

Civilian Goods Production Cut Ordered for January 1

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YOU WOULDN'T THINK that only .36 of an inch of rain would cause a lake the size of this one but it did. Russ Marshall (in truck) and Glen Lewis were snapped yesterday as they surveyed the big puddle at the corner of 11th and Klamath.

Costly Hill Taken By U.N. Troops

U. S. 8th Army Headquarters, Korea, (AP)—Headquarters of American and French infantrymen today cleared the Red off the last peak of Heartbreak ridge, eliminating the longest and most costly hill battle of the Korean war.

Pierce fighting continued on the northern slope below the crest. U. S. 8th army officers referred to it as "mopping up."

The Allies captured two other nearby peaks in the East Korean mountains.

Along the West front Chinese Reds hurled three attacks at the United Nations line. Two were beaten back.

The third forced elements of the U. S. first cavalry division to withdraw. The pullback was in the Yanchon sector, roughly 25 miles northeast of Panmunjom, where Red and U.N. liaison officers were reported near agreement on reopening truce talks.

Allied war planes were out in force Friday. Land-based planes mounted 1045 sorties Thursday, the highest number in four months, including 99 sorties off the Australian escort carrier Sydney. The navy said this was possibly a record for an escort carrier.

Peace Parley Bugged Again

MUNSEAN, Korea, Saturday, Oct. 15 (AP)—Hopes for reopening the Korean truce talks were rocked today by a Communist charge that three Allied fighter planes strafed the Panmunjom area, killing a Korean boy and wounding another.

Allied liaison officers made a preliminary investigation of the Red accusation during the dark hours last night and early today and decided to resume their inquiry at 9 a.m.

Panmunjom is the site agreed upon for possible renewal of the Korean armistice talks, which the Reds suspended at Kaesong August 23.

Liaison officers for both sides had haggled for the past three days over such technicalities as defining a new neutral zone around Panmunjom preparatory to resuming the full-dress talks.

4 Insane Men On the Loose

UKIAH, (AP)—Sheriff's deputies today searched rugged northern California for four criminally insane men who escaped during a riot at nearby Mendocino state hospital.

Some 20 to 30 other patients, most of them sexual psychopaths, also tried to escape. They were cornered by attendants, summoned by a general riot alarm.

Then guards and almost 100 police officers quelled the rioters after clearing the jammed recreation room of 200 other patients.

Several attendants were beaten by rioters armed with legs and slats ripped from tables and chairs. Broken out last night when the patients jumped two attendants in a large day room of the maximum security ward.

The superintendent, Dr. G. Dean Tunon, blamed the riot on "too many patients with mental problems" and increased restrictions on the psychopaths. He was transferred here recently after public complaints of lack of supervision of sexual psychopaths.

Mahogany Work Opens New Industry Here

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Mahogany and other hardwood lumber is now being brought to Klamath Falls from the Philippine Islands to Klamath Falls for remanufacturing on possibly the largest scale ever attempted.

The local millwork is being done at the Palmerston Lumber Co. remanufacturing division, about a half-million board feet a month.

The project is that of the Dahlgren - American Lumber Co., San Francisco, with use of the remanufacturing facilities of the local concern.

The seven principals of the San Francisco company are Connell Bros. Ltd., San Francisco; importers; Malcolm Moss, San Angelo, Tex.; Brooks Walker, San Francisco; W. H. Price of San Francisco, general manager; W. H. Malovich, Chester, Calif., vice president in charge of operations; and Don Weidner of Chicago and Loren Palmerston of Klamath Falls, owners of Palmerston Lumber Co.

An operating mill, 50,000 feet a shift capacity, is owned by the company and it has a concession with the Philippine government for about two billion feet of timber, mainly mahogany. Mill and concession are located about 150 air miles from Manila in Camarines Norte province, Luzon Island.

At present the firm is bringing to the United States about a million feet of rough green lumber, cut at the sawmill, plus 400,000 to 500,000 feet of logs a month. The logs are being shipped to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Memphis. Some of the lumber is shipped on to Klamath Falls for remanufacturing and some stopped at Portland. In three years the imports should be doubled.

The Klamath Falls part of the work is not as extensive as was originally planned, said Loren Palmerston, president of Palmerston Lumber Co.

Plans for remanufacturing this lumber were based on facilities available at the Klamath Door Co., where it was anticipated we would have a full assembly of mahogany doors and windows, trim and millwork, Palmerston said.

