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Forest Service Moves In On Bogus Mining Claims

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Washington — The Forest Service is starting a mopping up operation against thousands of scattered outposts held by pseudo-miners who have staked bogus mining claims in the national forests and tied up billions of board feet of federal timber.

Federal foresters are armed with a new weapon—a law enacted by Congress this past summer designed to stop timber bygrabs by those who have abused the opportunities afforded by the mining act of 1872.

Both the mining industry and conservation groups are backing the campaign of the government foresters. Representatives of both groups helped draft the new law.

Could Isolate Preserve

Under the old mining act, anyone could stake a claim on public lands, erect "No Trespassing" signs, and virtually isolate his newly acquired preserve from the rest of the world. He could build a summer cabin on the site, or as some have done, establish a commercial resort or sell building lots—all on the pretext of trying to develop a paying mining operation.

When these claims were staked in national forests, they disrupted the Forest Service pattern of timber management, for foresters couldn't legally "trespass"

on the claim. Under the new law, the "No Trespassing" signs come down. The government has the right to cut timber, build access roads, permit grazing, hunting, fishing or camping on the claim—so long as these don't interfere with the miner's operation. The claimant, in turn, can use what timber he requires for his mining venture.

Under the old law, mining claims could be staked on a discovery of common stone or cinders. This allowed, for example, a group of University of Oregon students to file claims on the quarry rock they could find within an eight-mile radius of

the Cougar dam project on the south fork of Oregon's McKenzie river. They figured to sell the rock back to the government when it was needed to build the dam, thereby realizing a fat profit.

Under the new law, stone, cinders, sand, pumice or pumicite no longer qualify as minerals. They are regarded now as materials which can be bought from the government, either at a government-set appraised price or by competitive bid.

Under the old law, mining claimants could win patent to their claims if they showed by assays that there was sufficient mineralization to permit a prudent operator to make a paying proposition of his mining venture. With patent, he gained all surface rights that any land owner enjoys—including ownership of the timber.

Opportunities Not Reduced
Under the new law, there is no change in this aspect of the mining act. The changes wrought by the new law, in a word, don't reduce the opportunities afforded the miner who can prove he has a discovery of commercial proportions; but it strikes at the person who has no intention of developing a mine, yet is using the mining law to gain use of federal property for other valuable purposes.

Before the new law was enacted, the Forest Service reported that "the number of claims is snowballing so fast that the situation on the national forests is rapidly getting out of hand."

It is estimated that 10,000,000 board feet of timber was tied up, having a stumpage value of \$112,000,000. Estimates were that 215,000 acres of Oregon timberland were tied up by 6700 claims.

The new law is not retroactive, of course, so that any claims filed prior to the date of enactment, July 23, 1955, are subject to the old mining law. But the Forest Service mopping up operation will be to contest the legality of these old claims, and eventually to wipe out all that are not legitimate mining ventures.

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Sheriff's Police Rushed to Riddle To Disperse Crowd

Passage Blocked By Steelworkers

Riddle, Ore. — (U.P.) — A contingent of sheriff's police was rushed to this Douglas county town early this morning to disperse a crowd of CIO United Steelworkers gathered at the gates of the Hanna Nickel mine and smelter here.

Officers said they received reports that striking steelworkers had blocked the passage of other employees to the nickel works.

Two Men Arrested
Deputies arrested two men in the plant area, one for creating a disturbance and the other for failing to stop at a traffic control sign at the plant entrance. Kenneth Paul Jokos was held in Douglas county jail in lieu of a \$29.50 fine for creating a disturbance and William A. James was fined \$14.50 for failing to stop.

Production at the multi-million-dollar nickel works was at a standstill as the strike went into its fifth day with only maintenance and supervisory personnel on the job.

Union Agent John Rusen said today that the walkout was "not a union authorized strike but the men involved are members of the union and we will not disclaim them."

Negotiations Continue
Negotiations, meanwhile, continued but with no reports of progress.

H. F. Pancake, international representative of the CIO Steelworkers, arrived here last night to confer with Rusen and with the management of the Hanna company.

