

# PATTON RELIEVED OF COMMAND

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### Weather News

Tuesday, October 2, 1945  
Max. (Oct. 1) 82 Min. 39  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date .00  
Normal .003 Last year .00  
Forecast: Cooler with clouds.

## General Will Head 15th Army

By Wes Callagher  
FRANKFORT ON THE MAIN, GERMANY, Oct. 2—(AP)—It was officially announced today that Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who differed with Gen. Eisenhower over demilitarization policies in Bavaria, had been relieved of command of the famed Third Army he led through France. He will take over the Fifteenth Army, which is reduced now to a "paper" organization.

The Fifteenth, which completed its job as an occupation army in July, now consists of a headquarters staff and a few troops doing research work.

**Successor Named**  
Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., commanding the Fifth army which is slated for official dissolution December 1, will succeed Patton in command of the Third and of the eastern half of the American occupation zone.

The changes will take place about October 7. Although no official reason was given for the transfer of the swashbuckling, pistol-packing Patton, it came on the heels of his widely criticized statement to newsmen September 22 that some nazis should remain in office for the sake of better administration this winter.

**Conflicting Plans**  
This was in conflict with Eisenhower's stand for immediate elimination of all nazis from office, in line with the Potsdam declaration.

Today's announcement was from headquarters of U. S. forces in the European theater. It came about four hours after Associated Press Correspondent Edward D. Ball quoted a reliable Berlin source to the effect that Patton's transfer was imminent. Headquarters said: "On Sept. 29 Gen. Eisenhower notified Patton that he would be transferred on or about Oct. 7 to take command of the 15th army and to head the theater general board, and that Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott would take command of the Third army and the eastern military district. This transfer will be made as ordered Oct. 7."

Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, former commander of the Fifteenth army, already is back in the United States for reassignment. The headquarters which Patton will take over are at Bad Neuhau, in Hesse 17 miles northeast of Frankfurt.

**Controversial Figure**  
Statements by Patton in the past have made him a controversial figure in the United States and Britain. During the drive across France and Germany until V-E Day and the lifting of censorship none of his utterances were authorized for quotation.

(In Washington, it was reported reliably that T. Gerow, will be named chief of the army's command and general staff school at Leavenworth, Kas. Gerow is due to arrive in Washington today.)

Eisenhower's action came one day after Patton, summoned from his Bad Toelitz headquarters to report on his stewardship (Continued on Page Two)

## CITY COUNCIL ARGUES OVER PERMIT GRANT

A bit of fur flew at the council meeting Monday night when Mayor Ed Ostendorf was challenged by Councilman Rollin Cantrill over a technicality in granting to John D. Selby, 1944 Manzanita, a permit to construct a two-car garage which Selby said would probably be used as a temporary dwelling.

The argument continued on after the routine council session as city fathers and Police Judge Harold Franey discussed the grant.

**Permit Asked**  
Selby appeared before the group and asked for a permit to construct the garage at a cost of \$1200, on property located next to his residence. He said it would probably be used as a temporary dwelling for his son and his Australian bride to give them "someplace to stay." He (Continued on Page Two)

## JAPS WANT ENTIRE CABINET TURNOVER

TOKYO, Oct. 2 (AP)—Pressure mounted among Japanese today for top-to-bottom reorganization of their cabinet by the time demobilization is completed in mid-October; and General MacArthur demanded a full accounting of Japan's military production as well as existing stocks of war material.

He asked the Japanese government for full information on the annual production of arms, ordnance, ammunition and automotive equipment from 1941 through August, 1945, plus estimates for the remainder of 1945. Japanese sources reported a rising sentiment for elimination from the cabinet of ministers once associated with the beaten, war-making regime, as well as (Continued on Page Two)

## Thew Released From Jap Camp

Henry Thew, a member of the crew of the cruiser Houston, has been liberated from the Hokotai prison camp on northern Honshu and will be on his way home soon, according to word received by his aunt, Mrs. Paul Monroe, of Langell valley.

Thew was on the Houston when it was sunk in February, 1942, and was later reported to be a prisoner of the Japanese. He was liberated September 15, and had gained 20 pounds since the end of the war, the letter said. B-29's had dropped food and clothing to the men as soon as Japan surrendered.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thew, now live in El Monte, Calif., as does his wife, the former Jean Welch of Hildebrand, and his two little boys. Thew graduated from Bonanza high school in 1930 and lived in Langell valley prior to entering the navy.