Klamath Door Co. was closed several months ago after union employees struck for higher wages. The building now houses the Southern Pacific Plywood Co.

But experience at the Palmerston moulding plant shows almost anything can be done with the mahogany and that can be done with pine and fir, and with the same equipment and skills. It works up strikingly beautiful.

A few thousand feet of lumber was brought here several months ago for experiment and now regular shipments are arriving and improvements are being made at the Palmerston plant to enable the

hardwood to move right along with pine and fir millwork.

Cutting at the Dahlgren-American sawmill began last May and the company put hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of modern logging and sawmilling equipment into the stand. The lumber is taken from the mill to a bay and wharf about 10 miles away, loaded on freighters for the trip to the United States.

Most of it, Palmerston said, will come into the Longview and Portland ports. The first shipment to Longview arrived last Monday; last month a shipment moved through Portland.

As for the type of work done in the Philippines, Palmerston said the company does not feel there is any more risk than in operating in this country. The island government has standards of wages and working conditions similar to those here. He said just about 100 percent of the labor used is Filipino, and some very good skilled labor has been located.

The Huk (Communist guerrillas) trouble is exaggerated, Palmerston said.

"They're just bandits. Our boys had their first robbery a few days ago."

The Philippine government offers foreign capital incentives to come in, and in the future much of the remanufacturing may be done in the islands, Palmerston said.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Just 450 years ago today, Columbus stabbed his toe on one of the outlying islands of the western hemisphere. When he finally found what he had done, he was TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED.

He was hunting a short cut to Asia, and when he came in sight of land on that memorable day he thought he had found it. So did everybody else—including Ferdinand and Isabella, who had put up the expense money.

When the truth finally came out, everyone was frightfully upset.

Why all the fuss then about Asia?

Well, Asia then had a lot of things that Europe wanted—including fine cloths and jewels for bedecking the big shots who ran the world of that day with a high hand. A lot of money was to be made by buying these things cheap in Asia and selling them high in Europe.

The land routes were long and complicated and costly, since they led over high mountains and barren deserts, and Columbus figured that if he could get there QUICK by sailing westward around the earth he could save freight and time and thus get rich.

That is why it was such a jolt when it was finally discovered that he had bumped into an unknown land mass that spoiled the dream of a quick route to Asia.

The disappointment persisted. For generations Europe refused to do anything about America except to try to find a way around it to get to ASIA.

America, in those days, was just a nuisance. Nobody flat refused to believe that it could ever be made to amount to anything.

This notion about America was upset by a sailor, sickly youth named Cortez, who gathered a gang of adventurers around him and pulled out from the West Indies for Mexico, where he found a civilization RICH IN GOLD but with no military power. So he sacked the country and made Spain rich by sending the loot home.

It wasn't until the SIZE of Cortez's loot was realized that the rest of Europe began to sit up and take notice. When that happened, all the kings and queens began to figure out ways to exploit America for THEIR benefit.

For happy to report that most of their schemes were flat failures. America was MADE by a breed of people who could no longer endure the evils and the oppressions of the ruling classes of Europe and here, in a bold attempt to FIND LIBERTY.

They FOUND IT, and they built an America that is now the GREATEST COUNTRY in the world.

And if we don't look sharp, we'll lose our liberty by the resurgence in Europe and Asia of the identical evils and oppressions and intolerances that drove our ancestors out of the old world and into the new.

However bad the kings and queens and the nobles of the world of the 12th and 13th and the 14th and the 15th centuries may have been, THEY WERE BETTER THAN THE COMMUNISTS WHO THREATEN THE WORLD TODAY.

Isn't history strange?

But, again, in this rambling piece, I want to call attention to what happened to Montezuma. He was rich, as riches were then reckoned, and he had been safe for a long time. So he let his military defenses run down.

Cortez came in and TOOK HIM. If you're rich (as America is) you just can't afford to let your defenses run down. All history teaches us that lesson.

Let's be realistic about Columbus. If he hadn't discovered us, somebody else would have. But he had an idea, and he had courage. He believed the world to be round, instead of flat, and he risked his life to prove it.

It's an odd thought that right now the idea of SPACE TRAVEL is intriguing our minds exactly as the idea of sailing around a ROUND world intrigued Columbus.

Men are a restless lot, aren't they?

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