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YOUNGSTER LOST IN WILDERNESS

44 Rescued From Raging Ship Fire

New York — (U.P.) — A Coast Guard cutter docked here late Saturday with 44 persons who were rescued from a Norwegian freighter that a roaring fire fed by castor oil and naphthalene had turned into a floating torch in the Atlantic ocean off Long Island.

Troops and Police Battle Nationalist Rioters in Tehran

Tehran, Iran — (U.P.) — Iranian police and troops manning tanks and Bren-gun carriers and using tear gas, bayonets, rifle butts and clubs Saturday fought fanatical Nationalists rioting in protest against the appointment of moderate Premier Ahmed Ghamam replacing the fiery Nationalist Mossadegh.

The worst riots occurred in the refinery town of Abadan where unofficial reports said "large numbers" of rioters were killed as they attacked tanks and attempted to disarm truckloads of soldiers.

Reports reaching here said the military commander had called for military reinforcements and for warplanes to help drive off warlike tribesmen said to be converging on the city to demand the restoration of Mossadegh to power.

One Reported Dead

At least one civilian was reported killed in the Tehran rioting and scores were wounded. Twelve were hospitalized with bayonet wounds after troops ran them through as they attempted to attack Sherman tanks sent into the Tehran bazaar.

Unofficial reports said some of Mossadegh's fanatical supporters had signed pledges in their own blood to kill Ghamam "at the first opportunity."

Ghamam answered the rioters with orders to military commanders and provincial governors through out Iran to assume "full powers" to suppress disorders. He appointed an army general as chief of Tehran's office with instructions to take drastic measures to restore order in the capital.

The new premier proceeded, meanwhile, to line up a proposed cabinet which probably will be presented to the Shah today.

30-Man Crew Fights Fire in Area of GP

Grants Pass—About 30 men were battling a large fire 3 1/2 miles northwest of Grants Pass along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks late last night, according to John Worth, assistant dispatcher for the state forest patrol at Grants Pass.

The blaze was visible for about 6 or 7 miles, Worth said, and the smoke could be smelled at the Grants Pass guard station. Due to the inaccessibility of the fire, contact with the fighters was not direct, the dispatcher said, so its size was not known.

At last contact, the fire had burned about five acres of brush and was heading for some timber and a California-Oregon Power company right-of-way. A total of 16 men (three crews) were on the fire from the state patrol, two crews from Southern Pacific (10 men) and one from COPCO (five men).

Residents of the Merlin area were getting "worried" over the size and location of the fire, Worth reported. He said that crews would be kept on the fire until it was under control.

The fire was first spotted by the Sexton mountain lookout at 7:30 p.m.

and shouted to relatives and friends clustered on the pier. The survivors, including six women, were plucked from the bow of the Black Gull and from the freighter's only undamaged life boat by the Swedish liner Gripsholm, whose crew braved blinding orange flames in the dramatic pre-dawn rescue.

Another survivor of the Black Gull was burned so seriously he could not be transferred from the Europe-bound Gripsholm to the cutter Mackinac.

Four of the freighter's crewmen were missing and presumed dead. One passenger and seven of the crew members brought to Staten Island on the cutter suffered second degree burns.

The survivors of the burned ship waved bandaged arms and hands and called to friends and relatives waiting on the pier as the cutter tied up to the dock.

An elderly couple aboard the cutter said they were alive only because a heroic stewardess fought through flames to get to their cabin and wake them up.

Thomas Leason, 66, Antwerp, Belgium, said the stewardess handed them life jackets and led them to a lifeboat that was lowered over the side of the boat so close to flames that the couple suffered second degree burns from the searing heat.

"The crew played hoses on us as we went over the side," Leason said.

Crewmen Praised

Another passenger, George Fulger of Switzerland, said all of the survivors owe their lives to "the bravery of the crewmen" of the Black Gull.

The first survivor taken from the cutter by ambulances was Olaf Karson, a seaman who was the most seriously injured person transferred from the Gripsholm to the Mackinac. Karson's feet and hands were heavily bandaged and his burned face was sick with grease.

The uninjured persons were taken to the Norwegian Seaman's home in New York by two buses that had been waiting at the Staten Island pier.

The 440-foot-long Black Gull was nearing the end of her voyage from Bremen, Germany, to Brooklyn when the fire broke out about 65 miles east of Montauk Point, a haven for fishermen on the tip of Long Island, about 100 miles from New York City.

