

Forest Fire Within Five Miles of Yreka

ALL COUNTY'S FOREST FIRES NEAR CONTROL

Forest fires which erupted violently in Jackson county Monday were being brought under control today, and fire protective agency officials were expressing a cautious optimism.

All told, fires in the county have covered about 11,000 acres. Most of the increase in acreage over yesterday's figure of slight-

Salem — (U.P.) — Increasing hazards in the dry forestlands of southern Oregon brought additional orders closing down logging operations in southern Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties, effective last midnight.

State Forester George Spaur said a rash of lightning fires, plus the danger from woods operations, had made conditions such that a close down until the weather changes was imperative. Closed down Zones 16 and 17 include the Douglas - Jackson - Josephine county forests.

ly less than 10,000 is due to more accurate estimates of the size of individual fires, and not to any new outbreaks.

Sykes Creek Fire
The biggest fire in Jackson county still was the one burning in the Sykes creek area north of Rogue River. Its size is now being figured at upwards of 6,000 acres.

Ted Maul, district warden for the state department of forestry, flew over the fire yesterday. After the flight, the acreage estimate for the fire was revised upwards from 4,500 acres to between 5,000 and 6,000 acres.

Forest patrol spokesmen this morning said that the Sykes creek fire was changed very little from yesterday.

The Timber mountain fire west of Jacksonville today was still being figured at 2,500 acres. State police halted non-essential traffic on the Jacksonville-Applegate highway at 8:35 p.m. yesterday when sightseers started interfering with necessary equipment traveling the route.

Council Approves Signing of Pact

The Medford city council last night adopted an ordinance authorizing the city to sign a contract with South Bear Creek Sanitary Sewer district.

The signing paves the way for construction of a sewer in the district. Officials of the district, previously indicated construction would start immediately after a contract was signed.

Contract signing was delayed pending approval by the city of a trunk line location into the district. Earlier the city agreed to sign the contract so construction could start, and determine trunk line location at a later date.

The signing also paves the way for installation of a sewer system at Phoenix, where residents recently passed a \$40,000 bond issue for that purpose. The Phoenix system will connect with the South Bear Creek Sanitary district's trunk sewer.

City Manager Robert Duff said present city lines would carry the additional load for several years.

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Bly Surrounded on Three Sides by Fire

Bly — (U.P.) — Fires surrounded this south central Oregon community on three sides today but Jack Groom, assistant forester of the Fremont National Forest at Lakeview, said all the blazes were under control or nearly controlled.

The fire was eight miles southwest of Bly. Four miles west of the city a 1500-acre fire was still out of control but Hal Ogle, manager of the Klamath Forest Protective Association, said it appeared to be burning away from town.

Six miles east of Bly a fire burned 800 acres at Round Butte near the south fork of the Sprague river. Ogle said he expected that blaze would be controlled sometime today.

It appeared for a while that families along the highway might have to be evacuated, but at 10:10 p.m. a state policeman assigned to the area reported the fire was almost under control.

Richard Krupp, chief of the Central Point Rural Fire department, this morning estimated the Blackwell hill fire at about 2,000 acres, and said it was under control unless unforeseen conditions arise. Some 10 families evacuated from the area Monday were reported moving back into their homes.

The Nugget butte fire, north of Gold Hill, was controlled yesterday morning, and the situation was unchanged today. It was still being listed at 100 acres.

A fire burning on the middle fork of Rogue river, on U.S. Forest service land, was being listed at 160 acres this morning. Crews had lines around three sides of the blaze and were completing a line on the fourth side this morning. They hoped to have it contained today.

Fire Flares Up

The Sterling mountain fire, just south of Jacksonville in California, flared up last night, but did not cover much additional acreage. Crews from Jackson county, including loggers and Mexican nationals, were reorganizing their lines this morning and hoped to contain the blaze today.

A fire on Gardener peak in eastern Jackson county totalled about 100 acres today. Fire lines were extended around three sides of the blaze, and crew were working to get a line around the fourth side.

