

CREWS BRING KLAMATH FIRES UNDER CONTROL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Houston, Texas:
FOREIGN steel poured into Texas through the port of Houston yesterday as the nation's steel strike entered its second day. About 21,000 tons of the metal from Belgium and Japan was unloaded from five ships here on Wednesday. Two other ships were waiting for empty berths (at which to unload more foreign steel.)
Why is that interesting?
Well, Houston is only ONE of the many, many American ports at which, presumably, foreign steel will be pouring in to replace the steel that won't be made in America while the strike lasts.

What does that mean?
Well, it means that presently many, many JOBS are being created in the steel centers of foreign countries.
And—
It MIGHT mean that while America's great steel mills are idle these foreign steelmakers may get a foothold in America's steel markets from which it will be hard to displace them. Foreign production costs are now admittedly lower than ours.

From New York:
By the end of the first week of the strike, steelworkers will have lost about 62 million dollars in wages and the STEEL INDUSTRY will have lost about 248 million dollars in business.

That raises this question:
WHO IS INDUSTRY?

We are traditionally inclined to think of Big Business as a FEW portly characters wearing plug hats and Prince Albert coats and smoking fat Havana cigars.

That once was true.
It isn't true now.
For example:
U. S. Steel Corporation, the giant of the steel industry, has 223,490 employees. It has 331,229 stockholders (the figures are for 1958.)

Is that an unusual situation?
By way of answer, here are some more figures:
Eleven of the nation's largest manufacturing corporations — including steel, motors, foods, electric appliances, oil and chemicals — have, according to the latest figures available, 1,741,550 EMPLOYEES and 2,778,679 STOCKHOLDERS.
That is to say:
These 11 big American corporations have approximately 50 percent more OWNERS than EMPLOYEES.

State Work Tops Average

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's employment picture is considerably better than the national average. That is in sharp contrast to the winter months, when Oregon's unemployment rate is among the worst in the nation.
The state Department of Employment reported today that in June, the unemployment rate was 12.2 percent of workers covered by unemployment compensation. The national average was 3.3 percent, and only 16 states had lower rates than Oregon.
The number of employed workers reached 700,600 in mid-June, second only to June, 1956, as the highest June total in history.

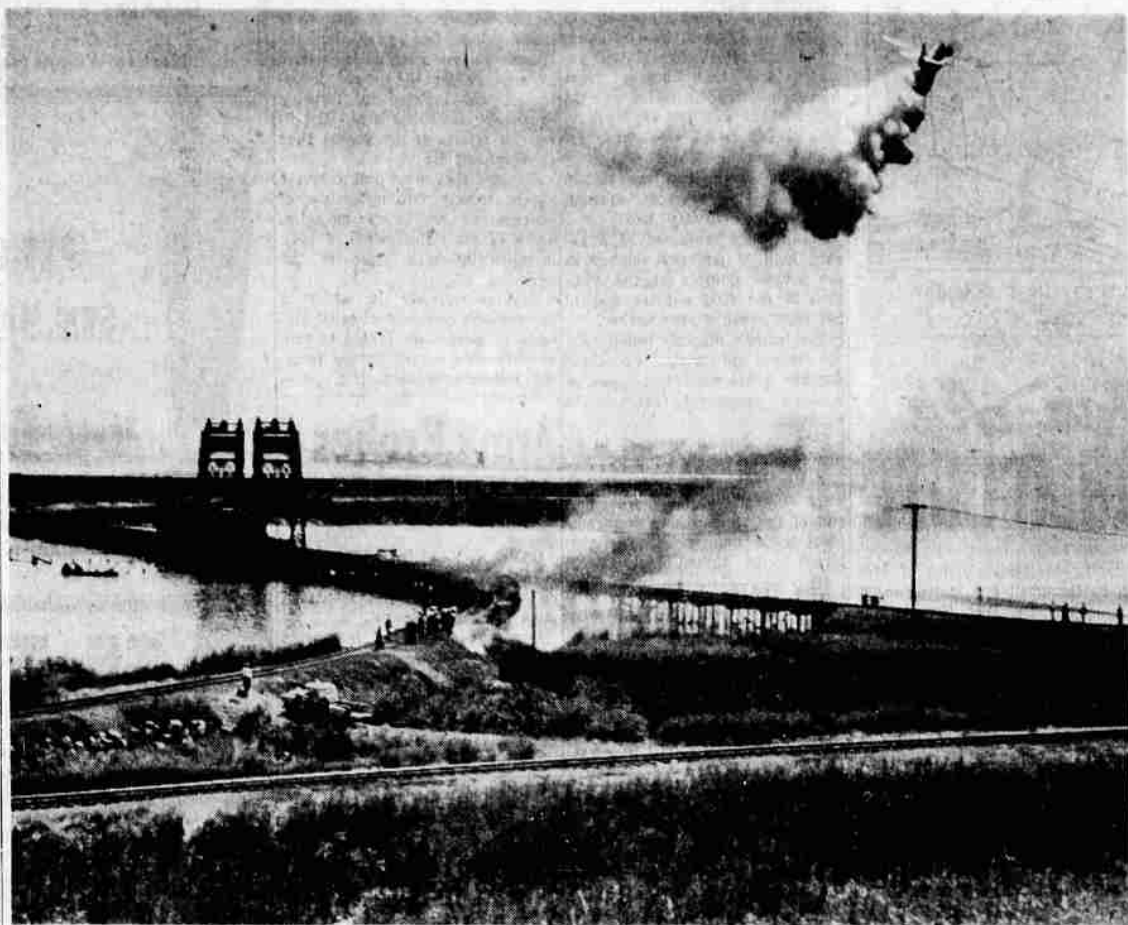
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BORATE, a fire extinguishing chemical, was dumped on the Great Northern trestle over Lake Ewauna Thursday. The plane was piloted by Cal Butler of Lakeview and carried a 500-pound load. The Great Northern said it would extend

