

WIND CARRIES NEW SPOT FIRES

Weather
FORECAST: Clear tonight and Tuesday except scattered afternoon cloudiness. Slowly rising temperatures.
Temp. 82
Highest Yesterday 85
Lowest this Morning 55

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TILLAMOOK BLAZE LEAPS 4 MILES TO ISOLATED SECTION

140-Square Miles Now in Burning Zone; Week-End Showers Temporary Aid.

Portland, Ore., July 23—(U.P.) Forest fires in western Oregon today spread over a 140-square mile area comprising 90,000 acres, with new wind-borne spot fires breaking out in some of the most inaccessible country of the northwest.

The Tillamook fire jumped another four miles to the west to reach the Salmonberry-Nehalem river fork—an area where there are no roads and fighters can get in only after a half day on the pack trail.

Showers Slow Fires
Week-end showers slowed the advance of the fires temporarily but more than 2,000 firefighters, including sailors and soldiers, were struggling to hold fire lines and check the greatest Oregon fire since the Tillamook burn of 1933.

The fire advanced on the east side of the Washington Tillamook county line toward the railroad between Cochran and Timber. Walter McCulloch of the Oregon State College Forestry school staff, said rains had helped in this area and he believed the line could be held at the railroad grade.

McCulloch said the Standard Logging company operations south of Cochran had been burned out completely. The fire was held at this point for several days at the edge of green timber separating the 1933 Tillamook and Salmonberry fires.

Desperate Race
Logging operations in new fire territory included McKinney, Menefee and Erickson. Loggers fought a new outbreak in Waterhouse & Gray (Seaside) logging holdings north of the Nehalem across that river from the hatchery site.

McCulloch, Owl fire camp dispatcher, declared that "from here on in it would be a desperate race to extend fire lines before the weather could take the play away from firefighters."

He said he didn't want the public to think that the fire was all over just because it was damp for a few hours over the week-end.

Weather Bureau forecasts of increasing northwest winds also caused state forestry officials to predict that unless the blaze is brought under reasonable control now, it may spread in new and more devastating directions.

Burn All Summer
State Forester Nels S. Rogers, reiterated that the fire probably would burn all summer in the heavy growth, and that each inch of it would have to be brought under control in a hand-to-flame fight.

An extremely heavy downpour in Polk County, near Wheeler Saturday gave 500 soldiers and 400 civilians combating that blaze, their first chance to check it, the forestry office reported. The Polk county fire covers some 8000 acres.

Housing Needed By New-Arriving Naval Officers

Furnished rooms, apartments and houses are urgently needed for naval officers stationed at the Camp White hospital and their families, it was stated today by Mrs. I. E. Schuler at the Outpost where the officers have sought help in finding accommodations.

Most of the officers are veterans of 18 months to three years duty overseas, and wish to have their wives and families near them in Medford. Local residents who can list available housing are asked to contact Mrs. Schuler.

TRUMAN HOPEFUL OF MID-WEEK END FOR CONFERENCE

Big Three Driving Ahead—Slate Cleared of Preliminary Details Is Belief.

Potsdam, July 23—(U.P.)—An American spokesman said the Big Three were "driving ahead" at a meeting rounding out the first week of the conference today, and President Truman was reported hoping to wind up the meeting by mid-week.

Prime Minister Churchill was reported giving a state dinner tonight for Mr. Truman and Generalissimo Stalin. The Soviet premier was host at a state dinner last night and the president was last week.

Preliminaries Over
The conference slate was believed to have been swept clean of all preliminary details, paving the way for the three state heads to act on the major economic and military issues at stake.

Early decisions were expected on an overall economic policy for post-war Europe and details of the occupation of Germany, and it was considered likely that Mr. Truman would place the most vital military question—the defeat of Japan—before Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill in the next few days.

The news blackout on the inner workings of the conference continued and there was no official word on when the meeting was likely to be concluded. But it was known that the president, in his capacity as chairman of the Big Three meeting, was driving at top speed in the hope of returning to Washington this week to lay his report before the senate before it adjourns.

Three Navy Fliers Survive Crash In Jungles of Borneo

Manila, July 23—(U.P.)—Three navy fliers who for six months dodged Japanese and fought off starvation and disease in the mountains and jungles of Borneo, have been rescued.

They are Lt. (jg) Robert J. Graham of Rosemont, Pa., Amm. Reuben L. Robbins of Omak, Wash., and Amm. 2/c James R. Shepherd of San Diego.

Their liberator was attacked by four Japanese fighters last January over Brunel Bay and they were forced to crash land in a paddy field.

One crew member was killed in the air fight. Nine survivors began the 179 day trek back—with only four making the grade. Seaman 1/c Alvin M. Harms of Holly, Colo., made his way out separately.

