

# 4 FIREFIGHTERS DIE IN FLAMES



**HARVEST STARTS**—Harvesting of grain on dry land acreage got underway in the Klamath area the past few days, and here is Mrs. Bernice Colman driving a diesel tractor pulling a combine on the Colman wheat field on the Old Fort road. Dry land grain crops generally aren't too good this year because of the frost. Irrigated grain, however, is coming along fine, but is not yet ripened enough for harvest operations.

## Congress Split Over Hot Issue Of Chinese Future, "White Paper" Assailed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Congress found itself as divided as China today on what to do about stopping the advance of communism in Asia.

The state department's white paper explaining why Chiang Kai-shek's government failed to keep the communists from gobbling up most of China was greeted on Capitol Hill by a volley of criticism from lawmakers who called it a confession of American failure also.

It was defended, on the other hand, as a realistic review of a situation which just about everybody here agrees is bad.

Among the members of congress there was a meeting of minds on one point—something ought to be done to keep all of China from being overrun by supporters of the red banner, who might then threaten China's neighbors.

## Portland Rushes To Aid Angelenos

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6 (AP)—The city of roses has paid tribute to the city of roses.

Portland, which prides itself on its sweet-scented Oregon air, yesterday sent to smoke-bound Los Angeles, the home of unhappy nostrils, by air express, one clothespin, four feet long.

The gift bore a tag "To fumigate Angelenos," referring to the extra-ardid odors which hit the city two days ago. It was, naturally, a gesture from one chamber of commerce to another.

First to use the giant clothespin was U. S. Weather Forecaster John Aldrich.

"Sno use," he gasped. "Still smell it."



**ONE MORE WORD**—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson (left) has one more word for Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.) as they leave a closed session of the joint senate foreign relations and armed services committee hearing on arms aid for Europe. The administration sent congress a new arms aid bill shorn of provisions giving President Truman power to decide when and where aid should be given. Chairman Connally said he is confident the bill can be passed.

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## 400 Perish In Ecuador Temblor

### Blaze Rips Timber Land Near Baker

**BAKER, Aug. 6 (AP)**—A fire which virtually "exploded" through tinder-dry forests southwest of here, was reported spreading today on a 10-mile front.

Anthony Brandenthaler, president of the Burnt River Lumber company, said the fire was burning over a 10-mile line. The company has pine stands in the area, which lies between the Main Dixie and the North Dixie creeks, about 25 miles from here.

**150 Fighters** With firefighters not yet having circled the blaze, the exact extent of the already burned acreage could not be determined.

One report said the fire was moving toward the town of Durkee, about 10 miles away. The town itself, however, is separated from timber by cleared ground and sagebrush.

District Grazer S. R. Bennett said the fire started Thursday night. By last night 150 firefighters had been dispatched to the area, including 120 men from an employment camp at Vale and employees of the Burnt River Lumber company whose stands of pine are threatened.

Fire fighters, using bulldozers and shovels, have not been able to circle the blaze and did not know this morning the full extent of the damage.

Bennett said the fire most likely was caused by lightning. He said humidity yesterday in the area was down to seven, "an unheard-of figure here." He said, "This is dynamite. The trees explode as though they had been touched off."

Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.), a member of the armed services committee, said a great deal still can be done to keep western China out of communist hands.

He suggested that if some of the personalities could be eliminated from the nationalist government it could serve as a framework to unify a fight against the communists. There was no doubt he was suggesting that Chiang Kai-shek—severely criticized in the state department report—make his exit.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) scolded the department for what he said was an effort stretching over a period of years to force Chiang's government to take in communists.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) said that if the white paper policies are continued "it will be only a short time until all Asia is under communist control, which will extend to Japan and the Philippines."

Bridges charged that the white paper "is a complete effort of the state department to settle the nationalist government and anti-communist forces in China."

Even Senator Dulles (R-N.Y.), who cooperates with the administration on bipartisan foreign policies, looked upon the white paper as "an attempt to explain and excuse past failures."

## Hawaii Legislature Passes Bill Empowering Island Government To Seize Strikebound Docks; Stevedores Vote Unanimously To Refuse To Work For Territory

**By LIEF ERICKSON**  
**HONOLULU, Aug. 6 (AP)**—Hawaii's legislature today passed a bill empowering the territorial government to seize the island's strikebound docks. Earlier striking CIO stevedores voted unanimously to refuse to work for the government.

Final passage of the legislation designed to end the 98-day waterfront tieup came at 2:48 a.m. in the 16th day of a special session called by Gov. Ingram M. Stainback.

Late last night senate and house conferees agreed on the measure which directs the governor to take over the island's seven struck stevedoring firms. It also calls for hiring, as far as possible, the 3000 striking members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union at the pre-strike \$1.40 hourly wage.

The house approved the conference report by a 34 to 6 vote. The senate's approval was unanimous—14 to 0.

The strikers voted not to work for the territorial government after a special meeting was addressed by ILWU President Harry Bridges. He arrived from San Francisco yesterday and confidently announced the strike is "in no danger of being lost" as long as Matson Navigation company ships don't sail. Matson is the major mainland-Hawaii carrier.

