

BLAZE EATS INTO MODOC

The Herald and News

WEATHER
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair today and Tuesday. High today 85. Low tonight 61. High Tuesday 87.
Max. (Aug. 21) 88 Min. 44
Precipitation last 24 hours .00

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Violent Earthquake Felt In Northwest Area

No One Hurt As Big Shock Stays At Sea

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Aug. 22 (AP)—An earthquake which lasted longer than the devastating shock in Ecuador and was stronger than the San Francisco quake of 1906 struck off the coast of British Columbia last night, but there were no reports of casualties or major damage.

The violent submarine tremor, its main shock lasting six and one-half hours with subsequent shorter shocks, was felt as far north as Juneau, Alaska, and as far south as Portland. Seismologists said the quake would have been destructive had it not centered offshore.

It appeared to center off the British Columbia coast, but the greatest shock felt on land was in the Skeena river valley.

In Seattle, the University of Washington seismograph station said the severity of the quake knocked the needle off one seismograph drum. It lasted for six and a half hours. The Ecuador quake of August 8 was recorded in Seattle for four hours.

Prof. Perry Byerly, University of California seismologist, said it was "very large," the largest ever recorded in California from a distant point. He said it was more severe than the one which shook San Francisco in 1906.

The shock was felt at 8:03:27 p. m. PST, Sitka, Petersburg and Juneau, southeast Alaska points, said it was the dish-rattling, picture shaking type. Another slight shock this morning, at 9:05 a. m. PST was reported by Petersburg.

Store windows were smashed and cars rolled crazily on streets at Prince Rupert and at Terrace, B. C., 90 miles east. A two-foot wave swept along the waterfront at Ketchikan, Alaska, moments after the shock.

Ten houseboats were torn from their moorings in Seattle's Lake Union. Power lines and water mains were broken in some parts of the city.

The Queen Charlotte islands, 500 miles northwest of Vancouver, reported "the heaviest shocks in the island's history." Chimneys tumbled, buildings away and windows shattered. Homes rocked on foundations and some communications poles snapped.

A Tacoma woman said the water sloshed from her swimming pool. And in Portland another woman said her houseboat rocked in the Willamette river just as it did in the Northwest's worst earthquake four months ago.

