

# Oregon's Six-Year Forest Fire Jinx Broken

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SALEM (UPI)—Oregon's six-year fire jinx is broken. Jubilant state forestry officials, eyeing rain-dripping timberlands, have declared the fire season over in Western Oregon.

They find it hard to believe that the state was not ravaged by flaming disaster again this year—as it has been every six years since 1933, except for 1957. For this year forestlands were ripe for disaster. Millions of board feet of stand-

ing timber were toppled in the s a v a g e Columbus Day, 1962 storm.

The "jinx" was born in 1933 in the first great "Tillamook Burn." That fire exploded over a 407-square mile area—almost half the size of the state of Rhode Island.

12 Billion Feet Lost  
Destroyed was 12 billion board feet of timber — more than enough to build a million five-room houses.

It was one of the worst forest disasters ever recorded in the United States.

Six years later the same region was laid waste by a fire which ravaged more than 200,000 acres.

Then in 1945 the area was hit again, this time by a 182,000-acre fire.

In 1951 a series of three major blazes took a 55,000-acre toll, although the Tillamook area in Northwest Oregon was spared.

The myth of the terrible "six-year jinx" was firmly fixed. Foresters prepared for the jinx in 1957—but there were no major fires that year.

With Oregon's timberlands this year described by State Forester Dwight L. Phipps as "potentially the most dangerous in the recorded history of the state" because of storm blow-down, officials prepared for the worst.

There were massive education campaigns — newspaper stories, television appeals, radio announcements.

Timber operators and forestry officials began mapping fire-fighting strategy early this spring.

They did everything but plead with the weatherman. He's the one who saved the day.

Oregon's summer was not the kind a Chamber of Commerce would order. It was unusually cool, and wet.

There were a few dry periods, and the forests were closed. But each time rain fell before the situation became critical.

As a result, instead of another jinx disaster, Oregon had one of its smallest forest fire losses in history. Less than 7,000 acres were blackened.

There were 481 man-caused fires, 137 less than last year. Lightning caused 430 fires—almost four times as many as the year before. They were a result of the storms which saved the timberlands from disaster.

To foresters, it meant that the disastrous six-year fire jinx had finally been broken.

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WINNING FLOAT—This float, entered by Susanne Homes Hall, depicting "Picture Scenes of the Past," was first place winner in the annual Homecoming parade of Southern Oregon College Saturday. Slogan for the annual Homecoming was "The Past in Review." The winning floats were seen again when they passed in review during half time at the Chico State-SOC football game at Fuller field, where the above photo was taken.

## Diem's Brother Turned Over To Vietnamese Government

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—Slain President Ngo Dinh Diem's younger brother today took refuge in the U.S. consulate in Hue but was turned over to the provisional government, diplomatic sources said.

The sources said the brother, Ngo Dinh Can, was flown to Saigon in a U.S. government plane.

Can was Diem's overlord in the Hue area, scene of some of the strongest repressions of the Buddhists. He was hated and feared by the Buddhists majority in the central Vietnamese city and officials were concerned that his home there would be mobbed. He had been under house arrest since the coup Friday.

The sources said Can took refuge this morning in the U.S. consulate building, a house that combines consular offices and residences.

How Can managed to elude the guards outside his house and reach the consulate was not known.

It also was not known whether he asked U.S. consul John Helbig for political asylum, although it was believed likely he did so.

The decision to hand Can over to Vietnamese authorities was made after discussions with the new government and with the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, the sources said.

In Singapore, reliable sources said Diem was killed by a Vietnamese soldier who fired a pistol into the top of his head, apparently after the president rejected a suicide chance. Ngo Dinh Nhu was shot down as he reached for a hand grenade in his belt, they said.

The new premier heads a cabinet of 12 civilians and three officers. It is expected to serve only until the new elections

promised by the officers who led the coup.

"It is the armed forces' policy to transfer political power to a popularly elected government when the situation permits," a junta announcement said Monday night.

## Administrators of District Make Nine Recommendations

Nine recommendations concerning the secondary school situation in School District 549C were submitted to the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Education last night by administrators of the district.

The recommendations followed studies by administrators and are based upon a philosophy formulated by school officials and approved by the citizens' committee.

The report was presented at a general meeting of the committee. More detailed information concerning the recommendations may be presented at individual committee meetings during the next couple of weeks.