## Fires Blaze In County Forests

Several fires are burning today in Klamath county forest and brush areas and are being fought by deer hunters and forest crews, according to reports from Klamath Forest Protective association.

A fire which started early Tuesday afternoon south of Bear flat in northern Klamath county has forest officials worried and high school boys were being sent out to the scene.

Another blaze which was reported burning Tuesday morning southeast of Sycan marsh, was reported by lookouts to be letting up slightly and it was thought that it may be under control by late afternoon.

A small fire of less than an acre was started Monday near Jenny creek but was out Tuesday. The blaze north of Bear flat was also under control Tuesday.

The fires are believed to have been started by deer hunters in the areas, but the hunters have also been partly responsible for bringing them under control, KFPA officials said.

## If Your War Trophies Are Firearms, Register Them

Veterans and members of the armed forces, and their families, were advised Tuesday to register and safeguard all machine guns and similar automatic weapons which have been brought into the country as war trophies.

A. T. Fletcher, investigator, alcohol tax unit, said weapons should be registered with him, 207 federal building. It is mandatory to register the weapons and Fletcher has been advised to pick up any firearms held in violation of the National Firearms act.

## AFL STRIKERS OF ELECTRIC PLANTS FIRED

Service Restored To Stricken Texas Towns

By The Associated Press  
Threats of serious water shortages and other breakdowns in public services to several Texas cities ended today when AFL strikers were fired and hydro-electric operations were resumed without them.

"The men who walked off are out of their jobs and will not be re-employed," Max Starcke, general manager of the Lower Colorado River authority, said in announcing restoration of service to all customers except at Lampasas and vicinity.

He said he would tell a federal conciliator, expected today, "there is nothing to conciliate." The strike started yesterday because the Electric Workers union said the authority refused to recognize it for collective bargaining purposes. The author (Continued on Page Two)

## MRS. LYLE O. MILLS PASSES AWAY HERE

Mrs. Lyle O. Mills, 68, beloved Klamath county pioneer, died at Klamath Valley hospital at 8:40 a. m. Tuesday following an illness of the past two weeks. Mrs. Mills had suffered from a heart ailment.

Jessie Gwendolen Mills was born March 13, 1877, at Hayes, Lincoln county, Kansas. She came with her parents to Oregon in 1887 and has lived here since that time. In addition to her husband, Lyle O. Mills of the Pine Grove district, Mrs. Mills is survived by one son, L. DeLos Mills, also of Pine Grove; four sisters, Mrs. Bud Inman of Albany, Mrs. William Brennan, Mrs. U. E. Reeder, and Mrs. B. T. McKimmens, all of Klamath Falls; two brothers, Bruce McCormick of Keno and Lisle McCormick of Klamath Falls, and two grandchildren, Lyle and Marcia of this city.

Final rites will be announced by the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home and a complete obituary will appear in Wednesday's issue of the Herald and News.

## Community Fund Drive Opens At Kick-Off Meet

Tonight, Tuesday, at 6:15 sharp, workers for the Klamath Community Fund will gather at the Willard for dinner and to receive their instructions at the kick-off meeting which will start the ball rolling toward the \$75,000 goal.

W. E. Lamm, chairman of the fund, will preside and a radio program will be heard at 6:30 at which time President Truman will deliver a message.

Contributions are expected to pour in tomorrow morning to workers and the chamber of commerce and Klamath county is expected to make the quota through the slogan, "One Day's Pay."

## Four Injured In Auto Collision

Four people were injured in an automobile accident Saturday at 9:30 p. m., one mile south of the Oregon-California line.

Bob Lyman, marine stationed at the Marine Barracks, was driving a car in which Joe Agil, USMC, John E. Brandt, USN, and his wife, Olive K. Brandt, were riding. They collided with a car driven by William Tynel of Nevada, and the four people in the Lyman car were taken to the Dorris hospital by a passing motorist. They received painful injuries. They were en route to Dunsmuir, Calif., at the time of the wreck.

Brandt and his wife were treated and discharged, but the two marines are still under medical care there today. Lyman received a deep gash on his left leg and a lacerated nose and Agil suffered from a bad cut over his left eye and another over his mouth. Tynel escaped without injury.

