

Jackson dashes Columbia River diversion hopes

Two trains destroyed, 42nd Street sinks

N. Y. subway hit by worst blaze

NEW YORK (UPI) — The worst subway fire in New York history raged through the shuttle station under Grand Central Terminal early today, destroying two trains, buckling girders and causing 42nd Street to sink.

The fire, which will cause 127,000 daily subway riders to seek alternate transportation at least until Thursday, is estimated to have caused between \$1 million and \$2 million in damages.

Fire Commissioner Edward Thompson said 42nd Street, Manhattan's busiest crosstown thoroughfare, would have to be excavated in the area between Vanderbilt and Madison Avenues. Twisted vertical girders and buckled beams two floors beneath the surface would have to be replaced before the damaged block can be rebuilt, he said.

Thirty-five fire fighting vehicles and 200 firemen battled the blaze, which officials tentatively blamed on an electrical failure in a shuttle train arriving from Times Square at 4:57 a.m. EST. The fire spread to a train on an adjoining track and gutted the tunnel and small shops in the area.

Both trains were evacuated without incident, police said. But intense, acrid smoke engulfed Grand Central Terminal and the lower floors of nearby office buildings for several hours, and a few commuters suffered smoke inhalation.

Police said six firemen had to be treated for smoke exhaustion and minor injuries, including burns. Many firemen said they had never worked in such intense heat. Most had to wear smoke masks to get near the conflagration.

"It was as hot down there as a man can possibly stand it, and even hotter," said Thompson. "It was like Dante's Inferno. You couldn't see, couldn't breathe, and the only light was from the flames themselves."

Flames licked up from subway gratings into 42nd Street, which was filled with commuters who sought refuge from the smoky terminal. For a time smoke so filled the famed thoroughfare that it was impossible to see more than a block away, and traffic had to be halted between Fifth and Third Avenues.

NW senator issues angry ultimatum

WASHINGTON (UPI) — California and Arizona hopes for tapping the Columbia River for needed water were dashed today by Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash.

Jackson, chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, angrily served notice that any plan contemplating meeting Southwest water problems by diversions from the Pacific Northwest river would be "dead" in his committee.

Jackson wrathfully descended on an Interior subcommittee to deliver his ultimatum to senators considering Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall's multibillion-dollar Pacific Southwest water plan.

The Udall plan called for increased water deliveries from Northern California but committee members had welcomed a suggestion by Sen. Len Jordan, R-Idaho, that the water be diverted from the Columbia instead.

"I want to tell you right now that if you're contemplating that, you're in for trouble," Jackson said in a sudden appearance before the subcommittee headed by Sen. Frank E. Moss, D-Utah.

His First Appearance It was Jackson's first appearance at the hearings on the regional plan and on the proposed Central Arizona Project begun two weeks ago.

The Washingtonian immediately asked about plans for importing water into the Lower Colorado Basin and asked whether it was proposed to make such diversions from the Columbia.

Northcutt Ely, an attorney for six California water agencies, was testifying and told Jackson that the idea was under consideration.

Jackson then angrily denounced the proposal at length while startled committee members sat silent.

Ely finally told Jackson the proposal had been suggested by Jordan, who was quietly sitting at the opposite end of the committee table.

Jordan, looking uncomfortable, volunteered that he had only asked for studies of the proposal.

"Did you include the Snake River in that?" Jackson asked sarcastically.

In making the proposal, the Idaho Republican made it clear he was offering it as an alternative to suggestions made earlier in California that water be diverted from the Snake River in Idaho.

Moss sought to mollify Jackson by telling him that the proposed studies would not be due for three years. Moss had joined Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif., and Sen. Alan Bible, D-Nev., in welcoming Jordan's proposal.

After the hearing, Jackson told reporters that any plan for developing Southwest water resources was "dead" if it included diversions from the Columbia River. The proposal, he said, had been made many times before and had been made "a scapegoat for the Southwest's failure to solve its water problems."

Jackson said the proposal would provoke great opposition in the Pacific Northwest because it was felt that once any diversion was made "there would be no end to it."

Fund executives plan session here April 26, 27

The Oregon Conference of Community Fund Executives will meet for two days in Bend April 26 and 27. It was announced at a Bend United Fund meeting this morning.

Bend United Fund will host the meeting at the Pilot Butte Inn. Some 22 fund executives and laymen will be here for the meeting, William Hudson, president of the Bend UF organization, said.

The meeting will start with a dinner Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pilot Butte Inn. Sessions Monday will be held there.



IN CONTEST — Nancy Bodtker, Deschutes County Dairy Princess candidate, will utilize her speech-making ability in local finals May 23. Speech is her favorite subject at Redmond Union High School, where she is in the senior class.

