

Russia Will Release German War Prisoners



GATES TO HELL—Looking like the "Gates to Hell" describes this scene at the five-million-dollar fire that destroyed mills in Manville, R. I. Civil defense and Red Cross units were called to the huge state alarm fire.

New York Dockmen Accept Offer to Air Grievances

New York—(U.P.)—New York longshoremen voted today to end a seven-day dock tieup which has spread to other East and Gulf coast ports.

Some 5600 of the port's 30,000 dockers approved with a shout their leaders' recommendation that they accept the offer of a New Jersey legislator to provide an airing of their grievances against the New York-New Jersey Waterfront commission.

"Try to get back to work this afternoon," International Longshoremen's association President William V. Bradley told the cheering men. "If you cannot, return tomorrow morning."

Jump at Proposal

ILA leaders had been rebuffed by the governor of both affected states, by federal authorities, congressmen and a New York legislative committee in their attempts to by pass the commission, set up two years ago to police a dock cleanup.

The ILA jumped last night at the proposal of New Jersey State Sen. James F. Murray Jr. that he set up a "Citizens' Fact Finding Committee" to hear the union's grievances against the Waterfront commission of New York harbor.

Santa Barbara Fire Control Seen Near

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Heavy rains brought relief to fire-scorched Northern California today and control was hoped by nightfall in two major fires still burning in other areas of the state.

Firefighters reported this morning that the big brush fire in the Santa Barbara area now had been circled and that back-firing on one front today should contain the blaze. Fire officials said the blaze should be controlled today, barring winds.

The perimeter of the big brush fire was 107 miles and the flames had resulted in estimated damage of \$850,000,000.

Meanwhile, the other major fire in the Sequoi National Forest east of Fresno was described as being in "good shape" despite a flareup which swept flames toward the famed Boole tree, third ranked Redwood in the world. Gusty winds fanned flames up from the rocky slopes of Kings River Canyon last night but secondary fire lines halted the blaze after it spread through about 100 acres of timber.

Battleship Oregon Sale For Scrap Purposes

Salem—(U.P.)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said today the Navy plans to dispose of the battleship Oregon by sale for scrap purposes only.

Rear Adm. A. G. Mumma said in a letter to the Oregon congressman that before sale of the hulk, now moored at Guam, any part of historic interest would be removed for loan or gift to non-profit historical or educational institutions.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers tonight and Thursday. Cooler tonight with low 40s. High Thursday 70.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 61
Lowest this Morning 51
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today .50

Rain Eases Threats To Forests; Better Irrigation Outlook

Rain totaling between .09 and .97 of an inch fell throughout southern Oregon and northern California yesterday.

It ended, at least temporarily, threats of new forest fires in Jackson county. In Siskiyou county, it increased hopes that major fires can be controlled in the near future.

For Jackson county, it was the first measurable rainfall in a month and a half, and the first appreciable precipitation in an even longer period.

Eases Irrigation Strain
It took a tremendous strain off the county's overextended irrigation facilities. Water from Fourmile lake reservoir was being shut off today, and flow

Budget Committee Meeting Slated

The Medford citizens budget committee will hold its second regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in the city hall. The committee formerly met only during the budget-forming period, but Mayor Earl Miller and the city council requested that it meet monthly as do other committees.

Last month, the group elected Granville Brittan chairman and Mrs. Marina Gates secretary at an organizational meeting.

On tonight's agenda are instructions for the committee from City Attorney Frank Farrell, and discussions of the city's street and sewer programs. The group will meet the second Wednesday of each month. Setting up a budget for fiscal year 1956-57 probably will start soon after Jan. 1, 1956.

Fire District Ends Burning Permit Ban

Central Point—Yesterday's rain enabled Central Point Rural Fire Protection district to resume issuance of burning permits. Fire Chief Richard Krupp reported.

Twenty-four permits have been issued since yesterday's rain began. Permission of district officials is still required for all open trash and rubbish blazes, Krupp stated. Burning without a permit is restricted to approved incinerators.

The rain has made possible "clean up" of a number of fire hazards, according to the chief. No trash burning had been allowed for more than a week. Krupp checked on four trash burning projects this morning. The department received a call to a reported fire on Beall lane about 6:45 p.m. yesterday but after considerable search in the area were unable to find any blaze.