Basis for the walkout was the replacement by management of four men who refused to do cleanup work around the furnace area at the smelter.

In addition to striking Hanna employees, workers of the Bechtel Construction Co. refused to cross the lines of strikers. Bechtel is building new furnaces at the smelter.

Deputies at the plant today said they had orders to keep all county roads in the area open.

Hams, Beer Taken In Talent Theft

Several hams and an undetermined amount of beer was stolen from the Ideal market, Talent, last night, according to the sheriff's office.

A front entrance to the building had been broken open, officers said.

The University Club, 218 West Sixth st., was entered last week end and \$29 stolen, according to city police. An upstairs door to the building had been forced, police said, and a bar room cash drawer containing the money was pried open.

An attempted burglary of the McDonald Candy company, 332 South Front st., last week end, was reported to city police by a person who saw three people prying on the door.

City and state police and sheriff's deputies searched the building but found pry marks on the door.

October Bank Debits Show Increase Here

Eugene — The Southern Oregon banking district, which includes Medford, recorded a 17.5 per cent increase in bank debits in comparing the October 1955 debits with those of October 1954.

Total debits for October 1955 were \$68,180,471, compared with the 1954 October total of \$57,919,234. The area noted a 4.7 per cent decrease in comparing the October and September debits.

Total debits for the state, as compiled from 13 areas were \$1,530,301,832, a 10.3 per cent increase over last year's October total.

Bank debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms, and are regarded as good indicators of current business activity.

Power Group Protests Intervention for Dam
Spokane — (U.P.) — Pacific Northwest Power Company today filed a protest against attempts by public power groups to prevent construction of two dams on the Snake river and labeled the attempts "scurrilous and contemptuous."

The firm asked the FPC to deny the requests of the Northwest Public Power Association, Oregon, Montana and National Farmers Unions and Idaho Federation of Labor to be heard as intervenors.

Faure Overthrown

Dulles Appeals for Bipartisanship In Foreign Policy

Avoid Political Battle, Is Plea

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles appealed today to keep foreign policy out of the 1956 election campaign because of the aid "a domestic political battle" would give to America's enemies.

"Those hostile to the United States and its ideals are not going to take a vacation so that we can here safely concentrate on a domestic political battle," Dulles told a news conference.

Dulles said only "peril" could flow from "careless or uninformed indulgence in partisan excesses" during the coming campaign. He warned against any "politicizing" which could provide Russia and the Communist world with unusual opportunities for gain.

Must Protect Nation
Dulles said there undoubtedly will be debate on foreign policy. He said this debate is welcome, so long as it is constructive and conducted in a way that will not endanger the nation.

Dulles thus added his voice to that of President Eisenhower, who appealed Saturday for bipartisanship in foreign policy.

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler replied yesterday that Democrats would be happy to join in a "fruce" but said the Republicans should first stop "exploiting" foreign policy by making a major political issue out of the claim that the Eisenhower administration has achieved peace.

Dulles appealed for "the same bipartisan unity which in the past has given authority, vitality and much success to our foreign policies."

First Since Geneva
Dulles refused to criticize any Democrat for foreign policy attacks. He insisted he will not be drawn into political wrangling during the campaign. But he left the door open to reply later to specific charges if he feels it necessary.

Almost all of Dulles' 40-minute news conference, his first since the Geneva conference, was devoted to politics and foreign policy.

An increasing number of Republicans urged that foreign policy be kept out of partisan political debate.



EDGAR FAURE
Loses Sixth Vote

Christmas Parade Plans Announced, Santa Plans Visit

Plans for the annual Christmas parade, which will officially open the holiday season at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, have been announced by Chairman Richard H. Bowers of the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce.

One of the parade's main features will be the first visit of Santa Claus to Medford. Following tomorrow night's visit, St. Nick will make periodic appearances in Medford.

Parade floats and marching units will form on South Ivy st. at West Main st. prior to 6:30 p.m. The parade will go east on Main st. to Bartlett st., turn north on Bartlett st. to Sixth st. and then west on Sixth st. to North Fir st. where the parade will terminate.

