



FOREST FIRES HIT CALIFORNIA—At least a dozen major fires hit California's timber and grasslands consuming more than 126,000 acres. At left a mushroom-like column of smoke rises above forest fire near Eureka in northwestern part of state where 400 men battled on the fire lines. At right firefighters drag a water hose in the General Grant Grove area in Sequoia National Forest in central part of state. Fire here threatened stands of huge redwood, including the world's oldest tree, the General Grant Redwood, known as the nation's Christmas Tree. Some 1700 firefighters staged an all out fight to save the redwoods.

Forest Fire Heads Up Beaver Creek; Most California Fires Under Control

Back Fire Lifts Threat To Yreka; 14 Homes Burned

Yreka — Fire fighters today had a line around the major portion of the disastrous Haystack forest fire, but the blaze is still uncontrolled. It has burned over some 75,200 acres.

Klamath National forest officials said this morning that the north zone of the fire has jumped the Klamath river, and is burning in Beaver creek north of the Klamath. A hot fire was burning to the northeast.

Back Fire Successful
A back fire set yesterday in the Yreka area was termed "100 per cent successful," and national forest officials repeated that the town "is in absolutely no danger" from the main fire.

However, Yreka residents are still on the alert to stop any spot fires which might result from burning embers. National forest officials said the city has built up a sufficient water supply to handle any spot fires which might develop and 10 pumps are standing by.

Throughout Siskiyou county, a total of six major fires are burning and damage is being estimated at \$3,500,000. Fourteen families have been burned out, and are being cared for by the Red Cross.

Soldiers Give Aid

Wearry fire fighters got some unexpected help yesterday when 800 soldiers en route from Ft. Ord, Calif., to Ft. Lewis, Wash., were sent in to battle the flames. Fire fighters, some of whom have been on the job since Monday, are reported working "with impaired effectiveness," and are being replaced with fresh men as rapidly as possible.

The situation on other Siskiyou fires looked like this:

Sterling mountain—Expected to be under control early this afternoon.

Kidder Creek-Hays Creek in Scott valley—About 8,500 men on the line.

Taylor creek in Salmon area—1,000 acres burning into flatter country where bulldozers can aid in the battle.

Six Mile in Salmon area—4,000 acres (reported at 800 yesterday) burning into flatter country.

U.S. Acknowledges Complaint on S. P.

State Sen. Philip Lowry has received acknowledgement of his complaint against Southern Pacific railroad from an assistant to the U. S. attorney general. The assistant said the department would make a review and study of the complaint and inform Lowry of its decision.

The senator wrote Attorney General Herbert Brownell last month protesting the discontinuance of Southern Pacific passenger service in southern Oregon. He based his protest on the possible violation of a congressional railroad act of 1866.

Logging Ban Still Effective in Jackson

Salem — (U.P.) — Generally improved weather conditions over Oregon prompted State Forester George Spaur to lift the logging ban in several counties.

The closure was rescinded in the Tillamook burn and in Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Douglas and Lane counties. However, the ban still is in force in Josephine and Jackson counties.

Crews Mopping Up All Major County Fires; Reseeding Scheduled

Sterling mountain forest fire in northern California is burning into the edge of Rogue National forest in the Miller Glade area. Rogue forest headquarters here was informed early this afternoon.

Crews were mopping up all major fires in Jackson county today, and favorable winds and higher humidities this morning indicated the worst of the local forest fire problem is over.

With increased visibility resulting from a north wind, which blew most of the smoke out of this area, some small fires still were being discovered.

However, crews were being sent out to them, and no unusual trouble was expected from any of them.

Planning To Reseed
The Bureau of Land Management already is planning to reseed burned out areas with ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, and grass. Planting will be done in areas where seeds fail to take hold.

E. K. Peterson, district forester for the bureau, said this morning that all merchantable fire-killed timber will be salvaged. He estimated that it would be the early part of 1956 before appreciable volume of salvage timber could be placed on sale.

Acreage of BLM land hit by the various fires is 440 acres on Timber mountain, west of Jacksonville; 1,700 acres on Sykes creek, north of Rogue River; 650 acres on Blackwell hill; and upwards of 500 acres on Sterling mountain and Dough peak in southern Jackson county.

Revised Estimates
Estimates of total acreage burned on the various fires are still being revised. The figures do not, in general, reflect new acreage burned, but rather additional reports and more accurate estimates.

The fire figures are: Blackwell hill, 3,000 to 3,500 acres, including both Central Point Rural Fire district and state forest patrol lands. Sykes creek, 5,000 to 6,000 acres. Timber mountain, 2,500 to 4,000 acres. Nugget butte, 100 acres. Middle fork of Rogue river, 160 acres. Gardner peak, 100 acres. Dough peak, about 100 acres. Sulphur gulch, 60 acres. Sterling mountain, Oregon section, no accurate figures. All these fires are controlled and are being mopped up.

In Crater Lake National park, all known fires are under control. Crews were sent out to two newly reported fires this morning, and one fire was discovered during the night.

