

# FLAMES SWEEP LAVA BEDS AREA

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**PRESIDENT TRUMAN** in his "fireside chat" last night, lays the blame for everything that may be wrong with us on the Republican 80th congress. These wicked high-binders, he tells us, cut taxes. They refused to give him spurs and a Spanish bit with which to ride the inflation broncho.

Then he adds:

"Now these same selfish interests are urging us to commit a third great blunder. They are urging DRASTIC CUTS IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING — cuts which would fall hardest on those expenditures which are most important to our domestic economy."

I UNDERSTAND the President's position, of course. Last fall, when it seemed that he didn't have a chance, he pulled his belt a couple of holes tighter and went out and (in his own words) "gave 'em hell."

It worked. People LOVE to see hides hung on the fence (except, of course, those whose hides are being hung). President Truman is a workmanlike hide-hanger. He has the knack for it.

He has been having some trouble with his own 81st congress, and so it seems quite reasonable that he should revert now to the strategy that worked so well last autumn. No one can hold that against him.

BUT, in all seriousness and with complete good will, I should like to offer this comment as an individual:

Mr. President, I think you're wrong in your views on spending. I'm a business man. Like most business men, I've been in bad business trouble—more than once. Always it has been because I had spent too much in relation to what I was taking in.

I've tried YOUR way of getting out. I've said to myself that the way to make money is to spend money recklessly, if need be. It NEVER worked. It just got me deeper into the hole. I know it sounds good, but it just doesn't seem to work.

The only way I've ever been able to pull myself out of a business situation has been to begin to go sour on my spending, to see to it that each dollar goes farther than it has been going in the past—in a word, to SPEND LESS THAN I'M TAKING IN.

That way works. The other way, we spend it with both hands in an effort to play even way, just DOESN'T seem to work. I think most American business men have had this same experience. I think, in your insistence on spending and your somewhat biting references to the penny-pinchers who want to spend less, you're off on the wrong foot.

I HOPE, Mr. President, that you won't take amiss what I'm saying. I like you. I'm FOND of you. We owe it to those we like to speak plainly in an effort to help them. Plain speaking nearly always does more good than hilly-raising.

You, were a business man yourself in your younger days, before you got into politics. If I'm not mistaken, you got into bad business trouble—like a lot of the rest of us. You went broke, as I recall it.

I think, Mr. President, that if you had had the right kind of advice, and had TAKEN it—if some tough old bird who had been through the mill had convinced you in time that the thing to do was to cut down your spending until it was LESS

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## Gunbarrel Fire Roars Over Checks

**PORTLAND, July 14 (P)**—Fire jumped over cleared trails on Gunbarrel creek today and roared out of control beyond 5000 already-blackened acres of South Central Oregon pine forests.

The 300,000-acre Tillamook burn of Northwestern Oregon — often-burned powder keg of the Pacific Northwest — was closed to entry — temperatures soared and humidity fell.

The Gunbarrel creek fire in Malheur national forest, 35 miles north-east of Burns, was one of 34 set off by a Monday night lightning storm. It was the only one in Oregon not controlled quickly.

Guy Johnson, forest service regional fire dispatcher, said the Gunbarrel situation was "extremely serious." Little merchantable timber, however, is in the immediate area.

**Powder Keg**

"We are sitting on a powder keg throughout the state," he said.

The weather bureau, which sent its mobile forecasting unit to the Gunbarrel area last night, reported "high to extreme fire danger in Oregon forests all over the interior of the state today and tomorrow, with increasing fire danger in the coastal range."

Five hundred men were on the fire lines today in Malheur forest—220 of them sent last night from the Nyssa farm labor camp.

Johnson said communication with fire fighters had been poor and that a radio team had been sent in to set up reporting stations.

However, he said, fire fighters reported today's weather was "a bad burning day" and the only hope lay in light winds.

The winds have been variable. Most of the fire's shift has been toward the southeast since its start. If it moves north or northwest, valuable stands of merchantable timber will be in hazard, Johnson said.

The area is virtually unpopulated. It is near the desert fringe and has a mixed stand of Ponderosa pine, scrub pine, sagebrush and stunted growth trees.

## Britain Cuts Purchases In Dollar Areas

**LONDON, July 14 (P)**—Britain today sliced 23 per cent off her buying from the world's dollar areas for this year.

Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, told the house of commons Britain's imports from the United States and other dollar areas would be limited to \$1,200,000,000 in 1948. Britain spent \$1,600,000,000 on imports.