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Grand Jury Dismissed; New One Called Monday

The April county grand jury was dismissed Friday afternoon, after hearing a series of criminal cases, all of which were reported earlier Friday.

The July grand jury term will open Monday, and seven jurors will be selected and impaneled. Among cases the new jury will consider will be that concerning the river bridge at Rogue River, a part of which fell from the deck earlier this year.

The jury has been asked to affix blame for the bridge's failure, and to consider its present and future safety.

Members of the retiring jury were John A. Graff Jr., foreman, and Don Elliott, E. L. Frederick, Monta Davis, John Foster, William J. Albert and Harris Flowers.

Mail Contributions Flood National Ike Headquarters

Denver — (U.P.) — Seven-year-old Ada Long sent her favorite presidential candidate—Dwight D. Eisenhower—a \$1 bill Saturday to help him along in his campaign.

"I know you will be the next President," Ada said in her handwritten letter. "I have like buttons all over my room."



ALTERNATE for President Truman at Democratic national convention, Thomas J. Gavin files to Washington from Kansas City for instructions on how to vote. (International Soundphoto)

President Truman Leaves Hospital; Says Health Good

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman returned to the White House Saturday feeling "fine" after an exhaustive three-day hospital checkup, and aides said he's ready to address the Democratic convention this week.

Mr. Truman looking as chipper as before, stopped to joke and talk with reporters and photographers as he left the Army's Walter Reed medical center and returned to the White House.

He answered questions about his health by exclaiming: "Fine, fine. I feel all right."

Will Address Convention

Press Secretary Joseph Short said the president's illness would "certainly not" prevent him from addressing the Chicago convention next week nor would it prevent him from campaigning for the Democratic ticket this fall.

Mr. Truman, normally the picture of health, was hit by a mild virus infection last Sunday. He ran a slight fever for three or four days.

When he was about recovered Sunday, White House physician Wallace H. Graham ordered him to the hospital for a series of "annoying" medical tests.

Dressed in a light blue double-breasted summer suit, Mr. Truman stopped outside the White House entrance on his return Saturday to pose for photographers.

"Are you fellows trying to take the limelight off the Democratic convention?" he quipped.

He said that during the past week he had "nothing to do but loaf." But he acted on 233 pieces of legislation since he was stricken with the virus bug.

Reporters thought that Mr. Truman looked as if he might have lost a pound or two, but he didn't think so.

Waving a cheery "glad to be back," the President went immediately to his second-floor living quarters in the White House.

In addition to trying to keep the flood of mail straight, members of Eisenhower's staff here also were busily engaged in formulating campaign plans.

It was understood that Eisenhower has definitely decided to become the first Republican presidential nominee to make a campaign swing through the Southern states in an attempt to put the South in the Republican column in November.

Truman Democrats Seek Pledge Of Loyalty From All Factions

Anti-Filibuster Convention Floor Fight Shapes Up

Lehman-Humphrey Bloc Wants Strong Plank

Chicago — (U.P.) — Unity Democrats worked against overwhelming odds late Saturday trying to head off a threatened convention floor fight over a proposed anti-filibuster plank in the Democratic platform.

Medford radio stations KJYC (1230) and KMED (1440) will bring to the citizens of the Rogue river valley complete coverage of the Democratic National convention in Chicago beginning Monday at 8:30 a.m.

The harmony bloc was concentrating on influencing Sens. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) not to take their fight to the floor if the platform committee refuses their request for a strong plank against the Senate's rule of unlimited debate.

Members of this bloc have contended that a fight over such a plank would open up the whole civil rights controversy and perhaps lead to another bolt of the southern Democrats, as in 1948.

Walkout Unlikely

There was little tendency on the part of the southerners to walk out this year, however. Many influential Dixie leaders were said to feel that the candidate—not the mere statement of party principles—is the important thing.

The utility group was led by Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) and Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.). But it was known to include such civil rights advocates as Sen. Warren C. Magnuson (D-Wash.) and former Sen. Francis J. Myers (D-Pa.).

A series of informal conferences have been sought, generally for today, in an effort to find some way of resolving the dispute.

But they conceded they are working against time, and that their chances of success are not too bright.

Bloc Adamant

So far, the Lehman-Humphrey bloc has been adamant about an anti-filibuster plank, contending that this issue is the pivot of the whole civil rights fight.

