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On the Fourth of July, in these days, (especially when it falls near the end of the week and is stretched out into a three or four day holiday) Americans take to the highways and a lot of them are killed and even more are maimed.

The next day the editors all write pieces about it, deploring the recklessness of the American people and imploring them to be more careful.

After that, we forget all about it. Modern madness? I doubt it.

In earlier generations, we shot off firecrackers (including the cannon kind) in the public square and burned blisters on various parts of our anatomy and from time to time blew off fingers.

When that palled on us, we tamped gunpowder into sections of gaspipe and touched it off by means of firecracker fuses, frequently killing ourselves. I think Americans just like to live dangerously.

At any rate — Out of it all this maxim can be deduced: Our pleasures are more dangerous than our labors.

So much for our domestic affairs. Let's take a look at what's going on overseas.

In Brussels (capital of Belgium) Friday night former President Hoover told an audience that the anti-American propaganda that is in evidence all over the world could SEND THE UNITED STATES BACK TO ISOLATIONISM.

"False legends" about America, he said, are being spread throughout the world. This propaganda, he added, has led to physical attacks on U.S. citizens and officials. He said he doesn't at present feel that America will retreat to an isolationist policy.

But — He added — "THE DANGER SIGNAL IS UP."

He is right. The signal is up.

Americans are getting tired of spending their treasure on the rest of the world and getting nothing but bricks and sneers in return. We are aware, of course, of the ORIGINS of this anti-American propaganda. It originates in the Kremlin. It is spread throughout the world by the Kremlin's communists.

The purpose is to further the conquest of the world that is the goal of the leaders of communism.

We aren't dumb. We know all that. But we know also that the communists don't have too much trouble spreading the anti-American propaganda. It has been taken up rather readily in many countries where our dollars have been poured out lavishly by a sincere effort on our part to help the people — to make life better for them.

It is a matter of human nature. If we were pouring out your dollars to help other people in your own land everybody in the block would be willing to go home and tell their neighbors of it, to go home and tell their neighbors of it.

Mr. Hoover is touching on a very real possibility.

WHERE WERE WE THIS? KLAMATH FALLS, N. Y. (AP) — Two boys caught the way to solve the problem was to catch the fire. They swam near their home.

Plant Explosion Rocks Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A fireworks storage plant blew up like a giant Roman candle early Saturday. The blast and resulting fire killed a sleeping child, injured more than a score of persons — some seriously. It damaged 300 homes and businesses.

The only reported fatality of the Fourth of July disaster was 4½-year-old Mary Beth Howe. Her burned body was found in wreckage of a house some 50 yards behind the pile of debris where the Signal Fireworks Co. had been.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Howe, and their other child escaped with cuts and burns. Lyman Lee, an Associated Press teletype operator who lives near

the blast scene on the outskirts of Portland, said the initial explosion was like a bomb burst. It shattered windows in an 18-apartment block area and damaged 200 houses and 20 business establishments.

Immediately after the first blast, the sky was lit up by hundreds of exploding rockets and aerial bombs. Lee said a purple fireball hovered over the blast scene for several minutes.

Thousands of firecrackers exploded and for 15 miles around Portland area residents—awakened at 1:45 a.m. by the first sharp blast—heard what sounded like 15 minutes of rolling thunder.

Of the 22 injured and taken to hospitals, 14 were released after being examined.

The other eight were treated for burns and cuts and for back injuries suffered when they were thrown out of their beds by the blast.

Five houses were destroyed in the immediate blast area. Another 111 were seriously damaged.

Howard Grohs, owner of the fireworks company, said he believed the explosion was touched off by burglars. "I checked the place at midnight and everything was secure then, but I believe someone must have broken in later and probably used a torch to light their way out," he said.

The blast scene is in the heart of a district of modest homes and small businesses. Grohs was granted a permit in April to remodel part of the warehouse layout where he stored his fireworks for commercial displays.

State law bans private use of fireworks—except for caps and sparklers.

Thousands of Portlanders rushed to the blast scene, clogging streets in the area. Police set up roadblocks in a futile attempt to divert traffic away from the blast scene.

Despite severe damage to buildings several blocks away elderly, bedridden patients in the Wil-Mar Nursing Home, only a block away from the blast, escaped without a scratch.

Shattered windows scattered glass throughout the building. Mrs. Helen Thayer, who works at the home said: "It was miraculous. Some bits of glass were actually on the eyes of one or two of the sleeping bedridden patients, but they weren't injured."

City Fire Marshal Dale Gilman later Saturday canceled a scheduled fireworks display in a Portland amusement park. He said he found that the rockets had been stored in a shed in the middle of the picnic area at the park, in violation of orders banning storage of explosives in such public places.

Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark) read part of the written statement submitted by Fox at the time. He barred Fox from reading it into the public record.

Rep. Peter F. Mack (D-Ill) said the investigators also know of a person who can back Fox's allegation that Goldfine said he had bought a house in Washington for Adams to live in.

