

5,000 Men Battle Southern California Forest Fires

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Industrials, Rails Pace Stock Decline

New York — (UPI) — Industrials and rails paced stocks in their 10th consecutive decline today.

Industrials on average fell back to the mid-March levels and rails traded at their lowest levels since September, 1958.

Union Carbide, Du Pont and Eastman Kodak fell around 5, 4 and 3 points, respectively, to pull the industrial average down.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (UPI) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 609.87, off 6.76; 20 railroads 135.84, off 1.76; 15 utilities 93.12, off 0.69 and 65 stocks 202.89, off 2.16. Sales today were about 2,850,000 shares compared with 2,510,000 shares Thursday.

Allied Chemical	54
Alum. Co. Am.	74 1/2
American Can	39 1/2
American Mfrs.	22 1/2
A. T. & T.	90
Anaconda Copper	48 1/2
Armco Steel	62 1/2
Bendix	88 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	44 1/2
Boeing Air	35 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	23 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	42 1/2
Continental Can	38 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	40
Curtis Wright	18 1/2
Dow Chemical	42 1/2
Du Pont	190
Eastman Kodak	112 1/2
General Electric	80 1/2
General Motors	130 1/2
Georgia Pacific	57 1/2
Graham-Paige	2
Greystone	21 1/2
Guilford Oil	27 1/2
Homestead Mining	39 1/2
Idaho Power	51 1/2
J. B. M.	104 1/2

Police Investigate Holdup, Burglaries

Portland — (UPI) — Police today investigated a holdup and three burglaries which occurred a few blocks apart in northwest Portland.

According to police, a robber entered the Beaver Bar and Grill Thursday morning, pointed a gun at a woman cashier, and demanded the contents of the safe. When the woman hesitated, he walked around the bar, picked up \$13 in cigar boxes and some papers from the safe, and departed.

Earlier, the proprietor of the Pastry Pantry reported the theft of a box containing \$550. Two other thefts were reported on a nearby street.

102,500 Acres Charred; 400 Homes in Danger
Light Winds Give Crews First Break

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Light winds and increasing humidity today gave 5,000 fire fighters their first break this week in their battle against six major fires.

The blazes, plus some small "nuisance fires," had charred more than 102,500 acres since the first big fires started Sunday.

Three blazes still were unchecked in Angeles National Forest north of here, threatening an estimated 300 to 400 homes.

There were 4,000 men fighting those fires.

Forty homes and cabins already have been burned by the devastating flames that raged throughout Southern California all this week because of erratic winds, low humidity, and a scorching heat wave.

Thousands of campers, home-owners and picnickers were forced to flee the path of the flames that crackled through the dry countryside.

Two fires in Angeles National Forest were partially contained after winds dropped during the night and the humidity increased.

"It's looking better," said information officer Dick Johnson of the forest service. "But we still have 58,000 acres of wildland out of control fire. It's better now, but not good."

Storms Forecast

Weathermen promised fire fighters little aid today. They forecast continued hot weather and thunderstorms — the cause of many of the mountain fires — over the fire areas.

Two hundred miles north, 750 firemen also made headway against a 37,000-acre blaze that for a time threatened the Hearst Castle near San Simeon.

Water-bombing planes, heavy equipment, helicopters and scores of fire units were pressed into the fight to stop the advancing flames.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown has declared Los Angeles County a disaster area and County Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has ordered the first general mobilization of some 2,000 reserve units to assist his 3,200 regular deputies in evacuations and to prevent looting of deserted homes.

Cause of most of the fires was lightning over Southern California Wednesday. But fleeing deer, rabbits and other game also spread the fire when their pelts caught on fire and they darted through the dry brush.

Democratic Picnic Planned Sunday

Congressman Charles O. Porter is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Jackson County Democratic Central committee picnic Sunday, July 24, at TouVelle State park. It will be cosponsored by the Young Democrats club.

Porter will speak about 3 p.m. and Paul Edwards from the Philippines will discuss the world conditions. The picnic will begin at noon.

Entertainment and games for the children have also been planned by the Central committee. All Jackson county Democrats have been invited to attend.

Each family has been asked to take fried chicken, a salad, and a dessert plus one extra serving to accommodate out of town guests, according to the food committee. Guests expected include the YDC of Oregon executive board here for a meeting tomorrow.

Other week end activities of the local club include a YDC social meeting at the home of Gary Picard, 3400 Jacksonville highway at 8 p.m. Saturday.

At the picnic, prizes will be awarded and all Democratic candidates for office are expected to attend, according to club spokesmen.

This is the first time that such a picnic has been staged in Jackson county in about 12 years.

Government Asked To Help Retarded Children

Portland — (UPI) — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) told a congressional subcommittee Thursday that the federal government should provide assistance in the training of retarded children.

Sweetland said Oregon was "in the vanguard of states which have taken progressive steps to train and educate retarded children. He spoke at the opening here of a two-day hearing of the congressional subcommittee on special education.

Sweetland recommended federal assistance for training of retarded children in four areas: Training of special teachers; establishment of "sheltered workshops"; vocational training programs in institutions; and home training programs to teach parents.

Rep. Edith Green of Oregon is a member of the subcommittee.

Albacore Tuna Price Set at \$375 a Ton

Astoria — (UPI) — Columbia River Packers Assn. Inc., Thursday posted a price of \$375 per ton for Albacore tuna. The CRPA price applies to Albacore tuna here. The price is \$25 lower from Newport south.