Rogue River National forest, which yesterday reported about 40 fires, had an additional three or four this morning in the headwaters of Bessie creek, east of Medford. The fires were believed to have been started by Monday's lightning storm, but reports were delayed due to extremely poor visibility caused by heavy smoke over the area.

Diamond Lake Area

A total of 23 fires was reported in the Diamond lake area, and about 15 others were listed on the North Umpqua river. Virtually all of them were believed started by the same lightning storm which started 20 to 25 fires on the Cascade divide Monday between Four Mile lake and Crater lake.

About 300 employees of Morrison-Knudsen company, which is building California Oregon Power company projects on the North Umpqua, and some Copco employees, were helping fight the fires.

No fires in Josephine county had been reported to the state forest patrol through this morning.

Crater Lake National park has 19 known fires, all of which were under control this morning. All of the fires were listed as small.

Nine more possible fires within the park developed late yesterday or this morning, and crews were being sent to them this morning. Visibility is practically nil because of drift smoke. This means the situation won't be known on the nine until crews return.

Cool weather last night at the park improved the fire situation.

Mobile Unit Arrives

The Medford office of the state department of forestry yesterday ordered a mobile fire weather forecasting unit from Portland, and the unit was scheduled to go into operation today. Operated by a two-man crew, it is expected to be of considerable help with on the scene forecasts for both state and federal land fires.

Weather forecasts of northerly winds and increased humidities were expected to provide relief for fire fighters. Northerly winds will clear out some of the smoke which has reduced visibility from from look-out stations to zero in some places.

Increased humidities, with a reading of 70 per cent for six hours last night, were believed to have played an important part in keeping the fires in check. Yesterday's low was 22.

County Judge Rodney Keating announced today that Jackson county has made men and equipment available to both state and federal forest protective agencies for use in the event of an emergency.

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FIRE'S WAKE—One of five houses which were destroyed in the wake of a forest fire in the Tolo area late Monday and yesterday is shown in the top picture. Central Point Rural Fire Protection district officials had not determined the name of the people who lived in the house shown. The fire swept across the field behind the house and across

the road and railroad near the tree in the center of picture. Devastated area of Blackwell hill is shown in lower picture after the fire, which spread into the Tolo area, jumped the Rogue river and climbed Upper Table Rock. The road to the left leads to a television transmitter.

—(Brainerd's photos)

Board Okays Change For Part of Kenwood

The Jackson county school district boundary board yesterday adopted a resolution granting a request that residents in part of Kenwood school district be annexed to Lone Pine district.

A petition was submitted to the board earlier requesting that the area generally north of Roberts rd. and west of Crater Lake ave. and east of Corona rd. and extending north to Crater Lake highway be annexed to Lone Pine. The area does not include a row of residences bordering on the south side of Delta Waters rd.

Will Attend Lone Pine

Children in the area within changed boundaries will attend Lone Pine school.

Several children from the area have been attending Lone Pine school on a tuition basis from Kenwood district.

The decision of the boundary board was made pending a meeting of the school boards of district 10, Lone Pine, and district 102, Kenwood, relative to distribution of assets and liabilities.

The boundary board took no action concerning the remainder of Kenwood district or to any area of Dewey district. Both districts are suspended districts which are required by law to be annexed to one or more surrounding districts which maintain standard schools.

Transportation Rate Increases Granted

Salem — (U.P.) — The Public Utilities Commission today granted increases in transportation rates for over-the-road carriers in Oregon and for the Portland and Eugene local cartage carriers.

The revised rates were requested to offset 1954 and 1955 hikes in labor costs.

The increases amount to about 6 per cent and apply only to shipments of less than 10,000 pounds for over-the-road carriers. Household goods only were affected in Eugene local cartage.

The new rate will permit carriers to maintain substantially the same relation operating ratios which they experienced before the increased labor costs, Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said.

Salem — (U.P.) — Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel left last night for Washington, D.C., to attend the annual meeting of public utilities commissioners.



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Red China Reveals Plans To Release All US Captives

Question of Date Holding Up Talks

Washington — (U.P.) — Red China, without saying when, has disclosed it may free all Americans still held in jail or under house arrest.

