

US DEALS FOR VOGELER RELEASE

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WEATHER
Forecast: Fair tonight, becoming partly cloudy Tuesday afternoon. Continued warm.
Lowest yesterday 44
Lower this morning 33

Agreement on Hungary Condition Tentatively Given

Freedom Expected Within Short Time

London, June 19—(U.P.)—The United States has agreed tentatively to three Hungarian conditions for the release of Robert Vogel, American business man imprisoned in Hungary on spy charges, reliable sources reported today.

The sources said Vogel might be freed soon, along with his British associate, Edgar Sanders, Vogel, executive of the International Telephone and Telegraph company, was sentenced in February to 15 years in prison. Sanders got 13 years.

Would Reopen Offices
Informants said the United States, to secure the release of Vogel, agreed tentatively in negotiations with Hungary:

1. To permit Hungary to reopen consulates in the U. S. that were closed on American orders after the trial of Vogel and Sanders in Budapest.

2. To release war reparations that Hungary has demanded from Germany and the German-held Hungarian crown jewels including the historic crown of St. Stephen.

3. To lift the state department ban on American travel in Hungary.

Informants said Vogel might be freed this week. They said Sanders also might be released soon, but probably not at the same time as Vogel.

British Said Hedging
British authorities were understood to have hedged on the Hungarian conditions for the release of Sanders.

Reliable sources in Vienna disclosed that Anglo-American negotiations with Hungary had been going on for some time, and said they might be about to culminate in the release of the two men.

A U. S. legation spokesman here and Mrs. Lucille Vogel, pretty blonde wife of the 38-year-old American, confirmed that the negotiations were under way and hinted that the trend was favorable.

However, both said they had no confirmation of reports published abroad that Vogel might be released within two days. The U. S. legation in Budapest said by telephone that it was in no position to forecast early developments in the case.

Fear Expressed
Mrs. Vogel expressed fear that if the reports of her husband's impending release were true, premature publication might "spoil it all."

Vogel, an assistant vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph company, was sentenced by a Hungarian court last February to 15 years in prison on charges of espionage and sabotage.

Edgar Sanders, a British associate, was sentenced at the same time to 13 years in prison. Both confessed in court, but the U. S. and British governments suggested they had been subjected to threats and intimidations.

Meeting Called in L. A. Walkout

Los Angeles, June 19—(U.P.)—A million commuters and 125,000 visiting Shriners hoped that a management union conference today would settle Los Angeles' four-day-old transit strike.

Federal Conciliator Harry Malcolm announced the meeting between representatives of the Los Angeles transit lines and the striking AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach employees.

The Los Angeles county grand jury, summoned into session yesterday, asked Gov. Earl Warren to call a special session of the legislature to enact laws prohibiting strikes against "essential public services in our large cities."

State of Emergency Declared In Flooded Canadian Region

Vancouver, B. C., June 19—(U.P.)—A state of emergency was declared in Harrison Hot Springs today and the 500 residents were being evacuated.

Harrison is about 70 miles east of Vancouver.

Flood waters coursed through the village and four other British Columbia towns as dikes crumbled under the incessant pounding by swollen mountain rivers.

Populace Evacuated
"We've lost the fight," said Mrs. A. N. Naismith, wife of Col. Naismith, commissioner of Harrison Hot Springs. "The women and children are being evacuated first and then the men will go," she said.

The colonel declared a state of emergency this morning.

Up to three feet of flood water from Harrison lake covered most of the town and the city hall was surrounded. Canadian army and Red Cross officials were on hand arranging the evacuation.

High temperatures continued to plague the flood-stricken Pacific northwest today as the death toll in three states and British Columbia stood at eight.

Flood in Montana
In Idaho national guardsmen struggled to reinforce sagging

dikes along the Kootenai river, and a flash flood swept through Harlowton, Mont.

More than 1,500 persons had fled their homes in British Columbia where the Fraser, Skeena and Similkameen rivers unleashed their sullen streams.

A University of British Columbia professor made an air survey of the headwaters of the mighty Fraser river and reported there was still a "tremendous amount of water which has got to come down" being held in the mountains.

Temperatures ranging in the 80's were forecast to continue throughout the area.

Two sections of diking crumbled before the onslaught of the steadily-rising Fraser, inundating hundreds of acres of rich farmland. More than 4,000 persons were isolated in the upper Bridge river valley, provincial Police Constable Norm Gibbons reported, as Gun creek rose three feet in 90 minutes Sunday.