Tall, graceful

Nancy's interests many and varied

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of interviews with Central Oregon Dairy Princess candidates. The winner will be selected Saturday evening, May 23, at the Pleasant Ridge Grange Hall.)

By Ila Grani Hopper
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Eighteen-year-old Nancy Bodtker is a versatile miss who's equally at home making a speech, skiing down a snow-covered mountain, or putting her prize Jerseys through their paces in the show ring at the Oregon State Fair.

Tall and graceful, the blue-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Folmer N. Bodtker, Tumalo, is a senior at Redmond High School. True to the dairy industry, she drinks milk. She favors deep-fried prawns for a bedtime snack, and likes any color, so long as it's red.

Nancy and her sister, Nathele, have been nip-and-tuck at the State Fair year after year, vying for honors with their Jerseys, and competing in the show ring. Biggest thrill for Nancy was when she was grand champion dairy showman, in 1961. She had the champion Jersey in 1959 and 1962, and the reserve champion in 1961 and 1963.

Nancy has been a 4-H club member for the past six years, and has lived on a dairy eight years. Last year, she was Deschutes Jersey Princess.

She wears her abundant blonde tresses in a neat modification of the bubble. She is a trim size 14, on a 5-9 frame, her 140 pounds well distributed for 37-25-36 tape measure statistics.

She admires the late President John F. Kennedy for his courage and understanding of American problems. She chose Carol Burnett as a favorite personality in the entertainment world, because of her versatility in performing.

County voter drop noted

Deschutes county now has 10,870 registered voters on the books. This is over 1500 less than before the general election two years ago, and nearly 700 less than in November, 1960.

After the primary May 15, the poll books will be open again, until a month before the general election.

Democrats still lead Republicans, by about the same margin. Figures at the office of County Clerk Helen Dacey show 5,987 Democrats, 4,776 Republicans, and 107 in miscellaneous categories. In November, 1960, there were 6,844 Democrats, 5,439 Republicans, and 167 miscellaneous.

Bureau not sold on Benham Falls storage facility

By Lucille Jordan
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REDMOND — The Bureau of Reclamation is not optimistic about a water storage facility at the Benham Falls site, John F. Mangan, area engineer from Salem, reported at a meeting in Redmond last night.

"There are too many problems to be solved," Mangan said, adding: "If all we had to consider was the storage of water, a report could have been issued 10 or 15 years ago. The divergence of opinions among various groups poses too many problems."

"We can't think only in terms of water storage, if we must maintain a minimum flow for the sake of fish, recreation and scenery. Too, new developments

Kenneth Evans named manager of air center

Effective on April 26, Kenneth L. Evans, Sisters District ranger for the past three years, will become Redmond Air Center manager, it was announced today by Supervisor A. A. Poust of the Deschutes National Forest.

Evans will be responsible to Poust for the overall management of the Center, and in certain fields will be responsible to the North Pacific regional office, in connection with inter-regional activities.

The Deschutes National Forest through the new Redmond Air Center will be responsible for dispatching planes to five different forests, in fire emergencies.

Evans, his wife Claudia and their two children, Jennifer, 3, and Julieann, 2, will make their home in the manager's residence now under construction at the center.

First phase work at the Center is nearing completion, and will be in use in the coming fire season.

A native of Toppenish, Wash., Evans is a graduate from Oregon State University, school of forestry. He completed his college work in 1957, following time out for service in the Korean conflict.

Britain joins U.S., Russia in cutbacks

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Britain today joined the United States and the Soviet Union in cutting back on the production of uranium and plutonium for use in nuclear weapons.

In announcing the U.S. move Monday, President Johnson said he believes the action will help speed the day when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation . . ."

British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home followed the U. S. and Soviet moves today when he told parliament in London that the British production of military nuclear fuel is being "gradually terminated."

He said that any plutonium produced by civil reactors will not be used for nuclear weapons, and added: "her majesty's government have already adjusted their supplies of fissile material to the minimum necessary to maintain our independent nuclear deterrent and to meet all our defense requirements for the foreseeable future."

The original announcements of the major step toward curbing the arms race, the biggest move to ease East-West tensions since the signing of the nuclear test ban treaty last August, were made simultaneously Monday by Johnson in New York and Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev in Moscow.

Douglas-Home's announcement today left only France of the original four nations engaged in all-out nuclear production effort. French President Charles de Gaulle has insisted that an independent nuclear force is vital for his country, and its creation is one of his major aims.

Johnson's decision received warm endorsement today from Democratic legislative leaders, who met with him at the White House.

Speaker John W. McCormack told reporters that "solid steps which mean progress toward peace but still maintain the security of our nation are consistent with the national interest, with the desires of our country, and the dreams of our people."

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said that "certainly the President is trying to chart a course toward peace. It gives hope to people and dissipates some uneasiness which seems to exist."

