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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hopeful note in the news:

A New York grand jury has indicated GARBAGE KING Vincent Squillante and his brother Nunzio on extortion charges. The indictment stems from a senate probe into New York City's 50-million-dollar-a-year garbage collection business—which appears from the testimony heard by the senate committee to be badly racket-ridden.

The Squillantes are charged with intimidating a garbage collector into giving them about $4,000.

Why is that a hopeful sign?

Well, Russian scientific and industrial progress is posing a challenge to us to get efficient — OR ELSE. These racketeers — the Squillantes, the Anastasias, the Capones and all their filthy tribe — have long been a smirch on our national honor and a discredit to our American way of life. They are MORE than that. They are saboteurs who throw monkey wrenches into the machinery of our national economy.

Maybe we could afford them in the past. But we can afford them no longer. If we are to win the race for survival that seems to be facing us, we must be COMPLETELY EFFICIENT.

Racketeering and efficiency just DON'T mix.

One more word:

Good government is essential to national efficiency.

Government that tolerates racketeering ISN'T good.

Common sense note in the news:

Retired General Lucius Clay, whose wise and efficient administration as military governor of Germany in the critical years following the end of World War 2 put Western Germany back on its feet and made it into perhaps our most valuable Western European ally, warns today that the United States should not swing into a crash program to launch satellites at the expense of our missile program.

He says that prior to the launching of the Russian satellites the U.S. DELIBERATELY gave satellites a low priority because we didn't want to slow down our missile progress.

He adds:

"Russia's two satellites do not prove the Soviets are ahead of this country in missiles. The United States is NOT behind the Soviet Union and could fall behind ONLY if the American government permits its satellite program to GET IN OUR WAY."

That is to say:

Satellites are not essential.
Missiles ARE essential.
Let's do first things first.

Rodent Poison Use Outlined

"No 10-80 poison is being used for mouse control in Siskiyou County," Bill Huse of Tulelake, deputy agriculture commissioner for Siskiyou County, said today.

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, at the request of Huse, has banned the use of 10-80 as a rodent control.

"We are using zinc phosphide in Siskiyou County," Huse explained. "About 10 tons of the poison has been put out and we expect to use another 10 tons. We feel we are getting as good results from the poisons that are less dangerous to dogs and cats and other domestic animals.

"Of course, any poison is dangerous to an animal," he continued, "but it would take quite a jolt of the zinc phosphide to kill a dog. We have had no reports of any animal killed by poison put out for mice so far," he added.

Poison bait in Siskiyou County is being put out by hand and some baiting is being done with seed spreaders.

More than 30 tons of 10-80 poison have been spread by planes in Modoc County. This poison can be used in California only under the supervision of state or federal officials.

Huse reiterated his warning to hunters with dogs to check with landowners to determine whether or not the fields have been baited with poison.

Retail Sales Show Decline

NEW YORK (AP) — Business in the nation's retail stores declined this week after two successive weeks of rising volume, Dun & Bradstreet said Friday.

Women lost some earlier enthusiasm for sportswear, coats and suits. Warm weather in many areas discouraged buying of men's topcoats.

There was a continuing decline in purchases of refrigerators, automatic dishwashers, and TV sets.

Total national retail sales for the week ended Nov. 20 ranged from the same to 4 per cent below a year ago, Dun & Bradstreet estimated. Percentage changes in major areas included Pacific Coast, off 2 to 6.

BRIDES WANTED

TOKYO (UP)— The Hokkaido Prefectural Government and the Federation of Housewives Organizations appealed to the national government for help Thursday. They want 308 "sturdy" brides for bachelor settlers in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.

Pentagon Picks Site For ICBM Launching

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon appeared today to have pinpointed the first major launching site for the developing American intercontinental ballistic missile.