The Fraser was expected to reach the 24-foot mark at Mission, B.C., today, four feet above flood stage. During the disastrous floods of 1948, the 695-mile long stream hit a high-water mark 24.7 feet.

House Tax Writers Reverse Decision On Cigarette Cut

Corporate Tax Increase Sought

Washington, June 19—(U.P.)—House tax writers reversed themselves today and rejected a proposal to cut the excise taxes on "economy" brand cigarettes.

Some members of the tax-writing house ways and means committee said this reversal may be the key point in getting the committee to approve a boost in corporation tax rates.

Outcome in Doubt
But the outcome still was in such doubt that sponsors of the corporate tax increase said they wouldn't bet a nickel that they have a majority of the committee behind them.

However, House Speaker Sam Rayburn told President Truman at a White House call this morning that he thought a tax bill should be reported to the house this week, "taken up next week on Tuesday, and disposed of by July 1." Rayburn declined to discuss the corporate tax increase proposal.

Prospects Please Truman
Later, Rayburn said Mr. Truman seems to be pleased with the tax bill prospects. Rayburn said he expects the committee to approve a bill with sufficient new revenue to offset the \$1,010,000,000 in excise tax cuts which has been approved.

Rayburn presumably assumed that the committee will approve a corporation tax increase. This appears to be the only means the committee has of getting the additional \$500 million to bring the bill into balance.

Departing Scouts To Parade Today

A parade through Medford's downtown section and a court of honor at the Southern Pacific depot will precede the departure of this area's 71 boys and 8 leaders this evening for Valley Forge, Pa., where they will attend the national scout jamboree.

The two special cars which will take the boys north to join the transcontinental special train will be part of the north-bound passenger train leaving here at 7:38 p.m. (DST).

At 4:30 p.m. the boys will leave scout headquarters in a group, marching through the streets to the depot. They will be led by the Central Point scout drum and bugle corps. Upon arrival, they will form in a court of honor at which Jack Bailey will be presented his ranger badge. After the ceremonies the boys will be free to visit with friends and family until train-time.

During the day the scouts packed their trek carts and yucca packs, and underwent brief last-minute physical check-ups and equipment inspections. They will return here in July.

Two Firms Make High Bids for O-C Timber

Timber Products company, Medford, and Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Klamath Falls, were successful bidders in an oral auction today for tracts of timber in the bureau of land management's Medford district.

The Medford firm offered \$26,353.25 for 2,880,000 board feet of mostly Douglas fir on the West fork of Evans creek. Appraisal price was \$25,864.25. Magnolia Lumber company was the other bidder. Seven offers were made before the sale was completed.

Weyerhaeuser bid \$116,007 for 7,430,000 feet on Jenny creek appraisal at \$79,753.25. The tract included Douglas and white fir and sugar and ponderosa pine. Other bidders were Puckett and Sherer, Magnolia and Klamath Basin Pine mills. Thirty offers were made among the four.

The sale was conducted at the city hall here.

Radio Highlights

A transcribed description of today's Boy scout court of honor, and interviews with members of the scout group leaving tonight for Valley Forge, Pa., for the national jamboree, will be broadcast over radio station KVIC (1230 kc.) at 8:45 p. m. today.

Radio station KWIN (1400 kc.) will broadcast the national middleweight championship boxing match between Wes Echols and Bull Halsey from the armory tonight, starting at 8 o'clock.

Judge Reverses Rule Denying Benefits to North Bend Strikers

Salem, Ore., June 19—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge George R. Duncan today reversed a ruling by the state unemployment compensation commission denying benefits to members of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union employed at the Irwin-Lyons lumber mill at North Bend during a 1948 labor dispute.

Judge Duncan's decision overruled the commission which had held that the lumber workers were technically on strike during the time the CIO longshoremen and marine firemen were picketing the mill in a dispute over which union was to man the Irwin-Lyons ship Rolando.

In Real Danger
The lumber workers stayed off

the job from Aug. 27 to Dec. 8, 1948.

Judge Duncan in reversing the commission said:

"The claimants were in real danger of physical violence to themselves if they attempted to breach the picket line. The court is of the opinion that there is substantial evidence that failure to the claimants to work resulted from fear of imminent personal violence to themselves and that there is no substantial evidence establishing that either the claimants or any of their fellow workers of the same grade and class employed at the premises involved in the labor disputes were class employed at the premises involved in the labor disputes."

