



FATAL FIRE—Entrance to the Cine Rio movie house in Liege, Belgium, blazes after an oil heater exploded during a matinee performance. At least 39 persons, 22 of them children, were killed and 100 others injured. Many of victims were trampled to death in panic that resulted after quick-moving flames cut off one of the three exits of the crowded theater.

Estate of Promoter Sued for Swindle

San Francisco — (U.P.) — One hundred and ten angry Californians have brought suit in court against the estate of a high pressure "oil land" promoter who allegedly swindled them out of \$120,000 before he died four years ago.

The suit was brought against the estate of the late Robert Russell Sidebotham, who was killed in an automobile accident in Idaho four years ago at the age of 63.

Morris Lowenthal, attorney for the plaintiffs, told Superior Judge George W. Schienfeld there were actually "233 victims in the swindle, but some still refuse to believe Sidebotham cheated them." Other suits are pending in Colorado and Idaho.

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Nearly 200 business students from 26 Oregon high schools will take part in the seventh annual convention of Future Business Leaders of America April 15 and 16 at Oregon State college.

Siskiyou Historians To Hear Old Settler

Yreka, Calif. — The regular meeting of the Siskiyou County Historical Society will be held Saturday, April 9, at 2 p.m., in the Museum with John Thakara as speaker.

Mr. Thakara, a resident of upper Butte Valley since the 1880's, will reminisce on his experiences in that historic region, claimed by the Modoc Indians as their ancestral home until the final defeat of their war party in 1873. Much of the area was an arid and inhospitable land and settlement was accordingly delayed. Its history has been but scantily written and Mr. Thakara's talk is expected to add much to the record, according to George Recline, secretary of the Historical society.

A step forward in the war against high blood pressure is claimed for a new compound, made of an ancient Indian remedy, rauwolfia, and a western world drug, methium chloride. Tried on 13 hypertensive women, it significantly lowered the blood pressure of 11.

More Trouble Seen For London Papers

London — (U.P.) — A warning from 10 powerful printing trades unions that they plan to make further pay demands forecast a possible new round of trouble today for London's strikebound newspapers.

Preparations went ahead for a public inquiry into the wage dispute that has kept Fleet Street presses idle for 12 days.

The warning came from the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, which represents the bulk of the newspaper mechanical workers in the London area. It does not include the 700 members of the electricians and mechanics unions whose walkout caused the present strike.

A Ministry of Labor Court of Inquiry into the demands of the electricians and mechanics is scheduled to open tomorrow.

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The United Air Lines announced it has signed contracts for installation of radar in its passenger fleet and expects the equipment to be in service this fall.

Russian Hangs Self To Prevent Return

Vienna — (U.P.) — A Russian identified as a member of the Red diplomatic service in South America hanged himself in a Vienna hotel room rather than return to Moscow, Austrian police said today.

A second Russian who shared the same hotel room and who also had orders to return to Moscow found the body Sunday and disappeared immediately, police said.

The Russians ordered Austrian officials to join the hunt for him, they said.

The dead man was identified as Boris Grankow, 43, a Khar-kov-born Russian whose credentials showed him to be a member of the Soviet diplomatic mission at Maracaibo, Venezuela. Police said his hanging was obviously suicide.

Commercial Uranium In Douglas Doubted

Roseburg — (U.P.) — A number of radioactive samples from Douglas county are in private and government assay offices, but public officials see little possibility of commercial amounts of uranium here.

The Myrtle Creek Mail reported that a group of men from Myrtle Creek and Canyonville has filed on 200 acres of state-owned land near Milo. The newspaper said the men are preparing to tunnel and run core drills to find the source of the radioactivity.

Robert Kischel, head of the Douglas county lands department, said he had heard of no evidence that might lead him to believe there are commercial amounts of uranium ore here. He said thorium may be causing the radioactivity.

Bridge Railing Falls Into Malheur River

Ontario, Ore. — (U.P.) — A 20-foot section of bridge railing fell into the Malheur river after an auto accident Saturday a mile north of here.

State highway crews installed a temporary wooden section until the railing can be replaced.

Devout Moslem women in East Pakistan believe turtles keep their bear children. North of Chittagong a strange shrine, the Temple of the Turtles, houses hundreds of enormous specimens in a stagnant pool.

Geology Class May Be Formed in Area

The Northwestern Mining Council, Inc. will meet Thursday, April 7, at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Jackson school.

A proposal for the establishment of a school to teach the rudiments of geology in this area will be discussed at the meeting, according to President Frank DeSouza.

Bruce Manley, attorney and director for the council, recently submitted the proposal to the Oregon State System of Higher Education, and was advised that if 15 or more persons desire to take such a course arrangements will be made for it to be held at Southern Oregon college in Ashland.