There was some talk of mollifying the Lehman-Humphrey forces by calling for a change in Senate rules, but not connecting this recommendation with the civil rights program. But even "harmony" southerners are opposed to this maneuver.

A platform-writing committee has been hearing testimony since last Wednesday on suggested planks for the platform. More than 100 witnesses have testified on subjects ranging from foreign affairs, inflation, and the defense effort to the partition of Ireland, women's rights, and various "peace" proposals.

US Planes Blast Repairs at Chosen

Seoul, Sunday — (U.P.) — Carrier based U. S. Navy planes swept down on repair crews at the Chosen power plant in North Korea Saturday and tore up installations being rebuilt after the giant June 23 bombing.

Corsair and Skyraider pilots from the Princeton and Bon Homme Richard reported the Reds had a tight ring of anti-aircraft guns around the repair work. But the Navy planes pushed through the heavy fire and an overhanging fog to scatter workmen and blast the plant's huge transformers.

The heavy fog kept most other United Nations aircraft on the ground.



THE LULL BEFORE — Democratic Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee relaxes on the rooftop of his hotel in Chicago. He will soon plunge into the fight for the presidential nomination.

Steel Negotiations To Resume Tomorrow

Washington — (U.P.) — Industry and union leaders agreed under government pressure Saturday to get together for a new effort to settle the crippling, 48-day steel strike.

Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman announced at the White House that both sides have complied with his request to resume direct negotiations in Pittsburgh tomorrow.

Follows Government Threat

The decision to reopen the marathon wage talks came as the government threatened partial seizure of the industry and ruled out any pre-contract "above-ceiling" price hikes.

The twin government moves were certain to figure in the new talks. But officials said an even bigger factor will be the CIO United Steelworkers' wage-policy committee meeting Monday.

Industry leaders fear the committee may force CIO President Philip Murray to take a tougher stand on the union shop issue, the major remaining block to an overall settlement.

May Compromise

Observers here said this just possibly may prompt the industry to settle for Murray's compromise union shop offer to prevent an even more serious deadlock.

The government announced firmly yesterday that it won't talk about "over-ceiling" price increases until there is a contract.

But there still is said to be an "understanding" that the companies can expect between \$5.15 and \$5.20 more a ton — sharply above the \$2.84 allowed by the Capehart Amendment — when they come to terms with the union.

The union shop issue literally is the only hurdle barring agreement. If they get that, the steelworkers are expected to accept the companies' offer of a 16-cent hourly wage boost plus some fringe benefits.

Gun Toting Delegate Will Defend Rights

Jackson, Miss. — (U.P.) — An alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention clutched a rifle in his hand as he boarded a train for Chicago here. "I'm going straight to the credentials committee."

Fred Anderson is a member of the states' rights Mississippi delegation whose seats are being contested before the credentials committee by a rival "Loyalist" group.

Checks may be made payable to "Civic Auditorium Association," and mailed to P.O. Box 1268, Medford, Ore.

Harriman, Kefauver Spearheading Drive For Unity of Party

Southern Regulars Win Opening Round

Chicago — (U.P.) — Southern anti-Truman forces won a first-round victory in Democratic convention delegate contests Saturday, and administration backers launched an immediate counter-attack after conferring with the White House.

Democrats opposed to President Truman's policies scored an initial triumph when the Democratic National Committee temporarily seated "regular" Texas and Mississippi delegations at the party's convention this week. The final decision will be made on the convention floor.

Asks Loyalty Pledge

Administration backers were given some solace for their wounds, however, when the committee also recommended that leaders of the Texas and Mississippi delegations be asked to declare formally their loyalty to the party.

But, with the knowledge of the White House, Averell Harriman's campaign managers planned to go farther. They decided to ask the convention to adopt a "loyalty pledge" which would bind all of the delegates to support the party's presidential nominee, whoever he may be.

Harriman was joined in his campaign for the loyalty pledge by Sen. Estes Kefauver, who called on all other major Democratic presidential candidates to get behind the drive. Kefauver said in identical letters to the others that the heart of the problem was the "issue of civil rights."

As the delegate and civil rights fight grew hotter, party veteran James A. Farley advised the warring factions on his arrival here that they can beat the Republicans in November if they stop fighting over FEPC and other issues and unite behind a "good strong ticket."

But there was little immediate indication that his words were heeded. Americans for Democratic action, a "left-wing" segment of the party, served notice that it will wage a floor fight in the convention to assure "no compromise platform planks on civil rights."