The question of when the prisoners will be freed is said to be the main point holding up American-Red Chinese talks at Geneva on the prisoner problem.

Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson, chief U.S. negotiator, is trying to get the Reds to say precisely when the Americans will get out of Red China. There is official fear that otherwise the Chinese Reds might announce to the world that they are freeing all Americans and then leave some languishing in China for many months or even years.

Young Girl Included

At Tuesday's session of the Geneva talks, the Reds outlined plans to issue departure permits to 12 Americans. Nine, including a 10-year-old girl, will get their permits soon. Two more will get them when applications are received. The 12th American, Charles Sidney Miner of Takoma Park, Md., will be able to leave when his business affairs are tidied up.

The best official information shows that 28 Americans still are in Red China. Twenty-five, mostly priests, are in jail. Three missionaries are under house arrest, apparently at Foochow. Officials said there may be one additional American of Chinese descent who wants to leave Red China. She is Mee Sem Lai, who went from the United States to Canton, China, in 1949.

Five Weeks of Talks

During five weeks' of talks at Geneva, Johnson has pressed for the release of all Americans believed held in Red China as of Aug. 1, the day of the first meeting. The Communists at first refused to consider letting the imprisoned Americans go before their "sentences" or cases were completed. They said this would be a violation of Chinese sovereignty because the Americans had been tried and convicted by due processes of Chinese law.

But they relented somewhat in announcing plans to free the 12 Americans.

The State department said Tuesday that release of the nine Americans and the outlines of a plan to free three more were "encouraging." It expressed the hope this was a first step toward freedom for the rest of the Americans.

Light Rain Dampens Portland, West Oregon

A light drizzle dampened Portland and other sections of Western Oregon this morning but it was so light the weather bureau did not measure it.

Forecasters said the wetness did not mean that the rainy season had begun. High pressures west of the Cascades had drawn in a mass of moist air from the coast, they said.

Last measurable rain in the Portland area was July 29.

Los Angeles Notes Eighth Straight Day of Heat Wave

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The city's killer heat wave, accompanied by eye-searing smog, moved into its eighth straight day of 100-degree heat today as the death toll climbed past 80.

101 Expected Today

Blistering temperatures that have cracked almost every heat record for the city were expected to reach 101 today, and a low inversion, a weather lid clamped over the Los Angeles area, made County Air Pollution Control District officials predict a "smog alert" would be called for the second straight day.

Since the heat wave started Aug. 31 the coroner's office has reported 379 "natural" deaths, about three to four times the normal amount for the period.

Baseball

AMERICAN			
Detroit	4	5	0
Boston	7	12	3
Bunning, Foytack (3), Cristante (5), Coleman (8) and House; Sullivan, Kinder (9) and White.			
Kansas City	1	1	1
New York	2	6	0
Portocarrero and Astroth.			
W. Shantz (7); Ford and Berra.			

NATIONAL			
Pittsburgh	2	7	0
Chicago	0	1	1
Friend and Shepard; Miner and Cooper.			

Cyprus Conference Ends in Failure; Riots in Istanbul

London — (U.P.) — The three-power conference on Cyprus ended in failure today with Britain, Greece and Turkey unable to get together on their conflicting views on the future of that strategic Mediterranean island.

The meeting which opened here last Monday at British initiative was formally "suspended" today, but official conference sources said that no date has been fixed for their resumption.

Turkish Foreign Minister Fatih Rustu Zorlu told newsmen immediately after today's session that the talks have been "ended." He announced he was returning to Istanbul tomorrow with his delegation.

The dispute over Cyprus flared into anti-Greek riots in Istanbul where thousands of young Turks swarmed through the streets and burned Greek churches, houses and schools in retaliation against the bombing of the Turkish Consulate in Salonika.

On Cyprus itself, torn recently by a series of terrorist attacks, police completed the biggest terrorist hunt in history of the crown colony. Police searched 1,400 houses for arms and for fugitives accused of killing a policeman.

The Cyprus dispute stemmed from Greek demands that inhabitants of the island some 250 miles east of the Greek island of Rhodes and 35 miles south of Turkey be allowed to determine their own future.

