

Arkansas Forest Fires Raging Out Of Control

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Sixty-two fires raged out of control through Arkansas timberland late last night, and State Forester Fred Lang said weary fire fighters might not be able to cope with the spreading flames.

Lang warned Arkansans that "the forest fire situation is out of control" and "your lives are in danger."

"Our men are at the point of exhaustion and our equipment is rapidly breaking down," he said. "There are no areas of our state which are not in a tinder-dry condition."

Asst. Forester T. S. Martin reported 43 fires were out of control in the rich forests of South Arkansas, where 6,000 to 10,000 acres were burning.

Another 19 fires raged over 800 acres in mountainous Northwest Arkansas.

Three towns felt the wrath of the flames. Fire crept into the northwest outskirts of El Dorado, but the blaze was confined with the help of a detachment of Boy Scouts before any homes were damaged.

Yellville in the Northwest also got a scare, but 400 townspeople aided by State Highway Department workers and foresters stopped a fire that threatened the city's northern limits.

In extreme Southern Arkansas, Martin said one fire threatened the hamlet of Vick. He added that no buildings or lives were in danger "at the moment."

Martin said that a majority of the fires apparently were set intentionally.

"We believe somebody—or several somebodies—are running up and down those back roads setting fires right and left," he said.



HITLER'S TROOPS—Three former generals march behind wreath bearers in Verden, Germany during reunion of former members of Hitler's SS (Elite Guard) troops. The three (left to right) are ex-paratroop general Hermann Ramcke and former SS generals Felix Steiner and Herbert Gille. Ramcke accused Allied soldiers of war crimes and demanded release of all "so called German war criminals." The former SS men cheered and some answered with calls of "Eisenhower is a schweinhund (pig dog)."

Rioting Illinois Prisoners Want to See Gov. Stevenson

CHESTER, Ill. (AP)—Three hundred rebellious prisoners, threatening seven hostages with death, held out early today in Illinois' trouble-plagued Menard Prison and reported calling for Gov. Adlai Stevenson.

The prison was the scene of a 27-hour uprising five weeks ago. That one was quelled by a two-hour tear gas barrage.

Warden Jerome E. Muncie stationed armed guards and state police at strategic points around the prison and ordered them to "shoot to kill if anyone makes a move."

But he abandoned plans to storm the cell block when convicts threatened to hurl the seven hostages from a 50-foot high balcony fronting the top tier of cells. The guards were marched to the balcony when the rioting began about 5 p.m. (CST) Monday.

Some inmates were quoted by officers as calling out, "we want to see the governor." Other shouts of "we want to see the big boss" were reported. Muncie said he thought they wanted to see him, not the governor.

Gov. Stevenson, campaigning for president on the Democratic ticket, is in New York.

When told that some inmates were quoted as saying: "He flew out there and he can fly back."

The latest violence at the Southern Illinois prison along the Mississippi River set the city of Chester abuzz with false rumors of a mass break. The prison has 1,850 inmates.

With guns ringing the walls and at vantage points atop prison buildings, the insurgent inmates would have to risk a blood bath in a break for freedom. If they moved out the east cell house, they still would be only in the prison yard.

On call were 70 armed guards and 45 state policemen.

Prison officials speculated whether the rebellion was the start of a plot for a general breakout or whether it was spontaneous.

Unknown prisoner spokesmen said before midnight, "we don't intend to do anything before morning."

The inmates blacked out their 1,000-cell house. The prison cut off all water. A silence—strangely contrasting to the raucous riot five weeks ago—settled over the east house most of the night.

The rebellion started at the east cell house inmates returned from supper Monday. One guard with the keys was seized and six other officers were held from escaping.

An eighth officer, Leo H. Goppel of Herrin, was permitted to leave after he fainted because of a heart condition.

Before midnight, inmates yelled, "if you want to feed the officers, we'll see that they get the food."

Grass Fire Hits Truman's Farm

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A grass fire damaged the farm of President Truman yesterday.

Two of the President's nephews, Gilbert and Harry Truman, who live on the property, put out the fire before it reached the Truman house.

JAP STRIKE

TOKYO (AP)—The 120,000 members of the All-Japan Electric Industry Workers Union went on strike today for higher wages.

Power blackouts resulted in many sections of the country.



LUTHER C. STEWARD, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, who will address the Oregon federation's convention here Nov. 1. Steward, president of the group since 1917, lives in Washington, D. C.

