

# Efforts To Establish Nickel Production in Illinois Valley Slowed by Need of Contract

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Washington — The Office of Defense Mobilization has momentarily stymied efforts to establish a major new industrial plant for nickel production in southwest Oregon—but a new solution is now being sought with some promise of success.

Nickel Corp. Corporation of America has plans to build a plant in the Illinois River valley north of Cave Junction to produce some 30,000,000 pounds of nickel annually from nearby ore. The plant would employ about 750 workers, the firm estimates. After the firm began acquiring mineral lease rights in the area, with royalties promised to local owners of the leases, it made churning drillings and determined that the operation would be economically feasible at current market prices for nickel. But it anticipated that ODM would purchase its output for the national defense stockpile, as ODM is purchasing the output of the Hanna nickel operation near Riddle in Douglas county.

ODM, however, has informed the company that it has already bought or committed itself to buy sufficient nickel for the stockpile, so it isn't interested.

**Must Land Contract**  
Before Nickel Corporation can finance the \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 investment it estimates will be needed to get into production, it must now land a contract for no less than five year's output in order to satisfy investors of the soundness of the operation. Inasmuch as nickel is currently considered to be in short supply domestically, there is a demand which exceeds production at this time.

Domestic users of nickel, such as the large steel companies, aren't anxious to enter into a long contract with a newcomer whose production couldn't begin until 1959 because International Nickel company, giant of the industry, has promised to mitigate the shortage by 1960 when it has new productive capacity coming in.

Turning to the foreign market, the firm found willing buyers abroad, where nickel prices range up to \$1.70 per pound, compared with the U.S. domestic price of 74c. But the Commerce Department has refused to issue an export license to the company, thereby preventing it

from selling its output abroad. Commerce officials point out that nickel is the last remaining metal under government control and exports are banned now because of the domestic shortage.

Caught on the horns of this government-imposed dilemma, John H. White Jr., of Salt Lake City, head of the nickel firm, complained to Congressman Charles O. Porter, Oregon Democrat. Porter called all the officials involved from ODM and Commerce to his office for a conference with White last week in an attempt to resolve the conflict.

Upshot of this confab was that White was advised to negotiate with a foreign buyer and obtain a five-year contract with which

to secure financing for the company's plant. By 1959, when production is expected to start, export controls may have expired, White was told, and he would be granted an export license to ship the nickel abroad. If, on the other hand, controls are still on and no exports permit can be issued, it will be because there is still a domestic shortage and the foreign buyer can simply sell the nickel here domestically until export controls are lifted.

Negotiations are now in progress between executives of Nickel Corporation of America and prospective foreign buyers. Upon their outcome apparently rides the question of whether Oregon will get a sizeable new industrial payroll.

## Indiana Killer Gets Stay of Execution Pending Court Appeal

Michigan City, Ind. — A federal judge in a ruling delivered from the front porch of his home Monday night granted a reprieve to Leslie Irvin only five hours before the Chinese execution-style slayer of six persons was to die in the electric chair.

Irvin was convicted at Princeton, Ind., 19 months ago for the killing of W. Wesley Kerr, an Evansville filling station attendant. He also was accused of killing two women in southern Indiana and three members of a Henderson, Ky., family.

All of the victims were forced to kneel with their hands behind their backs and then they were shot in the back of the head in the style of Chinese executions. Irvin's head, ankles and wrists had already been shaved for the electrodes which were scheduled to jolt the life from his body at 1:01 a.m. (CDT) Tuesday

when news of the stay of execution arrived at Indiana State penitentiary here.

Earlier, Irvin's chances to escape the electric chair appeared dim when a federal judge in South Bend, Ind., refused to grant a stay.

But attorneys for Irvin, known as the "Mad Dog" killer, raced against time to file an appeal with the appeals court in Chicago and then to Danville, Ill., for a personal appeal to Judge Walter Lindley of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Extraordinary Session**  
Lindley held an extraordinary session at his home and granted the 33-year-old former pipefitter a stay of execution about 8 p.m. c.d.t.

Lindley said the stay would continue in effect pending a hearing on Irvin's appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago, probably in September.



**REUNION**—Actress Ingrid Bergman (right) smiles happily after tension-packed reunion in Paris with daughter, Jenny Ann Lindstrom, 18, whom she left behind when she married Roberto Rossellini. It was their first meeting in six years.

## Shakespearean Festival Featured in Magazine

Ashland — Oregon's Shakespearean Festival has again been featured in a nationwide publication. In the current issue of "West Magazine" an article by Ted De Lay covers the past history and the present production schedule at the Elizabethan theatre. Along with the article is a photograph depicting one of the scenes from the 1957 staging of "Love's Labour's Lost."

The magazine is published quarterly in Las Vegas, Nev., and is sold on newsstands and by subscription throughout the United States. Its theme, as the title indicates, centers on activities.

## 19 Fires Reported In District In June

A blaze covering 51 acres of grazing land near Gold Hill was the largest of 19 fires last month in the southwest district of the state forestry department.

Jackson unit had 16 fires and the Josephine unit three. Crews from both units worked on the Gold Hill fire.

Causes of the fires were debris burning, 6, smokers, 5, logging, camper, and railroad, all 1, and miscellaneous 5, according to the monthly report.

Acreage burned by the fires was estimated at 74.27 acres, the report said.

## Around Hollywood

Editor's note: Ken Murray substitutes today for vacationing Aline Mosby as Hollywood columnist.

**BY KEN MURRAY**  
Written for the United Press

Hollywood — It requires no crystal ball gazer to predict that the television trends this fall will include heavy emphasis on (a) Western, and (b) flying adventure series.

I figure the best hedge against inflation is to be riding both trends. I've got a foot in each bandwagon and I'm sitting pretty — unless the bandwagons take off in different directions.

"El Coyote Rides" is a Western telefilm series which Ken Murray Enterprises is producing in association with RKO-teleradio, and "Sky Dogs" which I am producing for NBC, combines the K9 Corps' parachuting dogs with the adventures of Civil Air Patrol flyers.

Gallop or zooming, I've got them! Outlive Us All

As far as the Western is concerned, it will outlive us all. There are perfectly good rea-

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent

## Veteran Sea Dog Dies Aboard Liner

New York — The death of Chota Peg, probably the most traveled dog in the American Merchant Marine, was reported Tuesday on the arrival here of the superliner United States.

The 14½-year-old cocker spaniel, who logged more than two million nautical miles aboard four liners, died at sea July 1 and was given a sailor's funeral.

Chota Peg — Hindustani for Small Drink — was the pet of Cmdr. John W. Anderson, master of the United States. The dog had not been ashore since 1951.

Coming at the speed of light in an interstellar space-ship. There is nothing static about riding a galloping horse. Brother, there is action!

I understand the comics have just about had it on television. "I've got a tip for Sid Caesar, Herb Shriner, et al: Become a TV producer, or, falling that, at least learn to ride a horse."

## POSTAL NOTE

Anamosa, Iowa — Joe Klunk left a jacket here while travelling to the East Coast, so he mailed a letter to "First cafe west of drug store, south side of the street, Anamosa, Iowa." He got the jacket back—prepaid too.

## UNDERWORLD DISSEMINATION?

Houston, Tex. — Bystanders were astounded at the get-away antics of a pair of bandits who robbed Captain John's Restaurant here. Police said the men jumped into separate cars and roared off in opposite directions.

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