Supporters of Vice President Alben W. Barkley claimed the civil rights row enhanced his chances of grabbing the presidential nomination as a possible "compromise" candidate. Barkley huddled with delegates from several states throughout the day.

A poll of the 27-vote Indiana delegation showed that it leaned toward Barkley and Kefauver as second ballot choices. In addition, Sen. J. Allen Frear of Delaware predicted his state's six convention votes will go to Barkley on the first ballot.

Backers of Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois laid a secret strategy meeting on their plans to accomplish a draft of the Illinois governor for the nomination. Illinois leaders said they were convinced Stevenson would accept a "genuine draft."

National Rotana Convention Here Elects Montana Woman

Mrs. Mary Booth, Helena, Mont., was elected national president of Rotana club at the annual convention here yesterday. She succeeds Miss Helen MacQuarrie, Bozeman, Mont.

Other officers are Mrs. Marie Barr, Salem, Ore., first vice president; Miss Grace Stadelman, Laurel, Mont., second vice president; and Mrs. Agnes Sheridan, Butte, Mont., re-elected treasurer. The national secretary is a board appointee.

New members of the board of directors named were Mrs. Leonel Heater, Grants Pass; Mrs. Anne Amick, Bend, Ore., and Mrs. Bernice Zeiler, Billings, Mont.

The club, classified service club for women in business and the professions, will close the convention today with a luncheon and lawn party at Rogue Valley Country club. Organized in Montana, the club's membership is confined to western states.

Fourmile Lake Area Combed for Local Four-Year-Old Boy

Child Reported Lost Saturday Afternoon

An intensive search was underway late Saturday in the rough country around Four mile lake, about 30 airline miles east of Medford, for four-year-old Ernie Lefler, son of Mrs. Marie Clark, 1985 Orchard Home drive, Medford.

The child was reported missing at about 1 p.m. yesterday when he wandered away from two small playmates at the lake while his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, also of the Orchard Home address, were waiting to take the children boating.

50 Men Searching

A search was organized almost immediately. When no trace of the four-year-old was found the search was expanded and by 8 o'clock last night approximately 50 men were scouring the vicinity of the lake. Searchers planned to stay at the job all night and if the child is not found by this morning, they plan to call for additional help.

The searching party was under the direction of Ranger Bob Cooper of the Lake O'Woods district. He was assisted by Sam Taylor, Medford, of Elk Lumber company, who sounded the first call for additional help by means of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association's county-wide radio network.

Groups taking part in the hunt included Medford National Guard units, employees of Medford Corporation, Kogal Lumber company, Magnolia Lumber company, the forest service, state police and Jackson and Klamath county sheriff's deputies. Numerous private citizens, including the boy's father, Herman Lefler, Klamath Falls, were also among the searchers.

Hot meals for searching parties were being provided by the Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross and by the Medford Veterans of Foreign Wars club, Edward Branchfield, local Red Cross chairman, and other Red Cross officials left for the scene at about 9 o'clock last night.

Pleas for additional help were broadcast by Medford radio stations KJYC and KMED yesterday afternoon and evening. The SOCTFA radio network was coordinating the search in the vicinity of the lake and between the lake and Medford.

National Guard walkie-talkie units are also being used in the vicinity of the lake.

The lake lies in lava country just across the county line in Klamath county.

The Medford weather bureau reported that, while no rain is expected in the Four Mile lake area, it was expected to be "chilly" last night, with temperatures in the middle or high 40s.

The child is the second to become lost in timbered country in this area recently. Nineteen-month-old William Glaspie Jr. was found alive and well after being lost overnight in the Thompson creek area just a month ago.

California Woman Hurt in Accident

A critically-injured California woman was taken to the Josephine county hospital Saturday afternoon following a car-truck collision at Savage Rapids dam on Highway 99, according to state police.

The accident occurred at 3:15 o'clock about 100 feet from the dam when a car heading south driven by Robert Davis, 51, North Hollywood, Calif., stopped to turn around to view the dam and fishway and was struck by a Pierce Freight Lines truck operated by Jack Stallworth, 24, route 3, box 349 1/2, Medford, police explained.

Police reported that Isabell Davis, 46, wife of the driver, was critically injured, while Davis and their son, Robert Jr., 13, received cuts and bruises. Stallworth was not injured.

The Davis car was a "total wreck," police added.