The surprise announcement last night that work will start by mid-1958 on a multimillion-dollar missile site near Cheyenne, Wyo., capped these other developments in the expedited drive to obtain and tell about American progress in new weapons in the wake of Russia's Sputnik launchings:

1. Military experts convinced Chairman Mahon (D-Tex) of the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee that the United States has progressed to the point where it is high time to start producing shooting hardware of the intermediate ballistic missile variety. Mahon, who a day earlier had said we are "seriously behind" the Russians, commented: "I look for production orders . . . very soon."

2. Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy stepped up his search for a tough-minded manager to take over full charge of such future space warfare weapons as the antiballistic missile missile, over which the Army and the Air Force are bickering.

The Defense Department announced that 65 million dollars will be spent to transform Warren Air Force Base, two miles west of Cheyenne, from a technical training school into a missile site. It carefully said only that the project is "required to support the missile program." Officials let it be known, however, that an intercontinental missile was the only logical weapon that would require such an expensive outlay and that could be effectively operated from the Wyoming location.

The intermediate, 1,500-mile-range ballistic weapons, as the administration has recently emphasized, will be stationed and fired, in the event of war, from bases located in friendly countries abroad.

The Air Research and Development Command, which will take control of Warren Air Force Base when conversion is completed, is the agency through which the Air Force develops and tests its new weapons and equipment.

This command already operates Patrick Air Force Base in Florida, from which all long-range missiles are test flown, and Cooke Air Force Base, Lompoc, Calif., where a ballistic missile training division will prepare officers and airmen to handle long-range missiles.

Cooke will be equipped with missile launchers and all the complex gear required to hurl a big weapon into space, but its primary mission is to train weapons crews that will be sent to such operational firing bases as Warren.

No ICBMs are yet available for use, but the Air Force has two types under development. Its Atlas 5,000-mile missile is at the testing stage. Another named Titan is somewhat less advanced, although its prime contractors, the Martin Co., yesterday announced successful static tests of important rocket components of this weapon.

Mahon, who on Wednesday said the United States is "seriously behind" Russia in missiles development, emerged from a second secret hearing "highly gratified and encouraged." He told newsmen the military services "certainly have not fallen on their faces" in their missile work.

Three principal IRBM projects are under way with strong competition between the Air Force's Thor and the Army's Jupiter, both nearing completion. The Navy's Polaris is a less advanced project but the subcommittee heard reports of progress on it too.

Hoffa Jury Naming Begins

NEW YORK (AP) — Selection of a jury for the wiretap conspiracy trial of James R. Hoffa began Friday after months of delay.

The selection began after Federal Judge Frederick Van Pelt Bryan chastised counsel for one of Hoffa's co-defendants for delaying proceedings for an hour.

Harry Steinberg, counsel for Bernard Spindel, professional wiretapper, was delayed while arguing a case in supreme court.

A panel of 125 men and women comprised the prospective jurors. Selection of the trial jury had been scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

At least the first day was expected to be spent in picking the jury.

Dying Child Receives Gift

MILTON - FREEWATER, Ore., (AP)— A pretty doll that may be among her last toys has brought fleeting joy and laughter to a cancer-stricken two-year-old girl in a family caught by double misfortune at the holiday season.

Yellow-haired Teresa Postlewait lives in a world growing darker each day. Her tiny face is scarred by an operation that removed one eye last year. And a swelling shows the operation didn't remove all the cancerous growth.

"I called the doctor in Portland," her mother said. "He said nothing could be done."

Teresa's father, Harold Postlewait, sat uncomfortably in a straight chair. He's been disabled since he broke a vertebra in an accident more than a year ago—shortly after the family had made a down payment on a house.

"The doctor won't tell me," said the father, "when I can go back to work."

Mrs. Postlewait and Teresa's four older sisters and a brother work when they can. Even Eugene, 12, and Nina, 9, help by selling newspapers.

Carol Lund, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin reporter, visited the family a few days ago.

"What would you like to have, Teresa," she asked as she left.

"Big doll," the girl replied.

The Early Birds Club of the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce took a hand then. Its members chipped in for a doll, its size and beauty befitting the need of a little girl who may not have much time left for toys.

