Police Break Robbery Ring

SALEM (AP) — Police today said they had broken up a burglary ring that netted the thieves near \$10,000 in cash and merchandise from mid-Willamette valley businesses.

The police have arrested 11 persons. Police said much of the loot, including several thousand dollars worth of eigarettes was disposed of in Portland. Four persons have been arrested there.

For many Salem area police officers, it has meant a series of sleepless nights in the past two

It started with the arrest of four west Salem residents two weeks ago on a traffic violation. One of them was Richard Lee Arnold, 25. He was held on the traffic charge. Of others in the car, Vernon Sidney Price, 21, and his wife, Dalee Sharone Price, were charged with violation of their parole and Donna Dee Myers, was charged with vagrancy.

Police said that led to the finding of some burglary loot in their home.

Next implicated were Beuford Amburgey, 24, Salem, and Ernest Eldon Vahl, 17, Salem. Further questioning led state and Portland Police to a home in southeast Portland.

Arrested there were Joseph De Orio, 22, also known as Joseph Haas; Dennis B. Handa, 21, Fred L. Hart, 23, and Nancy Carol Sweitzer, 20, all of Portland.

Next arrested was Tony De Orio, Salem, the father of Joseph De Orio. Arnold, Amburgey and Price

Arnold, Amburgey and Price were charged with burglary, the others with receiving and concealing stolen property.

The burglaries were at Gervais, Hubbard, Salem, Turner and at other points in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

Book Burning In California

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Harlan Hagen, D-Calif., said to-day there was a possibility the U.S. Information Agency might step in to save thousands of text-books from being burned in California.

A public outcry was raised recently in California when it was learned outdated but unused textbooks were being burned.

Hagen said he had asked the USIA to accept about 800,000 of the books for distribution abroad.

"USIA officials advised me that they are favorably impressed with the utility for use abroad of the samples which California state officials forwarded to Washington," Hagen said.

The Hanford Democrat said one problem still to be solved was the estimated \$100,000 cost of packing and shipping the books.

"It has been frequently alleged that one of the defects of our foreign policy operation has been the failure to make available suitable literature about America to people of the uncommitted countries." Hagen said. "I think this charge is justified and that these school books would help remedy that defect."

Firefighting Costs High

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Forest Service has asked for a \$31.5 million supplemental appropriation to pay for unexpectedly high firefighting costs in 1980.

A report issued today by the House subcommittee on deficiencies included testimony by Forest Service officials indicating that firefighting costs had far exceeded the \$5 million appropriated for the purpose.

The Forest Service, in a report prepared for the subcommittee, said 1960 was the "third bad fire year in a row and one of the alltime bad fire years in the national forests."

Arthur W. Greeley, assistant chief of the service, told the sub-committee that by the end of December about \$33.8 million had been spent for firefighting, although only \$5 million was budgeted for the emergency fund.

Charles L. Grant, director of finance for the Department of Agriculture, told subcommittee members the Forest Service had authority to use funds appropriated for other purposes for firefighting when the emergency fund was exhausted.

The supplemental appropriation was needed, he said, to reimburse funds from which expenditures were made for firefighting.

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