

# Forest Service to Strengthen Four Northwest Borate Bases

The Pacific Northwest region of the U.S. forest service is adding organized fire suppression crews and facilities for increased air attack from planned bases as part of a special program to strengthen fire-fighting capability throughout the West in this critical forest fire year.

Additional fire suppression crews will be on duty Monday, Aug. 22, at several points in the region, according to J. Herbert Stone, regional forester.

The aerial phase of the program, which will be in action very shortly, will extend the present system of planned - in - advance air attack on fires, Stone said.

Four borate bases (from which fire retardants are flown to fires) will be strengthened in the Northwest region. They are at Medford, Redmond and La Grande, Ore., and Wenatchee, Washington.

**Additional Officer**  
An additional air officer, a mixmaster in charge of preparing the retardant solutions, and other personnel will be hired at each base. Additional equipment and portable housing and other facilities will be provided. Part of the "beefing up" will be to install a new interregional air-ground communications fre-

quency for fire-fighting aircraft and to install new radios and other equipment.

Fourteen T-34 aircraft are being obtained from the Navy to bolster the fleet of "bird dog" planes which lead borate tankers over fire drop spots. Two of these aircraft will be assigned to the Northwest region, and others will be available from a pool at Santa Rosa, Calif.

A new 27-man fire suppression crew will be stationed at Redmond, Ore.

**Rogue River Forest**  
Four 10-man crews also will be placed in the Pacific Northwest region to bolster five 15-man interforest crews now on duty. These smaller crews will be stationed on the Rogue River national forest, at the Star Ranger station on the Applegate district; on the Fremont forest, Lakeview; on the Wenatchee forest, at Entiat; and on the Mt. Baker forest, at Darrington. Twenty such crews are being placed throughout the West.

This year a prolonged period of high temperatures, low humidities, and practically no precipitation brought extremely critical burning conditions to western states in July. In this month more than 2,500 fires occurred. Most of these were started from heavy concentration of dry

lightning storms which struck in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. Approximately 220,000 acres of land protected by the forest service in the West burned during this month, most of it in the last two weeks of the month.

**Cost \$16,000,000**  
Peak employment of fire fighters exceeded 25,000, with hundreds of tractors and pumps and approximately 319 aircraft used. The total fire fighting bill for the nation during the month was more than \$16,000,000, Stone said.

An estimated \$3,700,000 was expended on fire fighting activities in the Northwest region in July. Damage to timber, watersheds and other resources will run many times that amount, Stone said, and could have been for quick action in keeping most of the fires from becoming large ones.

This special \$922,000, stepped-up program will cost only about half the sum spent in fighting fires on just one of the worst days experienced so far this year. It should pay for itself several times over in large fires prevented. Three potentially large fires kept to small size would pay for the program, Stone concluded.

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## National Forest Is Aim of Group

Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, and a delegation of Klamath Falls business leaders held a strategy meeting in Medford Friday on "ways and means for creating a new national forest in Oregon" from Indian timber lands involved in termination of the Klamath tribe.

After the meeting, Mrs. Neuberger announced that a committee, including Nelson Reed, chairman of the Save-the-Klamath Forest committee; Frank Jenkins, editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News; Larry Shaw, lumberman, and Al Hattan, Klamath business man, will go to Washington Tuesday to present their case for the new national forest to department of agriculture officials.

Meeting with Mrs. Neuberger here were Tom Watters, former management special-

ist for Klamath reservation termination, and Reed. They discussed the threat that the Klamath reservation timber tract would be divided among three adjacent national forests, the Deschutes, Rogue and Fremont units.

"I agree with Watters that breaking up this unit of timber poses administrative problems and creates hardships for the Klamath areas," Mrs. Neuberger said.

Mrs. Neuberger offered to intercede with Sen. James E. Murray, chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs committee, to assure the Klamath delegation of "a full and impartial hearing on their appeal for the new national forest."

Mrs. Neuberger recalled that her husband, the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, had expressed hope that the Klamath Indian timber would be-

## TASTE ISN'T TEST

New York — No matter what it looks like, no matter how it tastes, it isn't roquefort cheese unless it comes from Roquefort, France, a U.S. District Court ruled. Judge Thomas F. Murphy upheld the contention of the community of Roquefort that the New York company William Fahndrich Inc., was infringing on its registered trademark name by calling an imported Italian and Hungarian cheese "Roquefort."