Judging Staff
Medford Mayor Earl Miller will serve as chairman of the judging staff. A cash prize will be awarded the winner, with other float and marching units receiving other awards.

Winners will be notified by telephone, Bowers said, and awards will be made Thursday night on the Ore-Cal Panorama television show.

Among participants are Medford High and McLaughlin Junior High school bands. Hedrick Junior High band will not march because band uniforms have not yet arrived.

Downtown Medford stores will remain open until 9 p.m. following the parade.

Christmas decorations have been erected by city public works crews, and arrangements have been made to illuminate them tomorrow night.

1,455 Forest Fires Burn 38,758 Acres On Protected Land

Salem — (U.P.) — A total of 1455 forest fires burned 38,758 acres within the protection areas of some 25,000 Oregon acres administered by the State Forestry Department and U. S. Forest Service during the 1955 fire season, final reports issued by the two agencies showed today.

The figures are preliminary and may be revised slightly when checked, the agencies said. They included 18,222 acres burned over on national forest protection areas and 20,536 acres on the state and association districts.

The reports indicated that the greatest acreage was burned during the period of high fire hazard in the first two weeks of September. During that time forest fires covered 33,000 acres of timberlands in several Oregon counties. Serious trouble was encountered in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Malheur counties.

From the standpoint of fire causes, lightning headed the list with 716. The national forests fought 527 of these lightning fires and the state agencies 189.

Man-caused fires for both agencies totaled 739 with smokers heading the list at 238. Campers were charged with 119 fires. Other causes included debris burning, 70; logging, 69; railroads, 30; incendiary, 21, and miscellaneous, 172.

1954 Loss Smaller
The area burned during the current year is in contrast to the 1954 season when only 10,106 acres were burned. While the 1955 loss is somewhat above that established as the extreme limit of area which can be burned under an adequate protection system, still it is within the lower brackets as compared to average area burned in recent years.

Foresters said the loss in burned timber will be small as most of it can be salvaged immediately and all is accessible from nearby roads.

Washington — (U.P.) — The Post Office Department has denied rumors it has rejected Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's recommendation that Thomas Miller be appointed postmaster of Appleton, Wis., the Republican senator's home town.

French Premier Loses Confidence Vote in Assembly

Queuille Mentioned As Possible Successor

Paris — (U.P.) — Premier Edgar Faure was defeated in an attempt to win a sixth straight vote of confidence in the National Assembly tonight.

The defeat undoubtedly meant the fall of his government, the 21st in France since the end of World War II.

Henri Queuille, a former country doctor and three times previously premier, was the most prominently mentioned possible successor to Faure.

It was announced officially that the vote against Faure was 318 to 218.

Final Plea Futile
The 47-year-old Faure made a final plea to the members to make "an act of sacrifice and courage in deciding to have early elections" and keep him in office. But it was futile.

The issue on which Faure went down was raised indirectly by his proposal to cut short the term of the present Assembly by six months and hold elections early next year.

The vote of no confidence against Faure threw France into another political crisis.

Faure's defeat, widely predicted before the vote, seemed certain when Communist leader Jacques Duclos announced the Reds would not support him.

Saved by Reds Twice
The support of the 90-odd Communist deputies was the only thing that saved Faure from defeat in two other confidence votes on the election issue earlier this month.

The cards were stacked against Faure's last-ditch effort. Even former Premier Pierre Mendes-France, once his friend and associate, postponed a planned visit to the United States to fight Faure in the Assembly.

Russian Gun Play Protested by Briton

Berlin — (U.P.) — British Commandant Maj. Gen. R. C. Cottrell-Hill today deemed "urgent" Soviet action to prevent East Berlin "peoples police" from firing on persons in the British sector.

Cottrell-Hill, in a letter to Soviet Commandant Maj. Gen. P. A. Dibrov, specifically protested a shooting incident Sunday in which Communist police wounded a West Berlin man.

