

No Doubt Seen in Sincerity of Soviet Common Man To U.S.

New York—(U.P.)—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said today, after a six-week tour of the Soviet Union, that there is "no doubt about the sincerity of the friendliness of the Russian common man toward American visitors."

Justice Douglas and his wife who spent 10 days with him in the Soviet Union arrived by plane from Helsinki, Finland.

Douglas said he toured Russia as a "sightseer" on a purely social visit.

He said "the people everywhere were very hospitable, very friendly, and very curious about America. I was treated cordially everywhere."

Douglas said the only incident during his tour of 11 republics of the Soviet Union occurred in Stalinabad, the capital of the Republic of Tadzhikistan in Southern Russia, where a policeman threatened to arrest him after he took a flashbulb picture on the street at night.

A Soviet Intourist Agency interpreter who was with Douglas talked him out of it.

His visit to the Soviet Union climaxed a three-month global tour which also took him to Japan, the Philippines, Indochina, Burma, India and Iran.

Rainfall in Region Aids Fire Situation

Forest fire conditions in Jackson county took a decided turn for the better this morning when the first rain in weeks started to fall.

Early this morning, rain was reported in northern Jackson and Josephine counties, and state forestry department officials were hoping they would get at least some rainfall on the Sykes creek fire, which is being mopped up north of Rogue River.

By midmorning, it was raining in Medford, and rain was reported falling in the Applegate ranger district of the Rogue River National forest, and at Star ranger station.

Danger Not Ended

Not enough rain has fallen to end the danger of fire in southern Oregon, but more rainfall is predicted through Wednesday, accompanied by cooler afternoon temperatures.

It was expected that some rain would fall today in northern Siskiyou county, where Rogue River National forest crews yesterday were pulled off the Sterling mountain fire, which is now being mopped up by Klamath National forest crews.

The fact that Klamath National forest was able to take over the entire Sterling mountain fire was taken here as an indication that the Siskiyou county situation has improved materially.

However, two fires, on Taylor creek and Six Mile ridge, were still listed as "out of control" and burning in inaccessible territory with high winds and low humidities.

The 5,000-acre blaze on Six Mile ridge, and the 1,000-acre

Light Rain Forecast In Western Oregon

By UNITED PRESS
Oregon's rainy season may be on the way, the weather bureau said today.

Light showers fell in Portland this morning after nearly 47 days of dry weather and occasional light rain was forecast throughout western Oregon. The damp weather eased fire danger west of the Cascades but did not end it.

The weather bureau said a high pressure area which had allowed summary weather in Oregon had shifted southward and that Alaskan storms are more likely to head for the Pacific Northwest.

The five-day outlook called for showers in Western Oregon through Sunday with spotty precipitation in Oregon.

Taylor creek fire are burning

Weather

Date: Sept. 13, 1955
FORECAST: Occasional light rain tonight. Mostly cloudy with showers Wednesday. Cooler afternoons. High Wednesday 70, low tonight 54.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 86
Lowest this Morning 48

Transfer of Part of Kenwood District Official; Asset Distribution Outlined

A section of Kenwood school District 102 was officially transferred to Lone Pine district 10 at a meeting of the two school boards and the county boundary board Saturday. County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold today revealed decisions reached at the meeting.

On Aug. 26, the boards tentatively granted a petition of 56 Kenwood district residents who desired transfer. The action Saturday transferred all property described in the petition except Lot 1, Block 2, Rogue Valley Heights.

Area Outlined
Included in the transfer, with the one exception, was all property west of Crater Lake ave. to Corona ave., and north of Roberts rd. to Crater Lake high-

way.

The purpose of Saturday's meeting was to distribute assets and liabilities of the two areas. Deputy District Attorney Gene Piazza interpreted assets of the Kenwood area as being any property owned plus O & C funds. The district's only property is several school buses.

Two Subject to Division
It was agreed that two items were subject to division—a tuition fund of \$82,000 and an emergency fund of \$500.

All other items in the budget were considered continuing costs of District 102 for the current school year.

Piazza said assets would have to be divided on an assessed valuation basis. Therefore, division awaits figures from the assessor's office on the valuation of utilities and personal property in the Kenwood area. Real property in the section is valued at \$137,437.

Total Valuation
It was agreed that the total valuation of Kenwood District 102 is \$1,185,244.57, with O & C funds coming to \$16,140.50.

