

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — On the back lot at Warner studio they are burying the corpses of thousands of 'stars' that made their exit in Wednesday's fire.

They never posed for cheesecake or had dialogue. But the 150 roll top desks, the roulette tables, the tiny miniatures of cars and airplanes for trick scenes contributed to the magic of the movies, too.

A two-story warehouse filled with props, collected during 30 years of movie-making, is ashes and rubble now.

"We'll have to start from scratch and build the props as we need them," shrugged Arthur Marlowe, assistant to the head of the prop department. "It will take 20 years to get the prop supply almost back to what it was. Many items can't be replaced."

An old-fashioned peanut vending machine, complete with a whistle, took its last bow in "The Story of Will Rogers". It's a charred mess now.

Others Gone
Other props which will never see celluloid again include show-cases for 1910 meat market sets, Joan Crawford's Lucite dressing table from "Flamingo Road," gymnasium equipment, an old-fashioned soda fountain and seven different sets of chairs and tables for French sidewalk cafes.

The prop men also are minus 10,000 arrows and 100 bows and quivers, 5,000 spears and lances, 1,500 Viennese chairs, gas chandeliers and the inside of a submarine. Two authentic Civil War cannons are blobs of metal.

The remains of the outdoor street sets and the prop warehouse stood silent and black under the sun, and it could have been a set for an atomic war movie. A hot wind swirled ashes around 1,000 burned World War II Army helmets.

\$10,000 Coach
"For the 'Iron Mistress' we made this beautiful 1850 coach

with rolled gold trim. It cost \$10,000," sighed Marlowe, and pointed to two burned wheels and a twisted frame.

Marlowe had rushed into the burning warehouse to save 70 Arabian saddles and other props needed to complete "The Desert Song." But the prop men have to scramble to replace 500 1910 theater seats, a marquee, posters and backstage equipment for "Broadway Revisited."

"We lost the theater sets in the first studio fire in May. We re-built them — and the second batch burned," he said. "And the period black horse-hair chairs we lost. Why, you can't even buy the material any more."

City's Residents Aiding Clean-Up After Big Fire

Battle Ground, Wash. — (U.P.) — Residents of Battle Ground Monday turned out to help clean up debris from a fire which destroyed property valued in excess of \$200,000 Sunday.

The fire totally destroyed the Clark County Dairymen's Association grain elevator and a food market owned by Ernie Dunning, and caused damage to the Red and White Food store owned by John Reick who estimated his at \$60,000.

Threaten Post Office
For a time the flames threatened to wipe out the post office and theater.

The fire broke out about 1 p.m. in the warehouse, one of the largest in the northwest, and spread to Dunning's market and to the Red and White store across the street.

Sparks from the burning grain in the elevator placed the entire town in danger.

The fire departments of Vancouver, Hockinson, and Battle Ground battled the blaze with help of numerous volunteer firefighters. Firemen believed the fire was the result of spontaneous combustion.



A CENTURY LATER — The new American liner United States can claim this trophy, having returned the trans-Atlantic speed record to this country for the first time in a century by crossing the Atlantic on her maiden voyage in 3 days 10 hours and 40 minutes. The Blu Riband Trophy rests in an antique shop in Hanley, England, having never been claimed by the owners of the Queen Mary which set the previous record in 1938.

GOP Veep Candidate Target of Red Press

Moscow — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard M. Nixon, American Republican vice presidential nominee, has been characterized in the Soviet press as an "extremely reactionary who supported repressive legislation."

Newspapers printed a Tass Agency report saying Nixon "played a most active role in persecution of trade union leaders and intellectuals suspected of progressive views."

They described his nomination as a rubber-stamp affair, with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the presidential nominee, selecting Nixon in a conference with several political bosses.

Shady Cove-Trail News

Shady Cove-Trail — Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wagner of Lincoln Valley, N.D., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hubbell of Trail on their way to Lodi, Calif. Other guests of the Hubbells have been Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Long Beach, Cal. and Mr. and Mrs. Al Kusler of Grants Pass. Mrs. Kusler is a sister of Mrs. Hubbell and the Hubbells and Kuslers spent the July 4 week-end at the Hubbell's home at Trail.