BULLETIN

WAUTOMA, Wis. (AP)—Circuit Judge Herbert A. Bunde ordered Friday that Edward Gein, 51-year-old bachelor who admitted killing two women and looting unnumbered graves, be committed to Central State Hospital for the criminally insane.

The court ordered the commitment "for observation" shortly after Gein was arraigned before him on a charge of first degree murder in the butchering of Mrs. Bernice Worden, a neighbor woman.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Saturday with variable cloudiness. Low Friday night 18-26; high Saturday 40-46.

High yesterday	31
Low last night	21
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Since Oct. 1	4.52
Same period last year	3.76
Normal for period	2.30

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday	36
Low last night	13
8 a.m. today	23
No new snow	
Snow depth	30
Last year this date	36

Highway 62 open with chains advised from Annie Springs to the rim. The rim road is closed for the season. Skiing conditions are reported as "pretty good" by the rangers.

Allies Seek Scale For Use In Case Of Red Aggression

LONDON (AP)—The Atlantic Allies are reported pondering plans for an "aggression thermometer"—a scale by which NATO's American commander would get limited powers to decide on the use of atomic and hydrogen weapons against any Red aggressor.

Informed Western diplomats said the 15-nation Atlantic Alliance is seeking advance agreement on all the varying circumstances in which Communist attacks might take place—and which would, in the Allied view, make nuclear retaliation instantly permissible.

The Allies at the same time were said to be engaged in the complicated process of trying to define "grades" of aggression. This, informants said, is to determine what form Allied retaliation might take.

The outcome of the study is not yet known. All the members of the alliance are taking part. Conclusions are being prepared for discussion and possible decision in mid-December, when NATO heads of government meet in Paris.

In this way the United States and Britain, as the West's only two nuclear powers, are seeking to associate their partners in some of the decisions that might govern the future use—or nonuse—of nuclear weapons.

Each, implicitly, has the right and chance to state just when it thinks nuclear weapons should or should not be used.

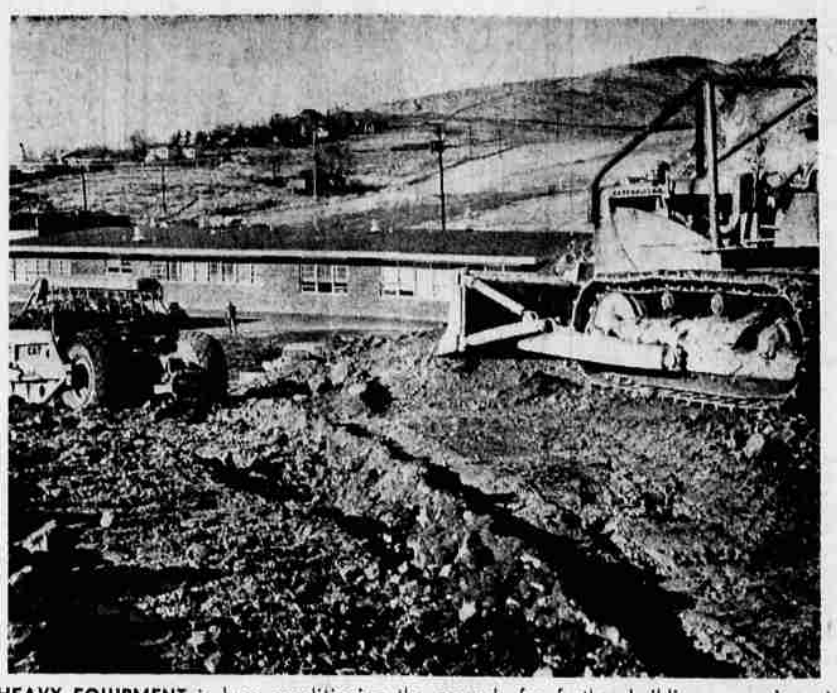
Informants said if and when the Allies agree on the scale of conditions under which massive, limited or conventional retaliation may take place, it certainly will be kept as one of the top secrets of the alliance.

