

# Montana Fire Raging Over 3000 Acres

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were all enveloped in flames." He doesn't know what happened to his companions.  
**Boats Used**  
All boats in the Helena area were being used in rush reinforcements down the Missouri river to help 120 men battle desperately in the picturesque Gates of the Mountain area.  
Fire whipped along the Missouri river, which cut deep gorges below the Belt mountain peaks, and leaped up and down sheer cliffs, seeking out and destroying trees.  
The blaze was advancing along a one-mile front, building up tremendous heat and pressure and threatening to burst out of the primitive area and onto private timber.  
Firefighters, who reached the scene by river boat, were trying unsuccessfully to trap the flames in the Missouri canyon and smaller gorges.  
The forest service was flying in reinforcements from Idaho and hoped to increase the force at the fire to about 400.  
**No Bulldozer Use**  
Bulldozers were taken to the fire but could not be used, because of the mountain terrain.  
The blaze went "hog wild" late yesterday, driven by strong wind, a forest service spokesman said.  
The wind was down this morning. The men were working under a sweltering sun.  
The Belt mountains fire is the largest in the region comprising 17 forests of Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington.  
Another fire nearby was burning along a one-mile front in the York-Bull Run gulch area. Fifty men were battling that blaze and as many more were expected to join them.



### LEAVING—Planning to leave Klamath Falls in early September is Thirza DeCew, who will move to Portland. Mrs. DeCew's resignation as executive secretary of the Klamath County Tuberculosis and Health association, was announced this week.

## Thirza DeCew To Leave KF

Thirza DeCew, for the past three years executive secretary of the Klamath County Tuberculosis and Health association, has announced her resignation, effective September 1.  
Later in September she will move to Portland to join her husband, William DeCew, who is with the state fish and game commission. The county board accepted her resignation this week, and she will remain in the office at the court house, telephone 6259, to interview applicants for the position until the end of this month.  
Before going to Portland, Mrs. DeCew will remain with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Anderson, for a time.  
In addition to her post with the health association, Mrs. DeCew has been an active member of the community, serving as county vice chairman of the republican central committee and president of the Klamath Falls council of Republican Women.

# Mountain Towns Hit, Many Lost

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Quito railway and relief trains were ready to pull out as soon as the line is found to be secure.  
Miguel Albornoz, secretary-general of the Ambato public administration, said in a broadcast the survivors spent last night in the open or under tents—out of reach of tottering buildings.  
Authorities ordered all inhabitants out of their homes to avoid injury from falling walls or debris.  
A broadcaster here reported victims arriving from Sania Rosa, another of the stricken places, said their town was almost wiped out. Albornoz said plans were going ahead to hold the Ambato fair on schedule next Wednesday in celebration of the national independence day.  
A dispatch to the Quito newspaper El Comercio, said 400 bodies were found in Ambato and that the industrial city was all but wiped out. It added that hundreds more may have been buried under walls.  
Heavy damage was reported from nearby towns but there were no early estimates of casualties available here.  
Most of Ambato's buildings went down in 40 seconds, the duration of the second and sharpest of six shocks soon after noon. While the structures were crumbling water mains broke, telephone and telegraph lines were torn apart and great cracks opened in the streets. A bridge broke into bits.

# BOYLE'S COLUMN Chance Of A Lifetime Too Darn Good To Go Along On

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (AP)—Every year or so a man opens his morning mail and finds a pleasant surprise — or a real opportunity.  
That's how lucky I am today.  
I've got a chance to take a free ride to Mars!  
Each day I get all sorts of odd invitations. One day somebody wants me to go over to the Waldorf-Astoria to attend a cocktail party for a new tractor. Another day an opportunity comes to be a judge in a contest to "pick the most beautiful pigeon in America." It turned out to be a complete waste of time—all the pigeons had feathers.  
But this is the first time anybody ever offered me a hitch-hike ride to Mars. I would be suspicious that somebody was just pulling my leg except for one thing—the man who made the offer said he had already been there himself. So it must be the 24-karat McCoy.  
The invitation came in a letter from a gentleman in Missouri, and his first name isn't Harry.  
"I have just come back from



