



President Reviews Field Forces—President Truman reviews honor guard of army field forces at Pope field near Ft. Bragg, N. C., where he attended war games staged for his benefit. The President inspected a research center where highly secret radar and artillery firing devices were demonstrated for him. (Acme Telephoto)

BANDLEADER: 'MENACE OF PACIFIC'

Spade Cooley Finds Troubles in Owning Yacht

Hollywood, Oct. 6 (AP)—Western star Spade Cooley pulled a fast one on the other Hollywood cowboys when he went out and bought himself a shiny, new yacht. But as far as the coast guard's concerned he should have stuck to his horse.

The bandleader, who admitted he wouldn't know a marlin-spike from a doorstop, claimed his luxurious 56-foot yawl made him the only cowboy ever to go to sea.

The coast guard had a better title for him: the "menace of the Pacific." They wish he'd go someplace else.

In the six weeks Cooley has been a yachtsman he has: Crashed into the multi-million dollar hyperion outfall sewer system. Fallen out of his dory, losing a wristwatch and an expensive camera. Bashed in the side of his boat. Sunk it in Santa Monica harbor. Hooked the sails on upside-down. Scared the coast guard half to death by getting lost at sea and ignoring their rescue signals. Been run over by his own yacht.

"But I'm a-gittin' the hang of it now," drawled the fiddle-playing sea dog. "I bought me some books on navigation."

He said he was driving near the harbor one day when all of a sudden he "got a hankerin'" to own a yacht. And he found a bargain—\$16,000 reduced to \$8,000.

Since then, what with repairs and one thing and another, Cooley's shoveled out another five grand. And the coast guard'll give you odds this isn't the end. "Heck, this sailing's easy," Cooley said. "The man showed me where the wheel was and

what button to push. That's all I need."

What made the other yachtsmen so nervous was that Cooley insisted on driving the darn thing around the ocean by himself.

"I don't need a crew," he said. "My band finishes up at the Santa Monica pier on Saturday nights and I just hop into the boat."

He was alone in the fog when he plowed into the sewer system. But one of his musicians was behind the wheel when the yacht ran over him.

"I was out in the dory taking pictures and I drifted about 500 yards," Cooley explained. "The guys tried to pick me up but they couldn't stop the boat. They ran right through the dory."

Another night he got lost coming home from Catalina Island and sailed 20 hours before he found Santa Monica.

"Some boat kept signalling me," Cooley shrugged. "But

I didn't know if they were land or more water. So I just shut my eyes and went through. It was water, thank gosh."

Later, a harried coast guard man told him he was signaling the "all clear" to come on in.

"How'd I know what all that blinking was?" Cooley said.

8 Oregon Hunters Arrested in Nevada

Reno, Oct. 6 (AP)—Eight Oregon hunters, charged with hunting deer in northern Washoe county in closed season, posted \$250 cash bail each in justice court yesterday.

The men, arrested Saturday at a camp on Horse creek: Floyd Reed, 49, Lakeview cattleman, charged with killing a deer; John Linderman, 43, Salem; John Lilly, 32, Medford; Marvin Wells, 32, Lakeview; William Wells, 23, Lakeview; Everett Dodson, 44, Lakeview; Ernest Cox, 27, Medford; and Hans Hafstetter, 37, Salem. The charge against the last seven was hunting out of season. The season opens in Washoe county Oct. 16.

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Wounded Bear Chases Hunter

La Grande, Oct. 6 (AP)—A hunter's flight from a wounded bear and a pair of other bruin skirmishes topped the stories told by deer season nimrods here today.

Marion Spencer, La Grande, brought down a 200-pound black bear with his 30-40 rifle north of Mount Emily Saturday. He looked away for a moment, then started walking toward the fallen bear, 100 yards away.

Only the bear, by the time he looked up, wasn't fallen; it was bounding toward him.

Spencer took to his heels, glanced over his shoulder and discovered he was running a losing race. So he wheeled, took aim and with the bear an estimated 30 feet away, fired again. That ended it.

Guy Spence didn't try to top that one, but told of bagging a 300-pound black bear from 200 yards with a .30-30. The animal, wounded, rolled down behind a log and when Spence arrived at the scene his dog was trying to battle the wounded bear. Spence shot it again, and the bear got to its feet. A third shot between the eyes killed it. Spence brought it out from Howard meadows by pack horse—after blindfolding his bucking, balking horse.

Murray Durham had no trouble making a kill from 150 yards, bagging a 90-pound yearling brown bear. But it took him five hours to pack it out three miles to the road in rough country.

Grouse Hunter Fined
Pendleton, Oct. 5 (AP)—William Milton N. Howell, Corvallis, charged with possession of grouse during closed season, was fined \$54.50 in Pendleton justice of peace court today and his gun was confiscated. Denzel Frank Fisher, Hood River, charged with possession of untagged deer meat, was fined \$79.50 and his hunting license confiscated.

VA Cancels Order Changes in Study

Washington, Oct. 6 (AP)—The veterans administration cancelled today its controversial order restricting the rights of veterans to change courses of study under the GI bill.

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., issued a new set of regulations permitting many veterans to change courses and schools, or to take post graduate study, or to enroll in schools established since September, 1944,

without providing special "justification."

The older order, now abolished, required "justification" in such cases.

The new regulations continue a ban on avocational or recreational courses.

3 Nations Planning Atomic Partnership

Washington, Oct. 6 (AP)—Undersecretary of State Webb said today the United States, Britain and Canada are considering a "partnership" in the atomic energy field.

He told a news conference that "good progress" in exploring this possibility was made in the recent American-British-Canadian talks on atomic matters. These discussions were adjourned last week-end.

A full partnership among the three governments would require congressional approval.

Alaska Military Program Approved

Washington, Oct. 6 (AP)—A \$154,611,000 military construction program for Alaska and Okinawa was approved today by the house armed services committee.

While the bulk of the program is for supporting facilities such as housing, much of it is earmarked for radio and radar installations, communications systems and underground gasoline storage.

Of the total \$133,400,000 would be used in Alaska and the rest in Okinawa.

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