Salem — Oregon state police made 8,614 arrests for traffic violations during July and issued 9,287 traffic warnings.

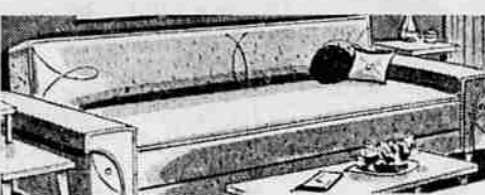
The 151st national forest when he was chairman of the Senate sub-committee which worked out legislation to save the ponderosa pine forest, valued at about \$90,000,000.

**ORANGE CRYSTALS**  
Frozen orange juice is appearing in a new form. Several companies have experimented with orange juice packed in dehydrated crystal form.

**TO HONOR STATESMEN**  
Washington — The Post Office is going to issue special stamps honoring three U.S. statesmen who have died in office within recent years. Postmaster General Arthur E.

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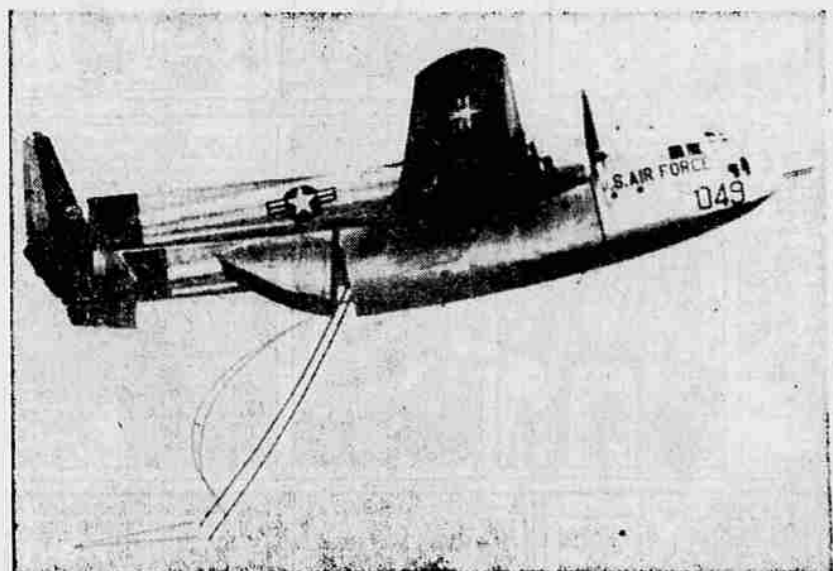
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lower ends of the two "outriggers" is supposed to snag the parachute lowering recovery capsule after its ejection from Discoverer satellite. The loop then snaps free of the outriggers and line and capsule are reeled into the aircraft. (UPI Telephoto)



## Man Arrested For Dyer Act Violation

Charles Melvin Fox, 42, of Bremerton, Wash., was arrested by federal agents Friday morning near Medford on charges of being a fugitive from justice. A federal warrant for interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle (Dyer Act) had been issued against him in Seattle, Wash.

Fox was arraigned here on Friday before U. S. Commissioner Frank J. Van Dyke. He waived the right to a preliminary hearing and was lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

FBI agents said Fox is also wanted for questioning in connection with the passing of several fictitious checks in Washington and Oregon, including Grants Pass and Medford.

## Bids To Be Opened Sept. 13 for Hospital

Ashland — Final plans for the Ashland General hospital have been approved and bids will be opened on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m., according to Mayor Richard Neill. Bid forms are now in the mail from the architects and are expected to arrive in Ashland by the first of the week.

**CAPSULE SNAGGED**—A parachuting capsule from the Discoverer XIV satellite snagged on an airplane-towed skyhook Friday for the second straight program triumph, clearing the way for the return of animals from space. A captured practice capsule is visible through the rear opening of a specially adapted C-119 plane as the craft's winch slowly reels in the recovered capsule. (UPI Telephoto)

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