Cripps announced a cut in purchases of U. S. tobacco. He also said the sugar ration would be lowered from 10 to eight ounces weekly and the recently derationed candy would go back on ration August 14. The weekly candy ration will be four ounces per person.

Cripps knocked off \$80,000,000 of the \$440,000,000 originally set aside for the purchase of tobacco.

He said this would mean a reduction of about five per cent to British users. Cigarettes already are scarce here and lines in front of tobacco stores are a common sight.

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WEATHER	
Klamath Falls and Vicinity —	Fair through Friday, High today 82, Low tonight 55, High Friday 85.
Max. (July 13) 81	Min. 58
Precipitation last 24 hours —	0.0

## West Side Grassland Hardest Hit

Flames sweeping over the Lava Beds national monument broke through the fire line set by fire fighters shortly before noon today, raging uncontrolled on the west side of the monument area.

Early estimates that the fire had burned off 800 acres will prove far short of the actual total damage, Monument Custodian Don Fisher said today, although it is still impossible to judge how much of the brush and grass land has been blackened.

**Cigarette Blamed**

Fisher added that the fire line through which the blaze broke today encloses some 18,000 acres.

Timber Mountain Lookout Bill Boyle first reported the fire at 11:00, Wednesday morning. Fisher said it started in the vicinity of Captain Jack's Stronghold, major scene of the historic Modoc Indian war. Fisher believes the blaze was caused from a cigarette dropped by a careless smoker.

About 50 men with five tank trucks and five bulldozers were fighting the fire early this afternoon and more men were being called to help.

Some of the equipment being used is from Crater Lake national park, the bureau of reclamation, the Lava Beds and wherever it can be had.

Crews from the forest service and park service are battling the flames.

## Tommies Take Over Along Docks

**LONDON, July 14 (P)**—The labor government, with almost unanimous approval from parliament for its broad emergency powers, sent a double force of servicemen to work today on the strikebound London docks.

Forty-five hundred soldiers and sailors were set to begin unloading food ships tied up in the spreading 18-day-old stoppage. Only 2300 were used yesterday.

The dock labor board said 14,289 of London's 25,000 registered dock workers were idle today. That was 3549 more than when the emergency was proclaimed by King George VI at the request of the cabinet Monday.

Work on 134 ships was held up. Eight others were being unloaded or loaded by undermanned crews. Almost 40 ships still were being worked by full dock crews.

The house of commons last night approved the emergency powers assumed by the government, which has seized control of the dock area along the Thames river under regulations which virtually mean martial law. Commons approved the regulations by a vote of 412 to 4. One communist and three members expelled from the labor party cast the only dissenting votes.

The emergency proclamation, first since the general strike of 1926, is valid for a week.



**MORNING FIRE AT WOCUS**—Flaming embers were all that remained of the Silver Dome auction house when this picture was taken this morning. The building, owned by Fred Howard, was located at the rear of Red Rock tavern, about four miles north of Klamath Falls.

## Silver Dome In Wocus Burns To Ground Today, Loss Estimated At \$25,000

Fire this morning leveled a large frame auction building at the rear of the Red Rock tavern in Wocus, and threatened the tavern itself as well as a nearby residence.

Loss of about \$25,000 was counted in the destruction of the frame building, long known as the Silver Dome. The figure covers a large quantity of merchandise, including such items as stoves and washing machines, some of which had been sold at an auction the night before and left there overnight by the buyers.

The fire spread to a chicken house owned by Louis Orrell Jr., burning that building as well as a number of beehives owned by Orrell and Jess Vanderhoff. About \$100 worth of honey was destroyed.

Fred Howard, owner of the property, had just completed construction of a series of cattle auction pens which were destroyed in the blaze. Howard said the property was not insured. He had applied for his livestock auction license and expected to insure the entire set-up as soon as the license arrived.

The fire was discovered about 6 a. m. burning in the front of the structure. The building was quickly enveloped in flames, surrounding trees were singed, and fire licked at the residence of Orville Mulford. An old car stored behind the house was charred.

The county fire department answered an alarm and helped prevent the blaze from spreading. A favorable wind undoubtedly saved the Red Rock tavern, which is also owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howard. Furniture was removed from that building.

Hal Ogle of Klamath Forest Protective association was on hand to make sure the blaze did not spread to surrounding hills.