It was reported that southern California tuna fishermen voted to accept a \$375 per ton offer from packers in California. The fishermen refused to fish at the \$325 per ton price of a few weeks ago.

CALLAS CANCELED OUT

Ostend, Belgium — (UPI) — American soprano Maria Callas Thursday night canceled an appearance at this resort because of a sore throat. "I am really terribly sorry," she said.

Seaside Girl Killed in Crash

Seaside — (UPI) — Loretta Ann Butler, 21, Seaside, was killed Thursday night when the car in which she was riding missed a curve and rolled over twice on highway 101 near here.

State police said the accident occurred while the car was attempting to elude them.

Driver of the vehicle, Edgar H. West, 25, a sailor at Tongue Point Naval base, was taken to the hospital at Astoria with serious injuries.

State police say the car went out of control just as it passed another vehicle.

Trio Indicted For Slaying of Marine

San Diego — (UPI) — Three youths today were under indictment for the slaying of a Portland Marine, Pvt. Dennis Virgil Parker, 21.

Those indicted Thursday by the county grand jury were Aristeo G. Torres, 18; Johnny M. Cruz, 20; both of Ocean-side, Calif., and Fred Zavala, 19, a Camp Pendleton Marine.

Parker was stabbed to death July 3 in a street fight in Ocean-side.

California Man Bound Over To Grand Jury

Charles Edward Strunk, 20, of Torrance, Calif., was arraigned in district court Wednesday afternoon on a charge of grand larceny.

Strunk, who waived the right to an attorney and preliminary hearing, was bound over to the grand jury with bail set at \$1,500. He is charged with taking an automobile from Selby's Chevrolet, Ashland.



CAMPERS DRIVEN OUT—Relaxing at Wrightwood Community center near Big Pines, Calif., are some of the 1,000 youngsters evacuated from summer camps in the path of southern California's major brush and timber fires. (UPI Telephoto)

SF Chronicle Files \$1.5 Million Libel Suit Against SF Examiner

San Francisco — (UPI) — The San Francisco Chronicle filed a \$1.5 million libel suit against The San Francisco Examiner Thursday charging that Examiner stories about The Chronicle's "Last Man on Earth" were willfully and maliciously false.

"The Last Man on Earth" was Bud Boyd, Chronicle out-

door writer, who had taken his wife and three children into the wilderness June 28 to determine how "a last man" might survive with only a handful of equipment after a nuclear attack.

Boyd wrote that the family hoped to exist six weeks with only the clothing they wore,

pocket knives, an ax, rope, twine and salt.

The Chronicle said today the Boyds were forced to abandon their experiment on the 12th day "because members of the family were suffering unbearably from dysentery and malnutrition."

On July 10, according to The Chronicle, Boyd, 41, found that his wife, Betty, and their three children, Susan, 15, Sharon, 12, and Bruce, 8, were being weakened by sickness.

"They had been soaked by storms, and frozen by mountain winds," The Chronicle said. "Their diet of fish, wild greens and roots, and a single snared fawn, had proved grossly inadequate. Boyd decided to endanger his family no longer."

Story's Implications

The Examiner story told of discovering kitchen matches, shells from fresh eggs, empty spaghetti cans, sugar cubes and a spent .22 caliber cartridge at the camp site.

This story, The Chronicle

Educators Think Students Who Won't or Can't Learn Should Be Allowed To Quit

Chicago (UPI) — Students who will not or cannot learn should be allowed to drop out of school, many educators believe.

A poll of school superintendents by the National Schools showed 73 per cent of them to be against compulsory attendance at school until the age of 18 or the completion of 12 full grades of school. Sixty-one per cent of the administrators polled would permit students to drop out of school after their 16th birthday.

A Michigan superintendent who would permit students to drop out at 14 suggested placing them in a type of work camp. "I visualize something

on the order of the old CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camps," he said.

Educators against compulsory school attendance up to the age of 18 called it a waste of time both for the schools and the students.

Force No Good

"Forcing students with no interest in school to remain there does not assure their making good use of the opportunities," a superintendent from Pennsylvania said.

An Illinois administrator termed compulsory attendance for these students a waste of the schools' efforts and a hindrance to the proper education of those who want to learn.

A Vermont administrator summed up the feelings of educators in favor of requiring 12 full grades of schooling for everyone. "We must provide an education for all youth," he said. "Each child should complete a high school course tailored to need, adaptability and capacity."

Some educators favoring a compulsory 12 years of school, however, suggested that it provide technical training for those with low academic achievement.

asserted, implied that "the Boyds had not really existed for 11 days on only the fish and game they caught with handmade equipment and the mountain greens they boiled."

Scott Newhall, Chronicle executive editor, said that "during the 11th day of the experiment — and up to that time they had no supplies whatsoever other than the items we had published—they were brought some food to alleviate their suffering."

This, he said, was why the egg shells and other items were found by The Examiner at the Boyds' camp site at Lipstick Lake in Klamath National Forest.

Narrative Continues

Newhall said, "There is nothing in The Examiner that will not be explained in the continuing narrative." The series was in its ninth day today.

Boyd's stories, which were published in 41 other newspapers, were published in "complete good faith and honesty," Newhall said.

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