Soviet possession of such a catalogue obviously would render it valueless. But, informants explained, the sort of thing that is being weighed takes account of these considerations:

1. All-out aggression by the Soviets undoubtedly would be met with all-out or massive retaliation by the Allies.

2. A nibbling attack by Red forces against one of NATO's outposts in Europe—Turkey, West Germany, or Norway or Denmark—would be repulsed by means proportionate to the seriousness of the aggression. A border raid presumably would be dealt with by conventional forces. A tactical atomic attack perhaps would be countered by similar weapons.

3. An attack against NATO forces, as Secretary of State Dulles said in Chicago this week, would be resisted automatically even without a declaration of war. The nature of the resistance would clearly depend on the nature of the attack.



HEAVY EQUIPMENT is busy conditioning the grounds for further building expansion at the Ponderosa School. The completed portion of the school pictured in the background now accommodates some of the elementary grades, with the master plan calling for expanding the unit for junior high school usage. The school will then relieve elementary enrollment pressures throughout the north end of town. The exact date for beginning construction on the expansion has not been determined. Tentative plans call for completion of the project by the fall of 1959. — Photo by Kettler

Xmas Tree Cutting Program Explained By Weyerhaeuser

For those wishing to cut their own Christmas trees on Weyerhaeuser land, designated times and places under a permit system have been announced by J. B. Bishop, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of the company.

"In the past," explained Bishop, "individuals have gone into the woods to cut their own trees. This has become a family tradition with many, a source of pleasure derived from the forest which we do not want to inhibit in any way. However, it has resulted in removing too many trees from some areas while others have scarcely been touched. What we propose to do is to open specified areas to individuals who want to cut their own Christmas trees.

"We have attempted to do this with a minimum of inconvenience to the public, and are certain that we will receive the same spirit of cooperation that has been evidenced by the use of our lands for hunting and fishing, sometimes during critical fire weather.

"It should be kept in mind that the same forest, properly managed, will grow a second crop of Christmas trees as well as a second crop of saw timber."

Cutting of fir Christmas trees will be allowed in areas designated by the Klamath Forest Protective Association, which also will issue permits. No cutting of pine trees will be permitted. The times for cutting will be the four Saturdays and Sundays following Thanksgiving. A limited amount of cutting of trees for sale by youth groups will be allowed by securing a permit from Weyerhaeuser Timber Company and by payment of 25 cents per tree.

For the past few years, the company has been experimenting with certain commercial Christmas tree cutters; but due to the changing demands for forest products, all strictly commercial cutting is being discontinued after this year.

A number of problems connected with uncontrolled cutting have shown up in recent years; and with a continuing growth in population, these problems have become magnified. People have a tendency to cut trees along scenic drives, to take more than they need, or to cut two or three before they find one to suit them. This is human, but hard on the forest. Reproduction has been cut down in some places until it is a question of how many years it will take to reforest certain sections.

While areas will be closed that long have been popular Christmas tree sites, there will be ample allowable cutting areas near Weyerhaeuser's old Camp Four site on the Greensprings Highway. The west side of Upper Klamath Lake and the Lake of the Woods Road, both old and new, will be closed.

The Weyerhaeuser company practices selective logging in order to maintain a permanent operation. Only certain trees are logged, while others are left for reproduction. When too much of this reproduction is cut out for Christmas trees, it affects plans for long-range operations and harms wild life, soil, recreation, grazing and eventually the economy of the community.

Under the program set up this year, as many families will be able to secure their trees as formerly, and they will be helping to see to it that future generations enjoy the benefits of an unspoiled forest.

Vern E. Smith, assistant to Robert L. Cooper, district ranger on the Rogue National Forest, expressed his approval of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's restrictions imposed on Christmas tree cutting.

No cutting of any trees on national forest land is allowed without permit, Smith said. This regulation will be strictly enforced, he added.