Bridges told a news conference that no law passed by the Hawaiian legislature could force loading or unloading of island cargoes on the Pacific coast.

But even as he spoke, canned bandits fled B.C. Bank with \$5300.

**VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 6 (AP)**—Handkerchief-masked bandits today escaped with \$5300 from the Dunbar street branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Both men were armed, but no shots were fired.

At gunpoint, they forced a cashier to hand over \$2300 in cash and \$2100 in travellers' cheques.

The bank is located at Dunbar and 41st Ave. in a busy shopping district.

The bandits escaped in an automobile bearing Washington state license plates. Police said one man spoke with a "faint American accent."

The bandit team missed \$1000 cash on the counter of the teller's cage.

It was the first bank holdup here since April 8 when bandit Robert Harrison was killed by Traffic Officer Cecil Paul after robbing the Commercial Bank of Canada.

The robbery today occurred half an hour after the early 9 a. m. opening of the bank.

## Mountain Towns Hit, Many Lost

**By JORGE MANTILLA**  
**QUITO, Ecuador, Aug. 6 (AP)**—Four hundred bodies were counted today and many more are believed to have been victims of earthquakes that ripped mountain cities and villages yesterday in the Ambato region.

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## Greek Army Opens New Offensive

**ATHENS, Aug. 6 (AP)**—The Greek army kicked off today on a major offensive in the Grammos mountains against a communist-led guerrilla force estimated at 5000 troops.

The general staff reported the guerrillas were supported in battle by Albanians firing from Albanian soil nearby.

The Greek guerrillas are compressed in an area of about 250 square miles against the Albanian border west of Nestorion and northeast of Konitsa.

The general staff said several defense points were taken by Greek forces southwest and northwest of the 7000-foot high mountain in the first fighting despite "bitter resistance."

Couplet-attacks, it said, were repulsed and fighting continues with growing intensity. The army is bringing new forces in to combat and said it is entering the main phase of battle.

In capturing a height of Alevisia, in the northeast Grammos, Greek troops were fired on from a neighboring height in Albania, the command said, in an attack "supported by Albanians."

## Arms-Aid-Bill Slash Leads To Hot Debate

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)**—Chairman Kee (D-W. Va.) may ask the house foreign affairs committee to check so the full house the hot dispute over cutting the size of the \$1,450,000,000 arms-for-Europe program.

Paced by growing demands for a 50 per cent slash in the project, Kee said he may urge the committee to okay the program as it stands so the issue can be fought out from scratch on the house floor.

Committee republicans and democrats alike are fighting for a smaller program. They have strong support in both the house and the senate.

"Unless the amount is substantially cut there's an awfully rough road ahead" for the bill, said Rep. Vevy (R-Ohio), a leading republican on the committee.

Rep. Richards (D-S. C.) ranking democratic member of the group, agreed.

"I still think it should be cut down," he told newsmen. "I doubt the wisdom of committing ourselves to spend this much when we know they can't use it all before congress meets again."

The question of cost also was cited by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), top senate republican in foreign affairs matters.

Among other things the senate measure would allow Brannan to try "production payments"—under numerous restrictions—upon a few perishable products, such as fresh vegetables and fruits next year.

Anderson said Brannan suggested it be eliminated because it is "so limited it would apply to only a very few products—largely a few vegetables."

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## Montana Fire Raging Over 3000 Acres

**HELENA, Mont., Aug. 6 (AP)**—At least four men were burned fatally, six were hurt and six are missing in a mammoth forest fire near here, the federal forest service said today.

Bodies of two forest service parashutists and a third firefighter were found in a 3000-acre fire which roared uncontrolled through timber in a primitive area northeast of Helena.

Joseph Silvia, one of two parashutists hospitalized here, died this afternoon.

The other, Bill Hellman, was reported in "fair" condition.

The forest service identified one of the dead as James O. Harrison, Missoula, stationed near Canyon Ferry.

Names of the other dead were withheld pending notification of relatives.

Six of the 15 smokejumpers who parachuted to the fire yesterday were burned seriously, the forest service said.

Region Forester F. D. Hanson of Missoula said poor communications held up complete information on casualties.

Forest Supervisor A. D. Moir said one of the smokejumpers who escaped told him all 15 made successful parachute leaps yesterday.

"Then," said the jumper, "we

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## Legion Backs State Bonus For Veterans

**SALEM, Aug. 6 (AP)**—The American Legion in Oregon broke with its past tradition today and voted to support a state bonus for veterans in Oregon.

State bonuses were turned down by the last two state Legislature conventions.

The 612 delegates adopted a resolution favoring a state bonus for World War II veterans by a voice vote this morning. They recommended a bonus of \$10 for each month of domestic military service and \$15 for each month of overseas service, with a maximum of \$900. That is similar to bonuses enacted by several states.

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**POLICE SHOOT IT OUT WITH TRAPPED GUNMAN**—Heavily armed police reinforcements (left) arrive to aid policeman (background) engaged in a gun battle with a desperado trapped in a Chicago railway express office after wounding three officers. Gunman, identified by police as Edward S. Shumak of Chicago, was shot to death after police poured machine gun bullets and tear gas into the washroom.