Workers are ineligible for benefits if they participate in a labor dispute.

The court found that forms filled out by the claimants were not thorough enough in detail to allow the workers to tell their full story.

Not Intent of Law
The judge said it is "hardly the intent of the law that the workmen should have consulted lawyers before filling out the forms for benefits, though had they done so, the answers no doubt would have been qualified."

He said "it is common knowledge that in labor disputes such as the one herein involved, it is extremely difficult while the picket line remains to afford adequate protection to employees who make an effort to work."

In one case, Judge Duncan said, the plant manager reported non-pickets were accosted and carried out of the plant by striking employees.

GOP ELECTION SET
Officers of the Jackson County Republican Central committee will be elected by GOP precinct officers at a meeting set for 8 p. m. today at the Medford YMCA.

All republicans and others interested are invited, although voting will be limited to accredited precinct committeemen and women.

NAVY COMPANY SET
Former navy men and others interested in belonging to an organized navy reserve electronics company are invited to attend a meeting at 8 p. m. today, at which first steps in the actual organization of the company will be made. The meeting will be at the Federal building, 33 North Riverside avenue. The new company is expected to be the first such unit in the northwest.

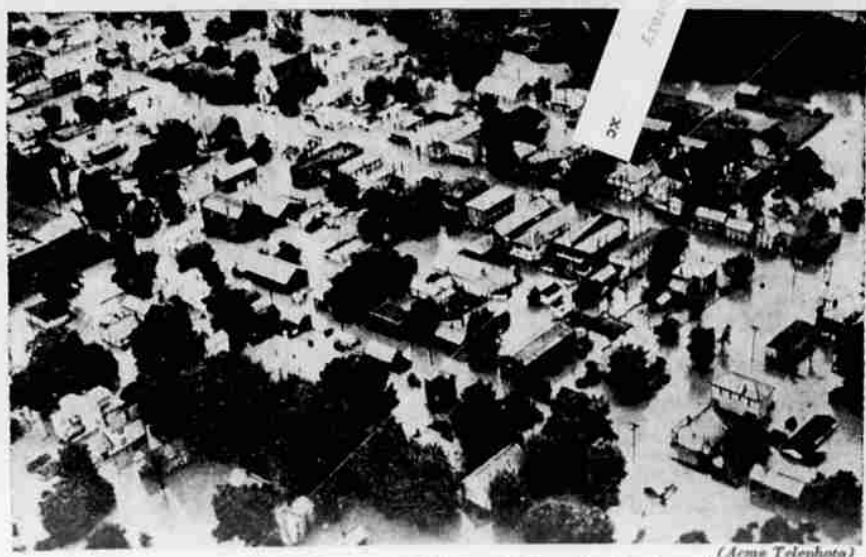
Bend, Ore., June 19—(U.P.)—One of Oregon's newest cities, Sisters, has a population of 718. Mayor C. W. Bush said today:

Late News Bulletin
Medford corporation, one of the area's largest lumber and sawmill companies, has settled with its Lumber and Sawmill workers' union employees (AFL) on wage demands, it was announced this afternoon by B. L. Nutting, manager of Medco.

Nutting said the wage settlement is for an increase of 10½ cents per hour, retroactive to June 1. The union had previously asked the increase become effective May 1, and later May 16. Vacation pay eligibility hinged on the effective date.

Some 400 workers at the Medco mill are affected. The agreement was reached at a meeting this noon, Nutting said.

There was no work stoppage, although a strike had been threatened earlier. It was understood the agreement was reached with local employees, and not through the Klamath Basin District council, AFL, which had represented union members in previous wage negotiations.



FLASH FLOOD—A deluge of muddy water swirled through Roseville, O., along with six other Ohio towns following a four-hour cloudburst that left a 25-square-mile area almost completely flooded. The flash flood has caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage and has resulted in three known deaths.

Interest Reported In Local School Board Elections

Considerable interest in being reported here in the annual election of school directors being held today in every school district in the county.

Polls in the Medford and Central Point districts were opened at 3 p.m. and will close at 9 p.m. Voting times vary in the rural district. In Medford, ballots may be cast at the girls' gymnasium in the senior high school. There are three candidates for the one vacancy on the Medford board of directors—Dunbar Carpenter, Mrs. Moore Hamilton and Dr. Leroy Jensen.