In the park, as in other portions of this area, the increased visibility has resulted in discovery of the new fires and new

Adenauer in Moscow For Round of Talks

Moscow — (U.P.) — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer arrived by plane today for five days of talks with Soviet leaders aimed at German unity and the release of 200,000 German prisoners.

Adenauer was met by Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and foreign minister V. M. Molotov. He shook hands with the Russian leaders and chatted with them a few minutes in the clear, cold afternoon air.

600-Acre Blaze Out of Control North of Etna

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The California Division of Forestry Fire Control announced today the scattered fires that have blackened more than 170 square miles of forest areas in California during the week were virtually all under control.

"Most of them are now 90 per cent under control and we expect complete control by tonight," said Fred Herbert, a fire dispatcher. "The only danger is from wind. We believe we can hold most of the fires in check if we don't get a big blow."

Etna Fire Blows Up
There was one exception. A 600-acre fire 10 miles north of Etna in Siskiyou county blew up last night and fanned over 8,500 acres and still remained out of control today. The fire in the Klamath National Forest is many miles from the fire that threatened to destroy Yreka yesterday.

Ten men were injured when seared by heat on their arms, faces and necks while fighting a big burn near Santa Barbara, 100 miles north of Los Angeles, yesterday. Nine of them were Mexican nationals pressed into forest duty and the 10th man was a Forest Service foreman. None was burned critically, although nine remained in the hospital today.

The men were licked by flames when a fire line got out of control in Glenn Annie Canyon late yesterday afternoon, and billowed across nearly 50,000 acres of brush lands. Trains and highway traffic through the area, which had been brought to a halt was resumed today, although precautions were taken against another outbreak that might close Highway 101, California's important coast road.

Complete Fire Lines
A 17,000-acre timber and brush fire in the Sierra east of Fresno was surrounded with safety lines, except for a half mile gap in the Converse Basin area. Sequoia National Forest Supervisor Eldon Ball said helicopters were flying in men and equipment in an effort to plug the last hole in the fire line near Sampson creek. The men, he said, were forced to rely mainly on hand operations because of the rugged terrain. The line probably will be completed later today.

Rome — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson arrived here today for an international farm conference destined to affect dinner tables around the world.

WANTS CRACKDOWN — Rep. Joe Holt, (R-Calif.) above, today urged that the United States crack down on Russians visiting this country unless the Soviet government satisfactorily explains why he was detained at a point in Moscow, on Aug. 31. Holt said a Russian army officer held a cocked pistol at his head for more than an hour after he tried unsuccessfully to obtain permission to take a picture of a Russian school.

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Gallant Black Panther Fights To Death With Five Lions To Protect Mate in Zoo

Chicago — (U.P.) — A gallant black panther, aging but still full of jungle courage, fought to the death with five lions to save his mate at the Brookfield Zoo. Spring at Lions.

Visitors watched in horror on Wednesday as Snowball, a 12-year old panther from Sumatra, sprang at five lions who had been let into his cage by mistake.

Snowball never had a chance. A single blow from a huge lion's paw broke his back and he was dead within moments. But his mate, spitting fury from a ledge in the cage, was unharmed.

The lions were in the panthers' cage for only eight minutes before zoo attendants, using bars, poles, and streams of water, forced them from Snowball's mangled body.

Fought for Mate
Zoo Director Robert Bean said Snowball apparently sprang into battle to save the life of his mate and himself.

A fluke of chance led to Snowball's death. He and his mate had been moved from their regular cage while it was being cleaned. Ten minutes before feeding time, keeper Cecil Aldridge, 37, let the five hungry lions into the cage.

Airplane Crashes At Burbank Field; Three Persons Die

Attempted Return To Airport Fails

Burbank, Calif. — (U.P.) — A DC3 Currey Air Transport passenger plane, believed carrying 30 persons, crashed shortly after take-off at Lockheed Air Terminal today when it encountered engine trouble and tried to return to the field.

At least three persons were killed and 24 injured, police reported.

The plane was identified by the control tower as a non-scheduled airliner which took off for Oakland at 8:40 a.m. Airport control authorities said the plane's pilot radioed him seven minutes after takeoff that the plane was having "a little trouble and am turning back."

His Other Planes
The two-engine plane attempted its landing but fell short of the runway by about 200 yards. It crashed into two Air Force C54s, and then smashed into a maintenance hangar operated by the Lockheed Aircraft Service Co.

One of the victims was an employee of the service company. He tentatively was identified as Willie Malone. One other victim was identified as the plane's co-pilot, Keith Dutton.

The third body was identified as Joseph A. Dradsher, 31, the plane's pilot, Chula Vista, Calif. Crash investigator M. H. Martin said he believed there were about 30 persons on the plane, including eight to 10 servicemen. The injured servicemen were taken to the Air Force Base Hospital in Long Beach.

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Malone was working on the wing of a military plane when the non-scheduled airliner smashed into it.

The plane, while circling for its emergency landing, hit some telephone wires, witnesses reported. It then catapulted into the first C54, killing Malone, and pushed that plane into another C54. The transport skidded across the yard in front of the hangars and wound up with its battered front end just inside a hangar.

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The contract calls for the filling in of approximately 21 cubic yards of concrete, reinforcing steel and the installation of control valves and access opening covers. The work will be done on the north intake of Big Butte springs.