Guests of the Harold Barbers of Trail have been Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wait and daughter, Sylvia of Sumner, Wash., and Kenneth Schwab and Lewis Combs of Sherman Oaks, Calif. Guests over July 4 were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. B. Reno, of Sumner, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green of Sacramento, Calif. were present for the birthday dinner, July 4 of Mrs. Green's sister, Mrs. Dale Sawyer of Shady Cove. Also attending was Jim Sawyer of Trail brother of Dale Sawyer.

Delegates from Steelhead Post No. 6881 VFW to the VFW convention in Astoria were Johnny Walker and Kenneth Oliver, post commander; Zuba Walker, district president of the auxiliaries; Pat Close, president of Steelhead Post auxiliary and Edna Bryson, Jr., vice president of the auxiliary, and Dorothea Gustafson, conductress.

Mrs. Gloria Carr and daughter, Derithe, are staying with Mrs. Carr's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oliver of Shady Cove a time while Mrs. Carr's husband is in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and family of Shady Cove spent the July 4 week-end attending the rodeo at Klamath Falls accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dusenberry and children of Sams Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark of Big Butte, Trail, had a picnic on Clark's creek the 4th with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark of Medford and

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weber of Trail.

Mrs. Don Wallace and children of Newport Beach, Calif., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Henry of Shady Cove recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hess and son, Richard, made a trip to their farm at Estacada and expect to be moved there before school starts. Hess is at present taking treatments at Deer Lick Mineral Springs in California.

Captain and Mrs. Percy Bergerson and son, Kenneth, of San Francisco were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Watson of Shady Cove. Bergerson has been captain of the Nowalk Victory and has made many trips into Korean waters and to Japan since the beginning of the Korean war. He is employed by the American President Lines. Other visitors of the Watsons over the 4th were Mr. and Mrs. Cass Bergerson of Vernonia, Ore.

Airman Shot by Friend In Scuffle Over Gun

Portland — (U.P.) — Vernon Wilson Pond, 17, of Grand Junction, Colo., was dead Monday and a hometown buddy was being held on a charge of manslaughter as a result of a playful scuffle over a gun.

Sheriff's deputies said young Pond, an airman 3-c, stationed at the Portland International airport, was the victim of what "probably was an accident."

Lawrence Leroy Rice, also an airman 3-c, from Grand Junction, said he and Pond were in a wooded area near Viking park, target practicing with a .22 revolver. He said he thought he had emptied the weapon and then he and Pond struggled for possession of it.

Rice said he pulled the trigger six or seven times before the gun fired, striking Pond in the side.

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Democrats Dig Up Answers to Korean War Criticisms

Washington — (U.P.) — Administration foreign policy experts and Democratic party strategists are digging up what they hope will be convincing answers to Republican complaints about the Korean war.

The intensive search for a counter attack against the GOP platform reflects administration belief that the war and the year-

long truce talks with the Communists will be a hot issue in the forthcoming presidential campaign.

Informed sources say the administration, from President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson on down, is willing to air its side of the Korean issue regardless of whether a truce is achieved during the summer.

Advance word on the administration counter-offensive indicates that answers to the GOP charges will be pinned to the Republican statements and actions before and after the war began on June 25, 1950.

The foreign policy plank approved by the Republican convention last week charging the administration with pulling occupation troops out of Korea too soon, declaring that Korea "was of no concern to us," and then deciding to fight back. It also complained of "stalemate orders" producing "stalemates and ignominious bartering" which offer "no hope of victory."

Georgia GOP Fued Declared Settled

Atlanta — (U.P.) — A bitter feud between Georgia Republican factions which spilled over into last week's GOP National convention ended Monday.

Ray Foster, head of a pro-Taft group recognized by a Georgia court and two Republican National committees but repudiated by the full convention, issued a statement saying "the fight is over."

Foster urged an opposition group headed by W. R. Tucker

to accept his support in the coming presidential campaign and asked that the two factions "unite in a common effort to establish a two-party system in Georgia."

