

VOYAGE OF THE 29U126 UP THE ROGUE

The following article, presented in co-operation with the Oregon State Motor association, is one of a series designed to promote travel in the Pacific northwest. Today's article has been condensed from a motorlog appearing in The Sunday Oregonian.

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THE 29U126 is neither as formidable as a dreadnought nor as pretentious as an ocean liner. But it can take you on a spectacular trip no Wasp or Mauretania will ever make. The 29U126 is one of the 32-foot, V-8 propelled boats which each morning navigate the 32 miles of Rogue river scenery between Gold Beach, on the Oregon seacoast, and Agness, locked in the heart of the Siskiyou national forest.

This journey was undertaken as part of the motorlog to the proposed seashore national park in Curry county. The Coast highway threads across the Rogue on a graceful aqueduct, so it was not out of our way for us to accept Roy Carter's invitation to go up the Rogue. We left The Oregonian-Oregon State Motor association car at Gold Beach and accompanied Roy on the cruise.

Our motorlog party—or perhaps it should be boating—consisted of the same individuals who struggled so heroically with the headlands of the park area: Wallace Sprague of the Oregon State highway department; Ralph Gifford, officially state highway



Camerman Ralph Gifford vaulted onto a riverside ledge to get this photograph of the motorlog party cruising up a quiet stretch of the Rogue.

department photographer; Glen O. Stevenson of the state department of parks, and your correspondent. In addition, there were passengers who that morning happened to be traveling between Gold Beach and Agness.

As we started upstream, with the Pacific a white-flecked sheet of blue in the distance, Roy Carter introduced us to Tom Fry, a half-breed Rogue River Indian who has been navigating the 29U126 for eight years. So far as we are concerned, we now are ready to go with Tom Fry on a log raft through the Dardanelles or over Victoria falls in a steam dredge. We are sure he is a better navigator than Drake and as good a river-runner as Lewis and Clark.

This has been a dry, arid summer. The woods are ready to crackle. Streams and creeks have waned into thin trickles—and the Rogue is near low ebb. Its rocky bottom is within a few feet of the surface. Reefs and bars ordinarily buried beneath layers of water are now near enough to touch. Wary the boatman who covers this tortuous course. Tom Fry did it.

At last, after about 2 hours and 45 minutes on the river, we reached the settlement of Agness. Most people who visit Agness do so by boat, reports Lawrence D. Lucas, who runs the farmhouse at Agness which serves as inn, restaurant and hotel. He has lived at Agness all his life, except for a few years at Oregon State college, but he still believes the boat trip is a heart-warming experience.

We ate lunch at Mr. Lucas' farmhouse, which he terms the Agness hotel, and, there being no rival to the claim, the name stands. Then we set out for the postoffice. There we met Mr.

and Mrs. George Washington Rilea, who keep the general store at Agness. For many years Mr. Rilea was postmaster in the fourth-class postoffice in the store. But Mr. Rilea is a republican, and when his term expired recently he had to submit to the fortunes of politics, and Frank L. Vernon, who belongs to the same party as the Honorable James A. Farley, took over the job.

However, both Mr. and Mrs. Rilea told us with considerable satisfaction that Mr. Vernon was leaving the postoffice in the store, so they would continue to get the benefit of the mail trade. It seems that the schism between democrats and republicans in Agness is not unbridgeable.

Downstream we sped at about 30 miles an hour. It took only half as long as going up. Tom Fry navigated the boat with his customary dexterity and we completed the journey without mishap.

Roy Carter's boats have hauled more than a million pounds of freight and several thousand people into the Oregon coastal hills without an accident. The trip has numerous thrills, but it is not dangerous; neither is it rocky enough to distress any but the queasiest digestive apparatus. It can be made both ways, to Agness and back, between 9 in the morning and 3:45 in the afternoon. Any one who crosses the Rogue river on the Oregon Coast highway and fails to take this journey is his own worst enemy.



Tom Fry and his boss, Roy Carter, watch the flowing Rogue ahead as the 29U126 approaches a stretch of white water.

Yakima Fire Costly
Yakima, Wash., Aug. 20.—(P)—Fire, apparently starting at the John Danner Lumber company, caused a loss of at least \$110,000 before it was brought under control this morning. The pall of smoke from the blaze,

which destroyed the lumber company plant and the adjoining wood yard of the Western Fuel company, covered the city.

War Entry Seen
Portland, Aug. 20.—(P)—Dr. James Millar, Pacific coast rep-

resentative of the Presbyterian Christian board of education, told an Albany college audience last night that America probably "would have to step in and save the day in Europe."

