — (AP) — Stronger than ever and starting his newly-won third presidential term, Walter Reuther sought Wednesday to make absolute his control of the CIO United Auto Workers.

This goal was regarded by observers at the union's convention as a possibility but no cinch.

All four top officers won hands-down re-election late Tuesday over weak, left-wing opposition that was only a ghost of another faction that once dominated the million-member UAW.

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Mercury Hits 90 Tuesday: It was 90 in Eugene Tuesday, exactly as the weather bureau predicted.

But the worst was yet to come. Weathermen shyly admitted that Wednesday's high would be in the neighborhood of 93 degrees, and that no relief from the heat wave was in sight, at least over the weekend.

Humidity was low at the weather bureau Tuesday, reaching the 25 per cent mark. It will be that low again Wednesday, or lower.

Weather at the coast has been cloudy or foggy in the mornings, with drizzle. The afternoons have been clear. Temperatures there are staying moderately low, in the 60's.

Rites Held for Five Newsmen Killed In India Crash

BOMBAY, India — (UP) — The remains of five of 14 American correspondents killed in a plane crash Tuesday were cremated Wednesday after simple ceremonies.

Protestant and Catholic clergymen conducted joint Dutch-American services for Nat Barrows of the Chicago Daily News, James Branyan of the Houston Post, William Newton of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, Bertram Hulén of the New York Times and Miss Elsie Dick of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

U. S. Ambassador Loy Henderson and his staff attended the cremation. He flew here Wednesday morning from New Delhi to help identify the victims. The bodies of all but one of the correspondents — Fred Colvig of the Denver Post — have been identified.

Police still were searching the muddy hillside where the plane crashed for 12 missing bodies. Many of the 33 bodies already found were mangled beyond recognition. They were removed to a Bombay morgue.

Henderson had entertained 13 of the ill-fated group of 14 newsmen returning from Indonesia at his embassy Sunday night. Three other American newsmen who also were at the party accompanied him here.

Steaming rains sluicing down the hilly scene of the crash hampered the search for the remaining bodies.

The plane was en route to Amsterdam from Batavia when it crashed. It apparently lost its way in a heavy rain after attempting to land at Bombay's Santa Cruz Airport.

J. C. Pigott, control tower operator at Santa Cruz, said he first made contact with the airliner when it was seven minutes from the field at an altitude of 7000 feet.

Pigott said he talked the pilot down to 1500 feet, then directed him to take a course which would lead out over the sea and back on to the runway.

"I asked the pilot to report at 500 feet, which he did," Pigott said. "He was flying control — he could see the ground."

Pigott said the plane came over the field at 500 feet and the tower told the pilot to ascend to 800 feet after cautioning him about hills to the northeast.

"We could see him clearly and the pilot was climbing to 800 feet," Pigott said. "That was the last we heard."

President To Talk

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman is going to sit down Wednesday night and tell the American people about his prescription for heading off a depression.

He wants to get over to them his idea that there is nothing to be scared about in the moderate economic decline unless folks get panicky.

And he wants to defend the fiscal policy of his administration against criticism by some members of Congress.

The President will talk to the nation over four major radio networks and via television from a desk in the movie projection room at the White House.

This first major so-called " Fireside Chat" by Mr. Truman this year is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. (PST).

The talk, White House aides said, will be an elaboration of his midyear economic report to Congress on Monday. In this he scrapped earlier demands for a \$4,000,000,000 tax increase and proposed an 11-point program to expand production, employment and purchasing power.

The theme of that message was that the country cannot have prosperity "by getting adjusted to the idea of a depression — by cutting investment or employment or wages or essential government programs."

State FEPC Advisors Told: SALEM — (AP) — Seven Portland residents will make up the State Advisory Council on Fair Employment Practices, Gov. Douglas McKay announced Wednesday.

The council will assist State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey in administering the state's new FEPC law, which becomes effective next Saturday.

The law prohibits employers, labor unions and employment agencies from discriminating against any person because of his race or religion.

Members of the council are: Ulysses Plummer, former assistant district attorney at Kansas City, Mo., and Oregon's only negro attorney; Mrs. J. H. Thomas; David Robinson, lawyer, president of the Portland City Club, and a Jewish leader; Al McCready, chairman of the Oregonian unit of the CIO American Newspaper Guild.

S. Stevens, 9th district vice-president of the AFL International Association of Firefighters; Herald Campbell, personnel manager of the Pacific Power & Light Co.; Francis Kern, Portland, Catholic layman.

TUNA BOATS MOVE OUT: ASTORIA — (AP) — Astoria's tuna fleet is heading for sea Wednesday after the first scout boats returned to port Tuesday.

Disapproved by the committee were \$350,000 for the proposed extension of power lines to Orcas Island in Washington, and a request for funds to construct the Canby substation in Oregon.