Retail Coffee Prices Increase in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Retail coffee prices took a four-cent jump in Portland today, both on nationally advertised and house brands.

Prevailing price in most markets was 93 to 95 cents for name brands, compared with a wholesale range of 90 to 93 cents.

Salem—(U.P.)—Unless rain slows construction, the Portland-Salem expressway will be opened to two-lane traffic around Nov. 1.

from Fish lake reservoir was reduced starting yesterday so that the supplies of water may be built up.

Irrigated pasture lands are now "in good shape" and the bulk of Jackson county orchards which have been irrigating late pears are now shutting off water. Rogue River Valley Irrigation district officials said this morning that they anticipate only moderate demand for water from here on out. Some water will be kept in the ditches to meet this demand, they said.

In Jackson county forests, the rain appeared to end one of the county's worst fire seasons in years. State forestry department officials this morning reported "quite a bit" of rain fell on the Skyes creek and Timber mountain areas, where the county's two largest fires are being mopped up.

Both mop-up operations were "cooled down," and the forest patrol expects no more problems on the two jobs. The rain meant that mop-up costs will be lowered, they said.

Lookouts Brought Down
Some state forestry department lookouts were being brought down today for their first rest in weeks. They will be sent out again if conditions warrant such a move.

Rogue River National forest officials also reported rain throughout their areas, and added that "the situation is vastly improved." No lightning was reported during the rain storm.

At Yreka, Harry Crebbin, spokesman for Klamath National forest, said the storm was "Something we've been getting down on our prayer bones for." The heaviest rainfall in Siskiyou county was on the west side of Klamath National forest, away from most of the fires. However, all fires received some rain, and none of the blazes has grown appreciably in size. It appeared that fighters would be able to contain all fires not previously brought under control.

But, Crebbin warned that although the situation now seems well under control, fires could start moving again if a dry period follows the "surface wetting."

The forecast today from the Medford weather bureau was for scattered showers.

Stassen to Report On Disarmament Talk

Denver—(U.P.)—The summer White House announced today that Harold E. Stassen, presidential assistant for disarmament, will give President Eisenhower a personal report here Friday on the developments at the U.N. disarmament conference in New York.

Stassen, the deputy U.S. delegate to the U.N. parley, has been keeping Mr. Eisenhower informed regularly on developments.

The announcement said Stassen's trip is not due to any particular development at the talks. Meantime, it was announced that the President will leave Monday morning for several days of fishing at the Fraser, Colo., ranch of Aksel Nielsen, Denver banker who was his host for a five-day stay when the President first began his Colorado visit last month.

The summer White House also announced that the President will play host to 14 golf and business friends at a stag week end here.

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Hurricane Hilda Drives Thousands From Cuban Towns

Force Could Still Threaten Mainland

Miami—(U.P.)—Hurricane Hilda slammed across the eastern tip of Cuba today with damaging winds and flooding rains that drove thousands of lowlanders from populous river towns.

Winds howled through deep valleys at 70 miles per hour upon exposed points of the rugged country bringing torrential rains that almost at once sent rivers gushing over their banks.

A report said waves swept over the 1,700-ton steamer Saturno of Italian registry in nearby Caribbean waters.

Vessels Seen in Storm
Navy hurricane hunters who flew into the storm Tuesday reported sighting two vessels in the storm, one a 200-footer apparently grounded in surf at the eastern tip of Cuba.

The hurricane knocked out outside communication with the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo, and hit the seaport towns of Santiago de Cuba and Baracoa.

Weathermen said the course would carry the tornado into the Gulf of Guacanayabo on the southern coast of Cuba during the morning. Central Cuban areas were alerted for gales and high tides.

Hilda quickly lost much of its awesome force of 90 miles per hour when it slammed upon Cuba's high ridges but the gorges funneled runoff rainwater into ominous downriver floodwaters.

Weather forecasters said the hurricane faced a 100-mile gauntlet of mountainous country on its present course but still could regain enough strength on reaching open sea to threaten the U.S. mainland.

Forecaster Paul Moore of the Miami Weather bureau said no likely guess about Hilda's course or future size and ferocity could be made until this afternoon.

"It seems to be going along without too much deviation, which indicates there is a chance it will survive," Moore said. "We can't say what will happen when the storm gets over the water again."

