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FLAMES SPREAD NEAR VILLAGES; TRIO LOSE LIVES

Two Soldiers and Logger Casualties in Huge Tillamook Neighborhood Blaze

Portland, Ore., July 27—(U.P.) Forest fires in western Oregon, which have burned over nearly 100,000 acres and claimed three lives, today spread dangerously near several small communities. Low humidity and strong east winds aided the new spot fires in rugged mountain areas. One was burning completely around the Zig Zag guard station in Washington county, and added 3,000 acres destroyed. The fire was moving into the Forest Grove watershed, about 10 miles from the city of Forest Grove.

Out of Control
The Main Wilson river fire came within three miles of Gales Creek community and Soda Springs and was spreading out of control.

Timber blazes have harassed the northwest more than two weeks.

Two soldiers, Pvt. Jesse L. Thompson, Philadelphia, and Pvt. Lester A. Ware, Columbus, O., were killed when their truck overturned north of Portland, while enroute in convoy to the Tillamook forest fire area. Eight other soldiers were injured, two of them seriously.

State forestry officials disclosed the death of a lumberjack, Joe Dillich, 50, killed while working with a pump to hold back the steadily-advancing Tillamook blaze. Officials said he was crushed under a falling section of a tree.

Wind Fans Flames
Meanwhile, a rising east wind and increasing dryness still confropted an army of 2,000 fire-fighters. Flames were jumping fire lines in three places.

At one point, lumberjacks and volunteer sailors, were forced to run for their lives when the fire took to the tree-tops, threatening to trap the men between two fiery walls.

The mayor of Forest Grove, Ore., ordered all available manpower in his community to stand by near the city's 26,000 acre watershed, endangered by the conflagration.

BIG 3 SESSIONS TO BE RESUMED WITH ATLEE IN

Potsdam, July 27—(U.P.)—Big Three sessions will resume tomorrow, it was announced tonight, with Maj. Clement Atlee replacing Winston Churchill as Britain's delegate.

Churchill, it was revealed, will not return to Potsdam. It was not known who would accompany Atlee.

It was understood that Atlee would be accompanied by Sir Edward Bridges, secretary of the British cabinet since 1938, and by Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, chief of staff to the minister of defense.

Anthony Eden will not return to Potsdam, it was understood. It was believed that the Big Three discussions will be wound up very rapidly—possibly considerably faster than was planned when Churchill went back to London to hear the election returns.

DIES AT 116
Phoenix, Ariz., July 27—(U.P.)—Last rites will be held here Monday for Jesus Maria Andrada, who, if his own calculations were correct, was 116 years old.

PATTON IN PRAGUE
London, July 27—(U.P.)—The Prague radio said today that Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the U. S. Third army, arrived today and conferred with President Eduard Benes, who decorated him with the order of the Czechoslovak lion, first class.

Overwhelming Choice



Their smiles reflecting Labor Party's sweeping victory over Conservatives, Clement R. Attlee, Labor Party leader, and wife (foreground) are cheered by supporters at Mile End, London, after Attlee's election as member of Parliament from Limehouse. Attlee will succeed Winston Churchill as Prime Minister, he asked by King George VI to form new Government.

Election Result Political Debacle Assert Conservative London Papers

London, July 27—(U.P.)—Conservative London newspapers today called the election results "a political debacle" and some predicted that labor's ranks would split.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, which has the largest circulation in Britain and which spearheaded the drive for a conservative victory, said that it had "never concealed its mistrust of the avowed intentions of the socialists toward the constitution and toward the British ways of life as we have known it."

London, July 27—(U.P.)—The Exchange Telegraph in a Moscow dispatch said today news of the laborite victory in Britain spread rapidly throughout Russia and was received with general satisfaction.

Berlin, July 27—(U.P.)—German reaction to the British election today was one of little interest. The German masses were still poorly informed and little interested in foreign affairs.

Paris, July 27—(U.P.)—French political circles were astonished

CITY POPULATION CENTER FOUND BY SCHOOL SURVEY

According to a school population survey just completed in the city school offices, the center of the elementary school population for Medford lies in the block west of Holly street, between Third and Fourth streets. The center of the senior high school population is about one block south of this point; the junior high school population center is between these two.