YUGO FLEES
UDINE, Italy (AP)—The command of the Yugoslav finance guard for the Sturma district at Polava Pass has crossed into Italy and asked for political asylum.

Coon May Win Committee Post

The election of Sam Coon to Congress from the second congressional district will probably mean that Oregon and the Pacific Northwest will get its first representation in many years on the important Committee on Agriculture. Appointment, if elected in November, to the committee was conveyed to Senator Coon in a letter from House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., and confirmed by Representative Waller Norblad of Oregon, who is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Night Club Sale Told

Gil Bacon, veteran restaurant club operator yesterday announced he had purchased controlling interest in Cal-Ore, night club 17 miles south of here on U.S. 97 just over the California line.

Bacon came here from Fairfield where he managed the Officers Club at Travis Air Force Base. Prior to taking over that club, he ran the Officers Club at Mather Field, Sacramento.

Bacon entered the restaurant business in Toledo, Ohio, and was active in the field there for more than 20 years, operating three restaurants.

He left Toledo to become traveling secretary for the Moose Lodge, covering the entire nation.

Bacon says he will continue the general Cal-Ore policy of offering varied entertainment. He will cater especially to banquets, parties and holiday festivities. The first special event under his personal supervision is to be an election night party.

American President Shipping Company Goes On Federal Auction Block Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the world's major shipping firms, the American President Lines, was up for sale here today under sealed bidding.

At least 14 million dollars must be offered to take the line off the government's hands but bidding was expected to run higher than that. The company claims assets of 70 million dollars, before liabilities. The stock being sold has a claimed book value of nearly 25 million dollars.

The sealed bid auction was arranged to end 14 years of government ownership of the round-the-world ocean service. The agreement setting up the sale wound up five years of court fighting for control of the company between the government and the R. Stanley Dollar interests of San Francisco. The company fell into the hands of the government in 1938 when the old Maritime Commission loaned the Dollar Line 4 1/2 million dollars and then subsidized the firm for five years. Under government operation the name was changed to the American President Lines.

At the time of the loan the company put up 92 per cent of its voting stock, representing 77 per cent of the company's stock value. The loan was paid off out of company earnings under government operation. The Dollar interests then asked that the stock be returned to them. The government refused, saying the stock had been made over to the government, not put up as security for the loan.

The company said the stock was delivered to the government only as security.

This set off a transcontinental court battle that saw Secretary of Commerce Sawyer cited by the U. S. Appeals Court here for contempt. Sawyer got into the picture as chief government administrator of the line. The Appeals Court upheld a District Court order that Sawyer turn over the stock to the Dollar interests. Sawyer refused and appealed the contempt charge to the Supreme Court.

The high court never got around to a ruling. The agreement between Sawyer and the Dollar interests last June to sell the government-held stock made a Supreme Court ruling unnecessary.

The sale agreement provided:

1. The stock would be sold through competitive sealed bidding.
2. If no bid reached 14 million dollars the government and the Dollar interests would split the stock 50-50.
3. The government and the Dollar interests will split the proceeds of any successful bid 50-50, the government share to go to the U. S. Treasury.
4. The Dollar interests may enter a bid, or join in a bid.

R. Stanley Dollar, San Francisco shipping executive who headed the Dollar Line, has said his group wants to bid for the President Lines. Another West Coast firm, headed by the Blair Holdings Corp., has also announced it would bid. Other shipping firms, such as the Grace Lines and the American-Hawaiian Lines, may also bid.

Bidding closes at 11 a.m. (EST) today.

U.N. Members Await Red Reply To U.S. Charges in Korea War

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United Nations waited in suspense today for Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky to answer the massive American indictment of his country's part in the Korean War. His aides said the Soviet foreign minister wouldn't be ready before tomorrow.

Debate on Korea in the General Assembly's key Political Committee has been suspended since last Friday, when U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson delivered a three-hour "oral white book" accusing Russia of planning, arming and touching off the Korean aggression.

Delegates to the 60-nation committee met briefly yesterday, but adjourned two minutes later when no speakers came forward. All other countries preferred to wait until after the Russian has spoken.

The next committee meeting was set for tomorrow afternoon.

There was speculation that Vishinsky may have wanted to confer with the Kremlin on some of the major policy points in his expected rebuttal of the Acheson charges.

The American delegation, meanwhile, scotched persistent reports that talks are going on behind the scenes or are being arranged through intermediaries between the U. S. and Soviet bloc representatives on the Korean issue.

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