VETS GETS JOBS
Washington, July 23—(U.P.)—More than 374,000 veterans have been placed in Federal jobs in the last 2½ years, the Civil Service commission said today.

CONTROLS OFF
Washington, July 23—(U.P.)—Price controls were suspended today on fresh cucumbers, sweet peppers and egg plant. The OPA said the suspension will remain in effect during the months when production of these vegetables keeps prices below retail ceiling levels.

By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent

While fishing for trout in the Rogue today a man in a small boat got "dunked." This foolish fisherman maneuvered his little craft to the inside curve between a high bank and swift water, at the foot of rapids. By hanging on to a rock out-cropping with a gaff hook in his left hand, he was able to hold the boat and fish with his right, while he whistled a tune.

In this manner he had taken a few trout, when suddenly the swift current took hold of the boat with both hands and pulled it under. When the ruckus died down, the man bobbed up. The hook still had a solid hold on the rock; the man had a solid hold on the hook; the anchor rope was tangled around one leg; and the anchor rope was fastened to the boat. One ear floated away down river. In this stretched-out fashion the current swung them into a steep bank. The man managed to get one foot onto a submerged rock, untangled the rope, bailed out the water-logged boat, got in, shoved off and paddled away down stream with one ear, still whistling.

Whoever finds that other ear can have it. I've purchased another.

'Tin Cans' Smash Tokyo Bay and Bonins

JAPANESE CONVOY WRECKED IN BRIEF RUNNING BATTLE

Nips Say Main Allied Task Force Biding Time For New and Heavier Blows.

Pearl Harbor, July 23—(U.P.)—Allied destroyers of Admiral William F. Halsey's combined fleet rapped the Japanese main-land with a strike into Tokyo bay and another at the Bonin islands today while the main battle force still remained until a security blackout.

Guns of the fighting "Tin Cans" wrecked a four-ship Japanese convoy in a 20-minute running battle off Tokyo bay while, almost simultaneously, another destroyer flotilla ranged off Chichi island in the Bonins, 725 miles to the south, and shelled Omura.

Nips Fearful
Alarmed Japanese spokesmen still insisted that the main allied task force was biding its time for new and perhaps heavier blows.

One enemy report said American patrol planes had been sighted over the Tsushima straits, the 120-mile passage between western Japan and Korea where a Czarist Russian fleet was way-laid and destroyed in the Russo-Japanese war.

A fleet of 75 to 100 B-29's dropped almost 500 tons of fire bombs on the huge Ube synthetic oil plant in southwest Honshu late last night. There was no aerial opposition and only weak anti-aircraft fire. It was the super-plane's 96th major blow at Japan and their 11th against the enemy's shrinking oil supply.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle assumed command of a new U. S. eighth airforce on Okinawa, equipped with Superfortresses and supporting fighters for a share in the softening-up bombing of Japan.

Paramushiro Hit
Tokyo reported an American surface force shelled Paramushiro island, site of an important Japanese base in the northern Kuriles.

Two hundred army Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima rocketed and machine-gunned a 90-mile stretch of southern Honshu from Osaka west to Okayama.

The Japanese said another 100 U. S. planes pounded Shanghai airfields for 90 minutes. Other allied fliers sunk or damaged 18 more Japanese ships in patrol sweeps along the Asiatic coast and the Netherlands Indies. They also hit targets in the Pescadores, and in Indo-China.

A Japanese admiral reported Kyushu's defenses ready for invasion. Tokyo also said all railroads and private vehicles were being brought under government control in preparation for the battle of the homeland.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz revealed that Halsey's forces in their 10-day foray up and down the Honshu and Hokkaido coasts carried out four surface bombardments with carrier planes flying some 7,000 sorties without air opposition.

American and British airmen destroyed 208 Japanese planes and damaged 348. They sunk 160 ships and smaller craft and damaged another 256.

Scramble For Seats In Olympia Cafes

Olympia, Wash., July 23—(U.P.)—There was a mad scramble for seats today at three Olympia restaurants after other eating places closed their doors, awaiting further allocation of red points by the Office of Price Administration.

James Ramey, spokesman for restaurant owners who closed their establishments at midnight Saturday, said that "no reopening is contemplated until the OPA comes through with more red points. It was a question of patronizing the black market or closing, so we closed."

Salute to Old Glory in Berlin



Taking the presidential salute as National Anthem is played during ceremony in which Stars and Stripes are raised over Berlin are (left to right): General Dwight D. Eisenhower, General George S. Patton Jr., President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and General Omar Bradley.

Petaun Declares He Signed Armistice "To Save France, Help Allied Victory"

Paris, July 23—(U.P.)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petaun told the French high court of justice trying him for treason today that he signed the 1940 armistice with Germany "in order to save France and help the allied victory."

