

Boy Scouts Buy Fourth Camp Site

Area to Include 1,928 Acres in Mendocino County

The Oakland Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has approved purchase of its fourth large camping area.

Council president Robert J. Matheson of Hayward, said the new camp will include 1,928 acres known as the Fomo Ranch five and a half miles east of Willits in central Mendocino County, and is expected to cost some \$70,000, he said.

Legal formalities are expected to be completed in about three months, and the camp then will be ready for immediate use, he reported.

OTHER CAMPS

It will supplement camps already operated by the council known as Camp Diamond-O, near Yosemite; Rancho Los Mochos, in the Livermore hills, and Camp Loomer, near Pollock Pines.

And it will be for the use of some 12,000 scouts supervised by the council, which serves all of Alameda County except Alameda, Berkeley, Piedmont and Albany.

Matheson said today the council had been searching for nearly two years for a suitable piece of property at a price the council believes it can afford, and that he and other council members considered it the most desirable it had found.

The site has been fully investigated by the Engineering Service of the National Council, he said, and full approval given for ultimate development of three camps serving 200 boys each on the site.

50-ACRE LAKE

The engineering studies indicate that a 50-acre lake will be feasible in the future, he said, and there will be adequate supplies of water from the beginning.

Springs on the property can serve much of the site in the immediate future by gravity flow.

Power and telephone lines are already in the area, allowing immediate use, he added.

The altitude ranges between 2,000 and 2,800 feet, and timber includes fir, pine, oak and other varieties of native trees.

The council first plans to make a complete topographic map preliminary to long-range development, which will require several years, he added.

Smith's Condition Good After Surgery

NEW YORK, July 15—Paul C. Smith, former general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle, remained in "excellent" condition today after an operation at the Neurological Institute of New York.

Reds Use 'Fascist' Tall Tale To Mask Own Plot in Cuba

By LYLE WILSON

WASHINGTON, July 15—The zig-zag communist party line has taken a preposterous zig or zag. Persons under communist party discipline were instructed as of this week to believe and to convince others of this:

That the U.S. State Department is plotting with Dominican Dictator Rafael Trujillo to launch a fascist invasion of Fidel Castro's troubled Cuba. The Worker, weekly publication of the U.S. communist party, stated this addition to the party line in the lead story of its latest edition.

The Worker story began like this:

"A cut-throat brigade of fascists from various lands—Nazi mercenaries from Germany, Blue Legion Spaniards—are training in Dictator Trujillo's Santo Domingo to mount a concealed State Department invasion of Cuba.

DANGER IMMINENT

"This assembly of killers is being trained for use against all progressive, liberation movements of Latin America. The danger is imminent. Cuban patriots consistently have warned against the peril."

Card-carrying party members, all of whom are under

rigid discipline, now will peddle this nonsense in all directions. The communists hope to capitalize on the doubts and suspicions of American citizens with respect to Trujillo and his 30-year dictatorship.

The long-range communist objective is to create among American citizens a state of mind which will accept future events in Cuba even though—as seems likely—communists may take over the island government. A take-over would pose for the United States hard problems, dangerous and difficult decisions.

LONG-RANGE PLAN

This nonsense about State Department collaboration with Trujillo in an anti-Castro plot looks like the beginning of a long-range propaganda campaign. The comrades foresee and earnestly hope that communist infiltration of Castro's revolutionary movement will lead, finally, to communist control of the Cuban government. That would create for the United States a dangerous and challenging situation. A communist Cuba would be a pistol aimed at the head and heart of freedom in all of the Americas.

It is reasonable to believe that the United States could

not long abide such a situation. Just about the last strategy, however, would be for the United States to team with Trujillo in violence against any Cuban government. That could not be. More likely, would be an appeal to the organization of American states.

RED STRATEGY

The communist strategy, however, will be to allege U.S. collaboration with Trujillo, regardless of what action, if any, the United States might be compelled to take with respect to Cuba. The new party line is propaganda designed to implant in soft American heads the image of a sinister plot by the forces of evil against the Cuban people.

Communist propaganda has had uncommonly good luck in planting screwy ideas in soft American heads. The softies easily will absorb the idea that any effort to keep Cuba clean of communist government is, in fact, merely part of a fascist plot to deprive free men everywhere of their freedom.

Adm. Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, was on record this week that "The danger is great" that communists will take over in Cuba.

Fruitvale Area Parking Studied

Oakland attorney Frank Richards last night outlined for members of the Fruitvale Merchants Association steps the association would have to take to form a parking district.

Fifty-four merchants attended the meeting in The Cottage.

Irving Malnick Jr., association president, said the group is studying the possibility of forming such a district because of the lack of public parking facilities in the area.

