

# Flying Rocks and Tempers Quieted Around Blue River

## Oyster Forks Inferior Metal Wasteful Stories Denied by Brass

WASHINGTON — (AP) — High Pentagon officials Wednesday publicly denied two widely-publicized stories about waste and extravagance in the Armed Services.

Secretary of the Air Force Finletter said an "official investigation" found "no evidence" of a report that 200 pounds of coffee was used as a floor sweeping compound at Carswell Air Base, near Ft. Worth, Tex.

**VICE AMD.** Charles W. Fox, chief of Navy supplies, good-naturedly denied that the navy has "a million dozen oyster forks in surplus." He said 10,000 dozen oyster forks were bought in 1945 for officers' messes, but said they were a poor wartime grade of plated steel. Anyhow, the Admiral said, he was on duty in the Pacific at the time and doesn't relish the nickname he said he had been given lately: "Oyster Forks Fox."

Fox spent two hours explaining to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee how a system of purchasing and stock inventory now used by the Navy and other services had saved "millions of dollars for the taxpayers in defense costs."

**DENIALS OF** the stories on surplus oyster forks and coffee came after Sen. McMillan (D-Ark) said such stories cause the public "to think the Armed Services are the most wasteful agency in the land."

McClellan asked about a report that the Air Force was spending funds to develop luxury-type chairs for stenographers.

Secretary Finletter said it did little good to dispute such stories, saying denials did not get the headlines and the public seldom remembered the denials or saw them. He added that he did not know if the plush stenographer chair story is true or not.

**Latvian Cancels Kidnap Story**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — (AP) — Swedish police say that under their questioning a husky young Latvian lumberman cancelled his story that he was lured to the Soviet Embassy to be kidnapped to Russia.

The police said he had changed his mind quite suddenly about returning to his homeland, which is part of Russia, and fled the Soviet Embassy where he had gone voluntarily to arrange repatriation.

The 21-year-old timber worker, Aivars Ozolnch, had raced into a nearby machine shop, shouting: "Help! The Russians are after me. Call the police."

He said he was tricked by a fellow-refugee into going to the embassy where he was seized and told he would be put on a Russia-bound plane at once.

Ozolnch said he jerked free, pulled a knife and fought his way out.

According to the police version, the only violence was a row with Soviet consular officials when he changed his mind. The revised tale tallied fairly closely with the Soviet Embassy's account.

**Test Drilling to Start In Washington Oil Hunt**

ABERDEEN, Wash. — (AP) — Drilling of a second test well in the Washkah River area 12 miles north of here will begin in about two months, officials of the Oil and Gas Development Corporation said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Tom Hawksworth, head of a financial group backing the corporation, suspended gas test well operations at Ocean City until Washington state and the federal government settle their dispute over ocean tidelands.

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The waters calmed somewhat this week at Blue River with the negotiation of an agreement for the State Highway Commission's gravel quarry there and a promise to drop the condemnation suit for the quarry site.

An agreement between Fred Behm, landowner, and the commission, which wants an area near Blue River for a quarry, was signed Tuesday evening, apparently calming the controversy which has raged in the small McKenzie River community for the past three weeks.

The highway commission had started a condemnation suit to gain control of the land, on which they have let a contract for a quarry and a rock crusher to prepare road rock for use on the McKenzie Highway.

Behm said he had intended to give the land to a group of five trustees to manage for the town as a recreation site, but the condemnation suit would have prevented that until the commission vacated the site and returned the land to Behm.

**NOW, WITH** the agreement, which still must be approved by the highway commission, the land will revert to Behm, or the five trustees, in about three months.

Although four of the five trustees also signed the agreement, the land has not yet been turned over to them because of legal hitches.

The commission agreed at a meeting with townspeople in

Portland Friday to drop the condemnation suit if the agreement is approved, Behm said.

Last week, several Blue River residents complained of flying rocks, caused by blasting at the site, hitting their houses. By Wednesday, the rocks had ceased to fly as far as the houses, which are about 400 yards to the west of the quarry and across Blue River.

**THE LARGEST** of the flying rocks was reported by Mrs. Ralph Payne, who lives directly across the river from the blasting site. She said that a rock chip, about an inch and a half in diameter, hit beneath her kitchen window, which faces the quarry, on Friday.

