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Kallander, 33, Heads State Plan Of Millions to Restore 'Green Gold'



Handful of 'Green Gold'-Rudy Kallander stands before map of the Tillamook burn area in which he will supervise reseeding project. The 12 ounces of Douglas fir seed he holds are for planting two acres of trees



Talking Over Project-Three forestry department officials discuss the gigantic seed-planting project. From left to right are Lynn Cronemiller, assistant state forester; George Spaur, acting state forester, and Kallander. Two hundred thou sand acres of the Tillamook burn will be reseeded. A forestry helicopter seeds at the rate of eight acres per minute, traveling at a speed of 60 miles an hour. From 50 to 70 years are required to grow a marketable tree by present standards of utilization.

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He still looks like a college

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This is Scene Two:
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"He's been our property and purchasing officer for almost ten years, and he's done a fine job. Why change him now?"

"Because he's worth a good deal more to us on this new to make the producing and tending a forest and forest trees."

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the nation, for no other state And Lynn Cronemiller, assistbe anything more than a clerk? ant state forester, replies:

"You ought to see him in the woods. He can do just about anything anyone else can. And this boy is smart—real smart."

Rogers gives in.

The young fellow with only faster with only one arm than most fellows can with two

one arm leaves his glorified clerk's job for the post as research director for an Oregon forest rehabilitation. st rehabilitation program, sophomore—curly hair, blue eyes, a trim 148 pounds on a work affecting the economy of

This is Scone Three:

is July 1, 1949. After only two years direct experience in forest marrage ment, the young man with ar arm missing becomes director of the entire \$10 million program that will restore the state's "green gold" to production, so our grandchildren and their children may have some timber to cut in the year 2025 to 2050.

His name is Rudy Kallander He is almost the youngest of the high-ranking state forestry of-ficials, and he's come farther faster than anyone else in the

history of the department. He was only 33 last New Year's Day, and here he is, responsible for the conduct of the greatest forest rehabilitation program in the history of the world.

His program includes the ef-



UN President - Brig. Gen Carlos Romulo (above), Philppine war here and outstand er powers, was elected presi-dent of the fourth general as-sembly of United Nations at its opening session in Lake Success, N. Y. (Acme Tele-photo).

This is Scene One:
The forestry professor looks at the youth and shakes his head.
"Son," he says, "be smart. Forestry is a rough business. You have to work out in the woods, sometimes you have to pack way back into the wilderness, and stakes a strong man whosen arm. You'll never make a forester. Why don't you try teaching, or the ministry, or something like that?"

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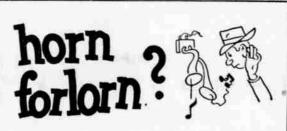
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leam. And Rudy Kallander, the hand on the reins.

He won his job as rehab di-rector in a civil service exam-last spring. Other contestants got veterans credit and had up to 24 years' service credit. Rudy had neither, but still was way ahead in the final score,

It was this man who planned all the "pre-planting survey" which has preceded actual rebirth work in the thrice-ravaged Tillamook burn. Crews he di-rected have mapped and graphed parts of the Tillamook area until they now know just about all there is to know about the face of the earth there.

This information is important —so important it will save thousands of dollars, so vital it may be the one factor that makes the rehabilitation pos

For it is the knowledge of the earth, the type of soil, the ground cover, the density of growth, the amount of natural regeneration, the exposure and slope-it is the knowledge of all these precise facts that will let Kallander assign half or more of the acres to a helicopter pilot to seed from the sky.

Aerial seeding costs only a third or a fourth of the \$20 an acre it takes to plant seedlings by hand. If the entire area had to be hand-planted, the expense might be so great the rehab program would be delayed or not even tried.

Kallander insists he's just a "cog in the wheel" of the state forestry program, and that statement, of course, is very true. No one man could do the rehab work without a lot of help

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