The British commandant's protest came as American Commandant Maj. Gen. Charles L. Dasher Jr. prepared to drive to the Soviet to deliver a stern protest against the forcible detention of two American congressmen, the wife of one of the lawmakers and their escort officer.

Held at gunpoint or allegedly violating a Soviet zone law were Reps. Harold C. Ostertag (R-N.Y.), Edward P. Boland (D-Mass.), Mrs. Ostertag and Lt. James T. McQueen, Mullins, S.C.

Ice Harbor Dam Facing Opposition

Pasco — (U.P.) — The proposed construction of Ice Harbor Dam faces a great deal of opposition in Congress, Rep. Hal Holmes (R-Wash.) told the Pasco Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The dam would be located on the Snake river nine miles upstream from its mouth.

Holmes also promised Pasco residents the Esquatzel waterway, which will drain the lower Columbia Basin, will not be routed through a residential area as first proposed.

Ukiah Man Tells Kidnaping By Tough Woman With Gun

Ukiah, Calif. — (U.P.) — Police today sought a tough-talking, gun-toting woman who reportedly kidnaped a Ukiah city employee late last night and forced him to drive her about 50 miles before he managed to escape.

The victim, I. D. Smith, 52, told Police Chief George E. Smith he was accosted by the woman when he returned to his home in his car after driving his wife to a bus station.

He said the woman, described as about 35 years of age and wearing a red bandana on her head, climbed into his car when he parked in front of his home and "took me to San Francisco."

Other A-Powers Must Also Quit, Proposal Says

Gesture Declared 'More Propaganda'

Washington — (U.P.) — Russia offered today to stop testing A-bombs and H-bombs if other atomic powers quit too. But American officials dismissed the gesture as nothing but "more propaganda."

A Moscow Radio broadcast monitored in London said Russia is ready to quit testing nuclear weapons "right here and now if the other powers possessing such weapons agree to do the same."

It said the Communists cannot stop testing their atomic weapons "so long as both the U.S.A. and Britain manufacture such weapons and test them."

Move for Disarmament
As one of the first moves toward international disarmament the broadcast said, the Soviet Union "suggests that the countries which possess nuclear weapons pledge to discontinue testing them."

Officials here said the Soviet offer is undoubtedly designed to counteract the bad world reaction which has followed Russia's recent explosion of its biggest H-bomb.

Scientists in Japan and Europe reported today that radioactivity in the atmosphere had been increased, although not dangerously, by atomic explosions presumably originating in the Soviet Union.

American diplomats said the Soviet proposal was not made formally to the United States. In their opinion, it is merely another Communist device to try to weaken the West's defenses without an East-West agreement on disarmament.

Tests Must Continue
U. S. policy is that nuclear weapons tests must continue at present to help guard this nation against possible Soviet attack. This country presumably would agree to abandon its atomic weapons development program only if there is an iron-clad East-West agreement on disarmament.

The Moscow broadcast was made in an English language program beamed to North America.

The proposals which the Soviets have put before the United Nations call for a total ban on nuclear weapons and their removal from national arms stockpiles.

Eisenhower To Meet With Security Council

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — The White House announced today that President Eisenhower will drive to Camp David, Md., Thursday to attend a two-hour meeting of the National Security Council.

Although this represents a change in plans, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty emphasized that no emergency is involved.

"This is just the regular meeting of the National Security Council," Hagerty told newsmen, "and the President wanted to attend it."

Originally, the President had not planned to attend this week's Security Council meeting, which was to have been held in Washington. He had planned to attend next week's session at Camp David and to remain overnight to meet with his Cabinet. Next week's plans are unchanged, Hagerty said.

Denver — (U.P.) — Colorado's Gov. Edwin C. Johnson, in a letter to Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah, has called again for construction of the Glen Canyon dam and reservoir in Northern Arizona as the first project in the billion-dollar upper Colorado River storage program.

Portland Company Awarded Contract

Copenhagen and company of Portland has been awarded a \$132,642.52 contract for rehabilitation work on the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts. Bids were received by the Bureau of Reclamation early this month and forwarded to the Denver, Colo., office for consideration.