## Give To Your Community Fund!



This group represents beneficiaries from the Klamath Community fund in the \$75,000 campaign to get under way Wednesday. Left to right, Mrs. W. Roswall of the Salvation Army, James Pucci, U. S. marine corps, representing the USO; Danny Mahoney, Boy Scouts; Joyce Warner, Girl Scouts; Sally Jeanne Greenleaf, Camp Fire Girls. The kick-off dinner is slated for 6:15 p. m., Tuesday, at the Willard.

## Strike Penetrates Klamath Basin Area; Children Called Out To Aid In Harvest

Strikes in the harvest fields, and able bodied hands who refused to work under any condition, were additional headaches for the growers of the Klamath basin who are faced with the worst labor shortage problem in many years.

Henley, Bonanza and Merrill schools closed Monday afternoon and youngsters went into the potato fields. Schools closed at the request of the farm labor board. Tulelake is expected to close but the Main board said Monday, that school would not close unless absolutely necessary.

In the meantime, at least 100 men were reported idle at the Tulelake transient camp. The camp is full at the present time, according to Howard Dow, manager. Some 600 men, women and children, are using the facilities of the camp for which they pay \$5 per week and receive a tent, lights, water, stove, bed and mattress and laundry privileges. Of the 600, only one-third are said employed at the present time.

**Offered Work**  
One report which reached here today, advised that several men at the camp were offered work.

**Fire Burns Room In Klamath Home**  
Fire of undetermined origin burned one room of the Lee S. McMullen home at 5008 S. 6th Monday night, badly smoked the rest of the house and destroyed some furniture.

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McMullen's daughter, Mrs. C. D. Ough, arrived soon after the start of the blaze. According to the county, the fire started in the bedroom of the house and burned through the floor, dropping the bed into the basement. Woodwork and walls throughout the rest of the house were damaged by smoke.

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## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
LIVERPOOL, one of the world's great ports, is a big city with an open, spacious civic center surrounded by buildings that would be attractive and impressive if one could get under their fabulous covering of coal smoke. The civic center is on a mild hill that slopes down to the far-flung docks and piers and wharves of the Mersey.

After flat London and flat Paris and flat Berlin, even these modest hills are interesting.

**INSTRUCTIONS** call for showing up at the pier at 9 in the morning, and after the usual skirmish for a taxi you do so. Your luggage, duly plastered with labels to identify that which you will want every day and that which you think you can get along without, is assembled and put on a rack, and you and your fellow passengers line up for the final screening by immigration, customs and security control.

You've been thoroughly screened already in the process of getting your papers, but no chances are taken in this day and age of the world. Among other things, there are war criminals whose greatest hope is to get as far from Europe as possible.)

**YOU** filter slowly through the line. Immigration isn't much of a trial. That will come at the other end. If you are just a plain undesirable, with no war criminal taints, Britain is glad enough to wash her hands of you.

Customs likewise. If you've been able to buy anything, for which you have LEFT precious dollars, so much the better from the British standpoint, on whose horizon dollar exchange looms large. Anything sent out in return for dollars brought in is water on the British wheel.

The cold, hard present fact of life, which no one over here must ever lose sight of, is that Britain must export or die.

The amount in sterling you are taking with you is a matter of considerable importance. You are permitted ten pounds.

**BRITAIN** MUST see to it now that no pound or even shilling is permitted to go out without bringing back its proper increment in dollar exchange. There is a heavy percentage of British business men in the passenger list who are headed for America to drum up export business. Their letters of credit are pruned as carefully as any traveling man's expense account by the tightest of sales managers—but for a different reason. NO POUNDS that can possibly be kept at home must be permitted to leave England these days EXCEPT as primers for the hoped-for flow of dollars.

So these British business men must make a satisfactory showing to their treasury representatives that their spending abroad will be held to the absolute minimum. (Continued on Page Four)

## 3 Million Slated For Highway Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Congress voted an immediate start today on a \$3,000,000,000 federal-state highway construction program.

Senate passage sent to the White House legislation declaring the end of hostilities permits beginning a program previously authorized for post-war years.

Senate passage was by voice vote. Congress still has to appropriate the necessary funds.

