



THREE DAYS OF 'QUAKES—Buildings are reduced to rubble and streets strewn with wreckage at Vasshi on the Greece island of Ithaca following three days of earthquakes which ravaged the Ionian Sea islands. Five hundred persons are reported dead.

Reds Forced U.S. Captives To Act In Surrender Movie, Repatriated Captive Says

Freedom Village — (U.P.) — Chinese Communists forced 500 captive Americans to act in a Korean battle and surrender movie used later for propaganda purposes, a repatriated American said Saturday.

Cpl. Harry W. Hoover, 26, of New Paris, Pa., said the movie was filmed in the fall of 1951 at Camp No. 1.

Ran Up Big Hill

"We still had our GI clothes in those days," he said. "They made us run up this big hill and then they made most of the boys in the front ranks fall down like we were killed. The rest had to drop their rifles and raise their hands."

"The Chinese and North Koreans surrounded us. They made us do that a couple of times. And all the time they were taking movies."

Hoover said he knew two men

were sentenced to jail at Camp No. 1 the day of the Korean armistice.

Threw Rocks

"One of them was a good friend of mine," he said. "He got three years for throwing rocks, tearing his mosquito netting and just his overall anti-Chinese attitude. He also beat up progressive pro-Communists. His sentence will end in July 1956."

"The other guy got sentenced for rape. It was impossible because the guy never got out of camp in two and a half years. I'm not sure, but I think it was a two-year sentence."

PIONEER MEETING

Eddyville — (U.P.) — The Lincoln County Pioneer association will hold its annual meeting here today. President Jim Hodges of Elk City will preside over the all-day meeting.

Sunday, August 16, 1953

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

McMinnville Youth Drowns in Yamhill

McMinnville — (U.P.) — Walter Foster, 15, McMinnville, drowned in the South Yamhill river Friday afternoon while trying to swim across the stream three miles south of Sheridan.

The youth was the son of Wilbur Foster, McMinnville, and was the oldest of five brothers. The mother lives in Portland.

Ten gallons of wine are required to distill a gallon of cognac.

Meany Says Carpenters Will Return to AFL

Chicago — (U.P.) — George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor, predicts that the Carpenters Union will come back into the AFL.

"There was no sound reason" for the 750,000-member Carpenters Union to withdraw, Meany said.

He said the union will realize this and "sooner or later" come back. He wouldn't attempt to say when, however.

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Rifle-Toting Grandma Repulses Seaborne Try To Regain Equipment

Baltimore, Md. — (U.P.) — A construction company's crew was in full retreat Saturday after failing in a daring seaborne attempt to wrest its expensive equipment from a rifle-wielding grandmother.

The defiant, 57-year-old woman, Mrs. Wanda Sienkiewski, threw a chicken wire fence around the equipment Tuesday because she was tired of the firm parking it on her lawn without permission.

Raiders Repulsed

Late Friday, the Leo G. Butler Co., sent 10 burly raiders onto a barge in Bear creek behind her house in a bold bid to recapture the sewer-digging machinery.

Mrs. Sienkiewski swung in action. Moving to the water's edge she lowered her .22 caliber rifle and warned:

"I'll let the first one that comes on my land have it."

Nine of the raiders got the point and retreated in disorder. When one kept advancing, Mrs. Sienkiewski hauled off and shoved him back onto the barge.

The company hastily called off the attack.

Mrs. Sienkiewski is hopping mad because the construction workers ignored her demands to get the equipment off her property and, adding insult to injury, referred to her as "an old woman."

May Auction Equipment

She has announced she will never surrender the machinery until the company meets her claims for damages and parking fees.

She disclosed that she might try to auction off the equipment if there isn't a satisfactory settlement very quickly.

Meanwhile, she patrolled her fortress with the rifle and dared anybody to attempt to make off with the captive equipment.

Investigators Set For Public Hearing

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate investigators sifted through a week of secret testimony Saturday in preparation for next week's public hearings in Sen. Joseph McCarthy's latest Reds-in-government investigation.

The Senate Permanent Investigating subcommittee, which the Wisconsin Republican heads, Friday wound up the closed-door phase of its search for possible Communists in the government printing office. Public hearings will begin Monday.

McCarthy told reporters Friday that a former woman employee of the printing office had testified that she saw a fellow worker steal secret materials from the big printing agency. She said the alleged thefts were "sizeable" in number and covered a "considerable" period of time.

He did not reveal the name of the witness or the accused worker. Neither did he say when it happened although he indicated it was some years ago.

16-Year-Old Said Crime School Head

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A 16-year-old Arizona youth was accused Saturday of being the "brains" behind an "earn while you learn crime school" that taught burglary and strongarm robbery.

Sheriff's deputies smashed the alleged juvenile crime ring Friday by rounding up 10 juveniles, including a young girl, and three adults.

Deputies said the ring's teenage "professor," here from Arizona only a month, taught his young disciples such "subjects" as mugging old men and women, rolling drunks and breaking into stores.

"The professor promised he was going to promote us to bigger jobs in Hollywood and Beverly Hills where there was big money," deputies quoted one of the small fry "students" as saying.

Deputies said the juveniles were believed to have netted thousands of dollars worth of loot in 20 "jobs" during the past month.

Former OSC Prof Ousted from Job

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — A former member of the Oregon State college faculty has been relieved of a teaching post at the University of Kansas City "at his own request," University Chairman Ernest E. Howard said Saturday.

Howard said the teacher, Dr. Ralph Spitzer, has been granted a leave of absence to undertake research work and additional study.

Spitzer lost a similar job at Oregon State college four years ago. He recently declined to answer questions about Communist party affiliation put to him by a Senate investigating subcommittee. He was never accused of being a Communist at Oregon State college.

After leaving Corvallis Dr. Spitzer went to Prague, Czechoslovakia, to attend a Communist-organized student congress and his passport was cancelled at The Hague, Netherlands, on his return trip.

General Finance Corp. Head Dies in Salem

Salem — (U.P.) — Roy Harmon Simmons of Salem, president of General Finance Corp., died late Friday in a Salem hospital after a year's illness. He was 60 years old.

Simmons was a breeder and exhibitor of American saddle show horses, and at one time managed the Oregon State fair horse show.

Dead line Sunday Classified to at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previous day.

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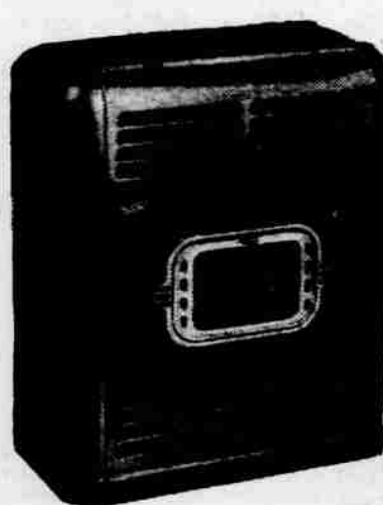
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