REA Said Thwarting Cheap Power Source

San Francisco—(U.P.)—A representative of the Harney Electric Cooperative, Burns, Ore., today charged that the Rural Electrification Association was "thwarting the development" of a low-cost power source and said the Bonneville Power Administration was "closing the door to possible development" of a future direct public power service.

Robert Welty, consulting engineer of the Harney cooperative, told a House Operations Subcommittee on Public Works and Resources that "the morale of the people who have attempted organization of an area-wide self service power distribution unit cannot forever withstand the buffeting it is receiving from indifference or opposition by the government agencies established to assist in such activities, and from the divertive effort of outside groups interested only in control and restricted development."

Agreement for BPA-Aluminum Plant Line Draws Praise From Both Political Camps

Washington—(U.P.)—Praise came from both sides of the political fence today for an agreement between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Harvey Machine Company, Torrance, Calif., which cleared the way for power line construction to the company's proposed aluminum plant at The Dalles, Ore.

McKay "Extremely Pleased"
Interior Secretary Douglas McKay, who announced the power life agreement, said he was "extremely pleased that this agreement has been reached." He said "I have consistently supported the completion of arrangements to make possible construction of this aluminum plant, which has been

Competing Railroad Urged for Oregon

Transportation Committee Votes Probe of Plans

Group Recommends Three Alternatives

Salem—(U.P.)—A move to bring a competing railroad into Oregon to compete with Southern Pacific was urged on Gov. Paul L. Patterson here yesterday by his emergency transportation committee.

By a vote of 8 to 4, the committee agreed to recommend an investigation of plans to force Southern Pacific to transport northern line cars over its tracks to allow the northern lines to operate trains over SP tracks, or to bring in a new, competing line.

Enjoys Monopoly
Southern Pacific enjoys a monopoly in Oregon points south of Eugene. Clifford W. Ferguson, state supervisor of rail transportation, said an investigation showed that shippers in that area were discriminated against in obtaining cars while points served by two lines had less difficulty getting service.

J. W. Corbett, San Francisco, vice president of SP, denied Ferguson's charges, claiming that the line gave service preference to the monopoly areas.

Stan Sherwood, Coquille, Ore., chairman of the governor's committee, said Oregon's shortage of boxcars was as high as 30 per cent of demand compared with only three per cent in the rest of the nation. The figures were questioned by Corbett.

UMC 'Kick-Off' Dinner Sept. 19

A dinner meeting to "kick-off" the 1955 United Medford Crusade campaign is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19, at the Medford YMCA social hall. Sponsors for the dinner have not yet been announced.

All arrangements for the sponsorship of UMC report luncheons have been completed, according to Boyd Budge, assistant campaign chairman.

The schedule for report luncheons sponsors includes Sept. 26, Rotary club; Oct. 3, Crater Lions club; Oct. 10, Medford Lions club; and Oct. 17, Kiwanis club. On the latter three dates, service for the luncheons will be provided by the clubs' auxiliaries.

The final report meeting, scheduled for Oct. 24, will be sponsored by the Elks lodge, and will be held at the Elks building. All other report luncheons will be at the YMCA social hall.

Season's First Snow Falls on Mt. Hood

Timberline Lodge, Ore.—(U.P.)—First snow of the season, a two-inch fall, was reported on Mt. Hood last night.



FOURTH QUIZ WINNER—Mrs. Harry J. Fitzpatrick, route 1, box 364B, Medford, was the winner of the fourth daily current events quiz, being conducted by the Mail Tribune in connection with Bargain Days. She is shown above receiving her prize, a free one-year subscription to the Mail Tribune, from Joe Kingsley, who with Mrs. Kingsley delivers 24,000 papers each month. Of the 890 families served by the Kingsleys, 564 subscribe on a yearly basis, saving the Kingsleys' 500 miles of extra driving and many hours making collections. The Fitzpatricks moved to Medford from Alaska a year ago, and he works for the post office as a mail carrier. They live in Cherry Heights with a 15-year-old husky dog. Mrs. Fitzpatrick as hobbies works leather and collects dishes. The quizzes are being held to call attention to the Mail Tribune's yearly subscription offer when savings of \$2.50 can be made. —(Landis-Shangle photo)

Week or 10 Days Seen For Freed Prisoners To Reach Hong Kong

Hong Kong—(U.P.)—American diplomats said today it might be another week or 10 days before any of the 19 Americans listed as ready to leave Red

China reach Hong Kong. Ten of the Americans have been in prison or under house arrest. Nine others had been denied exit permits and another three can leave if they request permission.