A neighbor of hers reported a small rock hit her wash house, also directly across the river from the site, earlier last week.

The blasts that came on these days were on the face of the hill being blasted away for the quarry, one of the contractors, Ray Ichner, said. Now the blasting is

being done in a "coyote" hole back in the face of the hill about 50 feet.

Spectators within 30 feet of the hole's opening could see very little debris leaving the blasting hole Wednesday. None of the blasted rock went more than 15 feet from the hole.

Two other homes bordering the west side of Blue River across from the quarry are summer homes, vacant now. No evidence of these being hit by rocks has been found, neighbors said. A warning, audible at the home sites, is not given.

**HOWEVER,** residents along the river complained Wednesday of concussion damage.

One of them expressed the fear that their rock chimney might be dislodged by the blasting. Another reported two fruit jars were knocked from her shelves.

With the exception of one final "big" blast, the remainder of the shooting will be back in the coyote hole, the contractor said. The big blast, to come in about two weeks, will crumble the face of the rock hill now being tunnelled under. This blast will not be as loud as the present ones, nor will it scatter rock, the contractor said.

**THE FEAR** that the river, where many Blue River residents obtain drinking water, may be muddied by the rock crusher was discounted by the contractor and the district engineer in Roseburg. Settling basins are being constructed, with a filter at the river,



**COOL MILLION** — Actress Arlene Dahl wears the largest cut diamond in the world, the Transvaal diamond, valued at one million dollars. Miss Dahl dazzled over 500 guests at a recent cancer benefit in Hollywood with the gem — the first time it has ever been worn publicly. It was brought to Hollywood to be used in a jungle film.

## Two Treated For Injuries

**COTTAGE GROVE**—Two men were treated at Cottage Grove Hospital Wednesday for lumber mill accidents.

Harvey Duer, about 48, Lorane Rt., Cottage Grove, suffered extensive lacerations in his right forearm from a saw at the Ivan Harris Lumber Co., east of Cottage Grove. He was reported in "good" condition at the hospital Thursday.

Ralph Marvick, 49, of Lorane Rt., Cottage Grove, received a badly crushed left hand when it was caught in moving equipment at a Drain sawmill. He was given treatment at the hospital and released.

**SIXTH FATALITY**

**PORTLAND**—(AP)—Portland's sixth traffic fatality of the year was recorded Wednesday. Mrs. Laura Newman, 59, Portland, died of injuries from a two-car collision.

## Children to Get Safety Books

"Sing a Song of Safety" is the title of a new song book to be distributed to children in Eugene and Springfield schools, Chief of Police Ted Brown announced Thursday.

Centered around "Safety Sue," and stressing the theme that A B C means Always Be Careful, the book is aimed at elementary school children.

Kendall Motor Co. has agreed to purchase 6130 of the booklets for distribution to all children in the first to fourth grades in Eugene and Springfield.

Springfield's plans for distribution have not been announced. In Eugene, Sgt. Wesley Smart will take the books to the schools and hand them out after a short lecture on traffic safety. The child will then take the book home. There's a message in it for Dad and Mom, too.

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to stop the flow of sediment, District Engineer Tom Edwards said, at a cost of \$5000.

The highway commission would have preferred to use McKenzie River gravel obtained by dredging, rather than using the quarry, but were prevented in doing so by the State Fish Commission, Edwards said.

None of the river area residents Wednesday would directly attribute recent muddy river water to the quarry.

The agreement with the highway

commission signed Tuesday would give Behm three cents a yard for gravel taken out of the quarry, plus \$300 for use of the site. This is the same royalty price "we've always paid" for large amounts of rock, Edwards said.

Behm said he cleared the site last summer, with intentions of giving it to the town for a recreation site, but was prevented in doing so because Blue River is not incorporated. Instead, the five trustees were appointed to manage the land. Now, the transfer

of the land to the trustees is being held up because of the possibility that it cannot be listed as an income tax deduction and that taxes may have to be paid even though the ground is given away, Behm said.

**THE AGREEMENT** also states that the contractor must level the ground off when he departs, and must leave the road from the town to the area in the same condition as he found it, Behm said.

The promise was given in an agreement not to proceed on the site, Jim Finletter said. Two of the trustees, however, were satisfied with the agreement and started to stop the work. But they were feared that their actions would be misinterpreted as a further concession to the contractor.

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