

## Strange Smoke Cloud On Crater Lake Gives Rise To Theories Old Volcano May Be Belching Through Lake Water

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Crater Lake, Ore., Oct. 8—Will volcanic activity again return to Crater Lake, after an absence of five thousand years? This is the question to which the staff of the park have been giving serious thought within the last few weeks, because of a strange and unusual gas or smoke cloud which has been seen hovering over the calm blue waters of the lake on three different occasions recently by at least three reliable observers. This smoke or gas cloud appears to have risen from the waters of the lake in the middle section at a point where the geological survey map shows the depth to be 1956 feet.

This strange and peculiar dust colored cloud was first observed by Miss Linda Newhall, fire lookout on the Watchman on the west side of the lake, on September 15, who reported it as a dust colored fog or smoke cloud forming on or arising from the waters of the lake. At the time, the lake was calm, the weather clear and beautiful, and there was no sign of a storm or fog condition. Apparently it was not a dust cloud caused by a slide of rock and pumice from the Crater walls, for the cloud was formed near the center of the lake, far from the walls of the crater. It

rose sharply, then mushroomed out, and finally spread and drifted away with the wind currents.

**Seen Second Time**  
The second smoke or gas cloud was seen on September 17, from the summit of Garfield Peak, by Dale Vincent, photographer, naturalist and writer, living along the Rogue river near Gold Hill, Ore., who was in the park to take photographs of the lake. On this occasion, the same dust colored cloud arose from the waters of the lake in long ribbon-like formations. It too occurred on a clear, cloudless day.

The third person to observe this strange phenomena was Park Ranger Kenneth A. Hulbert on September 30. He first observed it about 11:15 a. m. from a lookout point on the west side of the lake, between Hillman peak and Lazo Rock. The cloud was about 300 to 400 feet wide and extended upward to a distance of 400 to 500 feet. It was diamond shaped, narrow at the top and bottom and wider in the middle of the formation. He observed it from all the various lookout points along the rim, as far south as the Crater Lake lodge, and it finally drifted away much as smoke does from a forest fire.

**Not Slide Caused**  
Hulbert is sure it was not caused by a slide and there was no wind or storm condition to cause it, as the day was bright and warm with the surface of the lake perfectly calm, reflecting magnificently the colorful crater walls and forests which surround the lake.

No explanation for the strange and unusual smoke or gas cloud seems plausible, except that a blurb of smoke or gas was released from some of the vents which undoubtedly exist on the floor of this old extinct or dormant crater, and passed through the water to escape to the air above. The staff has been directed to watch for recurrences of the smoke or gas formation, and efforts will be made to obtain a picture of it should the phenomena occur again.

### Japs at Tule Lake Will be Guarded By Immigration Service

Newell, Calif., Oct. 8—Ivan Williams, representing the Department of Justice and Lt. Col. John Hazlett, commanding officer of the military police battalion now stationed here, announced jointly today that effective October 10 Border Guards of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice will replace the military in guarding the perimeter of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here.

Colonel Hazlett said the military camp here will be abandoned as soon after October 10 as possible.

In connection with the change of the guard R. R. Best, project director, said there will be no change in the administration of Tule Lake Center, which will continue to be directed by WRA.

**SCIENCE MOVES FAST**  
Columbus, O. (U.P.)—A student at Ohio State University walked into the medical center.

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"Well, we can fix that up in a hurry," said Dr. William T. Palehans. "I'll spray your nose with the atomizer."

"Oh, my gosh," gasped the student, "don't tell me they're using that on noses already!"

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## ARMY TRUCKS ON SALE OCTOBER 17 AT FAIRGRONDS

A "Spot Sale" of used army automotive equipment, open to all qualified automotive dealers, will be conducted by the Office of Surplus Property, Department of Commerce, at the ordnance service command shop, at the fairgrounds October 17, starting at 9:30 a. m.