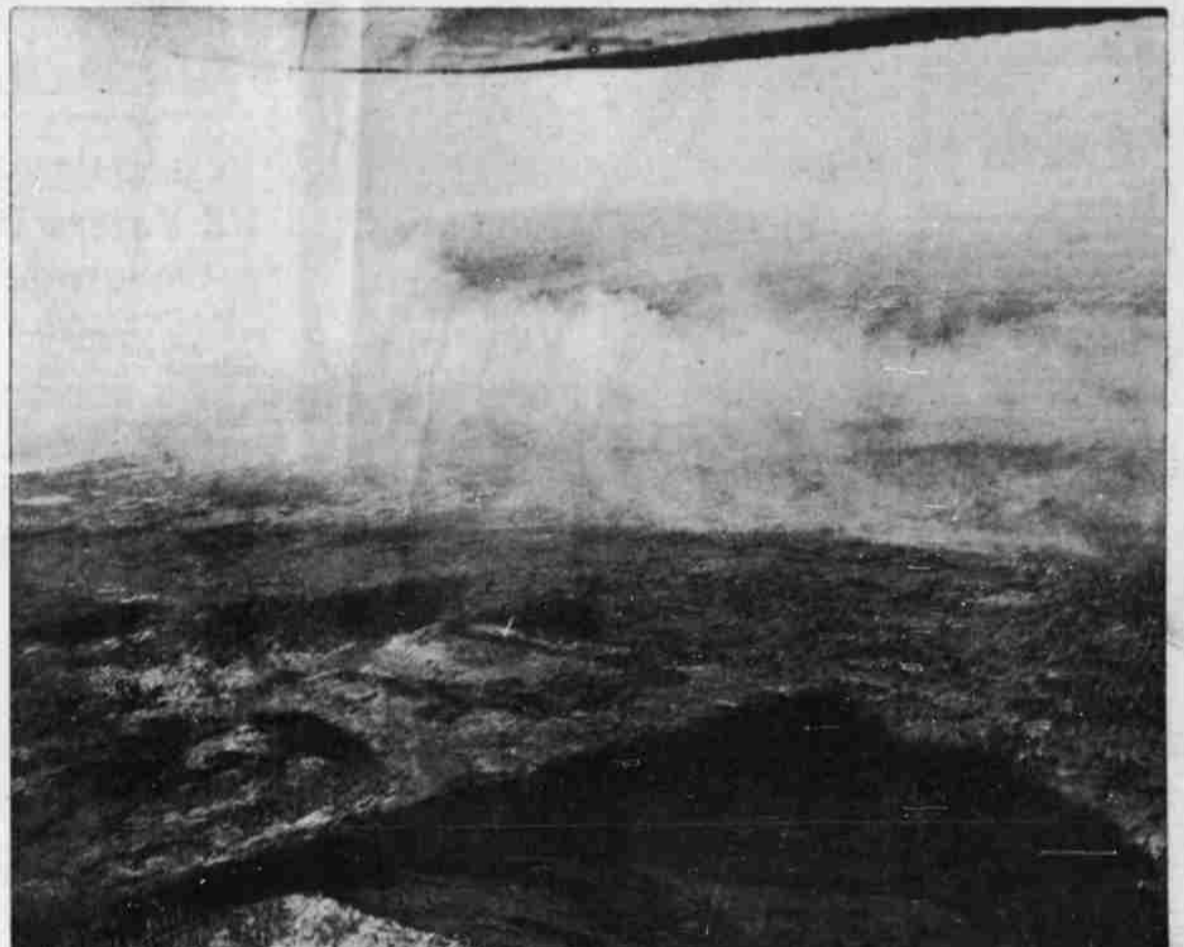
Pair Found Dead In Wrecked Car

SALEM, Aug. 22 (AP)—A Portland couple who had done antelope hunting were found dead today in the wreckage of their car, which had plunged off the North Santiam highway into a 200-foot canyon.

They were Roscoe T. Pierce, 33, and his wife, Anna, 35. They have two small children, Sandra 7, and Bradley, 2.

Pierce, a partner with his father in the Northwest Hardwood Floor company here, had left Portland with his wife Friday night for a week-end of antelope hunting. The two were expected back today.

Their wrecked car was found at 3 a. m. today in the canyon east of Idanha. It was not immediately determined when the car had gone off the highway.



AIR SHOT OF BIG FIRE — Sunday evening view of the Sheep Well fire east of Mt. Hebron, taken by Staff Photographer Wes Guderian from plane. The picture was made from the northwest side of the fire which was burning northeastward toward the Modoc lava beds. The dark area in the foreground is shadow of mountain over which plane was flying when the camera clicked.

Last Year's Incomes Hit Record High

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—The individual income of the average American reached a new high of \$1410 last year as compared with \$1319 in 1947.

A report issued by the commerce department this week-end covered individual income—as distinguished by the take of corporations—from all sources.

The dollar total of \$206,000,000,000 it showed for 1948 bettered 1947 by nine per cent, but a gain in population trimmed the individual average back to seven per cent.

The largest regional gain was 12 per cent credited to eight central states, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The smallest increases, six per cent, were in the six New England states, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont; and four per cent in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

From a per capita or average standpoint, New York led the country with \$1891 in 1948 while Mississippi was at the bottom with \$758.

Herald-News Cameraman And Pilot Eat Smoke In Bucking Plane To Get Pics

By WES GUDERIAN
Staff Cameraman, Herald and News

With Chet Simson I flew over the Sheep Well forest fire Sunday afternoon. It was not an adventure — unless you can call flitting with air-sickness an adventure. It was just a routine news-picture assignment.

The air seemed pretty smoky after we were well up over Klamath Falls and headed southeast. It worried me just a little for aerial pictures of forest fires are tough enough without a general smoke haze. After we rounded a high ridge on the way to Mt. Hebron, the entire fire picture was laid before us.

We were headed straight for the middle of the fire. To the right in a big billow was the cap of smoke that marked the main portion of the newly-aroused blaze. To the left was the already burnt over area where still-smoking tree snags could be seen leaving trails against the blackened ground like jet-propelled airplanes. The burnt over section must have comprised about 1000 acres, though I'm not much of a judge of area from the air.

