

RAGING FIRE THEATENS YREKA

In The Day's News

Oregon Holocausts Partly Controlled

There's trouble in the Middle East... The Israelis and the Arabs are at each other's throats — knitting and ambushing and pot-shooting after the manner of the Hatfields and the McCoys in their palestine tending days.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Low clouds moved in over Western Oregon Wednesday and fire-fighters began to get a semblance of control on the hundreds of fires burning in the state's forests.

dropped to two in the area, the lowest official reading in the past 10 years.
The fire, which has been fought by a crew of 60 men and two cats, is burning through fir and hemlock which is so dry it explodes like powder, Cooper said.

WIND DANGER
Most Medford area fires were called "pretty well controlled" but high winds could push them swiftly across the trails that corralled them, and send them spreading afresh.

Whether freshening winds—and continued lightning strikes—would undo the control efforts was an unanswered question. Mostly, though, forest supervisors shared the view of Robert Aufderheide of Willamette National Forest that "things are looking better."

The Klamath Basin, already shrouded with smoke boiling over the mountains from fires in the Rogue Valley, was surrounded with forest fires today, but the majority of them were under control or were considered "hopeful."

Back to the U.S.A.:
The department of agriculture is offering a special district PRICE SUPPORT loan on 1954 crop grain sorghums, similar to the loans offered on wheat.

The grain sorghums are livestock feeds of growing importance. A new hybrid has just been developed that bids fair to do for grain sorghums what hybrid varieties have done for corn.

Let's close this piece on a lighter note:
It was disclosed in Hollywood today that Comedian Roscoe Ates was given hospital treatment last night for cuts, bruises and BITES presumably inflicted on him during a fight with his fiancée, Sandy Reeves.

People are funny, and you never can tell about 'em.
Maybe Ates and his bride-to-be would just love to look forward to a long series of battles like last night's.

Flood Relief Funds Given

Cooked food sales throughout the Basin during the past week pulled up a \$1,330 contribution for Eastern states flood relief. Final sale was held at Bonanza September 3, netting \$165 for the fund.



ONE DOLLAR PER POUND was paid for this Grand Champion Black Angus steer at the Tulake-Butte Valley Fair Tuesday night. Pictured with Kay Parsons, 4-H Club member who raised the steer, is Jerry Sharp, operator of the Sharp Grain Company, Merrill, who was high bidder. The steer weighed 980 pounds.

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SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST FIRE rages along Hoist Ridge as the fire burned out of control yesterday for the fifth day. The fire, 50 miles east of Fresno, was checked today after burning within a half a mile of the big Redwoods in the famed General Grant Grove. (AP Wirephoto)

USAF Guards Crash Scene

ALEXANDRIA, La. (UP)—The Air Force kept a guard today at the swampy scene of the fiery crash of a C119 Flying Boxcar in which four airmen died and two were critically injured.

Investigators were to examine the wreckage scattered through thick underbrush to seek the cause of apparent mechanical failure which brought the plane down yesterday shortly after takeoff.

Col. William A. Danie, base commander, said the plane was making a routine flight to Clavis Air Force Base.

Bay Area Shaken By Minor Quake

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A minor earthquake rattled windows in the San Francisco Bay Area, at 7:22:36 a.m. today and the University of California seismograph recorded the magnitude as 2.5.

Prof. Petry Byerly, director of the UC seismograph laboratory, said the quake centered 20 miles distant from San Francisco in an undetermined direction.

Killer Heat Covers L.A.

LOS ANGELES (UP)—The city's killer heat wave, accompanied by eye-searing smog, moved into its eighth straight day of 100-degree heat today as the death toll climbed past 80.

Blistering temperatures which have cracked almost every heat record for the city were expected to reach 104 today. And a low inversion, a weather lid clamped over the Los Angeles area, made County Air Pollution Control District officials predict a "smog alert" would be called for the second straight day.

Since the heat wave started August 31 the coroner's office has reported 379 "natural" deaths, about three to four times the normal amount for the period. Mortuaries in the city were jammed.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Generally fair with variable cloudiness and smoke through Thursday. High Thursday 80; low Thursday night 48.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UP)—An Air Force C124 Globemaster, one of the largest military transports, was dashed to earth in flames by a gust of wind while taking off here yesterday killing one and injuring four of the 60 persons aboard.

School Board Fights Fires

FORT ROCK — School board members took time out from fighting forest fires Tuesday to open bids for a new two-classroom school building and then returned to their duties on the fire line, according to John Howard, architect.

Boy Survives Crater Tumble

EUGENE — Dennis Fitch, 15, of Eugene, described Tuesday how he felt to fall 500 feet down the steep slope from the rim of Crater Lake.

Squalls Rake Texas Coast

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (UP)—Violent squalls from the backside of tropical storm Gladys continued to pound the Texas coast today after chasing scores of persons from their homes in the Corpus Christi Bay area north of here last night.

Wind Blamed For Air Crash

The four-engine aircraft, attached to the Strategic Air Command and based at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Tex., was hit by the blast of wind and cartwheeled into the runway at Kirtland Air Force Base here just as it became airborne, witnesses said.