Richards, who represented the Lakeshore Merchants Association in forming its parking district, said there must be at least a 50 per cent sign-up of merchants and property owners for the plan. He noted there was a better than 70 per cent sign-up for the Lakeshore district.

ENGINEER TO CHECK

Following the sign-up, Richards said, the city engineer would be called in and a check of the area made to see if the program would be feasible.

Property owners would be assessed on the basis of their proximity to the off-street parking lots, the attorney explained. The closer to the lot, the higher the assessment would be.

A public hearing on the proposed district would be held

by the city after the petition is prepared and filed.

Properties would have to be selected for the parking areas, Richards continued. There could be opposition from the owners and condemnation proceedings might have to be instituted.

Richards recommended a small committee be formed to handle the proceedings, if it should be decided to form a district.

MEET IN 2 WEEKS

Malnick said the association will meet with Richards again in about two weeks to consider further details.

Another speaker, A. R. Beritzhoff, manager of the highway, transit and parking department of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, told the association a 10-cent hourly parking meter charge is "inevitable."

He pointed out three months after the 10-cent meters are installed, half of each dime would go to the various districts for off-street parking. Beritzhoff said a total of \$7,000,000 has been collected by the city since parking meters were instituted, none of which has gone for off-street parking. The money is now used for traffic control, he said.

BULL THROWS HORSE

Picador Jose Montes Villalba falls to the ground as his horse is upended by the sharp horns of a bull in a Maorid ring. He missed with thrust of lance which can be seen skimming across the bull's neck. Villalba suffered a broken right elbow and horse was badly gored despite quilted armor.



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ON TAKEOFF

Polaris Test Missile Blown Up

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., July 15—A Navy Polaris test rocket exploded in the air moments after it was launched today.

The 28-foot tall rocket, fore-runner of the Navy's submarine-launched ballistic missile, leaped from the launching pad at 12:59 p.m.

The rocket, streaming a white band of smoke, rose smoothly at first, then veered sharply making almost a complete arc, and then blew up. Three flaming fragments plummeted into the sea.

MALFUNCTIONS

The Department of Defense said the rocket developed "a malfunction and was destroyed by the range safety officer."

The cause of the malfunction was not immediately available. The primary objective of today's shoot was to check missile component systems, general missile performance, and trajectory during flight.

The intermediate range rocket was supposed to have traveled about 700 miles, it was reported.

It was blown up about 80 seconds after blast-off.

Sources said if the test had been successful the rocket probably would have been out of sight by then.

11TH IN SERIES

Today's Polaris was fired from its regular launching pad, the 11th in a current test series.

Within the next few weeks the Polaris was slated to enter a new phase of testing. Then trial rockets will be launched from a new hydraulic "rocking-horse" installation set up at the Cape and designed to simulate shipboard movement.

The Navy planned to have the Polaris ready for operational use by 1960, with a range of 1,200 nautical miles.

Further testing was expected to extend the range to 1,500 miles.

Berkeley Bookie Gets Three Months

A 78-year-old Berkeley man was sentenced to three months in the county jail yesterday by Superior Judge James R. Agee for bookmaking.

The sentence was imposed on Ellis West of 1722 Fifth St., Berkeley, a retired janitor who prior to the depression days of the 1930's did well as a real estate broker. West was arrested by Oakland police at Seventh and Wood Sts., after they observed he was taking bets in shops of the area. He pleaded guilty.

Swindler 'Pigeonholed'

Forrest Judkins, 59, a laborer of 511 Eighth St., was sentenced in the Alameda County Superior Court today to a 1-to-5-year term in State Prison for taking \$150 from a victim in the old "pigeon drop" swindle.

Sequoia Fire Rages; Coast Blaze Held

Fog Helps Control Mendocino Flames; 5,000 Acres Razed

A huge fire in Sequoia National Forest was still out of control today, but firefighters were beginning "mopping up" operations on a second forest fire in the Sonoma-Mendocino Counties area.

The Sonoma-Mendocino fire was brought under control yesterday afternoon after it had burned through 5,000 acres of redwood timber—an estimated 20,000,000 board feet.

A moist, dripping fog during the past two nights and light southerly breezes were credited with turning the tide for the firefighters.

TOWN THREATENED

Twice during the three-day blaze the tiny lumber town of Annapolis had been threatened by flames.

"Had it not been for a break in the weather, a considerable number of dwellings in Annapolis would undoubtedly have been lost," according to George Berdan, State Forestry official at the scene.

Mopping up operations in the rugged timber area were expected to take two weeks, Berdan said.

The cause of the fire was still undetermined.

Some 900 firefighters are still battling for control of the blaze in Sequoia National Forest, from which thousands of campers were evacuated Monday.