Approximately 130 automotive units will be offered—mostly trucks—including searchlight trucks, radio vans, weapons carriers, reconnaissance cars, 1½ ton Dodge pickups, and dump, cargo and flatbed trucks. Duck-hunters, fishermen, amusement park concessionaires and the members of the younger generation who are interested in the bizarre and unusual will find the 28 ¼-ton 4x4 amphibious trucks to be sold a not too difficult item of reconversion—all used but ready for further service with repairs. While purchases may not be made direct from the department of commerce, those interested in the vehicles may consult with local dealers.

Inspection of the equipment may be made Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m., by contacting the officer in charge of the ordnance service command shop. Since automotive sales are on a "where is" and "as is" basis, dealers should avail themselves of pre-sale inspection privileges in order to be assured of ultimate satisfaction.

please this type of driver gets is to arrive as fast as possible and by the shortest route. He pants with desire to get there; pants and steps on the gas and hurtles onward.

My own driver is of this school of thought. Perhaps yours is too. If so, my advice is to do as I lately did and draft a driver without this destination fixation. Ready to start, the question arose, where should we go? It didn't matter. To be on our way was all that counted.

At least, "Wonder where this little road goes. Let's find out!" And so we followed the winding, up-and-down little road, the mystery what lay around one curve solved only to be on to further mysteries around other curves.

That the end was an abandoned mining project seemed to justify our having placed our destination in the laps of the Gods. And then suddenly, so it seemed to me, the mine was no longer abandoned. It was another summer and I saw men at work, intent only on making their dreams come true. Machinery was being brought in; a sweating, straining, back-breaking task. Nothing mattered save the goal toward which they struggled. Step on the gas of life! Keep the eyes on the road ahead! Do not stop to listen to the nearby silver creek romping to the sea! Be so weary at night there is no glance upward at a star studded sky!

Yet in the end, their dreams lay in dust about them; must have, or there would not have been this abandonment.

I do not like to stumble onto graveyards; especially those where little dead dreams lie buried.

### School Girls Have Respiratory Ills

New Orleans (U.P.)—Over 20 per cent of all girls in New Orleans public schools are suffering from respiratory diseases, reports Dr. E. F. Salerno, school board medical director.

A total of 9,075 pupils in public elementary and high schools have the diseases. Of these, 4,001 are girls in elementary schools, or 20.7 per cent; 970 diseased girls in high schools, or 20.3 per cent; 3,797 diseased boys in elementary schools, or 28.4 per cent. There were only 398 diseased boys in the public high schools.

Statistics also showed there are 2,619 underweight boys and girls in the whole system.

If you are deer hunting this year and stop to smoke and wonder where the deer are, remember the 500 destroyed in the Tillamook fire of 1945 and be sure your cigarette and match are out before you discard them.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon Please remember

## POMONA FAVORS FURTHER SURVEY OF ROGUE RIVER

Grants Pass, Oct. 8—The Josephine County Pomona Grange, with membership of all subsidiary granges in the county, has gone on record as concurring with a resolution of the chamber of commerce that the surveys along the Rogue river be continued so that the people of the area can make a sound judgment upon the prospects and advisability of further development of water resources of the basin.

The action of Pomona Grange was taken at a meeting at the Deer Creek Grange hall Saturday night, when some 75 members endorsed the resolution drawn up by Redwood Grange at an earlier meeting.

The resolution said in part: "Be it resolved for the good of the community as a whole, . . . do hereby request the combined assistance of the United States bureau of reclamation, the United States army engineers, and the United States department of agriculture in studies looking toward the development of the above mentioned resources of the Rogue river watershed, because it is our sincere belief that completion of such studies and surveys is essential in order

to give adequate information and sufficient knowledge to permit the people of the area to use sound judgment upon the prospects and advisability of further development of water resources of the basin; and because the facts divulged to date are not yet official, that appropriate means be employed to advise the public accurately and truthfully of the nature and character of those studies."

In the preface of the resolution the Grange has stated that with the end of war hostilities and the possibility of certain federal

funds being made available for the development of water resources, the fact that no ordinary development of these resources can take place without the completion of surveys under way, and the fact that there seems to be considerable lack of accurate

information on the part of the public with respect to further development in the area and possibly some "malicious misrepresentation in that regard" the action of the resolution has been taken.

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