The man killed was identified as Airman 2C Arvin W. Harris of the 19th Bomber Squadron, March Air Force Base, Calif.

TRAFIC STOPPED

And in Southern California, a 13,000 acre fire in Santa Barbara County stopped traffic on U. S. Highway 101 by turning eight miles of the highway into a "flaming corridor of hell."

TRAINS BLOCKED

The Santa Barbara fire blocked train traffic and turned highway 161, a main north-south coast highway, into a flaming corridor along an eight-mile front.

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Troops, Foresters Battle Huge Blaze

The Yreka Forest Service office reported at press time today that 2307 men were on the fireline battling the huge blaze raging in this area. Two hundred-fifty eight men are working back of the line supplying and supervising the battle activities.

Fire storm conditions continue to persist and 15 miles of controlled fire lines have been constructed with 35 miles of the blaze perimeter still to be circled.

Preparations were made to start a backfire on Greenhorn Summit, southwest of Yreka. The line will go down Cherry Creek and connect with Indian Creek. From the end of the backfire, bulldozers will build a fire line to a point west of Hawkinsville, two miles north of Yreka.

ROADS CLOSED
Although more than 22 blazes are burning in the forest, there now is only one and one-half miles of forest in control. A total of 100,000 acres have been scarred by the fires with an estimated loss of 31 million dollars worth of timber. All roads into the area were closed and the National Guard established road blocks at several points.

Some 1,700 "bone-tired" firefighters, including Indian control specialists from Arizona and New Mexico, waged an all night battle to save the majestic trees. The General Grant Redwood, the nation's oldest tree.

Ball reported that the grove still is not out of danger. The firefighters hacked out five safety lines between the big trees and the fire, which has burned more than 17,000 acres of Sierra timber and brush.

Every available man and piece of equipment was thrown into the fight to save the grove," Ball said.

Five hundred army men from San Francisco Presidio joined the fire lines last night, and smoke-jumpers were on hand as the flames raged unchecked over 160 square miles of the Klamath National Forest. Damage was estimated at \$3,500,000.

However, said E. T. Sogent, parks superintendent, "the six-day old fire still is not under control by any means, but the spread of the blaze toward Sequoia and Hume lakes appears to have been stopped."

California state fire dispatcher Fred Herbert said 12 major fires of more than 500 acres each still were burning fiercely out of control, aided by a six-day heat wave that spawned critical fire conditions.

However, he said a slight weather break yesterday "permitted us to pick up some small ones and we diverted manpower and equipment to the big fires." He said 13 smaller fires were brought under control and another 14 were snuffed out.

More than 34 families were evacuated from farms and ranches in the Del Refugio Canyon area where the blaze started, and several ranch structures were reported burned.

At least six fires were burning in Humboldt County. The largest and most serious, now was in its sixth day, was still spreading with no control in sight. The blaze centered around Wetchepec in the

northeastern part of the county where approximately 22,000 acres of timber, brush and slash already have been charred.

A series of six smaller fires glowed in Southern Humboldt County, none of them fully under control. The largest was in the Bull Creek vicinity where 3900 acres had been burned. This fire was about 50 per cent under control and complete control was expected tomorrow.

Breaks in power lines yesterday resulted in the closing of about 18 lumber mills, but the lines were restored today.

Meanwhile, a fire in Southwest Lassen County spread from 1,500 acres to 12,000 acres yesterday and destroyed a number of buildings at Eagle's Lake Resort. Nearly 600 men and 10 bulldozers battled the wedge-shaped fire that was eight miles long, two miles wide at its widest point.

San Benito County had a \$300,000 blaze which now is 90 per cent controlled while another fire 20 miles east of San Jose consumed 9100 acres of timber and brush. A fire in Northern Mendocino County, about 6500 acres, was about 70 per cent controlled.

Dock Strike Threatens East Coast

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The union contends—and the commission denies—that the commission has been harsh and discriminatory against the I.L.A. SYMPATHY STRIKE

William V. Bradley, I.L.A. president, said he had received a report 6,000 Philadelphia dockworkers were walking out Wednesday afternoon to attend a protest meeting in sympathy with the New York men.

He said another 4,000 in Boston will stay off the job Thursday to attend a similar meeting.

Bradley said he had been informed longshoremen in Quebec, Montreal, Halifax, and St. John's would meet Thursday and they probably would join in the work stoppage.

SPREADING
"This is spreading very rapidly," Bradley told a crowd of "if something isn't done by Monday, we'll have the whole coast tied up."

Asked how other ports were involved in a dispute with the New York-New Jersey waterfront commission, Bradley said the union felt it concerned commission "interference with the activities of the international union."

Bradley issued a statement saying the commission "time and time again" exceeded its authority and had interfered with the union members' right of assembly.

PLANS TO SUE
The New York Shipping Assn., employer group which has contracts with the I.L.A., announced it would sue the union for damages and seek an injunction to halt the walkout.

Friends of Manhattan longshoremen walked off the job Wednesday morning to start the latest in a series of work stoppages that have beset the port for years.

BETH ROBERTSON, 529 North Fifth, a junior at Klamath Union High School, paused for the 9 o'clock photographer on her way to school this morning.