The work includes earthwork, pipe lines and structures and main canal structures. The project is located east of Medford.

The project calls for construction of a reinforced-concrete bench flume, construction of two concrete pipe siphons, and modification of other concrete structures.

Work is to be completed in 450 days, according to terms of the contract.

Three Youths Arrested By Sheriff's Officers

Three Jackson county boys were turned over to juvenile authorities following their arrest by sheriff's officers.

The 16-year-old Gold Hill youths were arrested in connection with theft of gasoline from Bristol Silica company, Rogue River.

A 17-year-old Eagle Point boy was jailed yesterday following his arrest for being drunk on a public highway. He also was charged with malicious destruction of property. Officers said the youth damaged doors of the Eagle Point fire hall with an automobile he was driving.

In the absence of Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna, juvenile court is being held by the Hon. Orville J. Millard, circuit court judge of this district.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 482.60, up 1.64; 20 railroads, 166.78, up 0.73; 15 utilities 65.71, up 0.28, and 65 stocks 173.36, up 0.66. Sales today were about 2,370,000 shares compared with 2,460,000 shares yesterday.

Five College Students Die As Car Smashes Into Train

Hanford, Calif. — (U.P.) — An automobile carrying junior college students smashed into the side of the Santa Fe's crack Chief passenger train today, killing five of the youths and critically injuring another.

Visibility Zero
The collision occurred eight miles south of here at 7:58 a.m. Highway patrolmen said visibility at the crossing was zero because of fog.

The train was traveling an estimated 80 miles an hour when the car slammed into the fourth coach, strewn bodies of the victims and wreckage several

Courtesy Driver Award Totals \$10

The "Courtesy Driver of the Day" award climbed to \$10 today because the license number published Sunday was not identified.

The license number of today's courtesy driver:

4-K-8986
The courtesy driver program is part of Medford Safety Council's membership drive and "Partner In Safety" program. The program includes a Mr. and Mrs. Jaywalker, who yesterday was not identified. Persons receive a cash award for receiving an affirmative answer to "Are you Mr. or Mrs. Jaywalker?"

The Safety council also is conducting a Safety Slogan contest, entries for which may be addressed to the Medford Safety Council.

Those identifying license numbers should call 2-2441 or 2-5643 before noon the day following publication.

Mother, 3 Children Die in House Fire

Castle Rock, Wash. — (U.P.) — A mother and her three small daughters, including one only 10 days old, perished early today in a fire which destroyed their home here, the Cowlitz county sheriff's office reported.

The victims were Mrs. Mary Matson, 24, and her daughters Judith Elaine, 4; Donna Diane, 18 months, and Barbara Ann, 10 days.

The husband and father, Charles Matson, told sheriff's deputies he woke up and found his room ablaze. He said he tried to get into another room but couldn't and had to jump from an upstairs window.

Sheriff's deputies said the house burned rapidly and was a total loss. Officers recovered recovered Mrs. Watson's body and those of the two older girls by daybreak.

Cause of the fire was not determined immediately. It broke out about 12:30 a.m.

Matson was treated at a Longview hospital for burns.

Russians Said Forced To Make Hydrogen Bombs

London — (U.P.) — Moscow Radio said last night the Soviet Union was forced to make hydrogen bombs because "Western politicians and military leaders are in favor of widespread use of atomic weapons."

The broadcast identified two of these leaders as U. S. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, supreme Allied commander in Europe, and his deputy, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

"Under the circumstances, the Soviet Union cannot help taking steps to guarantee its own security," the broadcast said.

The proposed timber sale area is in the extreme northeastern portion of Douglas county in the headwaters of the North Umpqua river drainage.

The hearing arises as a result of appeals to the secretary of agriculture of the decision of the chief of the U. S. Forest Service to make such a sale. The secretary of agriculture has directed that a public hearing be held under provisions of Forest Service regulation governing such cases.

Weather

FORECAST: Low clouds and fog tonight and early Wednesday. Partly cloudy Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 44. High Wednesday 53-55.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	48
Lowest this Morning	44
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	.64