



By Staff Photographer Elwell

Invading No-Man's-Land

Westbrook firemen soak smoldering stumps and brush Thursday afternoon after flames swept across five acres of woodland off the County Road

near Spring Street. A forest fire warden said it was the worst woods blaze in the Greater Portland area this season.

Huge Bog, Woods Fire Out Of Control

By ROBERT L. DODGE, Staff Reporter

Prefiremen worked feverishly Thursday night to bulldoze a fire line around flames that had swept over more than 600 acres in Centerville near Jonesboro, Washington, County.

More than 200 men and two water-bombing airplanes battled the blaze during the day, but at nightfall the fire still was out of control as it ate through bog, brush and slash.

The fire erupted as continually warm and sunny weather gave Central, Coastal and Southern Maine Class Four, extreme, forest fire hazardous conditions.

Shower made for a somewhat more favorable situation in Northern and Western Maine, even though they impeded only the top surface.

The largest woods fire of the season in Greater Portland was quelled after burning over about five acres off the County Road, near Spring Street in Westbrook. A control line was bulldozed around it Thursday night and firemen patrolled the area all night.

Firmen of several York County and New Hampshire border communities estimated a blaze that swept about five and one-half miles long Thursday—and noted that the drier operators would have their work cut out for them to complete the job before Friday morning. One factor in their favor is that soil conditions are such that bulldozers delivered through a line fairly rapidly.

A number of bulldozers on the job before nightfall had cleared out a "pretty good line" on the south side of the fire.

FORESTRY SERVICE WARDENS at the scene and officials of the firms that own the land, the St. Hestia Paper Co. and the Georgia-Pacific Corp. called a strategy meeting Thursday night to map out the fire's progress.

LBJ Goes To Capitol Hill Today To Sign Historic Vote Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson will go to Capitol Hill Friday to sign the landmark voting rights bill. He was assured Thursday the government would act almost immediately to enforce its guarantee for thousands of Southern Negroes.

Revising a presidential custom neglected since the Hoover administration, Johnson will sign the measure at about 12:30 p.m., EDT in the small, historic President's Room adjoining the Senate chamber.

Challenging the payment of poll taxes as a condition for voting in state or local elections in Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia.

The government also was prepared to suspend promptly the literacy and other voter qualification tests that have been used to discriminate against Southern Negroes and, if necessary, to name federal "examiners" to help register eligible Negroes.

Johnson was told of this in a report from Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach and John Macy, chairman of the Civil Service

LBJ Has No Plans To Argue Confidence Case With Ford

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House insisted Thursday that President Johnson's confidence in a top Republican in Congress violated his confidence.

And press secretary Bill Moyers said Johnson has no plans to see House GOP Leader Gerald R. Ford, the President's apparent target who asked Johnson by letter for a

personal meeting to "determine on what basis you were erroneously informed as to my views."

Moyers, asked to comment on Ford's letter, said he had nothing to add or subtract "from the accurate response the President gave" to a question put to him by a reporter.

Hearing Set Here Aug. 12 On Move To End Bus Runs

AUGUSTA (AP)—The Public Utilities Commission Friday ordered a hearing for Aug. 12 on the Portland Coach Co. application to cease all its bus operations.

PUC Chairman Frederick N. Allen said the hearing, scheduled for 10 a.m. at Portland City Hall, will be held to determine whether or not public convenience and necessity require the continuation of existing service.

The commission could deny the company's request, although it would be unlikely if the firm proved it was losing revenue.

An alternative, however, would be to work with the line in adjusting fares and schedules so operations could be continued with financial success.

That's what the commission did when Hudson Bus Lines, Inc. of Bangor requested permission to end all but its school bus services.

Dr. King Urges President To Dispatch Federal Examiners To Southern Areas

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. urged President Johnson on Thursday to send federal examiners into certain key areas of the South immediately after he signs the voting bill in order to speed registration.

"The President assured me they will look into this and asked me to talk with the attorney general before leaving Washington," King said.

The civil rights leader talked with reporters after what he called a "very fruitful and meaningful hour" of discussion with the President.

King predicted there will be an increase in demonstrations in the South to call attention to the problems of jobs, housing and schools.

South there will be an easing of demonstrations where there is civil compliance with the 1964 (civil rights) bill and the voting bill," he said.

King was winding up Thursday night a tour of four Northern communities. He arranged to lead a march through Washington streets to the White House as a token of gratitude for the President's support of home rule for the District of Columbia.

On the Northern city question, King said, "I see segregation on the increase in the North rather than on the decline; the rhetoric is being intensified more than it is being dispersed."

On the voting question, he said he told the President he feels if federal registrars were in some areas of the South "by the end of next week we could double the number of Negro registered voters in at least 40 counties in the next month."

King said his discussion with the President primarily concerned the White House conference on civil rights to be held this fall.

Johnson has an appointment

Council Refuses Wyman OK As Castine Trustee

AUGUSTA (AP)—Gov. Reed's nomination of former State Sen. J. Hollis Wyman, R-Milbridge, as a Maine Maritime Academy trustee was denied Thursday by the Democratic Executive Council.

A council spokesman said members of the council "were not convinced we thought we were better qualified."

But the board's political make-up appeared to be the issue.

The Republican governor's nominations for judges in the Ninth District Court were approved without controversy. They are Mark L. Barrett of Portland and Democrat Edward M. Devine of South Portland, a Republican.

The present academy board of trustees has only one Democrat, Theodore Truman of Biddeford, an academy graduate.

Barrett and Devine will preside over the new District Court in southern Cumberland County.

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Alfred Woman Recalls Horror Of Atom-Bombing, Ruin Of Hiroshima, Japan, 20 Years Ago Today

By CROSBY L. DAY, District Correspondent

ALFRED — "Suddenly there was a terrible noise... I looked up into the sky and saw a lot of smoke... at first I thought the city had exploded."

MRS. GUAY, the former Hiroko Oga, was luckier than most on that fateful morning. As a nurse she was in a hospital 15 miles from Hiroshima.

Mrs. Guay shows no bitterness as she recalls that awful hour of the mushroom cloud. She said it wasn't until sometime after the bomb was dropped that she learned what had happened.

SHE SAID a number of the survivors were treated at the hospital. Some "even so badly burned they couldn't even sit or lie down."

There were those whose skin fell off them like a loose shirt; others who jumped into the river to extinguish their burning flesh; and others who just simply lay down—died.

Mrs. Guay's family also was spared. She said they lived about 10 miles from Hiroshima center, but had moved shortly before the bomb was dropped.

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to her grandmother's, a good distance from the area. Her home was destroyed, she said.

Twenty years later Mrs. Guay still knows the meaning of losing a home. Last December the Guay home was destroyed by fire. They built a new one across the road from their old two-story dwelling and moved into it the day before Easter.



Mrs. Edmond Guay In Her Gift Shop

Prayer For Today

O Thou who create the way of life for all Thy children, help us to realize our responsibility for the lives that are in our hands, in a time of such great need.

John F. Shuckford, Weymouth, N. C., retired Methodist minister.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK
DORIS DAY
JACK LEMMON
 Star in the 1959 Comedy
"IT HAPPENED TO JANE"
 9:30 P.M.
 CHANNEL 13