"We have found most individuals to be entirely cooperative in securing permits for Christmas tree cutting," he observed. "Most of the national forest becomes inaccessible after winter snows set in," he added.

A new state law was passed in Oregon this year which provides that any person transporting more than five Christmas trees must have a bill of sale. Penalty for violation is $50 to $100 fine or up to six months in jail, or both.

NEW "MAMIE"

TOKYO (UP) — Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower has a namesake roaming the Pacific today. U.S. Weather observers have named a new typhoon, "Mamie." It is located southeast of Guam.

OSC Students 'Visit' Eugene

EUGENE (AP) — A dozen Oregon State College students suffered head-shavings and green-and-yellow paint jobs on bare skulls early Friday morning following a fizzled-out invasion of the University of Oregon campus.

The action, which took place after midnight, marked the heaviest outbreak yet this fall in the renewal of the Oregon-OSC "civil war."

The OSC invaders apparently received more damage than they inflicted during their foray. They were met by swarms of Oregon men who had been alerted that the OSC forces were on their way to "get" homecoming signs being erected by fraternities, sororities, and dormitories for this weekend's festivities.

The main force of OSC invaders, an estimated 20 carloads of students, was turned back around 2 a.m. at Eugene's north city limits by Eugene police who set up roadblocks in the guise of a "routine traffic check." Names were taken and most of the force reportedly returned to Corvallis without venturing further.

However, some OSC autos had already reached the campus and others followed later.

The OSC Beavers were met by a larger number of Oregon students, who took about a dozen captives, and promptly put them to work at fraternity chores.

There was talk on the campus Friday that the captives would be required to help rebuild the big "O" on Skinners Butte, which was stolen by OSC forces several weeks ago and returned this week in battered and broken condition.

Thursday afternoon, a plane flew over the Oregon campus with loudspeakers blaring the OSC fight song.

Homecoming festivities will get under way here Friday night with a bonfire and crowning of the homecoming queen.

Missionary Reported Okay

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — A Protestant mission headquarters said Friday a British missionary reported by radio he is all right and in no danger from savage Auca Indians.

The Christian Missions in Many Lands office here reported the Rev. Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh of Bury, St. Edmunds, England, talked by radio with a Shell Oil station early Friday and said there is nothing going on in his area.

Earlier, word received in the United States was that the Indians, who killed five U. S. missionaries two years ago, had closed in around Dr. Tidmarsh's mission station on the Oglan River.

SHOOTING HOURS

OREGON

November 23
OPEN 6:36 CLOSE 4:42
November 24
OPEN 6:36 CLOSE 4:42

CALIFORNIA

November 23
OPEN 6:36 CLOSE 4:40
November 24
OPEN 6:36 CLOSE 4:40

British Army Changes Menu

LONDON (AP) — Days are numbered for char, wad, bubble and squeak, praties and bangers.

In their places on British army menus enlisted men and women each meal are offered such fare as porterhouse steak, duck, goose, vol-au-vent, omelette surprise charlotte russe and peach melba.

A buck private, but not an officer, gets lunch and dinner choices of 8 types of potatoes, 6 vegetables, 12 meats, soups and half a dozen sweet dishes to top off the meal.

Fancied-up menus are one of come-ons Britain is giving to volunteers. In another couple of years Britain hopes to end the draft leaving patriotism and friendly persuasion as the two best means of getting her soldiers.

The first of the souped-up kitchens was opened at the Royal Artillery Depot in London's Woolwich section. For possibly the first time in the history of English-speaking soldiers, there have been no complaints from the ranks.

Army spokesmen claim that during the past three weeks there have been indications of much higher morale at the depot, which could mean more re-enlistments.

Scientists See Big Thrills For Coming 'Age Of Space'

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight top scientists predicted Friday that science will create these thrills during the next hundred years:

You'll be able to control the size, shape and function of your body. You'll talk with your mind, never moving your lips.

There'll be lavish excursion hotels at scenic spots on the moon. The lunar surface will be subdivided among nations.