Howard said he built the Silver Dome building in 1939. It was often used as a dance hall, for community meetings, and for a few seasons wrestling and fisticuff matches were held there. In recent years, it has been headquarters for Howard's auction business.

Then Malin was fined in justice court on a reckless driving charge.

## Brutalities Denied In Spy Trial

**SAN FRANCISCO, July 14 (P)**—A government witness at the Tokyo Rose treason trial denies the Japanese used brutalities or threats to force war prisoners and civilians to broadcast propaganda for radio Tokyo during the war.

Counsel for Los Angeles-born Mrs. Iva Toguri (Tokyo Rose) D'Aquino sought in vain yesterday to win from Lt. Col. Shigetatsu Tsunehashi an admission that brutalities and threats were used.

Instead he snapped: "No such thing!"

The painstaking three-day cross-examination was part of the defense effort to picture Mrs. D'Aquino as a victim of wartime circumstance, stranded in Japan at war's outbreak and forced to broadcast.

Mrs. D'Aquino is charged with traitorously broadcasting to United States troops in an effort to hurt their morale and thus impede the nation's war effort.

Tsunehashi, the Japanese army's representative, had direct supervision over several propaganda programs, including "Zero Hour."

Defense Counsel Wayne Collins did win from him an admission that the defendant might have been conscripted into the army to do radio work if she had refused to do it as a civilian.

## Low Flying Blamed For Susana Crash

**LOS ANGELES, July 14 (P)**—Civil aeronautics board officials say that low flying and not a fight caused the crash and explosion of a non-scheduled airliner which cost 25 lives and injuries to 11.

Stewardess Charlotte Grenander, 23, told authorities yesterday that the scrap aboard the Standard Airlines' twin-engine C-46 Commando was only a one-punch affair. She said it occurred an hour before the crash in the rugged Santa Susana mountains 30 miles north of downtown Los Angeles Tuesday.

She named Frank Conway, Albany, N. Y., who was killed, as the man who struck his seatmate, Miss Grenander added that there was no trouble after the pilot, Capt. Ray G. White, came back and talked to Conway.

James N. Peyton, regional CAB chief, said the aircraft was on "course" for an instrument approach landing at Lockheed air terminal, Burbank, but was 2000 feet too low. He said a smashed altimeter registered 1940 feet.

Peyton added that low fog may have obscured the pilot's vision, although fog was not believed to have been abnormally heavy.

## Haste Costly For Fast Driver

**CHEBOYGAN, Mich., July 14 (P)**—Haste wasted \$53.35 and four automobile tires for Edgar Malin yesterday.

Malin, speeding to get across the Cheboygan river State street bridge before it lifted, poked his car through a guard rail, raced it up the raised part of the bridge and jumped the four-foot opening.

As the car landed at the other side of the span, all four tires blew out.

Then Malin was fined in justice court on a reckless driving charge.

## Board To Ponder On Steel Issue

**WASHINGTON, July 14 (P)**—The White House said today that President Truman will set up a steel fact-finding board tomorrow whether or not the "Big Three" producers yield to his pressure for them to go along with his plan to avert a strike Saturday.

Charles Ross, presidential press secretary, announced this after saying nothing has been heard from Mr. Truman's latest message to the three companies.

There was no hint from Ross as to who the president has in mind for the board—a group whose findings and recommendations may be decisive on the issue of whether millions of American workers are to have a fourth round of post-war wage increases.

**Company Files**

Asking United States Steel, Republic and Bethlehem to reconsider their rejections of his plan to submit the wage-pension dispute to a special inquiry board for a recommended solution, Mr. Truman told the three:

"Surely you are not afraid to have your side of this dispute examined in the public interest."

While some smaller steel firms and the CIO United Steel Workers union accepted Mr. Truman's plan, the Big Three had contended it bypassed Taft-Hartley law procedures for strikes impeding the nation's health or safety.

Philip Murray, president of the CIO and its steel union, said he will issue a strike order today to apply to all steel firms rejecting Mr. Truman's plan for a 60-day strike freeze.

Mr. Truman, in asking the three to reconsider yesterday, said it was his opinion the present situation "does not constitute such an immediate peril to the national health or safety" as to invoke Taft-Hartley emergency strike clauses.

## Bruce Dennis Dies Tuesday

**VANCOUVER, Wash., July 14 (P)**—Bruce Dennis, 73, long-time Oregon newspaper publisher, died at his home here Tuesday.

A native of Kansas, he went to Oregon as a youth and from 1910 to 1925 was owner and publisher of the La Grande Evening Observer. Two years after leaving La Grande, he went to Klamath Falls as publisher of The Herald and The Morning News.