We could see the flames against the smoke as we neared the main portion of the fire, but I told Chet to make a run by it before I would start taking pictures. I wanted to get a general idea of how it looked before wasting film. The pungent odor of wood smoke filled the cabin of the plane now, and then we were over the burnt out portion. We could see the fire-fighting camp at the edge of the burn, with trucks moving about, kicking up trails of dust.

We made a wide turn in the mountain section southwest of the camp and headed back for the fire. I tried kicking the door open to take pictures, but the air pressure was too great and I finally gave up. It was a good thing the plexi-glass windows were clean for I had to take all the pictures through them.

We had lost a little altitude in my attempt to open the door, so we had to turn again and try for height. The fire was too big to get from a low altitude, and I was trying to silhouette the smoke against the dark hills behind the fire. The wind had changed and we could no longer see the flames against the smoke, so I was a little doubtful about the outcome. The finished print might look just like a crazy haze.

After taking the distant shots, we dropped down for a run down the fire line. It was an interesting, if unphotographic, experience. Flames could be seen shooting skyward, and as we got nearer the hot spot the plane bucked a little; so Chet made me fasten my safety belt. I tried taking a few close shots which were no good and then we headed for home.

It took an hour and ten minutes to make the round trip over the fire as compared with the four hours Malcolm Epley Jr. and I had spent on a ground trip into the area Saturday night. And . . . Oh, yes . . . I had not gotten air-sick.

House Begins Water Control Bill Argument

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—The house opened debate today on a \$1,114,539,999 water projects authorization bill.

The voice vote overruled the house rules committee which had declined to clear the omnibus bill for floor action.

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Action was delayed until tomorrow on a second bill. It would provide money for water project construction during the 12 months which began July 1.

On money for current construction, senate and house conferees have been in disagreement since June 1. Before Easter, the house passed an appropriation bill allowing \$583,292,220 for army civil functions, consisting mostly of funds for flood control and rivers and harbors projects of the army engineers. The senate upped the amount to \$751,440,690, adding dozens of new projects.

MacFadden, 81, Hits The Silk—'Wonderful Man'

DANVILLE, N. Y., Aug. 22 (AP)—Bernard MacFadden has passed another milestone in his goal to prove "this growing old idea is all nonsense."

The physical culturist who got his private pilot's license at the age of 74, celebrated his own 81st birthday and his wife's 44th Saturday by making his first parachute jump.

As he successfully "chuted from a plane to field a half mile from Danville airport, Mrs. MacFadden ran up to him shouting: "Oh, you wonderful man, you." As MacFadden stamped around climbing out of his parachute rig, he exclaimed: "It was wonderful coming down."

Wearing a blue business suit, MacFadden added for safety a football helmet, shin guards and jump boots with four-inch-thick crepe rubber soles.

BOAT EXPLODES

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 22 (AP)—An explosion shattered a gillnet boat here yesterday and pinned a fisherman to the burning craft. Firemen said workers on the union fishermen's co-op cannery dock lifted the deck house from Willie Lappalainen, Aberdeen, and tossed him into the river to extinguish the flames on his clothes.

600 Men On 6000-Acre Hebron Fire

The Sheep Well fire east of Mt. Hebron swept northeastward this afternoon on a three-mile front, razing the burned-over area to more than 6000 acres despite the efforts of a force of approximately 600 firefighters.

Today the fire burned over the line from the Shasta national forest into the Modoc national forest, edging into the Lava Beds area. It has blackened an area covered with brush and scattered timber, damaging a substantial volume of merchantable timber.

Foresters threw a swelling force of men and equipment against the fire, recruiting approximately 300 in the Klamath Falls area since the start of the blaze Saturday. They now set the probable control time at 9 a. m. Tuesday.

So far, one casualty has been reported. Don O. Roads, Klamath Falls, a firefighter, was struck by a falling snag Sunday and hospitalized here for treatment of back injuries after being brought from the fire line by Kaler's ambulance.