No action was taken on disposition of the rest of the Kenwood district and Dewey District 29. According to law, both must be annexed to one or more adjoining districts operating standard schools, as they themselves have not operated schools for two years. Kenwood and Dewey districts for the past two years have been sending children to surrounding districts on a tuition basis.

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Santa Barbara Forest Fire Again Jumps Control Line

260 Persons Trapped For Several Hours

San Francisco—(U.P.)—New blazes flared today in the California forests and the hopes of firefighters to control the 70,000 acre inferno went up in smoke.

The blaze, which flared out of control again near Santa Barbara, trapped some 260 persons for several hours Monday night in an area smaller than a city block.

350,000 Acres Blackened

The Santa Barbara fire is one of five major blazes still raging unchecked through the state. Since the first of the month, a rash of the worst coastal brush and timber fires in history has blackened 350,000 acres and caused an estimated \$20,000,000 damage.

The trapped group, including 55 teen-age boys, was encircled in Paradise Canyon when the six-day old blaze flared up suddenly and jumped State Highway 150. Bulldozers quickly scraped fire breaks around the area and water pumping units took stations on the perimeter of the fire.

Autos Evacuated

Sheriff's deputies and California highway patrol officers then convoyed the group to safety. About 50 privately-owned autos in the area were evacuated a few at a time to prevent snarl-jammed with firefighting equipment.

The fire broke lines Monday just as 1200 firefighters were hoping for control sometime today. They had controlled all but about six miles of the 72-mile perimeter.

"But the flareup shattered our hopes for control in the near future," a forest service official said.

Air Supremacy Rank With Russia Studied

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Military Preparedness subcommittee is out to find an answer to the fateful question of whether the United States is in danger of losing air supremacy to Russia.

As part of a broad inquiry into the nation's air strength, the subcommittee wants to determine specifically whether the United States is ahead or behind Russia in production of intercontinental jet bombers and in development of intercontinental missiles.

The study will come as a climax to persistent Democratic complaints throughout the year that the administration's air force program is inadequate in view of recent Russian strides in airpower.

The study also may furnish Democrats with ammunition in case the administration makes a move to cut back Air Force spending to help balance the federal budget.

Gresham Man Killed In Asia Plane Crash

Washington—(U.P.)—An Oregon man today was listed as one of 13 airmen killed last Thursday when a B-29 bomber crashed into the sea between Formosa and Japan.

The victim was identified as 1st Lt. Frank G. Willis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Willis Sr., route 3, box 379A, Gresham.

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Germany, Russia Sign Pact New Hurricane Heads For Eastern Seaboard

Hilda Rampaging In Bahama Waters Threat to Florida

Storm Still 750 Miles Southeast of Miami

Miami—(U.P.)—A new hurricane rampaging in Bahama waters may veer northward and strike the East Coast, a weatherman warned today.

Forecasters Walter Wavis of the Miami Weather Bureau said the tempest, which sprang up Monday, is still a threat to south Florida. Most of the Bahamas were on alert.

Hurricane Hilda, eighth tropical whirler of the year, churned the sea just south of Turks Island nearly 750 miles southeast of Miami during the night in an almost stationary position.

An advisory reported Hilda, with top winds of 75 miles per hour, was drifting slowly west-northwestward on a course aimed near Miami.

The slow-down from an earlier speed of 12 miles per hour when Hilda sprang into full hurricane formation and strength Monday was considered a signal of further growth.

Weathermen said it was too early to estimate the full potential strength or course of the whirler which developed from a group of squalls in the Antilles at dawn Monday.

Born Nearer Mainland
Davis said there was a good possibility of Hilda turning northward and hitting the trails of hurricanes Connie and Diane which spread death and destruction along the Eastern Seaboard states earlier this year.

The hurricane was born hundreds of miles nearer the U.S. mainland than either Connie or Diane, which moved in from far out in the Atlantic to hit the Carolina coast.

Dock Strike Spreads Along East Seaboard

New York—(U.P.)—A dock workers strike spread rapidly along the Eastern seaboard today.

All New England ports, Philadelphia, Jacksonville, Fla., and Savannah, Ga., were shut down by a "general strike" order sent out yesterday to support 30,000 striking New York harbor dockers in their fight against the New York-New Jersey Waterfront Commission.

In Washington, Clyde Mills, assistant director of the Federal Mediation Service, said the dispute "does not appear to be a labor-management dispute in the normal sense, and therefore we do not intend to intervene."

The federal viewpoint appeared to be that the fight is a local political affair and that as such it should be handled by the affected states.

