

# Smog Sufferers Demand Action

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Several thousand residents of Los Angeles County's 48 cities Thursday urged enlistment of 100,000 smog sufferers to wage a "little people's" war against air pollution.

The resolution for the smog war came Wednesday night at a mass meeting in nearby Pasadena, sponsored by the Citizens' Anti-Smog Action Committee, and attended by an estimated 6,000 irate persons.

E. James Lee, a co-chairman of the committee, told the meeting the purpose of the gathering was to "organize for battle and to enlist 100,000 people in our cause."

"We are going to organize the little people into a united force," Lee asserted, "so their voices can be heard."

## Still No Clue To Missing Newport Trio

DALLAS, Ore. (AP)—Rain and fog Thursday prevented search for the second day this week, for the long-missing Norman Zeisler family of Newport.

Police confessed themselves without a clue in the baffling disappearance of Zeisler, his wife and his wife's 14-year-old son. They left Oct. 9 to go deer hunting in the Coast Mountains west of here. Several days later their car was found beside a mountain road. There has been no clue to where they went from there or what happened to them.

Wednesday's search, headed by Sheriff Tony Neufeldt, was carried out in foul weather that at times cut visibility to 20 feet. The going in the extremely rough, heavily timbered country was so bad that one searcher, Milton Reimer, Dallas, collapsed. At the hospital here he was treated for fatigue and cold.

He was among the 85 National Guard members from this area ordered into the search by Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea. Sheriff's deputies and other volunteers swelled the total in the search to more than 100.

The sheriff, who called off Thursday's search, said it would be taken up again when the weather improves. Similar bad weather had halted the search on Tuesday. Daily hunts, including with the aid of a helicopter, have turned up no clues at all.

The Zeisler family moved to Newport from North Dakota last spring.

## TV Earnings Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission has reported that 1953 earnings of television stations and networks were up almost 23 percent over 1952. The FCC said the net income of four TV networks and 334 stations last year totaled 68 million dollars before federal income taxes.

"We want the law enforced," Lee continued. "If we need a stronger law let our public officials whose duty it is to make laws, make one."

"We will cooperate with anyone sincerely dedicated to the elimination of smog, but we will oppose anyone and everyone who seeks to compromise with our only enemy—smog."

The citizens committee has asked the Los Angeles County grand jury to investigate "at once" any possible breakdown in smog law enforcement. The committee hinted that smog officials may "have been guilty of dereliction of duty."

Meanwhile, as smog clung to Southern California for the 15th consecutive day, further indications of a smog war appeared as more officials attacked one another in verbal skirmishes.

Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson said Wednesday that air pollution district director Gordon P. Larson warned him last Thursday the smog situation was becoming dangerous.

The mayor said Larson "alerted" him that if the smog became worse it could possibly be dangerous to health and to stand ready "to issue a proclamation to halt" much of the smog-producing sources in the city.

But Larson, at a later press conference, flatly denied he had ever given Poulson such a warning.

Previously the Los Angeles city council and the county board of supervisors clashed when the supervisors, whose job it is to handle smog legislation, ordered the Air Pollution Control District to ban back yard incinerator burning within a year.

Angered city council members accused the supervisors of trying to make goats out of the little offenders while letting the big offenders, large industries, "get away."

Meanwhile, Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, accused by the Citizens' Smog Committee of doing nothing to combat smog, said he does not want to "paralyze this great state" by declaring a state of emergency.

However, he pledged his readiness to give Los Angeles County any legislation or money it needs to wipe out the smog blight.



**FOR HIS ANCESTORS**—President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, descendant of American slaves, pays homage to the man who set his ancestors free as he places a wreath at the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Washington. President Tubman is on a three-week goodwill visit to the United States at the invitation of President Eisenhower.

# Cancer Chemical In Burning Paper

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NEW YORK (AP)—A powerful cancer-causing chemical compound has been identified in burning cigarette paper, it was disclosed this week.

The compound is 3,4 benzopyrene. In mice it is one of the most powerful—cancer-causer known to science. No one knows what it does to human beings.

D. V. Lefemine, research chemist of the Cancer Institute, Miami, obtained 1.7 pounds of tars by burning enough cigarette paper to roll 80,000 cigarettes (80,000 cigarettes would last a pack-a-day smoker 11 years).