## Balloon Bombs Expensive, Unsuccessful, Japs Admit

By RUSSELL BRINES  
TOKYO, Oct. 2 (AP)—Japan's expensive V-1 weapon—bombed-laden paper balloons—intended as retaliation against the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, was abandoned because neither the Japanese nor the American people seemed to pay any attention to them.

## BUS SERVICE TIED UP OVER WAGE DEMAND

Ticket Sales Drop At Klamath Falls Depot

No bus tickets to The Dalles, Bend, or other eastern Oregon points, or Boise, Idaho, were being sold today because of a strike involving stage drivers for Overland Greyhound lines and Pacific Trailways.

Also, no tickets were being sold to connection points of the Overland Greyhound to Pendleton, La Grande or Baker. Travelers trying to reach any eastern Washington point must be routed through Portland. Greyhound officials here said today.

Ticket sales have dropped at the Greyhound Bus depot here as people are afraid to take a chance on traveling. A few people have been stranded en route to Bend off the Oregon, California, and Nevada line from Reno and Alturas and off the Pacific (Continued on Page Two)

## \$500,000 LOSS IN PORTLAND BLAZE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2 (AP)—Production buildings and lumber stocks of Timber Structures, Inc., were destroyed last night by a spectacular fire whose huge clouds of pink smoke were visible miles away.

The company estimated loss at more than \$500,000. Firemen saved an office building, a lofting shop and one production building of the firm, the largest prefabrication company of its kind in the northwest. Plant capacity was over 80,000,000 board feet a year.

**Homes Saved**  
Adjacent homes in the Guild Lake housing project were saved, as residents sprayed roofs and yards with garden hose. A few dwellings were emptied of household goods, but flames did not reach them.

A night watchman reported the fire started in a glue department. President Ward L. Mayer said about 150 workers would be laid off as a result of the blaze, but 100 could be kept busy in remaining departments of the plant.

## Five Persons Hurt In Auto Accident

Five people were slightly injured in a two-car automobile accident two miles west of Bly on highway 86 Saturday at 9 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor of Bly were taken to the Klamath Valley hospital after a car which Taylor was driving sideswiped another car driven by Flava Yates, 49, of Chiloquin.

The Chiloquin woman and Dean George, 40, and Frank Siers, 37, passengers in the Yates car, were all slightly hurt in the collision. Both automobiles incurred severe damage.

Mrs. Taylor was dismissed from the hospital Sunday and Taylor is still receiving treatment.

## Arriving In United States

By The Associated Press  
Fred D. Reinholdson, PFC, 310 Lincoln, Klamath Falls, Arrived on SS Argentina due at New York October 1.

## 2,000,000 Idle As USES Reports 700,000 Jobs Open

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Although more than 2,000,000 persons are unemployed, some 700,000 jobs are going begging. Government manpower officials today advanced some theories why this should be.

The job openings are listed by the United States employment service, which said the answer probably lies in a combination of these circumstances:

1. Many of those laid off possess specialized skills for which there is no current demand.  
2. Some, accustomed to high wartime wages, are shopping around for a good-paying job in civilian production.  
3. A large number of the jobs listed do not pay well.  
4. Many war workers decided to take a vacation—for some their first in three or four years.

An employment service official who asked anonymity said he believes the matter of jobs not matching skills is one of the principal reasons why some are not being filled.

## First Bear Of The Deer Season

Bob Clark of Bly was rudely awakened by this yearling bear while on a deer hunting trip in the Silver Lake area Sunday and although he didn't get his deer, he did come back with the bear. The animal hadn't been weighed when the picture was taken, but was thought to be not more than a cub.



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## M'CONNELL SHOT IN HUNTING ACCIDENT

J. B. McConnell, 49, 5131 Cottage, is in a Lakeview hospital today as the result of the first hunting accident reported in this area during the current season.

McConnell is in a grave condition from wounds in the abdomen, chest, one arm and one leg after being shot at 8 p. m. Saturday while hunting on Crooked creek. The Klamath Falls man was struck by shell fragments or by flying pieces from a shattered deer's horn, according to a report from the hospital.

The shot was allegedly fired by J. B. Miller of Merrill and the bullet apparently ricocheted off the horn of a deer, hospital officials said today. Miller was not in the McConnell hunting party.

Miller is about 37 years old and has worked as a carpenter at Merrill for eight years.

Members of McConnell's party were Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold of Merrill, their (Continued on Page Two)