The President could be asked to invoke the Taft-Hartley law in event a national emergency threatened, but no such step was expected in the near future.

Oregon Schools Urged To Recognize Constitution

Salem—(U.P.)—In compliance with Gov. Paul Patterson's proclamation Sept. 17-23 constitution week, Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam today urged that all schools in Oregon provide appropriate exercises or ceremonies "to recognize the vital importance of the constitution under which we are governed."

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Baseball

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Detroit 0 5 1
New York 6 9 0
Miller, Gromek (4), Marlowe (7) and House; Turley and Barra.

Cigarette-Puffing Doctor Proposes Insurance Rate Increase for Smokers

Portland—(U.P.)—A cigarette-puffing medic proposed here today that life insurance premiums be increased for smokers. He asserted it would cut down the number of deaths from lung cancer.

Dr. Charles Dotter, professor and head of the department of radiology at the University of Oregon Medical School, told the 10th annual post graduate cancer conference here that, in his opinion, there was no question about the link between tobacco and lung cancer.

Confessing his own smoking habits, Dr. Dotter said "I know it increases my chances of dying

of lung cancer—yet I don't think I will die of lung cancer."

Suggesting a \$5 a year increase in insurance premiums for smokers, Dr. Dotter said "sometimes we can get people by threatening their pocket books better than we can by threatening their lives."

Dissenting voice was raised by E. Colton Meek Jr., associate professor of pathology. He said there was as much correlation between increased use of autos and their fumes and lung cancer as there was between smoking and lung cancer.

Seven Injured in Jackson County Auto Accidents

Seven people were injured this morning in two Jackson county automobile accidents, according to state police and Ashland General hospital attendants.

Injured at about 2 a.m. in a one-car accident on the Green Springs highway east of Ashland were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Noyes, Mrs. Noyes' sister, Betty Randle, and her father, Herman Randle. All are temporarily residing at 712 Siskiyou blvd., in Ashland.

Car Hits Tree

Hospital attendants said the accident occurred when the driver of the vehicle went to sleep and the car struck a tree. The Randles received emergency treatment and were dismissed. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes are both hospitalized. Their injuries were not believed to be serious.

The second accident occurred at about 6:40 a.m. today on Highway 99 at Valley View rd., in Talent.

Three Injured

Police said a car operated by Don J. Raspone, 253 Third st., Ashland, collided with a vehicle driven by Ralph E. Honnold, 422 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland. Injured were the two drivers and Mrs. Eleanor Raspone, a passenger in the car operated by her husband.

Mrs. Raspone received cuts about her face and head, and reportedly lost considerable amounts of blood. Both Raspone and Honnold received chest injuries which did not appear to be serious. All three were taken to Ashland General hospital by Litwiller ambulance.

Westinghouse Strike May Block Wage Talk

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Settlement of a current strike of CIO Westinghouse Electric Corp. workers over a one-plant grievance may prove a major block in early conclusion of a new wage agreement with the company, union President James B. Carey indicated today.

Carey, head of the International Union of Electrical Workers, emerged from a meeting with Westinghouse officials at 1:30 a.m. (EDT) and gave a grim "no progress" report.

He had sought settlement of a two-day walkout of the IUE's 44,000 Westinghouse members which was called in support of 2,200 East Pittsburgh plant workers who went on a strike Aug. 8 in protest to a company time-study program.

Five Men Fined On Liquor Charges

Five young Jackson county men, four from Jacksonville and one from Medford, were arrested yesterday and fined \$15 apiece in district court for illegal possession of liquor.

Jackie Dean McKinney, 19, and Benjamin Virgil Sheare, 19, both of Jacksonville, two Jacksonville 17-year-olds and one from Medford were involved.

William Tillman, 35, of 2802 Springbrook rd., was fined \$255 and given a 90 day license suspension by District Court Judge Rawles Moore for driving while intoxicated.



M-T QUIZ WINNER—Mrs. Vera Rosenbalm, route 2, box 144, Central Point, is shown receiving a free one-year's subscription to the Mail Tribune from her carrier, Mrs. William Reed, who with her husband has delivered during this past year 266,985 papers and has driven a total of 22,268 miles in Jackson county to bring daily the M-T to 900 families. Mrs. Rosenbalm is the third winner in the series of current events quizzes conducted by the Mail Tribune to call attention to the fact that a savings of \$2.50 may be had by subscribing to the Mail Tribune on a yearly basis. Mrs. Rosenbalm has lived in Medford most of her life. Her husband works at Crater Lake, and while he is away she spends most of her time in her garden, where she has many varieties of flowers and shrubs.