No Indication of Arrival
American Red Cross official Richard Tomlin and a representative of the British Red Cross went to the Hong Kong-Red China border today but reported on their return that there was no indication when the Americans would arrive.

The U.S. Consulate has decided not to send a representative to the border until some definite word is received about the arrival date of the Americans. Even though there were indications of delay, friends and relatives of the 10 imprisoned Americans made preparations to re-leave them.

The wives of Lawrence R. Buols, commercial air pilot of Stockton, Calif., and Baptist missionary Levi A. Lovegren, Seattle, said they were arranging transportation to the United States.

Hopes for Stopover
Mrs. Buols said she hoped to arrange a one week stopover in Honolulu. Mrs. Lovegren, whose daughter is with her, said she and her husband would sail for home by way of India and the Middle East within two weeks.

W. A. Rickett, Seattle, who went to China on a Fulbright scholarship, was to be the house guest of U.S. Vice Consul Robert Aylward, a close friend of Rickett's in Peiping.

Murder and Suicide Seen in Portland Deaths

Portland—(U.P.)—The bodies of Amos C. and Norma Packer Corson were found in their home here today and police labeled the deaths a murder-suicide. Officers said Corson, 64, was apparently despondent over the failing health of his 53-year-old wife and shot her before putting a bullet into his own head. A suicide note was found.

Bulganin Promises To Start Action Before Day's End

No Secret Agreements, Adenauer Declares

Bonn, Germany—(U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer returned from Moscow today with a Soviet promise to start action on the release of German war prisoners before the end of the day.

The Soviet assurances on the release of prisoners were given at the end of five days of talks

Washington—(U.P.)—The State Department hailed today the new agreement between Russia and West Germany as a major diplomatic victory for the West.

In a long formal statement the department said the agreement, negotiated in Moscow this week by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Soviet leaders, marks "the abandonment by the Soviet Union of its bankrupt German policy."

In Moscow in exchange for West German agreement to establish diplomatic relations with Russia.

Chancellor Looks Tired
The 79-year-old Chancellor looked tired as he arrived after his fateful conference in the Soviet capital with Premier Nikolai Bulganin and other Kremlin leaders.

He is scheduled to report to the Cabinet tomorrow and is expected to hold a news conference Friday. He will report later to the Bonn Parliament sometime after it reconvenes Sept. 22.

Adenauer, speaking at a press conference shortly before he departed by plane to the West German capital of Bonn, stated: "I am authorized by Marshall Bulganin to declare that before our delegation arrives back in Bonn action to release the prisoners will begin."

Historic Agreement Signed
Adenauer had signed an historic agreement with Bulganin a few hours before to establish full diplomatic relations between the two nations.

The agreement on diplomatic relations was written into two formal letters and a communiqué. Russia's promise to free war prisoners took the form of an "assurance" from Bulganin. Adenauer reassured his Western Allies that "we have been faithful to alliances with our Western friends." He emphasized there had been no secret agreements.

"We have not been asked to abandon our Western Allies or give up membership in NATO and WEU (Western European Union). Nothing has been changed and nothing has been asked from us in this respect," he said.

Says Reunification Unhindered
Adenauer said his negotiations with the Russians had not hindered but had helped the cause of reunification of Germany. He said this was the responsibility of the four powers which conquered Germany—the United States, Britain, France and Russia.

Adenauer said the Soviets had agreed with the West Germans that the question of German reunification was a subject for the big powers. This also was a change in the Soviet position. During the conference the Russians insisted that the East and West Germans must get together and work on reunification of the divided country.

The chancellor's announcement on prisoners was sure to come as a shock to the East German Communists who have been loudly proclaiming for weeks that the prisoner problem could only be settled with their cooperation.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 4 5 1
New York 6 10 2
Garver, Aber (2) Birrer (8) and House, Wilson (3); Larsen and Berra.

Kansas City 7 11 0
Boston 3 8 0
Ditmar and Astroth; DeLoek, Susce (7) and White.

(First game)
Chicago 2 8 0
Belmont 8 14 1
Donovan, Martin (7), Conesgraff (7), Papi (8) and Lollar; Wilson and Triandos.

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