He served two terms in the Oregon legislature.

Two years ago he moved here to make his home.

Funeral services will be held here Friday and the body will be sent to La Grande for burial.

Survivors include the widow, Florence, and a son, Jack, both of Vancouver.

## Weather Still Scorching Here

Other conversation topics play second fiddle these scorching summer days as the hot weather takes top spot with Klamath people.

By 1:30 today the mercury had hit 91 degrees and was still on the way up.

CAA reported that its thermometers at the airport registered 91 for the day's high yesterday. The minimum this morning was 58.

Forecast from the Northwest government weather bureau indicates no change with more fair skies in the offing and a temperature range of from 93 to 95 for Friday.

## Antelopers Set Sights For Meet

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Members of the Order of the Antelope set their sights today and set their sights for the Blue Sky hotel on Lake county's Hart Mountain, scene of the annual Antelope convention this week-end.

John Fahn, "and secretary," reported from Lakeview that it looks as if from 300 to 400 men will be in the party which gathers Friday night on the mountain for a two-day camping session.

Antelope officials reminded Lake county people that while the affair is invitational, no invitation is necessary for any Lake county resident. Lake is sponsor of the event.

Notivites can be sponsored by members with invitations.

Fahn said that a special feature this year will be rides over a high road which has been developed near the camp on the mountain, which is about 15 miles southeast of Lakeview.

## BULLETINS

**LIMA, O., July 14 (P)**—Raymond Justice, the tank-sitting killer at Lima State hospital, for the second time today, descended from his 135-foot water tower pedestal at 2:55 p. m. (EST); nearly 20 hours after he went up.

**WASHINGTON, July 14 (P)**—Secretary of Agriculture Brannan said today that plans for invoking rigid marketing quotas on the 1950 wheat crop have been dropped.

**WASHINGTON, July 14 (P)**—President Truman said today that, by the moves already undertaken, he is doing everything in his power to avert a steel strike.

That was his response at a news conference when he was asked if he thought there would be a steel strike.

**WASHINGTON, July 14 (P)**—President Truman today stoutly defended Federal Judge Samuel Kaufman's conduct of the Alger Hiss perjury trial in New York.

## Some Islanders Learning That Poi Is Cheaper Than Potatoes; More Vitamins

**HONOLULU, July 14 (P)**—The 75-day waterfront strike has cut into the everyday life of the average islander out here. But not as much as you'd think.

There are cases like the paper salesman—with no paper to sell. He's driving a truck, and eating poi, instead of potatoes.

Or there's Frank May. He's a white collar man at Lewers and Cooke, Hawaii's biggest building materials firm which has made two 10 per cent pay cuts. He's told his wife she has to give up the woman who ironed half a day each week. The yard man who worked over the lawn twice a month has to go, too.

But many people hardly feel the pinch from the long slump. There's a big segment of federal civilian service employees and workers paid by mainland firms. And, of course, the army, navy and air force people. Their pay keeps coming in.

Food relief cargoes provide the staples—meat, potatoes, milk, eggs, butter—and nearly any trimming you can think of. If you're lucky enough not to have had a couple of pay cuts or lost your job, you can eat and live in good style.

Just the same, the people are settling down for a long, hard pull. The striking CIO stevedores and the seven struck stevedoring firms are as far apart now as they were on May 1 when it all started. The longshoremen want 25 cents an hour more than the \$1.40 they were getting. The employers withdrew an offer of 13 cents.

Only developments now are going on in court. A Honolulu group is trying to unload \$750,000 in goods from a strikebound freighter. Federal court has ordered three previous unloadings, but this time 175 consignees are involved. There may be a decision tomorrow.

In the meantime, Gov. Ingram A. Stainback is getting ready to call the legislature into session. Drastic measures are being prepared to authorize the government to seize the docks if necessary. Whether that will end the bitter strike is something else.

As for the people here. . . . The paper salesman said a 15 per cent pay cut gave him a taste for poi. "Poi's cheaper than potatoes—and more vitamins," he said. Poi is a native Hawaiian dish. It's made from taro root flour and is supposed to be more nutritious than anything. But the first taste is like library paste.



Judy Bowers



Dick Nidover



Tommy Ankeny

While oldsters labor in mills, shops, fields, woods and offices, the hot heat her finds Klamath-basin kids cooling off as demonstrated here. Want to join 'em?