Two Polls
In the Central Point district there are two polling places, one in the Central Point high school gymnasium and one in the Gold Hill gymnasium. In that district there are three vacancies to be filled and six nominees to choose from—John Stieber, Dale Collins, Hal Bishop, Homer Conger, Don Burleson and W. C. Higginbotham.

There are no contests for directorships in most of the rural districts. There are two vacancies and two candidates for the rural school board and one candidate for the single existing vacancy on the non-high school board.

Kenwood school District 102 will hold an annual school meeting and election at the Albert Puhl residence at 8 p.m. today. One director for the district is to be elected and a director for the county rural board.

Ft. Stevens Acquired For Game Refuge

Astoria, Ore., June 19—(U.P.)—The greater part of the old Fort Stevens military reservation has been acquired from the U. S. general services administration by the Oregon State Game commission for a game refuge, government officials said today.

Involved in the transfer are 1466 acres, mostly wasteland composed of sand dunes and marshy swales. Lands on the north and west sides, held by the army engineers and in the city of Hammond, where barracks and other structures are located, were not included in the deal.

Many Attend 'Fly-In' At Ashland Sunday

Ashland, June 19—Hundreds of air-minded southern Oregon residents attended yesterday's "fly-in" for private pilots at the Ashland airfield. Visiting pilots from all parts of the state participated in the afternoon airshow and were taken on hospitality tours of the city.

Those in charge of the aeronautical event were the Ashland Flying club, Abe Neslin, Summer Parker, Bert Wright, Earl Lininger, Eugene Ritzinger and Dan Healy. Parker is owner of the Ashland airstrip.

Myrtle Creek, Ore., June 19
—The body of 10-year-old Norman Luther Braaten has been recovered from a Myrtle Creek mill pond, police reported today.

Help Asked to Find Plane Lost for 10 Days on Flight to South America

Miami, Fla., June 19—(U.P.)—The distraught wife of an American pilot appealed to the coast guard today for help in locating 15 persons missing for 10 days on a missionary flight to South America.

For the past few days, Mrs. Donna Wetherald has been working on her own, trying to find out what happened to the church-owned DC-3 after it radioed June 9 that it was coming in for a landing at Maracaibo, Venezuela. Crew of three.

The plane presumably went down a few miles north of there. It carried a crew of three, seven missionaries of the new Tribes mission at Chico, Cal., and five children.

The twin-engine plane left here at 11:30 a. m., EST, 10 days ago.

Mrs. Wetherald has learned in cable exchanges with Venezuelan authorities that it refueled at Kingston, Jamaica, five hours later and kept in radio contact with the South American country until 7 p. m.

Venezuelan Coast Reached
At that time her husband, W. B. Wetherald, pilot-captain of the missionary plane, notified the Maracaibo airport that he had reached the Venezuelan coast and was letting down from 5,000 feet for a landing.

Nothing more was heard from the plane.

Mrs. Wetherald, expecting her husband back here by June 11 or 12 "at the latest," has been frantically trying to find out what happened to the group.

"They were due back in Miami two or three days after they left," she said. "Of course it's possible they had to land at some isolated airport for repairs—but it's been so long."

Jerry Sanstrom, Miami agent for the mission, said he also was "very concerned."

Cooperation Asked
"We are asking the civil aeronautics administration to cooperate in getting a search organized," he said. "All that has been done by the Venezuelans is to institute a radio search."

Last night they appealed to the coast guard, which immediately asked through the American attaché in Maracaibo, that a communications check be made for the mission missionaries.

The coast guard said that since the plane apparently was over land, any search would have to be made by the Venezuelan government.

The plane was only 25 minutes flying time away from Maracaibo, a lakeshore town below coast. It was to have landed later at five other towns, but a check of those airfields found no trace of the plane.

No Mountains in Path
Mrs. Wetherald said their route would not have taken them over any mountains.

Aboard, in addition to Wetherald, were Pilot David Kimbell and his stewardess-wife, Hazel, all employed by the mission; Mrs. Betty Hilker and three children of Brainerd, Minn.; and Mrs. William Hoffman and two children; Mrs. Mildred Garber; John Grenier; Clyde Snow and Harold Miller.