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No Plane Inquest
Salem, Aug. 20.—(P)—No inquest will be held into the death of Raymond T. Bennett, 21, Portland, killed Sunday after crashing an unlicensed plane here, Coroner L. E. Barrick said today.

BRITISH BOMBER SHOT DOWN AFTER SCARING BERLIN

Detecting Device Trails Sky Raider—Heavy Fighting Off French Coast.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—(P)—A British Bristol-Blenheim bomber which attempted a raid on Berlin early this morning was shot down at Oldenburg, near Bremen, authorized sources reported today.

Detecting devices followed the raider across the country after it was driven away from the capital by anti-aircraft fire, it was explained.

The bomber, which dropped numerous flares over a suburban area only nine miles from Berlin, was one of two which attempted to approach the city during the night. The other was driven away from the far western outskirts by an anti-aircraft barrage.

Spokesmen said that no bombs were dropped near Berlin by the British planes.

So far as Germany was concerned, the appearance of the British planes near Berlin, which gave the capital its fourth air raid alarm of the war and sent residents to underground shelters for an hour and 40 minutes, was the high spot of a day marked by a general lull in aerial activity.

DNB, the German news agency, announced that German planes again had "successfully bombed" the Eastchurch and Southend airports and others in Kent, southeast of London today.

Authorized German sources said air battles were being fought over southeastern England.

Strong units of British fighters were said to have challenged the German attacking forces in the neighborhood of Dover.

At various points along the south coast, anti-aircraft opened fire. The informants said that, besides the airports, munitions depots and other military objectives were raided.

Several airbases were bombed with visible success, DNB said, and large oil tanks at Stanlow, on the Manchester ship canal, were set afire. A rail terminal also was reported bombed, disrupting traffic on two railway lines.

Sounds of cannonading were heard in Berlin during the early morning air raid alarm.

Wins Dairy Trophy
Salem, Aug. 20.—(P)—A. C. Cameron of Klamath Falls, department of agriculture district representative for Klamath and Lake counties, won the department's trophy for district dairy improvement during the past three months, the department said today.

CANADIAN ACCORD STIRS UP JAPAN

Tokyo, Aug. 20.—(P)—Japanese newspapers professed alarm today over the United States' new defense accord with Canada, declaring that ultimately it would cause grave disturbances in the Orient. Domei (Japanese news agency) reported in a broadcast.

One influential paper, Hochi, predicted that the Canadian agreement was forerunner of a similar American pact with Australia and said it "obliges Japan to be extremely watchful in view of its possible effect on the peace of the Pacific region."

Other papers urged early establishment of Japan's "new order in East Asia" (her program for domination over China, southeastern Asia and the East Indies) as an offset to future collaboration between the United States and the British dominions.

The newspaper Yomiuri said the Canadian pact was "proof that the United States no longer doubts that Britain will be defeated and, therefore, is taking measures to meet the consequences" of that defeat.

ADOLF ROUNDS UP ANTI-NAZIS WHO FLED FATHERLAND

Chancy, Switzerland, Aug. 20.—(P)—Hundreds of German anti-nazis who fled their homeland when Adolf Hitler came into power are being rounded up by his agents in conquered France and taken back to Nazi jails, reports from across the border disclosed today.

Armed with long lists of names, Nazi officials were said to be making the rounds of civilian internment camps in the unoccupied zone in France in a widespread search for fugitive German nationals.

Neutral observers told of seeing large groups of forlorn prisoners herded into trucks under guard of heavily armed Germans in civilian clothes and being driven off to Germany via the occupied zone.

Several hundred German na-

tionals were said to have been taken from the Gurs camp in the Pyrennes in this fashion within the last week.

Tattered French uniforms still were worn by these men as they started their journey back to Germany.

Others being sent back to the reich include intellectuals who in one way or another participated in anti-Nazi organizations.

HINT REMOVAL OF OFFICE TO CANADA

Washington, Aug. 20.—(P)—John G. Winant, director of the International Labor office, announced today the transfer "temporarily" of the organization's headquarters from Geneva, Switzerland, to McGill University at Montreal, Canada.

Winant said "lack of communication and transportation threatened to isolate the Geneva office from non-European nations which belong to the I.L.O."

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Day In Congress

By the Associated Press

Continues debate on compulsory military training bill.

Labor committee resumes consideration of amendments to National Labor Relations act.

House Debates \$500,000,000 bill for trade-promoting loans by export-import bank.

Military committee resumes discussion of conscription bill.

Yesterday Senate Debated conscription bill.

Passed bill to permit American ships to remove child refugees from war zones under safe conduct from belligerents.

House Passed minor bills.

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