Camp Fire Blamed
Investigators said the fire apparently started from a shepherd's camp fire. Crews managed to check it over Saturday night, and Sunday it was apparently under control. But midday humidity and wind conditions Sunday sent it roaring out of control again. Total perimeter of the fire area was given as about 16 miles at 10 a. m. today and it was rapidly spreading.

Headquarters of the fire fight were set up on the Davis road about 25 miles east of Mt. Hebron, not far from the Medicine lake road.

As the fire grew into a major conflagration, Shasta forest sent out repeated calls for men. The city and state police at Klamath Falls beat the brush here for volunteers, taking a number of men from the jungles by the railroad tracks who had shoes and were willing. The state employment office here handled hiring, and more than 200 men were provided from this area, including a force of Oregon Tech students.

Some 40 inmates of a California prison camp were on the blaze, along with 20 loggers, 20 forest service men and a force recruited in the immediate fire area.

Equipment Used
Machinery was rushed from ranch, logging and construction operations to help build trails in the effort to stop the advance of the fire. Long-Bell Lumber company's logging line runs through the area, and equipment and water were taken in by train.

One tank truck was abandoned when flames caught up with and surrounded it. The driver said that as he was leaving the heat shorted the wires on the siren and it started a loud whine that could be heard for a long time as the driver raced away from the fire.

The fire is entirely in California but not far from the Oregon line. It is one of many blazes burning today in six western states, six of them major conflagrations still out of control.

The biggest fire was in Hell's canyon in the Payette national forest of Idaho. Several were in Yellowstone park.

Gloom Tints British Aid Meet Outlook

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—Preliminary American-British talks on Britain's economic crisis will open here this week in an atmosphere of bitterness and gloom.

American officials said it would require some notable feat of statesmanship to prevent the conference from hurting instead of improving British-American relations. The conference will reach a climax early next month.

Among other things the British say they take a dim view of the appointment of Secretary of the Treasury Snyder to head up the American delegation for the main, second stage of the negotiations which will open September 6 to 7. They say they would have preferred Secretary of State Acheson.

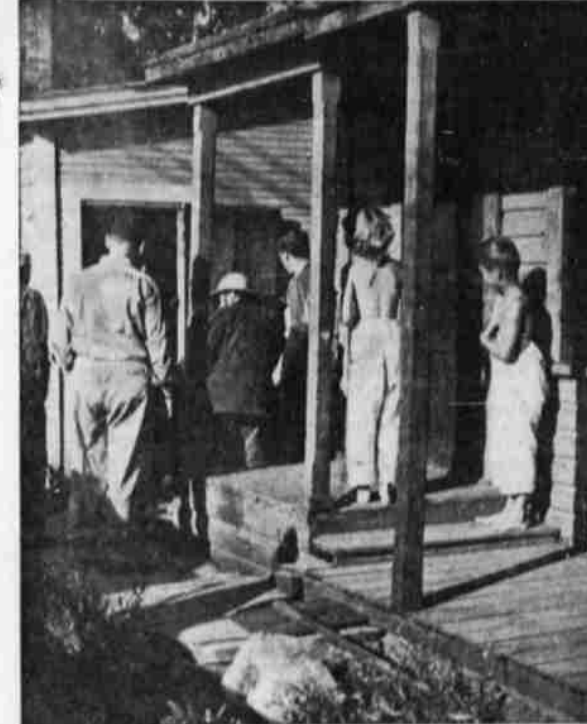
American officials believe the British negotiators are coming here with hands outstretched for another round of American help—not a loan comparable to that of 1946 nor a new kind of Marshall plan, but rather some more indirect measures.

VFW Women Dubbed With 'Insulting Titles'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 22 (AP)—Some ladies were elected to offices with most insulting titles today.

The Costettes, auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' fun-making group, elected Mrs. Mae Dudding of Phoenix, Ariz., their supreme greynack at their 14th annual crawl.

Mrs. Della Gregerson of Des Moines, Ia., was elected supreme lady louse and Mrs. Anna B. Vinyard, Cincinnati, was named supreme baby louse. That's the equivalent of first and second vice president.



