



EXPLOSION TAKES LIFE OF ROCKET EXPERT—Police Officer Ernie Howard examines scene of an explosion in a garage laboratory at Pasadena, Calif., that took the life of John W. Parsons, 31, a rocket propulsion expert. In a tragic aftermath, his grieving mother, Mrs. Ruth Virginia Parsons, died from what police said was an overdose of sleeping pills. The explosion apparently was touched off when Parsons accidentally dropped some bottled explosives he was packing for a trip into Mexico.

Wash. Cherries Hit by Rain

YAKIMA (AP) — Heavy showers brought extensive damage to Yakima and Wenatchee Valley cherry crops Monday and a dash of cold water to rain-retarder Jack Hubbard's claims that he was using chemicals strong enough to dry up a continent.

Growers at Wenatchee said the rain, .75 of an inch over the weekend, may have caused losses up to 50 per cent of this year's crop in that area. They described losses at the worst since 1948.

In the Yakima Valley, another major cherry producing area, growers said their losses may approximate 30 per cent. Yakima had .52 of an inch Sunday alone. Hubbard, an Olympia, meteorologist who was hired by the cherry growers to disperse rain clouds, told the American Meteorological Society at Corvallis, Ore., June 17 that he believed he was working with an ultimate weapon which has greater implications than anything the rain-inducers have yet developed.

"We are using chemicals," Hubbard told the society, "potent enough to dry up a nation or a continent for a considerable length

Pay Raise For AFL Truckers

PORTLAND (AP) — A wage increase and other benefits are provided in a contract signed Monday by AFL teamsters and Truck Operators League of Oregon.

The agreement between the 33 employers and 2,500 truck drivers ended the threat of a strike which had been called here a few weeks ago.

The contract, retroactive to May 1, provides for wage increases ranging from \$1.91 a day for road drivers to \$2.36 a day for up-state city pickup drivers. The increases will bring road drivers' wages to \$16.16 a day and pickup drivers to \$14.56.

Other contract provisions: Reduction of pickup drivers' work week from the present 48 hours to 40, an improved health and welfare program, and an automatic cost of living adjustment every six months until the contract expires in May, 1954.

The Teamster strike—actually called once—was postponed by intervention of Dave Beck, Seattle, the union's international vice president. He told the local to continue negotiating.

Eugene Stations Seek TV Permits

EUGENE (AP) — Radio stations KORE and KUGN both reported Monday they were seeking television station permits.

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Ellsworth Opposes HST Serviceman Vote Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) said Tuesday Congress has "no serious justification for the consideration" of proposed servicemen's voting legislation.

In a statement prepared for presentation to the committee on house administration, the Oregon congressman said provisions of the proposed legislation either duplicate existing law or are of "highly questionable" constitutionality.

In addition, he told the committee, a federal ballot was tried in

1944 and the law setting it up was repealed two years later.

Ellsworth differed with President Truman who recently called for passage of such legislation to replace voting rights which passed from existence with the formal signing of the Japanese peace treaty.

Only two provisions of the proposed legislation, the congressman said, represent language that is not already the same substantially in existing law which was unaffected by the treaty signing.

One section of the proposed law

would permit servicemen to vote for president, vice president, senators and congressmen "notwithstanding any provision of state law relating to the registration of qualified voters."

This, Ellsworth said, "is clearly in violation of the long established principle that the states have unrestrained authority over voting procedure and machinery. This title is clearly questionable as to its constitutionality."

Of the federal ballot itself, Ellsworth recalled that in 1944 only two per cent of the soldiers of

voting age overseas took the opportunity to request such a ballot.

In 10 states where studies were made, he said, only 28,136—or 2.2 per cent of those eligible to do so, requested the federal ballot, while

446,974—or 34.6 per cent—used regular state absentee ballots.

Cost of the federal ballot operation in 1944 was \$113,000 or slightly more than a dollar per ballot cast, requested the federal ballot, while Ellsworth said.

Wayne Long To Die August 8th

OREGON CITY (AP) — Wayne Long, who killed a man to have a bank robbery get-away car, will die in the gas chamber Aug. 8.

Judge Ralph M. Holman set the date. Long, asked if he had anything to say, replied: "Under the circumstances, no."

He recently lost an appeal to the state supreme court and three times has failed to escape from prison.

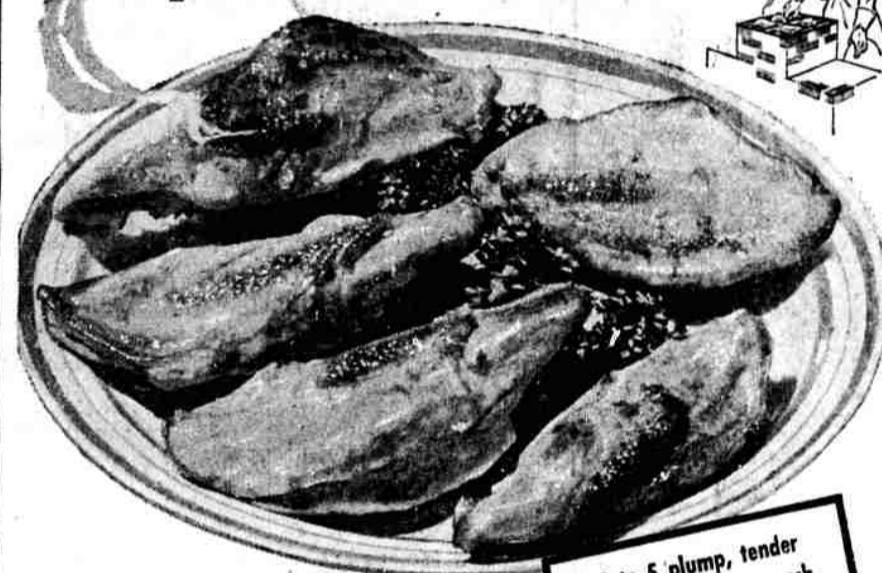
of time." Monday Hubbard said he believed the rain clouds which blanketed the Yakima and Wenatchee Valleys had the assistance of cloudseeder in the employ of wheat growers, who want rain.

(The wheat growers announced a week ago that they had ended their efforts to bring rain to parched fields.)

Hubbard's contract with the cherry growers provides that if losses from rain totaled more than three

per cent, he was to receive only expenses for his work instead of full payment.

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