

FIRES

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California reports - ~~that~~ the worst brush fire in California history. ^{This,} in the Santa Barbara area - where the flames have swept over ~~sixty five~~ ^{some} to seventy thousand acres in four days. Two hundred people driven from their homes. Any number of mountain cabins - destroyed. Seven expensive beach homes ~~nearby~~ west of Santa Barbara - burned.

This record breaking brush fire caps the climax of a blazing series, far and wide, in California. Thickets flaming, forests on fire - including ^{extremely valuable} groves of giant redwoods. All of which follows that long, intense heat wave.

Yesterday, the fire fighters were optimistic. But the hopeful mood under-went a change - when there was a bad shift of the wind.

A gale of thirty miles an hour - sweeping the flames on with redoubled fury.

One weird aspect - rattlesnakes. Thousands of rattlers, fleeing the flames, are an addition to the dangers.

Fire fighters threatened with rattlesnake bites. The authorities have ordered three thousand snake bite kits. Protection against venom - if needed.

EISENHOWER

The Republican State Chairmen in Washington concluded their session today - with a telegram to President Eisenhower, at Denver. The contents of the telegram were not surprising; - needling the President on the subject of a
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second term.

The G O P Chairmen didn't make a direct appeal. - They were more subtle than that. It was indirect, but clear enough.

They wired praises of the Eisenhower administration, the ~~xx~~ telegram concluding as follows: "We are looking forward to supporting you again in Nineteen-Fifty-six. We like Ike better than ever!" *That was the way it read.*

Now The State Chairmen are going to Denver, where they'll have breakfast at the summer White House. Some ~~xxx~~ hope was expressed that President Eisenhower might reveal his intentions for Nineteen Fifty ^{*those Denver*} six over ^{*^*} ham and eggs, ~~and coffee. But~~
~~that will not happen~~ ^{*But*} according to White House aides, *not at all.*

At their closing session in Washington, today, the G O P leaders were presented with some hard facts by

political expert Hal Short of Portland, Oregon, Who told them - the only way the Republicans can win the election is to pick up Democratic and Independent votes. ^{That} The G O P can't win - with just Republicans.

He cited figures from polls, showing - that in Nineteen Fifty ~~T~~wo fifty percent of the voters declared themselves Democrats; Thirty-four percent declared themselves Republicans; The remaining sixteen percent - independent voters. The arithmetic showing - that Republican hopes depend on attracting independent and Democrats.

MOROCCO

The French government wants written assurances - from the exiled former Sultan of Morocco. As we heard last night, Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef says he's willing to recommend the French offer of self ~~gaga~~ government. Willing to call on the people of his former Kingdom to accept the compromise, and end the violence. All this, oncondition - that he be given permission to leave Madagascar, ~~The~~ place of his exile. He wants to live in France.

In response to this, the French have made a further requirement. We hear that, in Madagascar, French envoys have asked Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef for a written pledge - that, if he goes to France to live there, he won't seek the restoration of his throne. ^{that} He won't play Morroccan ~~pit~~ politics - trying to become a Sultan again.

At the Moscow conference between West German Chancellor Adenauer and the Soviet leaders - the differences boil down to this! ~

Today, (Premier Bulganin presented a statement, suggesting that normal diplomatic and commercial relations be established, before attempting any solution of the problem of German reunification. Adenauer's view - the opposite. He told Bulganin he thought the reunification question should be taken up first. He also called for the restoration of *all* German prisoners of war - still held in Russia.)

In the negotiating session today, Adenauer told Bulganin he was not laying down conditions, *But* - that he thought normal relations could best be established by removing the factors which caused them to be abnormal.

HISTORIAN

In Rome an international "Congress of historical
Science" ^{is in session and has} ~~which has~~ been hearing - some wonderful history.

Fiction is factual, compared with all the phony myths handed
~~out~~ out. In other words, Soviet historians have been

treating the international Congress to their version of history,
and what a version!

Professor William Langer of Harvard, who is attending
the meeting in Rome, tells us - it began with a tirade against
American "reactionaries." Then - "went on to show England
and France in a completely unhistorical and ignoble light," ^{so}
says the Harvard Professor. ^{adding: -} "And ended abruptly with the
British-German agreement at Munich." That ^{is -} ~~is~~, the Soviet
version of history did not continue on to the Hitler-Stalin
Pact.

Professor Langer calls it - "complete poppycock!"
He told the Russians that to their faces. He says - the
Soviet historians only laughed.

INDONESIA

The Foreign Minister of Indonesia states that his government will not give up its neutrality policy - to get foreign aid. Indonesia - belonging to the "neutralized" bloc of southern Asia. However, Indonesia would like to get some ~~fori~~ foreign aid from the United States.

So says the new Prime Minister of the government at Djakarta.

In citing this bit of news, I suppose I ought to give the names of the Foreign Minister and the Prime Minister. And I'll try- although the names in Indonesia are some of the toughest jawbreakers that come in the news.

The foreign minister is Anak Agrudggde. The Prime Minister is Burhanuddin Harahap.

KOREA

The American Chamber of Commerce in Korea demands the immediate suspension of U.S. aid to Korea. Unless - the tax dispute is properly settled.

This is the affair we heard about a few nights ago. The claim being - that Americans are being detained by the South Korean government, until their business firms pay exorbitant, unreasonable taxation. Held as hostages.

