

Phone Company's Work all Burned Up; Town's Communications Reverted to 1903

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MOUNT VERNON, Ohio—(NEA)—In this city of 12,000 people only 110 telephones are operating. A month ago there were more than 8200.

Even the 110 phones are for emergency use only—doctors,

a few places of business. "Communications—wise, we're right back where we were in 1903," a phone company official says.

The big wash which has descended on the town is the result of a \$250,000 fire which destroyed the mysterious innards of the Mount

which has a single phone for emergency use only. ran a notice asking people to bear with them and bring in their ads and news. Reporters, used to getting much of their news by phone, now have to trot all over town on foot.

You can't order groceries from

ed busline at regular intervals, hoping people will wait for them as they used to for the busses. Under the impression her house was going up in flames, and afraid to entrust this dire intelligence to the shaky emergency phone system, Mrs. Robert Smith drove

"People find it's not too hard just to drop by and order what they want," a grocer said. "Besides they get a chance to look at what they're buying that way."

The situation even has its bright sides. "I never did like phones," says Ronald LeMaster, clothing store operator. "As a matter of fact, I hated them. I can have a little peace and quiet now." Several others share that feeling. Mostly they were men.

"Even the marathon phone calls of the teen-agers are silenced," the Mount Vernon News commented. "Thus some may argue that even a telephone disaster has its bright side."

The teen-age girls are admittedly "distracted" and "simply crushed" at the situation. One of a group chattering about the catastrophe in a drug store, said, "How can they expect us to have the senior (high school) picnic when we can't even have any phones to talk about it with?"

The situation has taught the police, local Red Cross disaster serv-

ice, and the Civil Defense organization how woefully unprepared they were for such an emergency.

As it was, John E. Scott, local Civil Defense director, was able to recruit 42 ham radio operators to Mount Vernon from Columbus and Mansfield in the first hours after the fire, when even police phones and radios were out.

The people—the Red Cross and the Civil Defense—actually came to the rescue of the police," says

Chief H. E. George. "Right away we're going to get together with the Civil Defense and Red Cross and map out a plan in case such a thing should ever come up again."

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FOR EMERGENCY ONLY, 50 phones are spotted on front porches of Mount Vernon homes. Here Billy and Christy White look at sign which designates their porch as one of the stations.

somewhere, you hoof it to a gas station. You can't pick up the phone and summon the plumber or TV repairman.

TAXIS form a long line at the curb before the cab company, waiting for the phone calls that never come. Some have taken to cruising the route of an abandon-

pell meil seven miles in from the country to summon the fire department.

The firemen, in turn, drove pell meil out to her house only to find nothing worse than smoldering electrical connection. No fire.

Some businesses which depend on telephones largely for orders are suffering, but not too much.

Let-George-Do-It Attitude Of Europe Hit By Baruch

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Elder Statesman Bernard Baruch says Europeans who cling to a misguided notion that American power alone can stop Communist aggression are, in effect, asking the United States to go it alone.

Baruch told the junior order, United American Mechanics, Wednesday night that the question "is whether Europe will force us to stand alone by failing to make its promised contribution to the common defense."

But, said Baruch, who was honored by the order as the "American Citizen of the Year," "may I emphasize that we as well as the Europeans have fallen down on the goals set in the past."

Revolution Time Set, Witness Says

SEATTLE (AP)—A surprise government witness testified Wednesday at an anti-communist trial that one of seven defendants predicted an imminent revolution in 1946.

The witness, an undercover man for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is Clark Harper, 46, a poultry rancher at Maple Valley. He was connected with the Communist Party as recently as a Communist meeting was held at his home Tuesday evening while he was away conferring with the chief government attorney in the Smith Act trial.

Harper told the court he heard the prediction on the coming revolution made by Henry P. Huff, Communist Party district chairman, at a meeting in Swedish Hall in Seattle seven years ago.

Huff, Mrs. Barbara Harlie, Karly Larsen, Terry Pettus, William J. Fenwick, Paul M. Bowen and John Deschbach are charged as conspiring as Communists to teach the violent overthrow of the government.

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