LIGHTNING STARTED

The fire, one of six started by lightning last Saturday, already has covered 5,300 acres in the Kern River canyon, 30 miles east of Porterville.

At least 1,000 acres of pine timber has been destroyed, according to forestry service dispatcher Don Porter—an estimated 1,500,000 board feet.

Winds last night were favorable for building new fire-breaks around the perimeter of the fire, he said.

There were no predictions as to when the fire would be controlled, he added.

Drunken Driver Given 30 Days

BERKELEY, July 15—Carson T. Steen, 29, a longshoreman of 1717 Carleton St. today was sentenced by Municipal Judge Floyd C. Talbot to 30 days in the county jail for drunk driving with an invalid operator's license.

Steen, who pleaded guilty to both charges, was arrested Sunday at Sacramento and Russell Streets by Patrolman J. F. Hill.

GOOD OR BAD?

Portrait of Knight on Public View

The taxpayers who paid for it can see the portrait of former Governor Goodwin J. Knight—the one he just hates—at the California Palace of Knight that it is an impression of honor.

It went on display in the garden court so that visitors may judge for themselves whether they agree with sionistic caricature or with Artur Cameron Booth's conception of the ex-governor.

AT STATE EXPENSE

The portrait was painted at state expense to hang with those of Knight's predecessors in the State Capitol. But after a look at the finished product at the San Francisco studio of noted Minnesota artist, Knight denied it was his likeness and objected strenuously because the eyes looked straight ahead rather than following the viewer.

State Finance Director Bert Levit said Booth will be paid his \$3,000 commission whether or not Knight ever agrees "it is him." He called it a "delightful and well-executed portrait."

It will be at the San Francisco museum for at least two weeks and then will be shown in Los Angeles.

KNIGHT'S THREAT

Knight previously said that if the painting is hung in the capitol he would "rip it from the wall."

Levit said that if Knight persists in this attitude a new photographic likeness will have to be painted.

The disposition of the present painting probably can be solved easily, Levit said.

But this, he noted, would be by his successor, since he leaves his state post August 1 to return to private law practice in San Francisco.

Hollywood Agent Jailed After Blaze

Hotel Fire Blamed On Smoking in Bed; 30 Guests Routed

SAN MATEO, July 15—A Hollywood actor's agent was arrested for starting a fire by smoking in bed and a police patrolman and a hotel janitor were credited with preventing what could have been a major blaze in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel early today.

Thirty guests fled the fire on the sixth floor of the eight-story hotel on Third Ave., one block from El Camino Real.

Fire Capt. Robert Greeley said only speedy action by Patrolman John Burr, 25, kept the flames from spreading into a major fire.

While hotel janitor Ernest Clay sounded the alarm and helped in the orderly evacuation of the hotel guests, Patrolman Burr wriggled his way down a corridor on his back, spraying the burning walls and ceiling with an extinguisher. The smoke was too dense and flames too hot for him to stand up.

Twenty firemen joined in the battle shortly afterward and the blaze was put out. Damage was estimated at \$2,000.

Captain Greeley said the fire started in the sixth-floor room of Art Roscoe, 38, an agent for the Screen Actors Guild in Hollywood. He said Roscoe had been smoking in bed, fell asleep and awoke to find the bed clothes on fire.

Meanwhile, Clay had smelled smoke and started to investigate with Patrolman Burr, who was making his rounds.

Roscoe was jailed for violating a city ordinance forbidding smoking in bed. The complaint was signed by the hotel owner, Erwin Best. Roscoe was held in lieu of \$250 bail.

New Commander To Head Shipyard

MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD, July 15—Rear Adm. Leroy V. Honsinger, USN, was scheduled to relieve Rear Adm. Martin J. Lawrence, USN, as commander of Mare Island Naval Shipyard at noon today.

Admiral Lawrence plans to leave Mare Island late today for leave, after which he will report to Washington, D.C., for duty as assistant chief of the Bureau of Ships.

Admiral Honsinger has been on duty in Washington as deputy chief of the same bureau.

A veteran of 32 years naval service, Admiral Honsinger has served as commanding officer at New York, Norfolk, Boston and Long Beach naval shipyards.

Traditional change of command ceremonies were scheduled in Alden Park, opposite the administration building at Mare Island.



Tribune photo by Harold A. ("Buck") Joseph

MANTLED IN FOAM—Only these engine parts of a Mott Field jet Tiger plane which crashed in Warm Springs yesterday are big enough to photograph. The pilot, Lt.

Comdr. Robert Begley, guided the jet clear of many homes at nearby Milpitas, imperiling his own life. He barely had time to parachute to safety.