



LITTLE JUMPER—The littlest paratrooper in the Army, Pfc. Tully Strong of Fort Worth, Tex., is only four feet five inches tall. Shown with Strong is SP/4 Douglas West. The "not so tall" Texan, currently jumping out of airplanes on winter maneuvers in the largest state, Alaska, is believed to be the smallest soldier ever to make an airborne drop. (UPI Telephoto)

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Weed Trees, Brush Reduce Production Capacity of Lands

Corvallis — Weed trees and brush are reducing the production capacity of more than 60 per cent of the forest lands of western Oregon at present, but research with chemical controls by the Oregon State college school of forestry show promise for greatly reducing that loss in years ahead.

Results obtained with recently developed herbicides indicate that control of vine maple and bigleaf maple — the most noxious "weed" trees on western Oregon timber lands — may become possible on an economical basis.

Improved controls for snowbrush, madrone, and elderberry have been developed too in the research studies. Adequate controls for poison oak and blackberry have not yet been found, however.

The report on research comes from Dr. George Barnes, assistant director of the OSC forest research division, and Michael Newton, research forester.

Not Easily Killed
Large maples are not easily killed by aerial sprays with current methods and chemicals. Individual stem treatments on large bigleaf maple

have given good results, however, when 2,4,5-TP chemical, in a diesel oil carrier, was used as a basal spray. Treatments applied between April and September met with considerable success, the researchers reported.

Vine maple of small size was killed back to the ground by four pounds per acre of 2,4,5-T applied aerially.

Oregon white oak has been subjected to many of the same treatments used on maple. Sensitivity of the two species differs considerably, however, it was found. The most practical treatment on oak has been 2,4-D amine in axe cuts.

Further study of tree physiology, metabolism and translocation should eventually lead to methods of treating large trees aerially on a practical basis, Barnes and Newton believe. They also see the day "close at hand" when brush fields can be completely controlled by a single spray application.

Petroleum warfare was first recorded in ancient Persia where oil was used to make incendiary arrows.

Seminar for Labor Set at OTI Campus

Klamath Falls — A seminar for organized labor on the subject of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 — commonly referred to as the Landrum-Griffin law — has been set for March 8 on the campus of Oregon Technical Institute under sponsorship of OTI.

Winston D. Purvine, director of Oregon Technical Institute, said labor groups have indicated they will assist with arrangements in the role of co-sponsorship.

The seminar will be conducted by two U.S. department of labor officials from Seattle, who will discuss various features of the act, with emphasis on requirements for annual financial reports inasmuch as those reports are due before the end of March from unions whose fiscal years ended Dec. 31.

Sheriff Loses Hat

Junction, Tex. —(UPI)— When Sheriff Rip Martin was helping in jury selection prior to a murder trial, someone stole his expensive western-style hat from a front row bench in the court room.

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