existing piers and replace a single track line by Tuesday night or Wednesday next week. Damage from the spectacular fire was estimated between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Lack Of Progress Reported At Foreign Minister Meeting

GENEVA (AP) — The foreign ministers of the Soviet Union and the Western powers failed today to make any progress in narrowing their differences over a possible Berlin truce agreement.
U. S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville of France and Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko debated the terms of a Berlin standstill deal in a three-hour luncheon

World News In Brief

United Press International
CONFERENCE—Geneva — Foreign ministers conference resumes secret talks at French luncheon today.

NIXON—Washington — Giant jet airliner accompanying Vice President Nixon to Russia expected to try to better New York-Moscow flight time of Kozlov.

POLIO—Washington — Surgeon general warns polio increasing this summer among the unvaccinated.

BOHLEN — Washington — Administration officials say Bohlen will be offered high State Department post soon despite what Eisenhower said to contrary.

meeting at Couve de Murville's villa.

The session was covered by a secrecy agreement and Western officials would say afterward only that no progress was achieved.

Herter, Lloyd and Couve de Murville were understood to have made a new effort at today's meeting to get Gromyko to break the link between the proposal for an 18-month truce in the Berlin crisis and his proposal for an all-German committee to negotiate on German reunification and a peace treaty. Apparently they failed again, as they had in public sessions earlier this week.

Thursday's meeting produced some evidence that the West may find it possible in the end to get an agreement to shelve the Soviet threat to Berlin for several years. Western diplomats said the ministers in the coming days can be expected to bargain at luncheons, dinners and afternoon tea parties — social gatherings which are in fact working conference sessions.

The Western ministers believe that progress toward agreement can be achieved only in secret sessions, away from the propaganda spotlight.

On Monday Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said he would not agree to secret meetings unless the delegations from East and West Germany were present.



Weather

Northern California — Fair through Saturday except coastal fog. A few thunderstorms likely in Sierra-Nevadas afternoon or evening. Little change in temperature. Northwestern coastal winds 12-22 miles an hour.

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Clear and hot through Saturday. Chance of a few thunderstorms in southern mountains Saturday. Low tonight 63-68; high Saturday 95-100.
High yesterday 95
Low last night 53
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 5.82
Same period last year 19.31

Jury To Mull Cameron Case

OROVILLE (UPI) — A Superior Court jury hearing the William A. Cameron murder case agreed today to meet during the weekend in an effort to reach a decision.

Cameron, 22, a Chico State College student, was charged with the mutilation death last Dec. 22 of Mrs. Vivian Malone, 50, at a Chico trailer court. He pleaded innocent.

Defense attorney Leo R. Friedman, San Francisco, concluded the defense Thursday with a flat assertion that Cameron "did not kill Mrs. Malone."

Friedman started his final argument Tuesday. Most of it was based on an allegation that it was physically impossible for Cameron to have killed Mrs. Malone, wife of an Army sergeant.

Prosecutor Keith Lyde began his final rebuttal arguments today and was expected to complete them by this afternoon.

Superior Judge J. F. Good indicated he will give the case to the jury Saturday.

"UNREADY FOR SUB WAR"
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover has said the United States is in no better position today to fight the Russian submarine "menace" than it was to defeat the German submarine threat in 1941.

The great danger we face from Russian submarines is an attack on our country, particularly our coastal cities, by Russian submarines that carry missiles," he said.