Mars, and I had a wonderful trip," he wrote. "For the simple reason that our rocket ship begins to gain speed as soon as it leaves the atmosphere, and we travel about as fast as light."  
The voyage certainly sounded attractive as he outlined it.  
"We will be gone only a few days," he wrote. "For the simple reason that our rocket ship begins to gain speed as soon as it leaves the atmosphere, and we travel about as fast as light."  
Efficient Pilot  
"The only hazardous part of this trip would be in landing when we get there. However, our pilot is an efficient that, when we strike the atmosphere of Mars, he can sail around the planet three or four times until our speed is slow enough to make a smooth landing."  
What is Mars like? Here's what the man says:  
"I'll not go much into the details of the conditions that I found there, because it was more wonderful than my vocabulary is capable of telling you.  
"The planet revolves as ours does, but in place of having a magnetic pole, it also revolves north to south, which makes the temperature uniform the year round.  
"There are no seasons. It is all just one glorious temperature. They have no pests, such as flies and fleas.  
"The food grows on trees. They have impressing mattresses growing on bushes. There is no rain except just as the sun comes up in the morning.  
"There is no work to be done. Everything that man desires is right there at his hand. The springs that comes out of the little hills, which they call mountains, have a flavor with an intoxicating effect."  
Well, at first I felt tempted to go. But I decided it would be too great a strain on my honesty.  
If I got to Mars and found food growing on the trees and joy juice bubbling out of the rocks, I wouldn't want to come back and advertise the place. That'd empty California overnight, depopulate Texas—and crowd Mars.  
No, if Mars was like that I'd stake me out a claim—and throw rocks at anybody else that tried to land.



FIRST NIGHTERS—Governor Douglas McKay chats with 16-year-old Mary Jane Pitts of Portland and Ralph C. Burgess Jr., of Ashland, leads in "Romeo and Juliet" as the ninth annual Oregon Shakespeare Festival opens in Ashland. The five-play program will continue until August 24 every evening except Sunday.

# Canada Holds Biggest War Games Yet

PORT ST. JOHN, B. C., Aug. 6 (CP)—Paratroops landed early today in the face of heavy air opposition as exercise eagle—largest Canadian war games ever held—went into its second day.  
The troops landed to launch a counter-attack against a hypothetical enemy possessing a strategic air base at this village in Northern British Columbia.  
They pressed forward through fields of heavy grain as attacking enemy fighters swooped above them.  
American observers at the games going on in B. C. and Northern Alberta said they were particularly impressed by the flying of the Royal Canadian air force. They also commented on the landing of two gliders in the drop zone of the paratroop attack. The gliders were damaged heavily, umpires ruled, mostly by air attacks. They carried radio equipment.

## Chrysler Has Biggest Year

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—Chrysler corporation announced today net profit in the first six months totaled \$53,222,843, equal to \$6.12 a share on its capital stock. This compared with \$53,786,010, or \$4.11 a share in the like period last year.  
Net sales in the first six months this year totaled \$350,927,855, compared with \$662,812,815 a year ago. Unit sales of 873,289 Plymouth, Dodge, De Soto and Chrysler passenger cars and Dodge trucks were made from United States plants in the first half of this year.  
K. T. Keller, president, said: "The postwar shortage of materials which until recently has limited our output now appears to have passed and in June your corporation built and shipped more cars and trucks than ever before in any other one month in its entire history."  
**Baseball Scores**  
AMERICAN  
NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—The New York Yankees belted six home runs today, including successive ninth inning homers by Tommy Henrich and Joe DiMaggio to come from behind and nip the St. Louis Browns, 9-8. DiMaggio's blow was his second of the game and snapped a 2-8 tie. Phil Mizzuto also hit two homers and Yogi Berra one for the Yanks. Gerry Friddy, Sherry Lollar and Paul Lehner homered for the Browns. R H E  
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Bickford, Barrett (3), Antonelli (5) and Crawford; Dubiel and Owen, Burgess (9).  
Many of the most important English abbeys and cathedrals of the 13th and 14th centuries had clay tile floors.  
PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Ruben Sanders, 35, Chemawa, was killed today in the head-on collision of his car and a truck just south of Milwaukie.  
The truck driver, Darmond Moore, Portland, was not harmed.

