



GUARDSMEN CALLED IN COAL STRIKE—National Guardsmen stand guard at mining area of Sasfras, Ky., as pickets sit on hill (rear). Guardsmen were ordered into the area to prevent violence in the seven-week coal strike.

20-Week Jobless Pay Bill Receives Approval in House

Salem—UPI—The House has passed 38-19 a bill tightening up the minimum requirements for drawing unemployment compensation to 20 weeks of work a year. The bill now goes to the governor. The vote came after reading of a report by the majority of the House Labor and Industry Committee which advocated 20 weeks instead of 20 weeks. **Figure Unchanged** The present requirement is that a man must earn \$700 in any one quarter to be eligible. The \$750 figure is unchanged in the bill passed. Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) said the 20-week requirement would save the unemployment compensation fund some \$350,000 a year. He said it also meant that employers would, in time, be able to pay less money into the fund than the maximum rates that would have to be charged under an 18-week provision. Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) said the 20-week provision would mean that a large number of cannery workers now eligible for unemployment compensation would be cut off. **Seasonal Industries** "This bill does not affect people who are actually in the

labor market, but those in seasonal industries," Annala said. An estimate of the number affected was made by Rep. Ed. Whelan (D-Portland) who said the 20-week provision would disqualify about 9,500 persons while the 18-week provision would disqualify some 8,650.

The bill passed the Senate unanimously calling for 20 weeks.

Bill Prohibits Smuggling Liquor

Salem—UPI—The Senate has passed and sent to the governor a bill that makes it unlawful to give any prisoners intoxicating liquor without a permit from the officer in charge of the jail. Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) said there was a great deal of trouble in Hood River county during every apple harvesting time when the juice of the apple is fermented into a 14 per cent concoction and is smuggled into the jails in that county. There was no opposition to passage of the bill and Musa said the governor would sign it readily.

Hearing Aid Bill Debated in Senate Committee

Salem—UPI—Pros and cons of a bill to regulate sale and fitting of hearing aids in Oregon were heard this week before the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee. The committee took no action on the House-approved measure. Leo Smith, Portland attorney supporting the bill, said it was directed against the door-to-door peddler who goes into rural areas and sells aids. **Amendments Suggested** John Beatty, attorney representing the industry, said the industry did not wish to delay passage of hearing aid legislation. Among amendments he suggested were requiring of licenses for both the seller and fitter of aids and elimination of a section of the bill barring advertisements by dealers. The committee tabled a bill dubbed "Big Bertha," which had as its main objective the holding of all special elections on the same date as primary and general elections. **Bargaining Bill Approved** A bill allowing employees of the state to bargain collectively on wages or conditions of employment was approved. The committee amended a Ways and Means bill outlining appropriations for the state college experiment stations which would prevent funneling of such money into other channels. Sen. Jean Lewis (D-Portland) said the aim was to make sure every experiment station would get the entire amount allowed by the Legislature. Two years ago it was discovered some funds allocated had been shifted into other enterprises, she said.

Flames Damage Pendleton Stores

Pendleton—UPI—A multiple-alarm fire on Main st. here Tuesday night resulted in extensive fire, smoke and water damage to half a block of businesses and to 16 second-floor apartment residences. Unofficial estimates placed loss between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Heaviest hit was Gunther's restaurant in the middle of the block. The blaze was believed to have started from a grill in the restaurant when some grease apparently caught fire and ignited a fire. Flames spread through the kitchen and billows of smoke poured through the premises and to nearby establishments.

Smoke and water damage was reported at a Western Union office, the Ken Doherty insurance office, Frazier-Ellis women's shop, the "Fraternity Club" upstairs from the restaurant, Pendleton Furniture Co., and to 16 apartments over the furniture store and telegraph office.

The fire was first reported about 7:15 p.m. At 8:50 p.m. Pendleton Fire Chief William Batchelor said it was under control. There were no injuries.