### AROUSES DISCUSSION

He separated the 1.7 pounds of tars into chemical components, and one component he identified by its spectrum as 3,4 benzopyrene, which has the peculiar qual-

ity of glowing or fluorescing under ultra violet light and thus has a spectrum.

An outline of Lefemine's findings has been known in chemists' circles for some weeks and has caused considerable discussion. The biggest-scale statistical study of the smoking habits of lung cancer victims showed that comparatively few were heavy pipe or cigar smokers—compared to the number of heavy cigarette smokers.

Lefemine needed a scientific forum to make his formal report to the scientific world, and he chose the southeastern regional meeting in Birmingham of the American Chemical Society of which he is a member. He told the chemists that he was positive of the identification.

### CITES EVIDENCE

"Evidence that the agent we have identified is 3,4 benzopyrene is based upon the fluorescent curves which are identical with those of pure 3,4 benzopyrene," he said. "In addition, the absorption curves, a more critical measurement of purity, confirm the identity of this compound. In addition, we have observed crystalline material in the polaroid field which very much resembles pure benzopyrene."

His report represented the first identification of a cancer-causing chemical compound in cigarette smoke, and it was found in the paper rather than the tobacco. Tars derived from burning whole cigarettes will cause skin cancers in mice when "painted" on their backs daily for months. But the specific chemical or chemicals in the tars causing the effect haven't been identified.

# Liner Leaves Struck Harbor

Queen Mother Sails For Visit to U.S.

LONDON (AP)—Tugmen eased the liner Queen Elizabeth out of Southampton harbor in a loyal gesture to Britain's Queen Mother Thursday and then began debating whether to join the waterfront strike which has paralyzed Britain's major seaports.

Queen Mother Elizabeth, for whom the ship was named, sailed for New York and a month's visit to the United States and Canada.

It had been feared that the 18-day dock stoppage, now involving more than 43,000 men, might hamper her departure.

### OVERTIME WORK

The walkout, loudly backed by British Communists, stems from a demand by dockers for the right to reject overtime work. Fewer than half the strikers have the backing of various unions involved.

Queen Elizabeth II, who began this morning a two-day tour of south Lancashire, made a pointed change in her schedule to avoid the picketed Liverpool dock area.

She and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, had arranged to visit the Canada Dock Works at Liverpool but Buckingham Palace announced Wednesday night they would see the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine instead.

The still-growing stoppage held 298 ships idle in London, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Hull, Southampton, Garston and Rochester.

Fewer than 33,000 of the nation's 76,000 cargo handlers were working.

Export shipments worth more than 80 million pounds (224 million dollars) were piled up on the wharves.

### RESERVES DWINDLING

Food reserves, especially of imported eggs, butter and bacon, were dwindling.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill's government gave no sign of any immediate intention to use troops for unloading essential imports as has been done in previous major dock tieups.

A government board of inquiry, which began investigating the dispute Wednesday, is expected to continue hearings until Saturday. The government likely will wait until the inquiry ends before ordering out troops.

# Jane Wyman, Husband Split

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Movie actress Jane Wyman's third marriage has failed.

Her husband, musical director Fred Karger, has moved out of their home and Miss Wyman says there will be no reconciliation this time. The couple has had several arguments and separated a few times, but reconciliations always followed.

"We're not happy and there's no use remaining together," Karger said Wednesday.

The actress told newsmen: "I've tried to keep this marriage together but it just doesn't seem possible to make it work." She denied that her many movie roles and much hard work in films had caused an estrangement.

Miss Wyman's other husbands were Myron Fulterman and Ronald Reagan. She and Karger were married in Santa Monica in 1952.

# No Progress In Currency Controversy

SEOUL (AP)—A South Korean government spokesman said Thursday there was "no progress at all" in a 2½-hour meeting between President Syngman Rhee and Gen. John E. Hull, U.N. Far East commander, over the dollar-hwan currency dispute.

The statement came from Paik Too Chin, South Korean economic coordinator. Hull, who flew here from his Tokyo headquarters, had no comment except to say the talks would continue Friday.

The dispute over the exchange rate and the handling of a new 700 million dollar U.S. aid program has plunged South Korean-United States relations to their lowest ebb since the armistice.

South Korean suspended paying hwan to the U.S. military Oct. 1 because of American refusal to pay past advances at the official exchange rate of 180 hwan to one U.S. dollar. This left 100,000 Korean employes of the U.S. Army without pay and stirred up angry statements from both sides.

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