Petaun, hero of Verdun in the first world war and chief of the Vichy regime in the second, made a plea in his own defense after the opening preliminaries of his trial for his life in the jam-packed, heavily guarded palace of justice courtroom.

Court Room Cleared
Demonstrations against Petaun broke out and the red-robed justice, Pierre Montbigaux ordered the courtroom cleared and a little later suspended the hearing.

Proceedings were resumed at 3:20 p. m. He rose to speak, although the judge gave the 89-year-old marshal permission to sit.

JAP BATTLESHIP BELIEVED SUNK

Aboard Admiral McCain's Flagship Off Tokyo, July 18—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—Two hundred dive bombers from task force 38 today battered the 34,000-ton Japanese battleship Nagato with 1,000-pound bombs as one of the last Japanese capital ships lay helplessly tied up to a pier at the Yokosuka naval base in Tokyo harbor.

Screaming down from 15,000 feet to release their bombs 1,500 feet above the Nagato, the bombers damaged two turrets and the ship's hull on the port side, returning pilots reported. It was believed possible the Nagato had been sunk.

Navy airmen taking part in the surprise attack said they believed the Nagato, thought to be one of Japan's last two battleships, either sank or was heavily damaged.

Children 'Phone False Fire Calls

City Fire Chief Roy Elliott today warned parents who have been allowing small children to phone in false fire alarms that unless children are kept away from the telephone or the phone is put out of their reach, it will be necessary to trace all such calls and inflict a \$50 fine on those responsible.

Chief Elliott said several such false alarms had been made recently and that steps will be taken at once to put a stop to them.

His voice rang clear and firm. "I will not answer any questions," he began. "I did the necessary act in order to save France and to help the allied victory by proclaiming the armistice."

"What would the allies have done if De Gaulle and the allies had landed in France and found nothing but ruin and cemeteries? I used the powers given me like a shield to safeguard the interests of France."

"I did go so far as to sacrifice my reputation, although I had knives at my throat disputing every step with the enemy. History will judge how much I did to save France by thus fighting with the enemy."

No Mercy Asked
Warning to his description of himself as a man serving France and the allies while heading the Vichy regime dominated by the nazis, Petaun cried:

"If you condemn me, let this condemnation be the last one. You will be condemning an innocent man."

"I will not ask for the mercy of the court, because a marshal of France does not ask for pity. I throw myself back on the French people for their judgment."

He said he had served France all his life and "I serve it still in the present. I have given France the gift of myself, and will continue to serve by telling the truth in this court."

"A great part of the world will back me," Petaun said, "because I represented the great christian tradition in fighting against excesses of every kind, as well as in supporting the principle of the family and the principle of work along the lines of social reform."

"Anything that may be done by the present government can only be done along the same lines as those I already had laid down."

Accusation Read
Prosecutor General Andre Mornet read the 15-page accusation against Petaun. It charged that he "firstly committed the crime of an attempt against the internal security of the state and secondly, maintained intelligence with the enemy with the object of favoring the enemy's enterprises in relation with his own."

The document recounted the events of June, 1940, when France was being overrun. It noted that "under the joint pressure of General Weygand (Generalissimo Maxime Weygand) and Marshal Petaun" a dominating section of the cabinet decided that it was useless for France to continue the war and resigned. Petaun was called to power and "without further

delay the marshal entered into negotiations with a view to concluding an armistice."

Petaun, the charge said, undoubtedly had hostile feelings toward the republic and felt it necessary to install an authoritarian regime.

Petaun was accused of having close relations with Collaboratorist Fernand De Brinon and Otto Abetz, nazi ambassador to France. He also was accused of being close to leading members of the Cagoulaurs, "whose object was to overthrow the republic and replace it with a dictatorship like those of Rome and Berlin, for which purpose large stores of arms had been imported from Italy and Germany."

Deer Spotlights Assessed \$25 Fine

Clarence Allison Morton, of Rogue River, was fined \$25 and given a 90-day jail sentence in Justice court Saturday after being found guilty of the charge of hunting during prohibited hours.

Morton was arrested by state police Friday night when found spotlighting deer near Rogue River.

The 90-day jail sentence was later suspended.

Disorderly Couple Put on Probation

Ona Frick and William Graves, both of Medford, charged with disorderly conduct, were found guilty Friday following appearance in Justice court and were sentenced to 30 days in Jackson county jail and assessed court costs.

The sentence was suspended for one year with the provision that the defendants create no further disturbances.

Father Persuades Little Daughter To Jump From Golden Gate Bridge

San Francisco, July 23—(U.P.)—A San Francisco elevator repairman persuaded his five-year-old daughter to plunge to her death from the Golden Gate bridge today and then followed her in a 220-foot suicide leap, two witnesses reported.

