

APRICOTS



APRICOTS FOR SALE—Tony Jimenez and his partner, Frank Martin, right, both former fruit pickers and now apricot ranchers, set up a sign near Winters, Calif., to entice tourists to buy apricots. They estimate they have lost half of the crop already because of the cannery strike. Overripe fruit lies on the ground in the background. (UPI Telephoto)

California Growers Plea For Reopening of Canneries

San Francisco—(AP)—An interim reopening of some 60 struck Northern California

Lockheed Strike Settlement Dim

Los Angeles—(AP)—Negotiations resumed today in the 10-day machinist strike against Lockheed Missiles and Space Division, but there was little hope of agreement. Federal mediators met with Lockheed and union representatives for three hours in San Francisco Thursday before recessing and scheduling new talks for this morning.

Mediation involves about 10,000 employees at two California plants—Van Nuys and Sunnyvale—in addition to the company's installation at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

McMinnville Picked As Factory Site

McMinnville—(AP)—The Nelson company of Iron Mountain, Mich., has selected McMinnville for location of its first manufacturing plant in the West, it was announced Thursday.

McMinnville Industrial Promotions, Inc., said it would construct a 4,000-square foot building on a three-acre site in the 48-acre McMinnville industrial park which the firm will occupy under long-term lease. Bids for construction will be called in a few days. The new plant will have an initial employment of 15. It will make equipment for the forest products industry.

Grand Canyon Area Swept by Flames

Grand Canyon, Ariz.—(AP)—A windswept fire that already has destroyed more than 4,500 acres of rich timberland on the north rim of the Grand Canyon, may be brought under control today, forest rangers reported.

The blaze, leaping across the tree tops driven by winds of 35 to 40 miles an hour, was being fought by 300 men on a six-mile-long front. The fire fighters were being aided by five airplanes dropping borate solution on the flames and officials hoped to control the inferno sometime today barring a drastic change of wind direction.

Collapse of Road Fatal To Trucker

Cottage Grove—(AP)—Lloyd F. Peterson, a logging company employee, was killed in an accident 17 miles east of here Thursday when the dump truck he was operating plunged 300 feet over embankment.

Peterson was spreading gravel on a downgrade on the side of the road when the shoulder of the road suddenly collapsed and sent the truck hurtling down the embankment.

Peterson was employed by the Bohemia Lumber Company. He was killed instantly.

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canneries was sought today by the California Farm Bureau Federation in an effort to save the 1960 apricot crop from spoiling.

In telegrams Thursday to Gov. Edmund G. Brown, federal and state mediators, cannery operators and union officials, the Federation's president, Louis Rozzoni said the "public interest" was being affected by the nine-day-old strike.

Rozzoni asked that the canneries be opened immediately pending further negotiations "with retroactive application of final decision."

Session Due Saturday
Negotiations were recessed after unsuccessful efforts at agreement here Thursday. Another session was scheduled for Saturday morning.

The California Processors and Growers Inc., Oakland, representing operators, agreed to Rozzoni's proposal provided the unions give assurance that the canneries would not be shut down again without sufficient notice.

But Arthur Vial, regional director of the federal mediation service, said such an agreement would defeat progress already made in the dispute by conciliators.

Teamsters Union officials have sought 25-cent hourly wage increases for cannery workers, while employers have stood fast on a 4 percent package increase.

Crop Being Lost
In his telegram to parties involved, Rozzoni pointed out that "hundreds of tons are being lost daily and the rapidly ripening crop can be saved only by opening the plants which have the capacity and facilities to do the job."

Gov. Brown said he was "ready, willing and able" to sit in with the union and cannery representatives to help with a quick settlement of the strike. He urged negotiators to "make a supreme effort to take care of these thousands of small farmers who are being hurt by this."

Damaged by Wind
The State Department of Agriculture reported that a windstorm Monday dropped a large portion of the crop in Yolo county, but that the majority of the crop is not yet in immediate danger. Santa Clara county has approximately one-third of the state's apricot orchards which are the last to ripen and will not be seriously affected until next week.

The growers' council has estimated losses already topping \$1 million.

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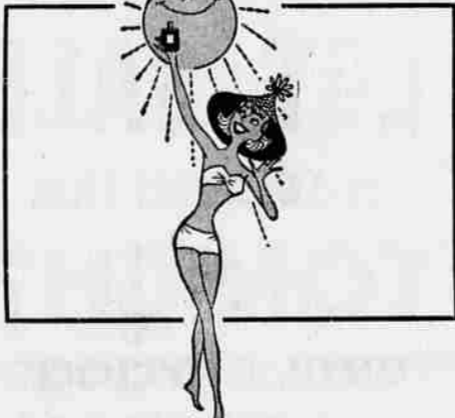
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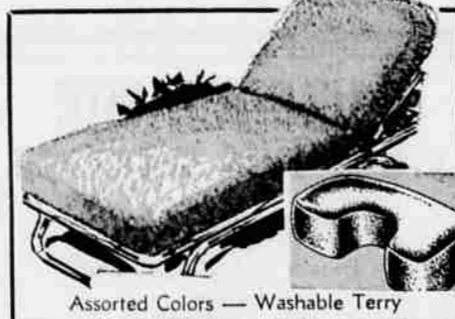
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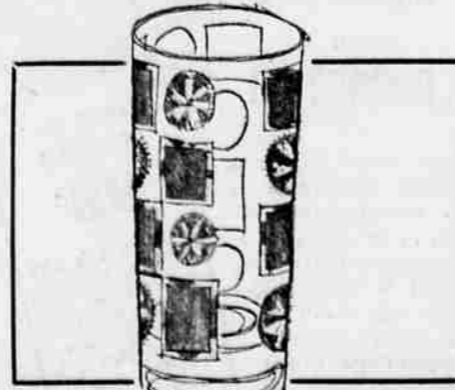
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