Following a study of the administration's recommendations, the citizens' committee is expected to formulate its suggestions for presentation to the school board.

Recommend Philosophy  
The administration recommended adopting the educational philosophy previously adopted by the school board because it is sound.

Also recommended was a comprehensive educational program, which would include grouping for college advanced placement, the advanced, the college preparatory, regular and the slow learners. This is known as a "five-track pro-

gram," and all courses of study, evaluations and programs are adapted to the ability and interest levels in the groups.

Administrators recommended that a building be planned and constructed suited to the most efficient and effective teaching methods, including new concepts of teaching.

Other Recommendations  
Other recommendations included plans to continue scheduling 7-class periods with an added period for lunch and other special programs; climate control or air conditioning be included in the original building plans; a new secondary school site of not less than 50 acres; full consideration to the use of wood products from this area for construction, and adoption of the 6-2-2 plan of organization.

A 15 to 20-year bond issue was recommended for financing construction of a new building after an organization plan is approved and other details relating to the building have been worked out.

The administration did not recommend a site location. Administrators felt the site location should be postponed until an organization plan has been adopted, since the organization plan will have a bearing on location of the site.

The 6-2-2 plan is outlined in more detail in a story on page A-11 of today's Mail Tribune.

## NEWS BRIEFS

POSTMASTER GENERAL MAY BE SUMMONED  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee is expected to call Postmaster General John Gronouski for questioning on his views about political activity by federal employees.

GREEK KING SUMMONS FORMER PREMIER  
ATHENS (UPI)—King Paul summoned former Premier Constantine Caramanlis today to continue the round of consultations that will lead to a new government, probably headed by Caramanlis' opponent, George Papandreu.

JOHNSON ISSUES WARNING TO RUSSIANS  
ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands (UPI)—Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson warned the Russians today that although the Soviet Union can win American friendship it "can also provoke our hostility."

VENEZUELA TERRORISTS BLOW UP PIPELINE  
MARACAYBO, Venezuela (UPI)—Pro-Communist terrorists blew up a vital American-owned oil pipeline for the eighth time in 18 months Monday, setting off a major oil fire.

HOFFA GOES AHEAD ON TRUCKING CONTRACT  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Teamsters union President James R. Hoffa begins laying the ground work this week for negotiations on a national contract with the trucking industry — even before his union's members completes voting on whether he should

# Armed Russians Continue To Block American Army Convoy

## Parks Commission To Ask Court for Youth Work Plan

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation Commission will ask the County Court to consider a youth work project in county recreation areas for 1964-65 fiscal year, it was decided at last night's commission meeting.

Laurance Espey, commission chairman, indicated his proposal is modeled after the Multnomah County Youth Task Force. Espey proposes a set of regulations which include no smoking or drinking while employed by the county, work hours of eight hours a day, five days a week, curfew hours if in camp.

At least 40 high school juniors would be selected by their principals on a broad cross-section basis, Espey proposed. He said he had several letters from future employers who would be interested in hiring graduates from the program. He also referred to a list of various agencies which would help in establishing it.

Indicates Interest  
Ledward noted that the County Court has indicated its interest by letter to federal agencies in developing the recreation facilities at Agate reservoir on Dry Creek off Antelope Road, and 4½ miles from the White City Shopping Center. He and Parks Commissioner Gerald Wollam emphasized the need for a rifle range and sighting-in facilities which this area could provide. Picnic and other facilities also would be possible, it was pointed out.

Ledward was asked to confer further with County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen to work out a solution to traffic problems during special events at Emigrant lake as requested by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

The parks commission will study the possibility of acquiring more land adjacent to the boat landing at Shady Cove to develop the landing site adequately.

The federal agencies involved have approved the new Lily Glen riding stables contract at Howard Prairie lake and complimented the county court and commission on "another successful fishing season."

## Russian Claim To Convoy Rules 'Unacceptable'

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The State Department today rejected as "completely unacceptable" Russia's claim that the Soviet Union has the right to lay down rules governing military travel to West Berlin.

The statement was issued shortly after Secretary of State Dean Rusk told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Russia's latest blockade of the U. S. convoy on the Autobahn leading to Berlin "cannot be permitted."