Mack said this person is reluctant to testify. Mack made plain he was referring to the quotation attributed to Goldfine, not the actual existence of a Goldfine-purchased house here. There has been no serious contention that Adams does not rent a house here. He says he does and that he never has owned a home in Washington.

He is an ex-Army drummer.

Clang-De-De-Clang-Clang; Clang-Clang

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Albert E. Ward, 24-year-old gripman, Saturday won San Francisco's annual cable car bell-ringing contest with progressive jazz variations on "Shave and a Haircut, Sharpoo."

The annual contest is held at Union Square where the Powell St. car stops on its way up Nob Hill.



JULY FOURTH WAS a busy day in Klamath Falls. It began with the parade sponsored by the Klamath Jaycees, opening of which is shown in the lower photo, and carried on through the first day's schedule of the July 4-5-6 Rodeo, lineup for which at the fairgrounds is shown in the upper photo. The good crowds which attended both events are hinted at in the photographs. The parade photo shows pioneer cowboys Homer Roberts and Frank Galbreath, parade marshals, followed by the American Legion color guard and the legion drum and bugle corps, which won honorable mention in the "best marching" section. The U.S. Naval Reserve drill team, which won the "best marching" prize, follows, with Mayor Lawrence Slater and Warren Parr, president of the Klamath Basin Celebration Council, riding behind. Both events were part of the Basin Celebration. (See parade story on page 4A.)

Record Crowds Attend Rodeo

Record breaking crowds turned out to watch the two-day rodeo sponsored by the Klamath Basin Celebration Council July 4 and 5. Local cowboys and visitors from as far as Canada and all over the Pacific Coast turned in performances which compared well with any seen in the Klamath Basin in a number of years.

The rodeo established a record for more contestants of a near 200 entries for the two days of spectacular rodeo. In addition to the experienced cowboys competing in the various events there were many crowd-pleasing acts and horse races featuring clown acts and Brahma bull riding.

Ross Santos of Walnut Creek, California was named the All-Around Cowboy. He received a saddle donated by three Merrill firms. Santos and his brother Don went home with over \$1,500 in prize money.

Final winners in the bronc riding were: First place, Gib Gregg, Dayville, Oregon; second place, Rocky Rockabor, Medicine Head, Alberta; third place, Gary Gregg, Dayville, Oregon. Bareback riding: Bud Godby and Roger Patterson split the honors and money for first and second place and Gary Gregg and George Genter split for third and fourth money. Godby hails from Goodwin, Idaho, and Roger Patterson from Yakima, Washington.

Bull riding showed the same some of the top amateur contenders with the final result being Jim Whiteside, first place winner; Chuck Shelton, second; and Bill Herrera, third. In the roping first

place went to Frank and Don Santos of Walnut Creek; second, Bill Stepp and Don Colwell; third, Bob Woolery and Cecil Nichols, Redding, Calif. roping first place winner was Ray Vowell; second, Bob Woolery; and third, Jerry Nichols.

The rodeo opened with the cutting horse contest with these results: July 4 first place winner, Pat Hammond; second place was a three way split between Fred Fisher, Forrest Carpenter and Slim Geiger; July 5 first place winner was Bud Stevenson; second, Jack McAllister; and third and fourth went to Bill Preston and Hank Lambert.

The crowd-pleasing races resulted in the following winners July 4: First place in the 220 yard registered quarter horse race was won by Principal; second, Durango Kid and third, All Peace.

In the three-eighths mile race Libido was first, Silky Sullivan second and Mandator third. In the 350 yard race for registered thoroughbred quarter horses first place winner was Principal; second, Don Black; and third J. F. Hurricane. 440 yard race, first, Roseben; second, Chicarro; third, Winners Lad. One-half mile thoroughbred race, first, Sweep to; second, Scott; third, Rex's Pride.

July 5 race results were as follows: The 220 registered quarter horse contest went to first, Durango Kid; second, Al's Place; third, Hurricane Kid. Three-fourths mile quarter horse, first, Cupcake; second, Mandato; third, Tubo Mike. 350 registered thoroughbred, first, Al's Place; second, J. F. Hurri-

cane; third, Star Lee. 400 yard race, first, Chicarro; second, Black Dan; third, Winners Lad. Three-eighths mile race, first, Principal; second, Roseben; third, Sweep To.

The Klamath Basin Celebration Council wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all the wonderful donors and cooperation they received that made this rodeo, parade, logger's jamboree and the many celebrations council activities the huge success that was enjoyed by all.

Our visiting announcer Windy West of Davenport, Washington, on behalf of Hutsell and Ring Rodeo Contractors, would like to express his appreciation to the rodeo committee for the outstanding promotion which was prevailed throughout the show. In 25 years Mr. West states, "We have never enjoyed so much cooperation as the Klamath Northwest Rodeo has extended us. We are very happy to be included as a portion of your Junior Rodeo which will be held today, July 6, starting with the cutting horse event at noon."