RESCUE FROM BLAZE—Sharon and Pat O'Brien, 8, son and daughter of Mrs. Alma O'Brien, were rescued from the second story of their home at 1209½ Pine this morning after a smoldering cigarette started a blaze in the downstairs part of the house. Al (Red) Comer, Balsiger Motor company employe, heard the children's cries and took them out of the house by ladder. Mrs. O'Brien had gone to work a short time before. Firemen closed the door to the youngsters' room upstairs was said, possibly saving them from injury.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OVER-the-week-end Tito note: Russia sends a sternly worded warning to Belgrade (capital of Yugoslavia) threatening to take "effective measures" to PROTECT SOVIET CITIZENS in Yugoslavia. British newspapers, experienced observers of international events, note the similarity between the stern tone of the soviet note and the language used by Hitler before he sent the German army into action ten years ago.

They say the Russian note sounds like the worst threat of war since 1939.

INCIDENTALLY the Yugoslav communist newspaper Borba says these Soviet citizens Moscow talks so brazenly about "protecting" are SPIES sent into Yugoslavia by the Kremlin.

MEANWHILE—GERMAN Communists who hate Russia form a new "splinter" party and send Tito a message of support. One of the leaders of the new German party tells a reporter in Berlin:

"We have formed to fight IMPERIALIST BOLSHEVISM. The so-called internationalists of Soviet Russia is a fraud. We reject any plans for a dictatorship of the people."

WHAT does it all mean? Well, it sounds like STILL MORE KINDS OF COMMUNISM. The more kinds of communism there are, the safer freedom-loving people will be. When thieves fall out, you know, honest men come into their own.

IN Oregon last year, 14,185 persons died. Accidents caused 1333 of these deaths, which figures out as an accident rate of 90.6 deaths per 100,000 people. That is the sixth highest accident rate in the nation. Motor accidents, as expected, led the accident rate list with 28.8 fatalities per 100,000 of population. This may surprise you: NEXT in the list came HOME mishaps, with a rate of 25.6.

Watch your step the next time you get in the bathtub or climb a step-ladder.

A COUPLE of former University of Pennsylvania physicists have just completed their second machine with an electronic "brain" and they say it can perform ANY mathematical exercise and can memorize 500 numbers. As a test, it did 500,000 additions and 200,000 multiplications in two hours. It would have taken a man working with

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Rent Control Action Slated Here Tonight

City dads are expected tonight to either give the go-ahead signal to a public hearing on rent decontrol or cancel such a meeting to await government action, it was learned today.

In the meantime, a tentative date—September 8—has been set for the meeting of landlords and tenants, and plans are in action to advertise the confab 10 days in advance.

However, in view of the recent slash of controls by Rent Expeditor Tighe Woods, in which several Oregon cities have been decontrolled, some of the councilmen feel that to advertise for a local hearing would be a waste of funds.

City Attorney Henry Perkins said today he expects a final answer from the councilmen tonight.

Senators Argue
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—The argument about rent control boiled up again for the senate today.

The specific question is whether to reconsider a \$17,500,000 appropriation which the rent director, Tighe Woods, says is not enough to keep rent controls going at the present rate.

Truman Asks Quick OK Of Arms Aid Fund

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 22 (AP)—President Truman pleaded today for fast approval of the full \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program as "part of the price of peace."

He indirectly told critics of the plan in congress—without calling any names—that peace with freedom and justice "can not be bought cheaply" in a world made uneasy by "Soviet pressure."

"We are not arming ourselves and our friends to start a fight with anybody," the president said. "We are building our defenses so that we won't have to fight."

He spoke before the golden jubilee convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars after an 827-mile flight here from Washington in the Independence White House plane.

HURRICANE OFF MIAMI

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 22 (AP)—A small Atlantic hurricane was centered about 500 miles due east of Miami today.

BEHIND THE FIRE LINES

Fighting a big fire like the Sheep Well blaze near Mt. Hebron requires extensive behind-the-line organization, as these pictures taken Saturday night show. At left: Stoves are removed from truck to set up chow production for big force of fighters. Center: Timekeeper Karl Kellner of Shasta forest signs up Charles Sherman and Robert Thompson for line work. Fire Control Officer Ralph Bangsberg talks from field to Mt. Hebron dispatcher by radio.