We'll be working a 4 to 8 hour week.

You'll be able to pick the sex of your child and decide whether you want twins, triplets or just one.

"We'll make food out of sunshine. Our raw materials and drinking water will come from the sea.

There'll be more than seven billion people in the world. But none of them will go hungry. Our mail will come in the form of radio signals carried by satellites high above the earth.

These were just some of the remarkable developments for the future dreamed up by eight scientific experts including two Nobel Prize winners, at a symposium here on "The Next Hundred Years." It marked the centennial of the industrial firm of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc.

Among the scientists were Dr. Wernher Von Braun, director of development operations for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. John Weir, associate professor of psychology at the California Institute of Technology, said man should be able to learn to control the substance that governs the size of organs and systems.

By this means, he said, man could alter himself, make himself more efficient. He should be able to transmit thought to another person, without using words and gestures, he added.

Dr. Hermann J. Muller, Nobel Prize winning geneticist of Indiana University, predicted young couples could almost order their children. He said ailing or aged persons could have diseased or damaged organs replaced, from a spare parts bank.

Dr. Harrison Brown, professor of geochemistry at California Institute of Technology, said automation in the next hundred years would eliminate the difference between skilled and unskilled labor. He predicted we'd be down to a 4 to 8 hour week by then.

Dr. James Bonner, professor of biology from the California Institute of Technology, predicted deserts would be irrigated by purified sea water, and the world would go on a vegetable diet because of its huge population.

Policeman Indicted On Beating Charge

By JOHN GUERNSEY

A Klamath Falls city policeman, 26-year-old John Wilson, faces charges of assault with a dangerous weapon as the result of an indictment returned by the Klamath County Grand Jury late Thursday afternoon. The grand jury indictment was the outgrowth of a November 3 incident during which a 52-year-old Klamath Falls man, Clyde Cloud, was allegedly taken up on KFJI hill and kicked and beaten by the police operating a city squad car. Cloud remains at the Klamath Valley Hospital where he is being treated for a compound leg fracture which he told officials he suffered when being roughed up by the police.

Wilson was arrested following the indictment Thursday and was freed immediately after posting $2,500 bail. He was scheduled for arraignment before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Friday morning but the appearance was delayed when it was realized that the required paper work for the arraignment had not been prepared. Due to the clerical error, Judge Vandenberg rescheduled the appearance of Wilson and others who face indictments of varying natures for 10 a.m. Friday, November 29.

Attorney Ben Goddard said this morning that he will not know the nature of the plea to be entered by his client (Wilson) until a later date when he has had an opportunity to study the indictment.

The grand jury returned to session Friday morning and by noon had issued no indictment or statement relative to Floyd Pierce, the other officer in the squad car which took Cloud up on KFJI hill. Police Chief Orville Hamilton said Friday morning that Pierce is continuing on the force, and that Wilson was suspended when the indictment was returned. He said the suspension will remain in effect until or after the case involving Wilson is concluded.

During testimony given to investigating officials prior to the November 18 convening date of the grand jury it was established that Wilson was the senior patrolman in the squad car and that Pierce was a rookie patrolman with less than a month's service on the force. Wilson and Pierce further agreed in pre-grand jury testimony that Pierce had remained in the squad car when the officers took Cloud up on the hill and that Wilson had been the officer who had gotten out of the car with Cloud. It was further testified that Wilson had tongue lashed the man and had shoved him around a little.

However, during the early investigation under the direction of District Attorney Richard Beesley the officers maintained that the man was taken up on the hill at his own request so he could leave town and that he had not been beaten. It was further explained that Cloud was picked up in the first place on suspicion of being intoxicated in downtown Klamath Falls.

The grand jury continued its investigation of the incident and the police department operation with a steady stream of witnesses Friday morning. Appearing before the body were several police officers who were not directly associated with the beating charge at hand, in addition to City Councilman Floyd Wynne and other witnesses. During its five days in session the jury has questioned nearly all members of the police department, officers of the state police who were called in to investigate the original charge, and a wide assortment of public officials.