Over 200 entrants have signed up for this junior show.

LIFE IN CAROLINA CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A fully-clothed man wearing a life preserver came swimming out of the sea here, waded ashore under the round eyes of sunbathers, took off the preserver and his socks. He explained that he had been working on a shrimp trawler out beyond the horizon. "The sun was hot and I wasn't making enough money," he said. "So I just decided to take off."

Holiday Traffic Deaths Climbing

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic	253
Drowning	117
Miscellaneous	67
Total	437

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Holiday traffic deaths rose steadily at a near-record clip on the nation's highways Saturday night.

Although the death toll slowed down slightly earlier Saturday, the National Safety Council pleaded for more caution for millions of Independence weekend motorists.

The NSC feared a high toll Sunday when drivers clog highways for the big push home.

"If drivers will redouble their

care in the remaining hours of the weekend, there is still a good chance the nation will not hit a three-day record for July Fourth," declared Ned H. Dearborn, NSC president.

Safety officials said they feared the highway toll would mount far faster Sunday when millions of weekend holidayers start driving homeward over clogged highways.

A rash of multiple-death crashes marked the opening of the three-day holiday Friday. Then the pattern changed somewhat.

The death rate declined slightly Saturday, and most of the fatal smashups caused one or two deaths. A major exception was an early morning head-on collision of two cars east of Junction City, Kan., that killed six persons, including three soldiers.

The NSC forecast that a record high 410 traffic deaths could occur during the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Thursday to Sunday midnight.

Fireworks, long since replaced by the automobile, came back into the limelight this year. A fireworks plant blew up on the outskirts of Portland, Ore. A child was killed, at least 30 persons were injured and scores of homes were damaged.

The record high three-day traffic toll for a Fourth of July observance was 407 deaths in 1955. The four-day Independence Day observance record of 491 was set in 1950.

The record low July Fourth three-day toll since World War II was 225 deaths in 1947.

For comparative purposes, the Associated Press made a survey of traffic fatalities during the 78-hour nonholiday period from 6 p.m. June 19 to midnight Sunday, June 22. There were 339 traffic deaths, 118 drownings and 63 violent deaths from miscellaneous causes—and over-all total of 520.

Cuban Rebels Free 3 More US Civilians

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Three more American civilian captives of the Cuban rebels were freed Saturday and airlifted from the mountains to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo.

The Navy identified them as Alfred F. Smith of Laconia, N.H., Harley F. Sparks of Frankfort, Ind., and Jesse G. Ford of Dillon, S.C.

The three were abducted from the United Fruit Co. sugar plantation at Guaro in Oriente Province July 1.

The return of the three men brought to eight the total number of hostages so far freed out of a total of 50 Americans and Canadians seized by the insurgents. Five were released last Wednesday.

The helicopter that landed the three men at Guantanamo Saturday immediately took off again and headed back in the northerly direction from which it was first spotted.

Hopes that all the kidnap victims in rebel hands would be released on masse had been raised earlier by reports that the rebels had assembled all their captives at one point. Previously the prisoners were reported divided in small groups and distributed in rebel hideouts.

Rear Adm. Robert B. Ellis, commander at Guantanamo base, said however, he had no information that any of the 30 U.S. sailors and Marines held by the rebels were expected to be brought in Saturday night.

U. S. Consul Park Wollam flew in a helicopter from the U. S. Naval Base at Guantanamo to rebel mountain hideaways again Saturday for renewed effort to free the remaining Americans and two Canadians.

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Belching Bear Galloping Radish Or Heart Victim LOMA LINDA, Calif. (AP)—A man shaving looked out his bathroom window Saturday and saw a 100-pound bear eating radishes in his garden.

Amos Giberson, hastily patching a razor nick, called the sheriff. Two deputies quickly arrived. The belching bear took off full tilt across the grounds of a nearby sanitarium, enthusiastically chased by the two officers blasting away with revolvers.

The bear apparently was heading for his happy cave in nearby mountains. But he didn't make it. He dropped dead of either a heart attack or gorging radish indigestion.

This led the deputies with the problem of what to do with the carcass of a bear stuffed with radishes.

Senate Agents Comb Chicago

WASHINGTON (AP)—Agents of the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee are combing Chicago's underworld for clues to the whereabouts of some men the group wants as witnesses.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark) said Saturday the committee plans to expose at two weeks of hearings starting here Tuesday what he termed an almost unbreakable grip held by mobsters on the Chicago restaurant industry.

McClellan said that with or without the missing witnesses the hearings will "present a revealing picture of the extent to which racketeers were able to control and operate this industry through fear, intimidation, and shake-downs."

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Weather FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Variable high cloudiness Sunday with continued warm through Monday. High Sunday 80-85. Low Sunday night 55. High Tuesday 80-85. Low Tuesday night 55.