Greece believes the 400,000 Greek residents of Cyprus will vote overwhelmingly for union with Greece. Turkey fears for the Turkish minority of 100,000 on the island and wants to maintain the status quo.

Britain offered a compromise self-government plan for Cyprus but it ran into stubborn resistance from both Turkey and Greece.

The British plan would give Cyprus self-government in a new constitution with firm safeguards for the Turkish minority, but Britain would handle foreign affairs and defense.

Singmaster Appointed To Equalization Board

Ed Singmaster, Ashland insurance man, has been named to the county board of equalization, it was announced today by County Judge Rodney Keating.

He succeeds Ralph Cook, Medford rancher and pear grower, who resigned recently.

Oregon law provides that the board of equalization in each county shall consist of the county judge, of the senior member of the county budget committee, and a third member appointed by the other two. Arnold Bohnert, Central Point, is the budget committeeman on the board.

No Reason Given To Believe Town Will Be Evacuated

Estimated 100,000 Acres Blackened

Yreka — An estimated 100,000 acres of Siskiyou county had been blackened by forest fires up to late this morning. The biggest blaze, known as the Haystack fire, has swept over 65,000 acres and is still raging out of control.

The Haystack fire had burned to within five air miles of Yreka at 11 a.m. today, but Klamath

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A roaring forest fire which threatened to destroy the famed General Grant Grove of giant Redwoods 50 miles east of Fresno, was checked today within a half mile of the big trees that have survived for 5,000 years.

National forest officials said "there is absolutely no reason to believe the town will be evacuated." They emphasized there is no immediate danger to the city.

Residents To Be Alerted
However, residents of Yreka were to be alerted this afternoon if spot fires should break out from falling sparks. Civil Defense agency and the city fire department also have been alerted.

Only 15 miles of the Haystack fire line is being held, and 32 miles are still open. National forest officials explained that this means there are no map on 32 miles of the fire line, and the only efforts possible in these areas are back fires.

Backfires have been started in the south perimeter, burning toward the center of the fire, and on the west perimeter. More back fires will be started this afternoon on the north side. The area along the Klamath river is "controlled to date" with back fires set last night.

No Reported Injuries
The west side of the fire, from McKinney creek to Indian creek and down Indian creek to Scott valley is listed as partially controlled with fire breaks in the southern area.

Forest officials said there have been no reported injuries of any type, and no major losses of improvements. Some cabins and summer homes in isolated areas have burned.

A total of seven fires are burning on the Klamath National forest. Some 2,300 men are on the fire lines, and another 258 are working in service crews behind the lines.

The situation on the other fires looked like this:

West Vreder Creek—Controlled and mopping up.
Six Mile Ridge—800 acres uncontrolled. Serious fire conditions with high winds and low humidity. Trying to hold the Six Mile drainage.

Taylor Creek—800 acres uncontrolled. Very rugged terrain and high winds.

East Fork-Happy Camp area—800 acres controlled and mopping up.

Hays Creek-Scott River area—800 acres with 20 per cent in forest and 80 per cent in open land. Poor possibility to hold fire in area.

Sterling Mountain—880 acres, with five miles of held line, and one mile open line. Partially controlled. Two small fires in the Sterling mountain area controlled and mopping up.

Third Polio Patient Reported in County

A 35-year-old Spokane, Wash., man is in Ashland General hospital with paralytic poliomyelitis, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, said today.

Dr. Merkel said the Washington man was visiting relatives in Ashland and was in the hospital a day before his case was diagnosed as polio. Prior to coming to Ashland, he visited relatives in an area in Idaho where polio was prevalent, Dr. Merkel said.

Dr. Merkel said he man has not been in Jackson county long enough to contact polio here, and although the county is reporting the case to state health officials, the case probably will be allocated to another contact area.

The case is the third reported in Jackson county this year. Earlier a Ukiah, Calif., youth was diagnosed as having polio which was contacted elsewhere, and a local youth was diagnosed as having non-paralytic polio.

Medford Stores Will Remain Open for Shopping Until 9 o'clock Tonight