Lake Boaters Get Warning

Boaters on Upper Klamath Lake this weekend are urged to use extreme caution to avoid reefs which have been almost exposed because of the low water level of the lake, according to Tom O'Harra, publicity director of Klamath Yacht Club.

Ray Byrnes, commodore of the club, damaged his boat fairly extensively when he hit rocks below the surface earlier this week. A sailboat, also grazed a reef near the center of the lake.

"There are three known reefs within two and one-half feet of the surface near the club dock," O'Harra said. "This reef barrier will be outlined by anchored white barrels before Saturday afternoon," he added, "to define the dangerous area to all boaters on the lake."

Cliff Evans, Byrnes and O'Harra are making a complete survey of the lower end of the lake so that all areas of danger may be marked so that boats can avoid the jagged rocks.

The club is sponsoring a sailboat race on Sunday which is open to all out of town guests and members of the local yacht club. It will be directed by L. Orth Sisemore and will start at 2:30 p.m., wind permitting.

Progress of the races will be visible from both sides of the lake and the Moore Park hill, O'Harra said. There have been three entries received from Medford boaters and it is anticipated that some nine sailboats will participate.

Dinner is available at the clubhouse upon reservation for members and guests starting at 6:30 p.m.

Fiscal Year Ends In Black

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Controller Alan Cranston has announced that California ended the fiscal year \$13,773,358 in the black. Cranston Wednesday attributed the "healthy glow" of the state's general fund to stringent government, economies and the transfers of the last of reserve funds.

In addition, what could have been a deficit was offset by the Legislature's action in advancing insurance company taxes from November to June in order to gain \$55,167,732.

Total general fund revenues for the 1958-59 fiscal year ending June 30 were \$1,211,682,245, Cranston reported. This was an increase of \$104,487,465 or 9.44 percent over 1957-58.

Total expenditures were \$1,273,341,633, an increase of \$8,824,139 or 0.84 percent over the previous fiscal year.

Damage Estimate Unknown; Over 2,600 Acres Burned

A control line around the big fire in the Hildebrand area was completed about 6 a.m. today, according to George Wardell, district warden for Klamath Forest Protective Association.

The fire, which broke out along the OC&E lines on Tuesday afternoon, has burned over 2,600 acres. It was controlled at the north boundary just before it went over the ridge into a heavy stand of Klamath Indian Reservation timber.

"It looks better this morning than at any time since the first night," Wardell said this morning. "We were able to get most of it contained last night but one extremely rough, rocky stretch gave us trouble until after daylight today."

The fire was first controlled at 12:02 a.m. on Wednesday after fire crews worked for some nine hours. At that time, it had covered approximately 1,000 acres. A wind shift at 1 p.m. on Wednesday caused the fire to break across the line in several places. By Thursday morning, when it was under control again, it had covered an additional 1,000 acres of rangeland, sage brush and reproduction timber. The fire had destroyed an unoccupied building on the Perry Langer ranch, as well.

"We knew it was going to be nip and tuck to keep it controlled yesterday," Wardell commented, "because our line was pretty thin in spots."

At 3:40 p.m., KPFA was making a fire check by plane and spotted three new blazes north of the boundary of the original fire. They were seen just after a Great Northern engine pulling log cars had passed over the cleared area.

"Within 10 minutes those three fires had merged and had joined the original fire and had covered more than 100 acres," Wardell said. Before the fire line could be completed, 600 acres of burned land had been added to the original 2,000 acres.

Borate dumped from the air on

Fire Sears Wheat Ranch

By BETTY DOW

MONTAGUE — One hundred acres of the best wheat on the Earl Flock ranch in Little Shasta Valley near Steamboat Mountain, five miles east of Montague, were destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. The wheat had been planted and was being harvested by Norman Flock on his father's ranch. More than 400 acres of crop were endangered by the fire.

Fire fighters said the conflagration was started by a spark from the harvester which Norman Flock was operating. It broke out at 3:10 p.m. and was brought under control at 6:15 p.m.

The Montague Fire Department responded first to the call and immediately summoned aid from the California State Department of Forestry. Bill Ensby, fire dispatcher with the forestry department at Yreka, sent a bulldozer, four trucks, two pickup trucks, a jeep and two cars loaded with men to the scene of the fire.

Bud Long, a neighbor, immediately moved his bulldozer into action on the fire line and there were in the neighborhood of 100 men fighting the fire.

The two forest service borate planes, piloted by Leo Purinton and Bill Frost, made some eight trips over the fire and dumped about 2,400 gallons of borate on the blaze.

The forest service planes went on to Klamath County to assist with the big Hildebrand fire as soon as their services ended at the Flock ranch fire.

"We didn't know we had so many friends," Mrs. Flock declared last night as they enumerated the great number of persons who had turned out at once to render assistance.