The 37-year-old mechanic, identified as A. C. Demont, drove onto the bridge spanning the Golden Gate and stopped about 150 feet from its south tower, according to two pointers who witnessed the suicides.

Charter Ratification By End of Week Seen As Senate Opens Debate

Washington, July 23—(U.P.)—The senate today opened debate on the United Nations charter with leaders confidently expecting overwhelming ratification by the end of the week.

Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., of the senate foreign relations committee, a delegate to the recent San Francisco meeting of 50 United Nations which drafted the charter, opened the debate.

He offered the charter as "a new step and advance in international relations in getting governments together."

Full Attendance
Under the charter, the United States will join with other peace-loving nations in an international organization seeking to prevent future aggression and preserve the peace, with force if necessary.

The opening of debate drew a full senate audience. There was standing room only in the public galleries.

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who served as secretary of state through much of the negotiations leading to drafting of the charter, sat attentively in the president's row of gallery.

Connally precluded his senate speech with a press conference at which he estimated the treaty should be ratified by the end of this week.

No Opposition
There was no sign of organized opposition or reservations. Leaders anticipated that most

of the time would be devoted to a series of speeches endorsing the objectives of the proposed United Nations organization.

Connally avoided controversial questions in his opening remarks. He chose, instead, to let them arise as they may through questioning later.

Anticipating questions about the legality of placing U. S. troops at the disposal of the United Nations council for prompt action in the event of threatened aggression, Connally said:

"Anyone who is looking for a peace organization that doesn't cost anything; that doesn't involve sending troops when necessary; that doesn't involve obligations—a sort of self-operating eight-day clock—won't find it. There just isn't any such organization."

ARMY BLAMED IN RAILROAD TANGLE
Washington, July 23—(U.P.)—ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson told Senate War Investigators today the Army is responsible for its own railroad jams.

He added that "just a week ago" the army landed 60,000 men in three days but gave him no notice that they were coming and would need transportation.

The ODT chief said he still isn't being told what he should know. Despite the fact that former War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson wrote to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on July 18 telling him to give Johnson the information he needs.

Committee Chairman James M. Mead, D., N. Y., read the letter, written at committee investigation, and asked:

"Since then have you received any further detailed information?"

"I have not," Johnson shouted. Meanwhile, an ODT official said the present restriction on use of Pullman cars may be extended to railroad schedules up to 750 miles if the present 450-mile ban proves inadequate to meet army requirements.

COL. H. R. ANDERSON TORPEDO VICTIM

Mrs. H. R. Anderson of Tulare, Calif., has received word from the War department that her husband, Col. H. R. Anderson, a Japanese prisoner of war since April of 1942, lost his life when a ship on which he was being transferred from one camp to another was torpedoed Dec. 31, 1944.

Colonel Anderson was attached to the Fourth regiment of Marines under the command of General Wainwright, and was captured by the Japs on Corregidor. From April of 1942 until last December he was held in Camp Cabanatuan No. 1.

Surviving Colonel Anderson are his wife, the former Natalie Hamilton of Medford, and their son, Robert, who make their home with Mrs. Hamilton's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. William B. Hamilton. Rev. Hamilton was formerly rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church here.

WEATHER
Northern California—Clear today tonight and Tuesday but fog on coast south of Cape Mendocino not much change in temperature. Fresh northwest wind off coast.

Brooklyn Woman Called 'Dago' By Solon, is Charge

Washington, July 23—(U.P.)—Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party, N. Y., today called on Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, D., Miss., to apologize to a Brooklyn woman for reportedly addressing her as "Dago."

Marcantonio said in a letter to Bilbo:

"I have before me a letter which you sent to Josephine Piccolo, 93 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., addressing her 'My Dear Daaggo.'"

"It may be of interest to you to know that this lady had three brothers in the armed forces of the United States, and that one of them lies buried in Germany."

"If you have any shred of decency left in you, you would apologize."

DIVORCE-A-DAY FILED SO FAR DURING JULY

Divorce suits have been filed so far this month with the county clerk at the rate of one a day. The total is now 23 for July. Six actions were filed last Saturday. The litigants are both civilian and soldier couples in equal numbers. During June, 29 divorce cases were filed.

CLOTHES FOR CHINA

Chungking, July 23—(U.P.)—The first consignment of 900 tons of old clothing donated by UNRRA for China has arrived in Calcutta and will be shipped to China at the rate of 100 tons monthly.

self on the railing and made a perfect dive into the gate waters, the workmen, Jack Ricketts and Al Maloux, told highway patrolmen.

On the seat of the 1942 Plymouth sedan was a note signed by Demont saying: "I and my daughter have committed suicide."

At her home, Mrs. Demont told police her husband had been injured on his job several weeks ago and had taken their five-year-old daughter Marilyn with him when he went to a doctor's office this morning.