Population maps in the city school offices show that up to 10 years ago the trend of growth in Medford was north and east. Since that time the growth movement has reversed itself and the city has recently been moving slightly to the south and west. The population center is now about one and one-half blocks southwest of where it was 10 years ago. According to a school spokesman, the present housing centers are serving to hold the elementary center of population about a block further north than it would otherwise be.

The "center of population" is defined as the point from which the population is equally distributed in all directions.

PETAINE CONNECTED WITH CAGOUARDS TESTIFIES BLUM

Third Premier Appears Against Marshal in Treason Trial; Defendant Cracking

Paris, July 27—(U.P.)—Leon Blum, France's popular front leader in the troubled pre-war years, testified in the high court today that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain was alleged to have been connected with the Fascist Cagouards who were active in those days.

Blum was the third former French premier to testify against Petain in the marshal's treason trial which was resumed at 1:20 p. m. in the gloomy palace of justice.

Petaine Sleepless
Petain entered the stuffy courtroom at 1:15 p. m. He was reported to have had a sleepless night.

The 89-year-old Petain's appetite was reported falling. He paid little attention to the food especially prepared for him in Montrose prison.

Judge Pierre Mongibeaux announced that today's session would end at 5:15 p. m. to enable the parliamentary jurors to attend debate on Gen. Charles De Gaulle's new constitutional proposals.

Blum Aging
Blum, 73, was erect and alert, but appeared to have aged unduly during his captivity during the Nazi occupation.

The linking of Petain's name with the Cagouards, the "hooded ones," was done by indirection. Blum said only that the marshal was alleged to have a connection with them, but that he himself could add little to the reports.

Blum quoted another former premier, Edouard Daladier, as having said: "If there is a man in whom the country can believe, and trust to keep us on the path of duty in war, it is Petain."

WRIGHT STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

By United Press
Fifty thousand strikers agreed today to resume production of B-29 engines at five Wright Aeronautical Corp. plants and at the Chrysler Corp.'s Dodge Chicago plant.

A six-day strike by 30,000 workers at four Wright plants in Patterson, N. J., and one in Wood-Ridge, N. J., was called to a halt after 3,000 of the strikers had voted to return to work.

Twenty-thousand workers at the Dodge Chicago plant headed a War Labor Board order to end a strike that began Wednesday to protest the company's refusal to grant a 15-minute daily wash-up period for employees in one department.

The Wright walkouts resulted from the firing of a Wood-Ridge shop steward, charged with using abusive language. When the company refused to reinstate him, Wood-Ridge workers called a strike. Employees of the other plants went out in sympathy.

Hundreds Downed in Reich Killed by Civilians, Claim

Darmstadt, Germany, July 27 (U.P.)—Reliable sources here, where 11 Germans are on trial, said today that "hundreds" of American airmen downed in the Reich were killed by German civilians during the war.

The 11 Germans on trial are accused of murdering six airmen of the U. S. Eighth air force at Russelsheim last August when their bomber was forced down. Among documents in American hands is an order to local German police authorities directing them to take no action against civilians for killing allied airmen.

PI—FRUIT—7 Fruit Juice Points Cut by OPA; Some Canned Food Upped

Washington, July 27—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today cut the blue ration point values of grapefruit juice, orange and grapefruit juice blends, tomato catsup and chile sauce. It raised the values of six other canned foods.

All the changes are effective Sunday. The new values will last until Saturday, Sept. 1.

The foods on which the blue values were raised are canned spinach, asparagus, applesauce, apples, apricots and grape juice.

Values of other canned foods were not changed.

Washington, July 27—(U.P.)—Five more red and five more blue stamps in ration book four will become valid Aug. 1, the OPA announced today. The stamps, worth 10 points each, are red—F1 through K1; blue—P1 through T1. Red stamps K2 through X2 and blue stamps T2 through Z2 will not be good after July 31.

CENTRAL POINT IN MOVE TO SECURE MEDFORD WATER

County Engineer Paul B. Rynning is drawing plans and preparing a cost estimate for the city of Central Point, as one of the preliminary steps for the securing of Medford water. Attorney Harry Skyrman is preparing papers for a special election to vote bonds for a new water distribution system. It is said the cost will be near \$100,000 at current prices. The special election date is to be set later.