Mt. St. Helens Area Probed For Elderly Prospectors

Longview, Wash.—(U.P.)—A 12-man search party today probed the Spirit Lake area near Mt. St. Helens for two elderly uranium prospectors missing for two days.

The Washington state patrol identified them as C. H. Allger, 85, Tacoma, and Charles Dickens, 70, of San Diego, Calif.

Marshall Stenerson, forest ranger at Spirit Lake, said he was called yesterday by J. F. Castle, 92, of Tacoma, who had accompanied the two other men on the prospecting venture but had remained behind in a camp set up at Meta Lake. Castle found a forest service telephone and called the ranger station when the other two men did not return.

The three men left their car at Spirit Lake Sunday and hiked to Meta Lake. Allger and Dickens left with Geiger counters, no food and wearing light clothing.

Stenerson made a search of the area yesterday and returned about midnight. The state patrol and the St. Helens rescue unit went into the area today and officers said forest crews of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. may join the hunt today.

Virus Immunization Nearer Realization

Minneapolis, Minn.—(U.P.)—Successful immunization against various virus infestations was closer to realization today due to the discovery of a method of separating a virus into its component parts.

A spokesman for the American Chemical Society drew this conclusion from a report made yesterday to the group's 128th meeting, held at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Barry Commoner of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., said he and three colleagues have found a way to break a tobacco mosaic virus into its two parts—protein and nucleic acid—and then rejoin them.

Commoner said that ultimately it may be possible to make an "artificial hybrid virus." This "suggest that ways may eventually be found to use viruses as tools for intervening in the normal processes of inheritance among higher organisms."

Agreement Covers Establishment of Diplomatic Ties

Provisions Not Immediately Told

Moscow—(U.P.)—West Germany and the Soviet Union signed an agreement tonight covering the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The agreement was reached at the end of five days of talks between delegations headed by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin.

Significant Act

It was considered one of the most significant international acts since the end of World War II, in which the two nations were bitter enemies.

The historic arrangement was signed by Adenauer and Bulganin in the white marble chamber of the Spiridonovka palace.

Provisions of the agreement were not revealed immediately. Details were expected to be given in a final joint communiqué prepared by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and Bonn Foreign Minister Henrich von Brentano.

Both Adenauer and Bulganin seemed pleased with the final agreement.

Surrender Not Indicated

There was no indication that the West German delegation had given in to Soviet demands to establish diplomatic relations first and then talk about the questions of prisoners still in Russian hands and German reunification.

Adenauer scheduled a press conference tomorrow morning before he flies back to Bonn.

The last meeting was a plenary session attended by the full delegations of both sides. It was preceded by a private face to face meeting between Adenauer and Bulganin.

At the first session, Adenauer was reported to have demanded three major concessions from the Soviet Union in return for an agreement to insist Russian demands for the restoration of full, formal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Demands Listed

A member of the West German delegation said they were:

1. Amnesty for Germans still held in the Soviet Union.
2. Agreement that the final borders of Germany in the event of reunification will be decided only by a formal peace treaty.
3. A clear understanding that full diplomatic relations between Bonn and Moscow will not imply recognition of the Communist East German government by the Bonn regime.

It was still too early to say what the chances were of Soviet acceptance.

Concrete Poured at Four Mile Project

The first concrete for the Medford-Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts' rehabilitation project was to be poured today at Four Mile Lake dam. Excavation was completed in the last few days, according to John Hatch, engineer here for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Hatch said excavation is continuing for the spillway and placing of riprap on the upstream face of Fish Lake dam.

The two projects are the first steps in a recently negotiated 40-year rehabilitation contract between the irrigation systems and the Bureau of Reclamation.

R. K. Construction Co. of Roseburg is scheduled to complete the Fish and Four Mile lake jobs within 120 days of the contract's ratification. Work was begun about the third week in August.

Fourth Street Crossing Blocked Temporarily

Fourth street railroad crossing is now blocked because of work being done by Southern Pacific company.

The railroad is repairing the spur track which leads to the Crane company warehouse at Fourth and Grape sts.

Vernon Thorpe, city public works director, said that the crossing probably will be blocked to auto traffic most of this week.

Portland, Ore.—(U.P.)—A grain storage warehouse containing nearly \$500,000 worth of wheat, barley and oats burst into flames this morning and firemen said all the grain would be destroyed.