

Salmon fishing at standstill

By United Press International
Commercial salmon fishing out of Astoria, Newport and Florence was at a standstill today as independent fishermen tied up their boats in protest over the price being paid for silver salmon.
About 30 boats were operating out of Charleston and Coos Bay, but Oregon Fish Commission member Leonard Hall, Charleston, estimated another 200 were tied up.
"Most members of the cooperative are laying in, too," Hall said.
Hall estimated there were about 3,000 trollers along the Oregon and Washington coast, and that 90 per cent of them were tied up.
The fishermen are demanding an increase in the price of silvers from 25 to 30 cents a pound. Hardest hit are independent fishermen who sell their catches to wholesalers.
"As the grade of fish improved, the price has not," Hall said.
The two large fishermen's co-operatives, the Fishermen's Co-operative Association and the Halibut Producers Cooperative, are taking no part in the tie-up and say they will continue to receive fish from their members, Hall said.

No evidence Reds got shipped grain

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Department officials told Congress today there was no evidence that \$32 million worth of American surplus grain, which "vanished" on its way to Austria, ended up behind the Iron Curtain.
But Lester P. Condon, inspector general of the department, said efforts to trace the shipments—involving 24 million bushels over three years time—were unsuccessful after it got to Europe.
Condon testified before the House Agriculture Committee, which opened an investigation today into the grain case.
Condon said the investigation did reveal that Austrian importers acted as "fronts" for West German importers, who were the actual purchasers of the grain.

Sicilians in mass roundup of Mafia

PALERMO, Sicily (UPI)—Police have arrested nine more persons in their war against the Mafia, bringing the number held to around 500, it was announced Wednesday.
The arrests were made Tuesday night in the vicinity of Corleone, a Mafia stronghold. Police said two known Mafia leaders in this area had escaped their dragnet and apparently fled to some other part of Italy.



GROUND BREAKERS—Breaking ground for apartments to be constructed by John B. Wilson at the southeast edge of Bend were members of this shovel-wielding crew. From left: William Dodge of the staff of the Equitable Savings & Loan office in Bend; R. G. McFarland, Pacific Power & Light Co. manager here; John Robbins, contractor, and Wilson.

Limited nuclear test ban accord could have strings

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The limited nuclear test ban agreement that Under Secretary of State W. Averell Harriman seems likely to bring home from Moscow next week could turn out to have hidden strings attached.
Harriman can only initial a tentative treaty and officials acknowledged the possibility of some slip between that point and formal signature, which could be many weeks hence.

Editor of rail publication dies

CHICAGO (UPI) — Harry B. Robertson, 79, retired editor of an Illinois Central Railroad publication and a former United Press correspondent, died July 9 at his home in Escondido, Calif., railroad officials disclosed today.
Robertson moved to California when he retired from his railroad position in 1949.
In 1919, he went to South America where he helped U.P. set up and organize its offices in Brazil. He also was instrumental in breaking the press wire rates on communications wires which were favorable to European interests.

3 research grants approved

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., reports the Health, Education and Welfare Department has approved the following research grants:
—\$40,731 to study the "regulation of development of the mouse egg."
—\$9,740 to study the "physiological adaptation in the Mexican free-tailed bat."

Rep. Nygaard, 57, N. Dakota, dies suddenly

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Hjalmer Nygaard, R-N.D., 57, who was serving his second term from North Dakota's eastern district, died Thursday in the congressional physician's office.
He became ill during the afternoon and only moments before his death took an electrocardiograph, which showed no deviation from earlier routine tests.
Nygaard was born on the family farm near Sharon, N. D., and served six terms in the state House of Representatives, the last as speaker.

Flood control for Columbia

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Public Works Committee Wednesday approved expenditure of \$36 million for flood control in the Columbia River Basin.
The Columbia appropriation was part of a bill which authorized \$609.6 million for 11 river basin plans.
The House authorized \$105 million for the Columbia Basin in a similar bill.
The Senate bill also included \$50 million for the Burns Creek Dam and Reservoir in Idaho and \$30 million for the Knowles Dam and Reservoir in Montana.

Retired L.A. resident builds apartments here

A retired Los Angeles, Calif., resident, John B. Wilson, who for 18 years was with the Farmers Insurance, has started construction in Bend of 12 two-room deluxe apartments, each two stories high. They will be the first units of an extensive development planned by Wilson, now a resident of Bend.
The development, to be known as the Virginian Apartments, will be near the southeast city limits of Bend adjacent to Parrell Road and facing the Cascades across the Central Oregon canal, which courses past the area as a miniature river. The area is just south of the Trap Club Road. John Robbins, Bend, is contractor in charge of construction. Preliminary work is now in progress.
The two-room apartments, with baths on each floor, will be in three units. They will have built-ins. Native ornamental rock will be used in phases of the construction.
Later, Wilson plans to construct eight single apartments, on the north edge of his property. Eventually there will be other units, facing a central court. The apartments now under construction will have a 512 foot road frontage.
Earlier this year, Wilson completed construction of a modern residence near the Bend Golf Club corner, just south of Bend, and is now building a second residence in the same area. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been full time residents of Bend since May, and will be joined next year by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Al Sileski, also of Los Angeles.
Wilson before deciding to build here was well acquainted with the area, having hunted and fished here on many occasions.
Soap bars, shirt provide escape for 2
LEWISTON, Idaho (UPI) — A man and a woman held for Texas authorities on an armed robbery charge escaped from the Nez Perce County jail early today after the woman struck jailer Lloyd Stewart on the head with two bars of soap wrapped in a shirt sleeve.
Sheriff Bud Huddleston said the woman, Mrs. Millie Jones, 37, Eastland, Tex., was wearing only pink underpants when she and William D. Splawn, 40, Eastland, went out a third floor window and down a fire escape.
Huddleston said Mrs. Jones, who is nearly six feet tall and weighs 157 pounds, knocked Stewart unconscious, opened her cell door, then opened the jail "tank" and Splawn's cell to free him.
Outside the jail, the two confiscated a car belonging to James Grub, Lewiston, when he stopped for a stop sign outside the court-house.
A cut on Stewart's head required two stitches to close.

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