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Salem — (U.P.) — Dwight L. Phipps, deputy state forester for the past six years, has been named state forester to succeed George Spaur, who is resigning Oct. 1, Gov. Paul Patterson said today.

Spaur has accepted a position with the International Cooperative Association in Pakistan.

30 Years Experience
Phipps has had 30 years experience in various phases of state forestry. He started as a patrolman in the old Jackson

county unit in 1925, which at that time comprised 700,000 acres of forest land. Three years later he was advanced to the position of district warden and shortly thereafter Josephine county was added to his protective area, increasing it to 1,250,000 acres.

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In addition, seasonal work increased near the end of the month with the start of fruit harvest. Packing houses were operating at full capacity.

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359 Said Jobs
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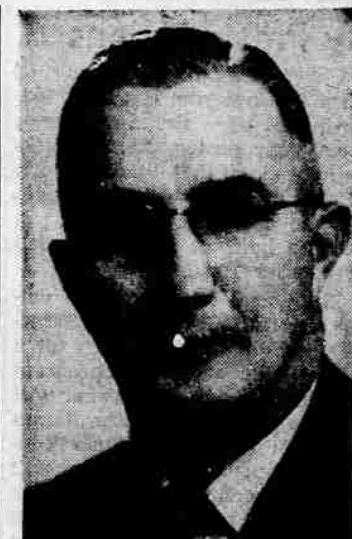
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Bly Man's Body Found by Searchers In Burned Area

Snow Mountain Blaze Jumps Fire Line

By UNITED PRESS
Fire crews battling five major forest fires raging out of control over some 16,000 acres of brush and timber in southern and central Oregon today were plagued by treacherous changes in wind.

The most serious fire in the Round Butte area, 12 miles west of Bly, had claimed the life of one firefighter. The body of Wesley Weston, about 40, of Bly, was found by searchers this morning in a smoldering section of burned over land.

Companions Get Help
Weston, an employee of the Ned Putnam Logging operation, and three other men went into the fire area by truck yesterday. His companions lost sight of him in the dense smoke and returned to get help.

It was the second death to be recorded in the series of forest and brush fires which broke out in scattered sections of the state last week end. A fire near Seneca in northeastern Oregon last Sunday claimed the life of Elwood Jackson, 38, of Baker.

The largest blaze was in the Snow Mountain area in central Oregon near Ochoco and Malheur National Forests. It jumped a fire line yesterday afternoon and by today had covered more than 7,000 acres.

Some 300 men were working on the blaze, but one Forest Service observer said the whole area was "hot, muggy, windy and ready to blow" and doubted that the fire would be controlled today.

Bly Threatened
Other large blazes were in southern Oregon. A fire at Whiskey Flat broke away yesterday and burned to within one mile of Bly, on the Klamath Indian reservation, before a sudden shift of wind turned it around.

The fire, fought by 200 men, had covered more than 2,200 acres and still was out of control.

The Klamath Forest Protective association said a 300-acre fire was ravaging valuable ponderosa pine stands on the south fork of the Sprague river. Some 150 fire fighters had ringed the blaze yesterday, but 25-mile-an-hour winds scattered flames over the line.

In Fremont National forest, a 2400-acre fire was burning on the rim of Summer lake.

Cattle Lost
Another large fire in the forest, at Dray Prairie south and west of Bly, was contained after reaching 1000 acres in size.

The Snow Mountain blaze engulfed at least one large cattle ranch. The Bureau of Land management said the Officer ranch, south of Ize, lost a band of cattle. An estimate of the number of head lost or the extent of further ranch damage was not available.

Pair Being Detained
State forestry investigators today were holding William Clarence Scheligh, 53, and his son, William Lester Scheligh, 26, in connection with a series of small blazes along Coyote Creek road near Grants Pass.

The younger Scheligh was reported to have admitted tossing lighted matches from a truck as the pair drove along the road in the Wolf Creek area. The Schelighs live nearby in a trailer house.

Ashlander Fined \$970 On Overload Charge

James Waldo Akerill, 693 Roca st., Ashland, was fined \$970 on an overload charge in district court yesterday.

The truck, owned by Joseph Barnett of Ashland, which Akerill was driving had a legal capacity of 75,200 pounds, and when weighed at the Table Rock scales Aug. 26, the gross weight was 94,500 pounds, some 19,300 overweight. There were 19 logs on the truck.

Of the total fine, \$500 was paid, with the balance due later.

Denver — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower remained unmoved today by the mounting chorus of optimistic Republican predictions that he will run again. He gave no indication that he will abandon his original intention not to reveal his plans until next year.

Baseball

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Chicago 4 8 2
Washington 5 10 2
Trucks, Martin (7), and Lollar; Stobbs, Abernathy (6), Ramos (8) and Courtney.

Kansas City 0 5 3
New York 13 9 0
Ceccarelli, Herbert (4), Harrington (4), Boyer (8) and W. Shantz; Turley and Berra.

Detroit 5 6 1
Boston 4 7 2
Aber, Birrer (3); Gromek (5) and House; Nixon, Kinder (9) and White.