The American Chamber of Commerce now states that between sixty and seventy business men are being held - American, West German, French, British. All - hostages. They claim - that new taxation slapped on them by South Korea comes to "confiscation."

BONUS

Here are two words we haven't heard in a long time - soldiers' bonus. Well, that old slogan rings out in New Jersey. Soldiers' bonus - for veterans of the Korean war.

This demand was voted by four thousand members of the New Jersey Department of the American Legion. They want the State Legislature to pass a bill, granting a maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars to veterans who served in the United States; ^{and} Five hundred for those who served overseas.

That's the first proposal I've heard for a Korean war bonus.

RESCUE

Twenty eight rescued - from the Danish vessel, icebound off Greenland. U S Air Force helicopters did the trick - ~~one~~ one trip after another. Taking sailors off - a few at a time.

Seven remain aboard the vessel - which is locked fast in the ice, and has lost both of its propellers. The skipper, Captain Knud Nakken and four of his officers, are sticking to the ship - that good old sense of duty. The other two aboard are Danish trappers - ~~that good old~~ *— staying because of their* sense of adventure, *maybe,* ~~suppose.~~

The skipper *still* hopes his ship will get free of the ice. Another Danish vessel, built especially for icebreaking, is trying to crash through to break a channel - and take the derelict in tow.

But the prospects are doubtful. The water off northern Greenland is freezing fast - and within a few weeks, all ~~maxia~~ navigation will be impossible.

ARMY

In Michigan, the Army dreamed up an enticing way - to tempt volunteers into the active reserve. The military authorities sent a beguiling appeal to sixty-two thousand inactive reservists - telling them what they were missing. Money - cash. Members of the active reserve - are paid. So that's what they were passing up.

To illustrate the point, the Army sent samples of the checks they would have received, if they had volunteered. Checks - marked "cancelled." And an accompanying letter - explaining the significance of the dummy checks.

Did it work? Wonderfully, marvelously - only too well. A number of the recipients - tried to cash the checks. And - four succeeded. Pocketing the cash.

Well, the checks ranged from two-hundred-and-fifty-four dollars to seven-hundred-and-twenty dollars, and you can see the temptation. The wonderful part being -how anybody would ever ^cash ^{man} ~~the~~ sample ~~checks~~ checks. But it happened.

The military authorities will continue trying to
get active reservists. But - no ~~checks~~^{more} checks.

BOMBER

There's new hope - in the case of a B-29 bomber missing in the Pacific Ocean, off Okinawa. Today, tell-tale signs were spotted by search planes. An oil slick on the sea, an empty life raft - and ~~the~~ other ^{be} debris from an airplane. The search is concentrated in that area - looking for survivors.

JET TRANSPORT

^{new}
The ~~big~~ jet air-transport built by Boeing, is to be
~~be~~ tested by a team of three Pan American pilots. They'll fly
the huge five-hundred ~~an~~ and-fifty-mile-an-hour-airliner,
and give a report on its performance.

Pan American has reached no decision on the purchase
of jet airliners ^{safely} and will use the data, from the tests,
in making up its mind.

PRISON RIOT

A prison riot at Lincoln, Nebraska ^{- with 9} ~~- has a~~

paradoxical turn. Convicts in a mutiny-setting fire to prison buildings. Protesting - the dismissal of the prison superintendent. Which would make you think - that superintendent George Morris favored a soft policy toward convicts. But it's just the reverse.

Morris was fired from his job yesterday, because he advocated a "get tough" policy for prison rioters. He taunted prison authorities for refusing to fire some mutineers "because it might hurt somebody."

You'd think the prisoners would be glad to get rid of Morris. But one convict puts it this way: "What we want is a square deal. The firing of Morris was a raw deal."

The trouble, today, grew so violent that guards had to use their guns. One rioter - shot. The mutiny still on - at last reports.

CONVICT

In the Oklahoma State prison, a convict - pretended to be deaf and dumb. ~~He~~ Did so for eighteen years. ~~He~~ Never spoke a word; and, acted as if he couldn't ~~hear~~ hear a thing.

The prison authorities figured he ~~was~~ was pretending and, I suppose, thought it didn't matter so much. So the years went by ^{- with} the deaf and dumb deception carried on.

Today, however, he spoke - voluble with many words. His hearing - acute. So what produced the change? Well, they told him - he'd never be paroled as long as he kept up the ~~deaf~~ deception.

The deaf ears heard that, and the ~~dumb~~ dumb tongue began to talk. He explained - he had practiced the deception as a protest against conditions ~~of~~ of life in prison. Maybe he figured he'd get better treatment - suffering from the affliction.

GIRLS

At Elkhart, Indiana, the police broke up a gang-fight. Teenage battlers were going at it with a ferocious vigor, when the cops mooved in - and made arrests. ~~Marx~~ Narrowly averting - murder and mayhem.

You say - well, that's another black mark against rowdy boys? They weren't boys at all. They were teenage girls- lined up for the gang fight.

Last week, at a drive-in restaurant, a couple of lassies got into an argument; which developed into a feud-involving two neighborhoods. So the fight was arranged between two gangs of girls - ranging from fifteen to nineteen. They were all set to have it out - at that same drive-in restaurant.

Two of the girls are married - mothers of small children. Hugh, baby-sitters had been gotten - so Mamma could go off to battle!