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Berlin Refugee Relates Escape In Armored Car

BERLIN (UPI)—A young refugee wounded in an escape to West Berlin in a Communist armored car said today his successful flight was a miracle.

Wolfgang Engels, 19, a mechanic, told police in a hospital bedside interview that only a lucky chance gave him an opportunity to get away from the Communist oppression he hated.

Exhausted but happy, the youth told his story as he recovered from a successful emergency operation that removed an East German tommygun bullet from his chest.

Doctors said he was out of danger and his condition was satisfactory.

Engels said he stole a Soviet-made armored personnel carrier from an East German repair shop he worked in and drove it 10 miles from the East Berlin district of Karlshorst to the American sector border.

"It was a miracle that I was

Fire Season Bill Signed

Governor Mark Hatfield on April 16 signed House Bill 1112, which changes the beginning date of the closed fire season.

The old law established April 1 as the start of the closed season. The new law provides that the season will not be closed until proclaimed by the Governor, based on the local fire weather conditions in each district. This might be earlier than April 1 or later, depending on the danger.

Signing of the bill automatically rescinded the closure which had gone into effect April 1. Burning permits are not now required, and will not be until the Governor proclaims the season closed again. This will be done on the recommendation of the Klamath Forest Protective Association, the Winema National Forest, and the Fremont National Forest.

Further information about the new law can be obtained from the offices of KFPA and the Winema National Forest.

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Hatfield Urges Legislature To Create Natural Resource Department

SALEM (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield issued a special statement Thursday urging the 1963 legislature to culminate 23 years of planning by creating a state department of natural resources.

The governor's message came shortly after House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, charged that a bill to create such a department has been sent to the Ways and Means Committee to kill it.

The bill won 6-2 approval of the House Natural Resources Committee last week after extensive hearings and much redrafting. It would group natural resource agencies in six main divisions, inside a department headed by an appointee of the governor.

There would be an overall natural resources board, with strict qualifications for its members. There also could be advisory committees for the divisions: Fish and

game, agriculture, forestry, water resources, mineral resources, and small boats and harbors.

Fiscal Implications
House Speaker Clarence Barton sent the bill on to Ways and Means for a study of its fiscal implications. Montgomery accused Barton of planning to let it die there.

Legislators have received much pressure against the bill from groups that would be involved in the reorganization.

Hatfield noted Gov. Charles Martin was elected in 1935 on a plank including a department of natural resources. He said since then such a department was recommended by George S. Little Hoover Commission in 1949, by Govs. Douglas McKay, Robert Holmes and Charles Sprague, by a special committee on reorganization in 1961, and by several interim committees.

Hatfield said the House committee this session has studied the bill with thoroughness that "deserves commendation."

The new department, if approved, would have some 1,500 employees and a \$35 million budget.

Has Safeguards

Hatfield said the bill retains numerous safeguards and legislative controls, while at the same time offering a "unified approach to resource management" that would provide clear lines of responsibility, greater efficiency, and more resource management values.

He said it would eliminate many controversies now surrounding areas of resource management in Oregon.

Cars Burned By Backfire

Backfires were blamed for setting two cars afire in as many unrelated incidents Wednesday, the Klamath Falls Fire Department has reported.

At 2:41 p.m., firemen were summoned to the 500 block on Main Street where an automobile belonging to Norman Jackson, Chiloquin, had caught fire. Minor damage was to the paint on the hood of the car, firemen said.

At 10:27 p.m., firemen went to South Fifth Street and Klamath Avenue and extinguished another fire in an automobile. Small damage was reported to the vehicle registered to Roger Ballard.

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