Department spokesmen said the new blockade was "clearly the result of a Soviet initiative."

They made no mention of the possibility of a "misunderstanding" as was done during an earlier blockade Oct. 10-11.

The ambassadors and senior diplomats of the embassies of Britain, France, and West Germany were to meet this afternoon in the State Department to plan the next Allied moves. They probably will include formal protests to Moscow.

Rusk made his statement to reporters following an hour-long closed-door meeting with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He briefed the senators on both the Berlin situation and conditions in South Viet Nam.

Rusk accused the Soviets of "attempting to unilaterally change procedures long in use on the autobahn. Of course, that cannot be permitted. It is looked upon as a very serious matter."

President Concerned  
The White House said just before Rusk emerged from the committee meeting that President Kennedy also was deeply concerned and that officials were trying to resolve the impasse both here and in Moscow.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger also said the Chief Executive had discussed the matter with Rusk but that there were no present plans for a meeting between the two. He did not rule out the possibility of a later meeting, however.

## Representative Clarifies Position On Sales Tax Bill

State Representative J. John R. Dellenback issued a statement today to clarify his position on a proposed sales tax bill which is slated to be introduced at the special session of the legislature which commences Monday, Nov. 11.

The statement said: "I have come to the conclusion that a substantial group of citizens throughout the state want the issue of a general sales tax once again submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection. If the basic policy issue of whether this third major economic leg should be added to the taxation structure of the state can be decided in a clear cut manner by the people, it will add a great deal of stability to future financial planning for the state."

Can Be Submitted  
"The issue can be submitted to the people by this special session of the legislature either in the form of a specific sales tax bill or in the form of a constitutional amendment, which would spell out the general framework and leave the details to enactment by the 1965 regular session of the legislature. I have not decided personally which would be the better and more feasible road to follow in this special session to get this issue to the people for their approval or rejection."

"I intend in this special session to attempt to get this issue to the people for their decision."

"I do not personally approve enactment of a state sales tax without certain explicit restrictions, such as a limitation on percentage, some specific relief to other forms of taxation and certain specified areas of exemption. Many of our people seem to feel the same way."

"I have not as yet approved any particular bill. In the past, I have followed the invariable policy of sponsoring only proposals which I have had occasion to read and study, and I intend to continue that procedure in the future."

## French, British Vehicles Allowed To Go On Way

BERLIN (UPI)—The Russians blocked a U.S. Army convoy with armored cars and more than 100 gun-toting soldiers in a dispute over Berlin access rights for the second day today but permitted French and British convoys to pass a Soviet checkpoint.

The Berlin-bound U.S. convoy of 44 men in 12 vehicles had been held at the Marienborn checkpoint 110 miles west of Berlin on the East-West German border since 9 a.m. Monday because the Americans refused a Soviet demand that they leave their vehicles to be counted.

There was no indication whether the passing of the other convoys was the result of a shift in Soviet policy that could break the deadlock at Marienborn.

The French and British, in a strong display of solidarity with the Americans in support of free Western rights of access to Berlin, ordered similar-sized convoys of their own to leave Berlin today to join the Americans in the West at Marienborn.

The French convoy of 48 men in eight trucks and two jeeps was held up for 65 minutes at the Soviet checkpoint at Babelsberg just outside Berlin. It finally was cleared although the convoy commander refused to obey Russian orders to have his men dismount or to lower the trucks' tailgates for Soviet inspection.

The British moved into the Babelsberg checkpoint two minutes after the French left, and their convoy of 43 men in eight vehicles was cleared in 55 minutes after rejecting similar Soviet demands.

The Russians brought up machine gun-armored cars to hem in the Americans this morning in an incident which the State Department has termed "quite serious." Western officials said the United States has protested to Moscow over the latest blockade.

In Washington, Secretary of State Dean Rusk said the blockade "cannot be permitted." He accused the Soviet Union of "attempting to unilaterally change procedures long in use on the autobahn."



NOBEL WINNER—Maria Goepfert-Mayer, professor of physics at the University of California at San Diego, was named today as one of three winners of the Nobel prize for physics for her work with nuclear shell structure. (UPI)

## Two Americans Among Winners of Prizes in Physics

STOCKHOLM (UPI)—Two Americans, including a woman nuclear scientist, two Germans and an Italian today were awarded the 1963 Nobel Prizes in physics and chemistry.