County Commissioner Arthur E. Powell, editor of the Central Point American, a weekly, reports a new water distribution system is a vital civic need, as the present reconditioned steel pipeline is leaking underground "like a sieve." The pipeline was laid some 30-odd years ago.

Commissioner Powell says the Medford water commission has assured Central Point water will be furnished as soon as the new reservoir, now under construction here, is completed. The supply will then be ample, it is said. No water will be furnished until then.

During the depression Central Point attempted to get federal funds for a new water distribution system. The plan was rejected by the federal bureau, though the voters approved it.

BURGLAR TAKES RINGS AND \$165

Two rings and \$165 in cash were stolen sometime between 5 p. m. and midnight Wednesday from the home of Sgt. and Mrs. Steve Marko, 840 East Ninth street city police were told yesterday.

According to the report to police, entry into the house was made by cutting the front door screen and the money and jewelry were removed from a dressing table drawer in the front bedroom of the house.

Both rings contained jewels and were of considerable value.

SENATOR MORSE THREATENS BLOCK CHARTER BALLOT

Oregonian Says Republicans Will Fight Democratic Effort to Throttle Debate.

Washington, July 27—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse, R., Ore., threatened today to block the administration drive for a vote this week on the United Nations charter unless unlimited debate is guaranteed.

Morse told reporters that senate republicans are solidly determined that "we are not going to let the democrats throttle debate." He said a group of senate republicans agreed on the matter at lunch.

Morse recalled that Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., of the Senate Foreign Relations committee imposed a time limit on his efforts to speak on the Oregon lamb situation late yesterday. This, Morse said, was a violation of the principle of unlimited debate.

"Until the democrats demonstrate an appreciation and respect for that principle, I shall not consent to any unanimous consent proposal to limit debate or set a time to vote on the charter," Morse said.

Morse took the matter up with republican colleagues after senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley opened the fifth day of charter debate with a request that the senate speed up its speeches and vote ratification by 5 p. m. tomorrow.

ROBERT MERRILL HELD IN ROBBERY

Robert Ben Merrill, 715 Welch street, is held under \$1500 bail in the county jail today following his arrest yesterday by city police, in cooperation with the sheriff's office and state police officers, on a charge of assault with intent to rob, the sheriff's office reported today.

Merrill reportedly robbed Dave Hicken, Route 1, Central Point, of \$400 early Wednesday morning after striking him across the face with a beer bottle in front of a local cafe, Merrill and Hicken, with a woman companion, were waiting for a taxi in front of the cafe and, according to Hicken, the two men stepped around the side of the building where Merrill allegedly attacked him and took a billfold from him containing \$400.

According to the sheriff's office, the money has not been recovered. Merrill waived a preliminary hearing in Justice court with a request for more time before entering a plea.

SHASTA POWER SALE

Washington, July 27—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes said today that a contract had been approved for sale of power from Shasta dam in northern California to the city of Roseville, 20 miles north of Sacramento. The power from the government project will save the city about 40 per cent of its previous expenditure for electric current, Ickes said.

BASEBALL

American	W	L	
Philadelphia	0	5	3
New York	2	4	0
Christopher and Rosar; Bevens and Robinson.			
Chicago	0	9	2
Detroit	1	3	2
Humphries and Tresh; New-houser and Swift.			
Washington	3	9	0
Boston	1	9	1
Wolf, Haefner (8) and Guer-walt; Ferriss and Holm.			
National	W	L	
Cincinnati	1	5	2
Chicago	2	12	0
Walters and Lakeman; Pas-seau and Livingston, Williams (9).			
Boston	2	6	1
Brooklyn	3	5	1
Lee, Cooper (8) and Hofferth; Branca, King (9) and Sadlock.			

Fight To Bitter End Decided By Cabinet Says Domei Agency

Pearl Harbor, July 27—(U.P.)—Tokyo chose the shortest route to national oblivion today. Japan will ignore the allies' surrender ultimatum and will fight on "to the bitter end," the Domei News Agency has announced.

Domei said the Japanese cabinet held a special meeting this afternoon (Tokyo time) to hear a report from Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo concerning the ultimatum issued yesterday by the United States, Great Britain and China.