Police Chief Orville Hamilton is one of the few persons associated with the police force who has not been called before the jury during the five days of taking testimony. It is anticipated that Hamilton will be one of the final witnesses of the hearing.

At the time of asking that the grand jury be called into session to study the issue, District Attorney Richard Beesley requested that at the conclusion of the study the jury release a statement of findings to the public. It is not known at this time when the jury will conclude its study, or whether or not a statement of findings will be made public as requested by the district attorney.

Members of the grand jury studying the case are Peter Rowe (foreman), Carl T. Cox, Melvin Smith, Robert E. Baery, Bert L. Eastman, John Guest and Donald D. Van Fleet.

Ike Confers With Cabinet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower held a prolonged meeting with his Cabinet Friday. It lasted nearly three hours.

Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty said this was normal for this particular time of year when work is going on on the budget and messages for Congress. He said the Cabinet and the chief executive discussed some of the budget.

The National Security Council was to meet with Eisenhower in the afternoon.

Hagerty declined to say whether the Cabinet got into the question of missiles.

Hagerty declined comment, also on suggestions in various quarters that Dr. Robert Oppenheimer be called back into government service to assist in catching up with Russia on scientific and missile developments.

Blaze Rages In LA Area

AZUSA, Calif. (UP)—A sprawling forest fire, whiplashed by gusty 60-mile an hour winds, spread over nearly 25,000 acres of San Gabriel Mountain brush land today to force the evacuation of residents fringing the fire line.

More than 1,200 men were on the fire lines, including a specially trained team of Indians from Albuquerque, N.M. Their job was hampered by the winds which kept much needed aerial tankers grounded.

The fire and winds dumped a gritty mixture of ash and dust on much of Los Angeles, 35 miles southwest of the blazing mountainside.

However, diminishing winds, which washed across Southern California from the Arizona border to the Pacific Ocean Thursday night, lessened the danger to nearby towns of Duarte, Arcadia, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, East Pasadena and this foothill city.

For a time Thursday night the fire verged on breaking the firelines and sweeping down into the cities, but the country fire chief, Robert Klinger, said little danger existed now.

Only one mountain cabin was known to have been ravaged by the fire, though several others in the area were in the line of the fast stepping blaze and were ordered evacuated earlier.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

HOLLYWOOD—Wind gusts up to 70 miles per hour were reported in Southern California Thursday. Paramount Studios record section heard about them and immediately issued Johnny Mathis' record of "Wild as Wind" to local disc jockeys.

Cost Of Living Holds Steady

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of living held steady in October. It was the first time in 14 months the government measure of consumer prices has not risen.

A slight drop in food prices was enough to keep the price index at the same level as in September, the Labor Department reported.

Rises in some other items offset the decline of one-half of one per cent in food costs, leaving the index at 121.1, exactly the same as it was in September. This was 2.9 per cent higher than a year ago.

Evan Clague, commissioner of Labor Statistics, said buying power of factory workers dropped more than one per cent in October and was down by more than 3 per cent compared with a year ago.

The October index bore out, at least for the time being, Secretary of Labor Mitchell's forecast Thursday that the cost of living has leveled off. Mitchell said the development reflected the "end of so called inflationary spirals."

Clague said new cars going into dealer showrooms this month at higher prices may produce a temporary rise in the living cost index for November. But by January, he said, post holiday clearance sales and the start of discounts in auto prices may bring a decrease.

Correction

Yesterday's news story which quoted Peter Rowe, chairman of the grand jury as giving "insufficient evidence" as the reason for dismissing a second degree murder charge against Tom Alfred, was incorrect.

Rowe is bound by law to observe the secrecy of the grand jury deliberations. The grand jury by procedure can return only a true or not true verdict on complaints before it.

In the Alfred case, the grand jury said it was a not true bill. No further reason or explanation was given.