The physics award winners were Dr. Maria Goepfert-Mayer of the University of California, Prof. Eugene Wigner of Princeton University, and Prof. Hans D. Jensen of the University of Heidelberg.

The chemistry prize was shared by Drs. Karl Ziegler of Muehlheim, West Germany, and Giulio Natta of Milan, Italy.

Both prizes carry cash awards of \$51,158. Half the physics prize will be shared by Dr. Mayer and Prof. Jensen, with the other half going to Professor Wigner. Ziegler and Natta will split the chemistry prize equally.

Dr. Mayer and Jensen were given their award by the Swedish Academy of Sciences for their joint discoveries concerning nuclear shell structure.

Wigner's prize was for his contribution to the theory of the atomic nucleus and the activity of elementary particles.

Dr. Ziegler and Natta were honored for their work in organic molecules which has made possible a number of new products in plastics, in the field of synthetic detergents, and in anti-knock mixtures for high octane engine fuels.

Wigner, 61, was born in Budapest, Hungary. He came to the United States in 1930 to lecture at Princeton University and taught mathematical physics the following year. He remained the post until 1937, the same year he became an American citizen.

Mrs. Mayer was born in 1906 in Kattowitz, Poland. She studied at the University of Göttingen in Germany until 1930, when she went to the United States. She became a naturalized citizen three years later.

## Central Committee Meeting Scheduled

All Democrats interested in party organization are urged to attend a meeting of the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee at 8 o'clock tonight, Charles Cray, chairman, has announced.

Special order of business, Cray said, will be the platform convention plans. He hopes to make committee assignments so that work on the platform convention may get under way in the near future, and would like to have all party members participating.

The meeting will be held in the Labor Hall.

## Bonneville Research Facility Dedicated

THE DALLES (UPI)—The government's new high voltage research station dedicated here today will be important in maintaining America's leadership in power production, Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., said.

Ullman spoke at the dedication ceremonies for Bonneville Power Administration's new Direct Current Test Center, housed in a plastic-coated "bubble" on the barren plateau above The Dalles Dam.

The facility will be used to conduct experiments on ways to transmit direct current over long distances.

Ullman said this country is now in an energy race with Russia.

"That energy race, though not so well publicized as the race to the moon, will probably mean far more in terms of real human benefit, for here we are concerned not just about prestige, but about poverty, and expanding populations, and the world-wide demand for a share of prosperity," he said.

He said Russia's larger electrical potential means the United States must make full use of its electrical energy and should be able to send it wherever it is needed.

The new facility dedicated today cost \$2 million.

## Medford Man Held Following Accident

A 22-year-old Medford man was lodged in Jackson county jail on a reckless driving charge early today after he lost control of his car on Barnett Road and crashed into several objects.

Avery Lloyd Casebolt, 2432 Barnett Road, told police his car ran off the road as he turned onto Barnett Road from Elendale Drive about 2:52 a.m.

Headed east, the car ran in and out of a ditch, knocked down several mailboxes, hit a fence at 2216 Barnett Road, snapped off a speed control sign and crashed into a power pole.

Casebolt, who was not injured in the accident, left the scene of the accident and walked to his home "to call a wrecker." He was taken into custody there a short time later.

## McCoy Placed on Probation by Court

Raymond Harold McCoy, 31, of Medford was placed on probation for five years when he appeared in Jackson County Circuit Court yesterday afternoon on charges of burglary not in a dwelling.

He previously had pleaded guilty to charges growing out of a burglary at Grandview Market Aug. 18.

McCoy was directed to make restitution for all offenses committed in Oregon.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Rain tonight, occasionally heavy showers and periods of partial clearing Wednesday. Gusty southerly winds this evening. Low tonight 46-45. High Wednesday 50-53.	
Highest Yesterday	Temp. 53
Lowest This Morning	36
To 10 a.m. Today	Precep. 23
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	5:01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:59 a.m.
The Moon rises	8:39 p.m.
tonight and rides high in Gemini.	
Last Quarter	Nov. 7
PROMINENT STAR	11:17 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Venus, sets	2:26 p.m.
Saturn, due south	6:30 p.m.
Jupiter, high in southeast	7:17 p.m.