VERONA, N.J. (AP) — Miss Kate Dingley says she's lived a very happy life.

"I smoked and drank but never to excess," she said Thursday. And frankly, she hadn't the vaguest idea of how she ever got to be 100 years old. "I didn't want to," she confided.

She was impressed with a birthday card she got. It was signed by Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"I've never had so much attention from men in all my life," she said.



FIDEL CASTRO

Fidel Castro Quits Cuba As Minister

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro is quitting as prime minister, apparently to rally public support for his troubled regime. Cuban workers at once began strikes and parades to show they are behind the bearded revolutionary.

Castro arrived at the Presidential Palace at midmorning, apparently to present his resignation to President Manuel Urrutia. Radio stations said Castro will speak to the people tonight to explain his decision.

Groups of workers marched to the plaza of the Presidential Palace, shouting support for Castro and his revolution.

It was generally agreed in Havana that Castro still is the No. 1 man in Cuba and that his absence from office will be brief.

Reports circulated in business circles that differences had arisen between Castro and President Urrutia, installed by Castro.

Many were saying Urrutia will step out of the presidency and that Castro himself would take over the job. This was denied, however, in official circles.

Castro's decision to resign was announced today in Revolution, newspaper of his 26th of July movement and confirmed by Raul Castro, his brother and heir-apparent.

Associates said Castro had been upset by recent developments, including the resignation and flight of his air force commander, Maj. Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. Later Diaz told U.S. senators that Castro and others high in his government are Communists — a charge the Castro forces vigorously deny.

Castro also has been disturbed about evidence of opposition to him within Cuba. But close associates say these activities have been annoying rather than serious.

Castro took over as prime minister Feb. 17.

pounds of borate has been dumped on the big fire. Cal Butler of Lakeview has made regular trips since Tuesday afternoon.

Speaking of Butler, Wardell said: "He must have needed a flashlight to get back to Lakeview on his last trip last night. It was that dark."

In addition, borate planes have come from Medford and Yreka to fight the fire.

Ninety-nine men and nine bulldozers worked on the fire line yesterday. The crew of at least 68 men had 11 bulldozers, Wardell said.

There is no estimate of the amount of damage caused by a fire of this magnitude, according to fire fighting authorities. Logging company crews, state forestry crews and volunteers from all over the area have assisted the KPFA-trained crews. Wages for the men and use of the ground and air equipment have undoubtedly passed the \$100,000 mark by this morning, in addition to property loss in the fire. No official will hazard a guess as to the approximate cost, however.

Crews are still on the job today and will be until all danger of a breakthrough is past.

"We can certainly thank the people of the Klamath Basin for using diligence and caution where matches, cigarettes and fires are concerned," Wardell said today. "Human carelessness at this time could result in the worst fires in the history of the country. Fire danger during this hot, dry weather remains extremely high."

Yreka Dry; Peril Noted

YREKA — Grave danger of a real water shortage for Yreka was brought before the city council at its meeting Wednesday night. Use of water for lawns has been restricted on alternate days to the hours of 6 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. Heavy concentration of watering during those hours has made the plan unworkable.

City Councilman Harry Friedman told the meeting he thinks the water department should set up a workable plan to regulate the use of water. He said he believes if people are informed of the water shortage they will voluntarily curtail use of water.

Dick Stretz and D. E. Jobe, residents from Overland Road, a section just beyond the city limits of Yreka, appeared before the council to plead for help in obtaining water for their district. Domestic wells in that area are dry. The council could only suggest ways for them to help themselves. It is impossible for the city to pipe water to Overland Road.

SHOT TWO 'BIRDIES'

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — Harris Dawson reported he shot two 'birdies' on the country club course. One was a regular under-par hole; the other was a 'bee, dropped by a drive off the tee.



THERE ONCE WAS A MAN who built a boat in his basement and then had to tear down his house to get the boat out. This may not be the same man, but A. C. James Veris of Kingsley Field had much the same problem. He spent last weekend building a trailer in the base woodworking hobby shop only to find out when he was finished that it was too big to go through the door. Since the Air Force frons on tearing down their buildings, it looks like Airman Veris will have to figure out some other way of getting it outside.

— Photo by A. C. Charles Homesley



WONDERFUL NEWS FOR KIDS is the completion of this new platform which now enables youngsters to climb up into the cab of the former Southern Pacific steam locomotive which is now an exhibit on the lawn of Veterans Memorial Park. The platforms and steps were erected by Norman Jones. The lumber for the platforms was donated to the city by Alfred Collier of Swan Lake Moulding Company. The locomotive was recently given a new paint job and the fence around it torn down to make the exhibit more readily available for tourists and townspeople alike.