Chungking, July 27—(U.P.)—A Chinese military spokesman declared today that a Japanese brigadier general, in a broadcast to his own people said it is "An open secret that Japanese troops in China are discussing peace overtures."

The spokesman also quoted Field Marshal Reigi Okamura, commander of the Japanese expeditionary force in south China, as saying "If the Japanese withdraw from China with arms it will take two years, and one year without arms."

The decision to ignore the edict apparently was taken at that meeting.

WAR CENTERS BLAZE UNDER ATTACKS
Meanwhile the flimsy war centers of Omuta, Matsuyama and Tokuyama, in southern Japan, blazed fiercely after being attacked by three task forces of B-29's—over 300 strong—shortly after midnight.

Flying through light Japanese fighter opposition and spotty flak, the giant bombers dropped 2,300 tons of gasoline incendiaries on the three cities.

The fires took hold and within a few minutes after "Bombs Away" had achieved a roaring conflagration.

Doolittle Points Fate
Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle established his Eighth air force headquarters on Okinawa and promised that the aerial bombardment would be pressed relentlessly until the Japanese have been reduced "to a race of rice growers and goatherders."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced a new 400-ton raid on Shanghai that left great fires on three of the China ports' airfields Tuesday and probably sank six freight-transports and a Japanese gunboat.

About 20 B-24's of the U. S. Seventh air force flew unescorted over the Kikai island in the northern Ryukyus and Tsuiki airfield on northern Kyushu Wednesday. They fought 30 Japanese fighters over Kyushu and shot down seven, with an eighth probable, and lost one bomber.

There was still no word of the whereabouts of Admiral William F. Halsey's Third fleet, traveling under a radio blackout for the past 36 hours.

In Borneo Australian troops pursued fleeing Japanese units along the main highway northeast of Balikpapan, after RAAF Spitfires intercepted one column and strafed 16 vehicles.

Direct Challenge
Thus, the 20th Air Force, for the first time in any war naming its targets in advance, laid down the most direct challenge possible to the Japanese to fight, quit, or else.

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, commander of the 20th, declared: "The Japs have nothing to look forward to except total destruction. We've reached the point where they refuse to fight while we burn down their cities. Now we're telling them where we're going to do it."

The leaflets, psychological prods to the thinking element of Japan, named the following target cities to be added to the 49 already hit by devastating fire raids:

- On Honshu: Ichinomiya, Tsu, Ujiyama, Nagasaki, Nishinomiya, Aomori, Oga, and Koriyama.
 - On Shikoku: Umajima.
 - On Kyushu: Kurume.
 - On Hokkaido: Hokkaido.
- All are secondary industrial centers with populations of between 50,000 and 200,000.

Cities Helpless
At least four of the cities warned will be subjected to the next all-out incendiary bombing within the next few days. Lemay said with 450 to 600 Superforts carrying about 3500 tons of fire bombs to the targets.

"They can't do anything about it," the 20th Air Force chief who is retiring to become chief of staff to Gen. Carl Spaatz in strategic air command said.

The Superfortresses carrying the 60,000 leaflets from Saipan were still in the air as Lemay spoke. The Office of War Information began immediately to broadcast the same information to Japan.

The leaflets were prepared by the navy's psychological warfare office at Lemay's suggestion, and carry pictures of B-29's dropping clusters of fire bombs with the names of the 11 cities and a warning that Japan's military clique must be destroyed.

By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent
Arising with the sun, enjoyed a breakfast of hot cakes and eggs seasoned with fir needles and ashes from the camp fire. After the third cup of coffee, went down to examine the Rogue river at its narrowest point. Selecting a solid rock, braced my feet and let fly—thereby jumping the Rogue with one staggering leap.

The river at this point is from eight to 15 feet wide and extremely deep, boiling its turbulent way through a narrow gorge of lava formation.

Another camper just showed us a mangled leather coat of his which he had left hanging on a tree outside his tent last night. Examining the ground around the tree we found countless deer tracks, so decided they had liked the salt taste of his new coat and proceeded to masticate it.

This is a beautiful setting for a forest camp, and it gave us a feeling—seldom experienced any more—a feeling of freedom from the many laws and restrictions of modern man, the freedom of being in a wild natural country where you are ON YOUR OWN, and in close understanding with nature.