If held, it would consist of three-hour classes once - each week for ten weeks.

R. W. Roe, geologist with U. S. Vanadium company, Uvan, Colo., will speak on uranium mining. Ore samples from Colorado properties will be shown, and he will comment on them.

He is here on vacation en route to inspect mining property in California.

Lester Sibley will speak on mining in southern Oregon. Local firms will have geiger counters and scintillators at the meeting for exhibition to members of the council, and prospectors have been requested to bring in ore samples for testing.

Dusk-Dawn Curfew Imposed in Saigon

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — The Viet Nam government has put a dusk to dawn curfew on Saigon city and rushed troop reinforcements to this capital to guard against a coup by rebel war lords.

With 24 hours to go before the armed truce runs out absentee Emperor Bao Dai cabled an appeal to U.S.-backed Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and the rebel leaders to continue the cease fire another 15 days.

The Viet Nam chief of state, who lives on the French Riviera, asked for more time "to find a national and durable solution and reestablish concord among the children of Viet Nam."

Observers predicted both sides would probably accept the appeal.

Crater High Concert Scheduled Tonight

Central Point — A pre-contest concert will be given tonight at 8 o'clock by the Crater High school band of 50 members and choir of 90 members, it has been announced. It will be in the school auditorium.

Music to be played will include that to be used during the Southern Oregon Music festival in Medford this week end. No admission will be charged and the public will be welcome.

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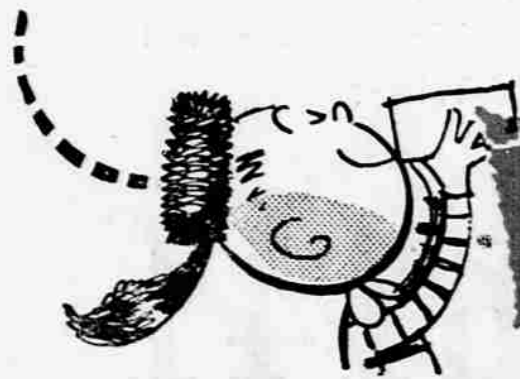
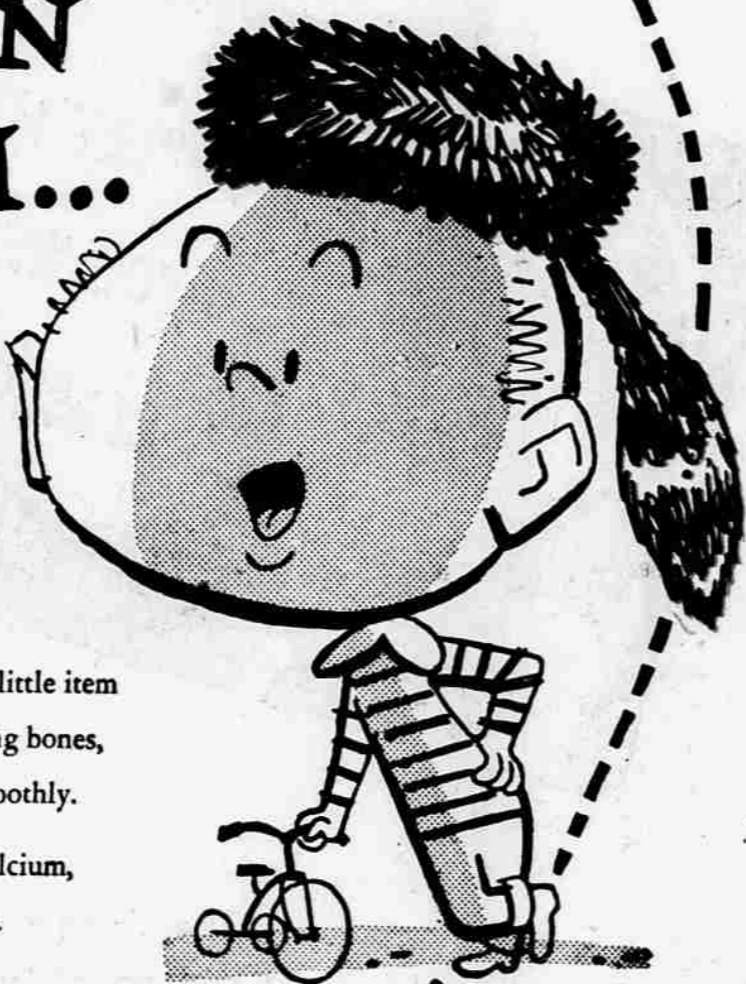
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