Lexington, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Jackson Massey, who seeks election to the state railroad and public utilities commission, came up with this slogan: "What this country needs is a good five-cent phone call."

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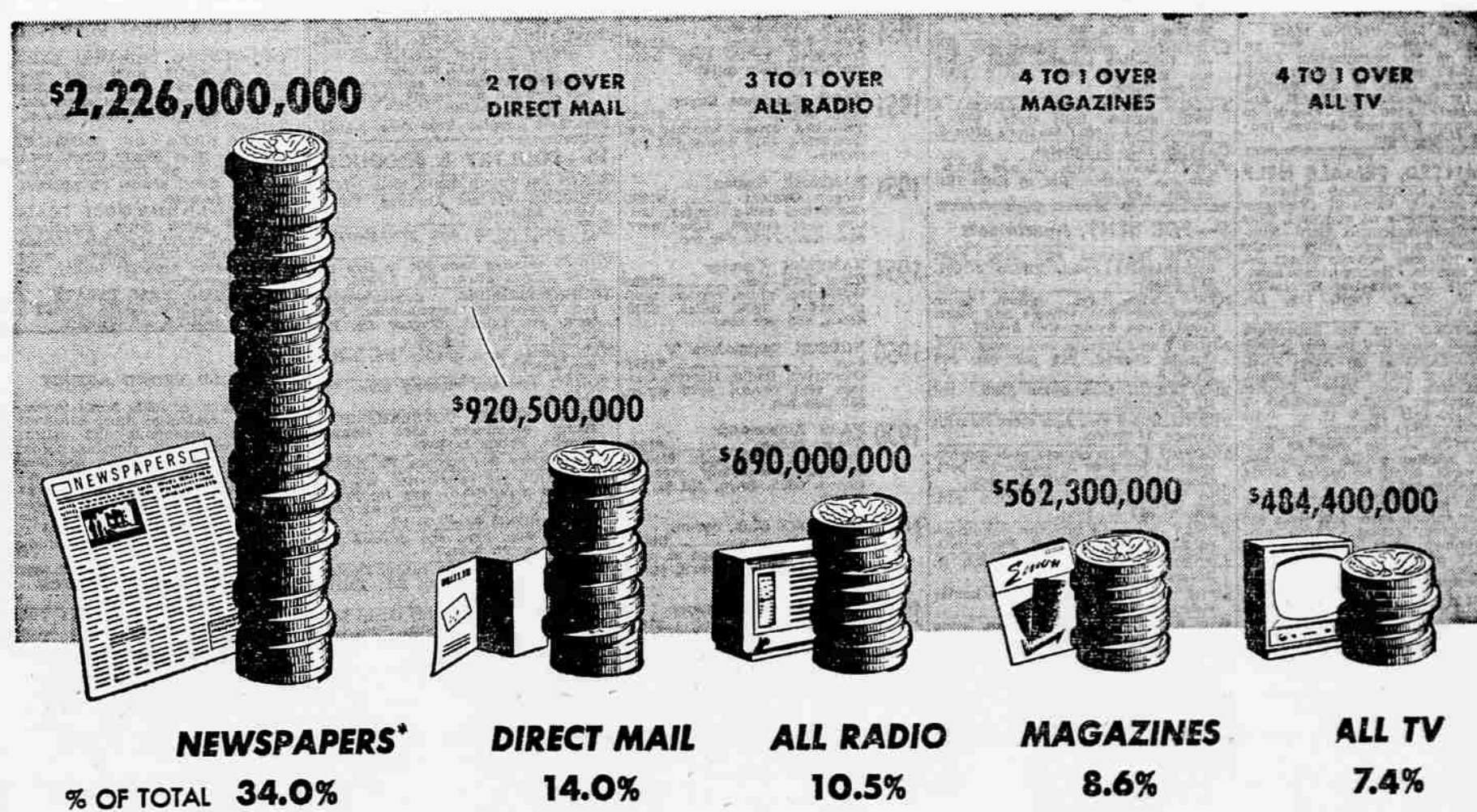
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