### TOWER

ACRES OF FREE PARKING ENDS 2:30 TODAY  
Starts TOMORROW  
FOR THE FIRST TRUE AND TERRIFIC TIME...THE SCREEN TAKES YOU BEHIND THE U.S. SECRET WALL!  
MURDER TRAIL LEADS TO TIM...  
TIM HOLT RUSTLERS  
ILLEGAL ENTRY  
DUFF TOREN BRENT  
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## Hiroshima Marks Date Of Bombing

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Aug. 6 (AP)—The fourth anniversary of the first atom bombing was observed today with shattered Hiroshima's 30-year plan to make itself a model city for peaceful community living.  
Mayor Shinzo Hamai told the city's survivors details of the plan after bells in the "peace tower" pealed in memory of the 78,000 who died in the blast.  
The plan calls for rebuilding Hiroshima in three stages. During the first 10 years little besides planning will be done. In the next 10 it is hoped to carry out the plans. By 1977 the city is to stand as a permanent monument to peace.

## Statesmen In Europe Will Talk Unity

PARIS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Leading statesmen of western Europe will assemble at Strasbourg Monday to consider proposals designed to give concrete expression to the centuries-old dream of European unity.  
This inaugural session of the council of Europe will give its attention to practical problems having to do with public works, patents and social security. One major proposal expected to be considered calls for the creation of an international European passport.  
It is the hope of many of western Europe's leaders that the decisions taken will constitute a sizable advance toward a distant goal—a real United States of Europe similar to America's federal system of government.  
American dollars already have broken the ground for the building of continental unity. For more than a year the organization for European economic cooperation (OEEC), an administrative agency of the Marshall plan, has been making practical decisions in its 19 member areas.  
As yet no contact has been made between the OEEC and the council of Europe. This may be done after the council gets organized next week.  
Members of the council of Europe are: Britain, France, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Greece and Turkey will be admitted soon.  
The 45,000 square feet of faience clay tile wall surfacings in the network of subway concourses under Philadelphia's city hall section is believed to constitute the largest faience tile installation in the world.

## FUNNY BUSINESS



"I couldn't find a ladder, dear, so I hired him from the circus!"

## Franco Tragedy Rumors Quashed

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Aug. 6 (AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco's personal attendants denied today a crop of rumors that developed yesterday while he was on a vacation-time fishing trip.  
His party returned after midnight from a voyage farther out in the Bay of Biscay than he usually goes. The rumors were that the generalissimo had fallen overboard, gotten seasick or had been the target of an assassin.  
Aides who went with him on the yacht Azor said it took longer than usual to get back and Franco slept late this morning, deferring today's fishing until afternoon.  
Franco is living in this resort town's royal palace with his wife and daughter and leaves only to go fishing. He is scheduled to inaugurate the Bilbao airport August 20 while en route to his regular summer home at Pazo De Meirae, on the Galician coast.  
Looking for something? Read the Want Ads—you may find it there!

## Portland Dock Cargo Increases

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Portland dock cargo increased 2.8 per cent last month over July of 1948. The merchants exchange said the total was 630,347 short tons, compared with 612,965 a year ago. Heavier exports of grain, lumber and paper got credit for the increase.  
The Columbia river district exported 200,774 short tons, valued at \$12,547,915, last month.  
The armies of the Egyptian king, Rameses III, were well-equipped with iron weapons.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Of course I'll need four weeks to get married—I've got to find a man!"

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