In his statement, Khrushchev made no mention of his serious dispute with Communist China or of his warming relations with the West. He said the Russian cutback was "an opportunity for improving mutual understanding with other states on the necessity of avoiding a nuclear war."

White House says talks at critical point

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House said today that negotiations in the prolonged rail dispute were now at "the critical stage of hard bargaining."

White House press secretary George E. Reedy said federal mediators and representatives of management and the unions resumed marathon conferences shortly after noon EST in a drive for settlement of the rail crisis.

Today's talks began at midnight and went until 7 a.m. EST before a recess was called.

The 15-day truce achieved by President Johnson runs out at 12:01 a.m. local time Saturday — the new deadline for a strike.

"This thing is going very hot and heavy, very fast and furious," Reedy said.

He told newsmen that definite gains have been made to narrow the gap between union and management positions during 10 days of talks under White House auspices.

He said federal mediators obtained package settlement proposals from each side and boiled them down into a "working paper" that is now the focal point of the bargaining.

Johnson, addressing a group of editors and broadcasters in the White House garden, said: "I think collective bargaining is hard at work. We're determined not to bury collective bargaining."

The chief executive again said he did not want to anticipate any steps the government might take to avoid a nationwide rail strike at midnight Friday if the settlement efforts fail.

Reedy said, however, there was "ample time" to work out a solution if both sides changed their position on what he termed the "toughest" issues.

Bargaining now is "extremely hard and intensive" and centers on the working paper compiled by the mediators from the proposals advanced by union and carrier negotiators.

Negro leader says stall-in still planned

NEW YORK (UPI) — A Negro leader said today "no power on earth" can prevent a massive civil rights stall-in demonstration Wednesday at the opening of the New York World's Fair.

"Nothing can stop it — not a court order, not police, not even Mayor Robert F. Wagner," the Rev. Milton A. Galamison declared.

"It's gone too far now," he said. "Mayor Wagner could have stopped it by meeting with Negro leaders and giving some satisfaction to our demands. . . . but it's too late now."

"The stall-in is the only way to make people in New York feel the pain out of which the Negro people are crying."

Damage heavy in drug store blaze at K.F.

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI) — Fire roared through a suburban drug store in a shopping center just south of here early today, causing damage estimated at between \$300,000 and \$350,000.

It was the largest monetary loss from a fire here in recent years.

The blaze broke out in the L-shaped building in the Town and Country shopping center about 3:25 a.m. The building housed the drug store plus a variety store and a branch postoffice.

Harry R. Waggoner, owner of the store who made the damage estimate, said it was planned to rebuild. Only the brick walls of the structure were left standing.

Cause of the fire was not determined. Suburban Fire Chief M. G. Gordon said the fire apparently started near the center of the store.

Nearly 75 firemen from four departments battled the flames for an hour before bringing them under control.

Chrysler notes high profits

DETROIT (UPI) — Chrysler Corp. today reported the highest first quarter profits in the company's history.

Chrysler President Lynn A. Townsend told stockholders first quarter profits came to \$53.8 million, or \$1.44 a share, compared with profits of \$36.2 million, or 99 cents a share during the same period last year.

Many of them were passed since they were so hard to spot. The bills' only visible flaw was that the "I" in U.S. Treasurer Elizabeth Russell Smith's signature was not dotted, Manning said.

Counterfeiter of slick \$20 bills is arrested

SEATTLE (UPI) — A counterfeiter who came to town for his mother's funeral was arrested by the Secret Service Monday, breaking a small but efficient operation which had spent the last three years passing some of the slickest \$20 bills outside the Treasury Department.

Allen Martin Williams, 45, was arrested at the home of a sister who agent Prescott Manning said was not involved in the counterfeiting.

Manning said Williams and Richard Charles Meier, who was sentenced to four years in prison at Leavenworth penitentiary in March for auto theft, had been passing phony money all over the country for at least three years.

In Seattle for mother's funeral

The Seattle man was arrested on a warrant sworn out in Tacoma after department store employes identified Williams as the passer of a phony \$20 bill in February.

Manning said the bills were "the best I've seen in 24 years on this job" and that the Secret Service had little idea how

He said he came here hoping to attend his mother's funeral last Thursday, but missed it.

Williams was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Walter J. Reseburg on charges of passing counterfeit money and was being held on \$75,000 bond. Manning said Meier would be brought to Tacoma from Leavenworth for prosecution if the two do not plead guilty and the case goes to trial.

After his arraignment, the legally penniless Williams said: "I'm at the end of my rope." He said he had no hope of raising the \$75,000.

His only comment on arrest was: "How did you find me?" Williams and Meier had been arrested previously, mostly on petty larceny charges, but had no past record of counterfeiting, Manning said.

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