



CARL F. LEITHOFF, Portland, has been appointed district sales manager of Union Oil Co.'s Klamath Falls district, replacing D.V. Hayes who will go to Salem.

California Corporal Gets Medal for Blitzing Reds

SAN BERNARDINO, (AP)—Fireball Bob Peller at his best never did a better job of pitching than Sgt. Joseph C. Rodriguez contributed against the Reds in Korea last March 1.

Rodriguez, who killed 15 Reds near the little village of Munye-ri, has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for "an incredible display of valor."

Rodriguez, 23, made three trips up a steep hill without cover, and without regard for the murderous fire of concussion grenades and snipers' bullets, fired grenade after grenade into the well-entrenched Reds, who had defied all attempts of three American army platoons to dislodge them.

"I just got steamed up and decided to do something about the situation," the modest young hero said in explaining why he abandoned caution, collected grenades from his comrades and started a one-man campaign of his own.

He dropped several grenades in the first hole he spotted, then ran around the left flank, where he silenced an automatic weapon with two throws. He then dashed across the top of the hill and assaulted two holes, then crossed to the right flank, where he attacked the remaining enemy automatic weapon

and killed all its crew. Rodriguez says he thinks his operation took about a half hour, that he made three trips up the hill, and that he didn't even think of danger.

"They tried to get me, sure, but the only damage suffered that day came when one of my own grenades hit a tree. I tried to run away from it and in doing so stumbled and hit myself in the mouth with a grenade. It split my lip."

ROMANCE: When Rodriguez gets out of the army he hopes to marry Rose Aranda of Colton, Calif., "but of course I'd have to get a job first, so our wedding hasn't been set."

Rodriguez knew of the Medal of Honor award for some time but he was under instructions from his commanding officer in Korea to maintain silence on the subject. He did.

German Aid Debt Reduced

BONN, Germany, (AP)—West Germany is going to get its huge post-war financial aid from the West at less than half price, with a reduction of more than two billion dollars in the bill, the German government disclosed last night.

The Germans owe \$3,800,000,000 (B). But Vice-Chancellor Franz Bluecher told a news conference that American, British and French representatives agreed in London to ask repayment of only \$1,600,000,000 (B).

"This is a major concession to us," Bluecher said, adding there was not much doubt the Bonn cabinet would accept the offer.

Most of the bill — \$3,200,000,000 (B) — is owed to the United States. The United States has agreed to settle for \$1,200,000,000 (B), plus 25 percent interest, to be repaid in annual installments of \$52,000,000 (B) each.

Britain has given aid worth \$563,000,000. That will be cut to \$420,000,000, repayable in 20 annual payments of \$21,000,000 each.

For French aid of \$15,700,000, the West Germans will repay \$11,840,000, in 20 annual installments of \$592,000.

This Sailor Is No Seaman, Not Even Half Way

DALLAS, (AP)—A young Dallas man is living proof that because of naval developments, a sailor today is not necessarily a seaman.

Here's the sad story of U.S. navy apprentice seaman E. D. Steelman, 18, had to relate today.

He shoved a small boat from shore at Mountain Creek Lake. Sailing Steelman couldn't start the motor. And he hadn't bothered to bring oars.

The wind might have driven him to shore. But Steelman couldn't steer to land. The boat ended up on a bed of reeds.

Temperatures were near freezing. Sailing Steelman thought he would start a fire with the boat's wooden flooring. But he didn't have any matches.

All he could do was shout and beat on the boat.

Rescuers finally located him. He hadn't caught cold, he said. That hoarseness simply was from shouting.

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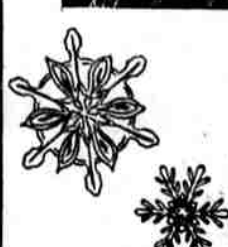
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