INDUSTRIALIST DIES Greenwich, Conn.—UPI—Baron Charles Neuman de Vegvar, 75, internationally known industrialist and financier, died Tuesday.

Escaped Soldier Seized at Nyssa

Nyssa, Ore.—UPI—A young Vancouver, Wash., soldier being returned to Fort Lewis from Fort Riley, Kan., after being AWOL grabbed a .45 pistol from one of his guards and jumped from a moving train here Tuesday afternoon but was re-captured about five hours later. Pvt. Jesse V. Tackett, 18, offered no resistance when military authorities took him into custody in the north section of Nyssa at 10:05 p.m. He said he threw the .45 into a creek. Tackett was in custody of two sergeants when he jumped from a Portland-bound Union Pacific passenger train as it moved through the Nyssa railroad yard about 4:40 p.m. He was wearing army khaki when he fled. M-Sgt. David Poole, in charge of the two-man guard detail, said Tackett grabbed a loaded .45 caliber automatic pistol from the holster of the second guard, Sgt. Donald Stevenson, and then leaped from the moving train and vanished. The two guards rode the train to Ontario where they got off and were rushed back to Nyssa by state police. Tackett was lodged in the city jail here Tuesday night and Poole said they planned to resume the trip to Fort Lewis today.

Volunteer Beef Council Bill Voted

Salem—UPI—The Senate on Tuesday passed and sent to the governor House bill 413 creating a volunteer beef council. Sen. Ed Ahrens (R-Turner) said the bill would create a council to seek ways to increase the sale of beef processed food into eastern and foreign markets. The council would be composed of three representatives of the beef industry, two dairy producers, one handler, and one person actively engaged in business of feeding cattle. The council would be supported by a tax of 10 cents a head.

Portland Doctor Reported Missing

Portland—UPI—A search was under way today for a Portland physician who has been reported missing since April 10. Police said Dr. Thomas Staats, 49, left home that morning for a business appointment downtown which he did not keep. His wife, Alice Staats, said he had intended to cash a check but that no check had been written on his account. She said she knew no reason for him to be despondent. Dr. and Mrs. Staats had planned to move to Delake. He was driving a 1956 Buick convertible colored orange and white with Oregon license 9E-5375.



RECEIVE ENCYCLOPEDIA—Shown above presenting a set of Encyclopedia Britannica to the Camp White Domiciliary are, left to right, Karl J. Knutson, treasurer of Jackson County chapter, Disabled American Veterans; Pat Graham, department commander; Henry C. Herzog, manager of the Domiciliary; Dr. A. S. Anderson, chief surgeon; and Frank G. Glonning, chief of special services. The Oregon department of DAV made arrangements with the publishers to have the encyclopedias shipped without charge to each of the state's three Veterans administration facilities. The 24-volume set is for use by patients, members and VA personnel at each of the institutions.

Flu Epidemic Gains Momentum

Portland—UPI—The State Board of Health said Tuesday that Oregon's respiratory, flu-like illness epidemic gained new momentum last week with 5,553 cases reported. Over half of them were reported in Klamath, Lane, Jackson and Malheur counties. The state's 1959 total of respiratory-like cases as of Tuesday was 31,204, almost seven times higher than at the same time one year ago, the board said. Klamath county reported 1,576 cases last week compared with 1,122 the previous week. Lane county reported 583 cases, Jackson 546 and Malheur 368. Other high areas last week included Coos county 226, Marion 217, Crook 195, Portland 173, Linn county 149, Douglas 154, Washington 148 and Umatilla county 137.

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Drivers Receive Safety Awards

Eight drivers for Consolidated Freightways, Inc., received safety awards at the annual Safety Award dinner at the Rogue Valley Country club recently. Andrew J. Lynch received a gold watch for 10 years of driving safety. Other awards went to Delbert Turnbow, six years; Carl Vogel, four years; Robert Serak, three years; Amey Clark and Richard Kaegi, two years; and William Newman and Richard Wootton, one year.



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