

# Eisenhower Asks 65 1/2 Billion Dollars

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**SQUARE DANCE CALLER H. R. (Curley) Reynolds** is shown above testing his vocal chords for the biggest square dance in Oregon history to be held in Portland Jan. 22 and 23. He will be one of the callers in the gigantic affair at the Fred Meier warehouse on Swan Island on Saturday of the two-day session. Some 80 dancers from Roseburg are expected to participate in the Shrine Hospital benefit. Shown giving Reynolds some moral support is Marcel Johnson, one of the Roseburg dancers. (Paul Jenkins Picture).

### Atom Powered Sub Nautilus Christened At Ceremonies By Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower

GROTON, Conn. (AP) — The world's first atom powered vessel — the submarine Nautilus — was launched Thursday, opening a new era in sea power.

Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, wife of the President, swung a bottle of champagne across the bow to send the sleek craft sliding down the ways into the Thames River at 10:57 a.m. (EST).

A crowd of about 12,000 persons including a number of notables cheered as the Nautilus entered the water under a bright sunlit sky.

Speakers hailed the nuclear driven vessel as not only a powerful new sea weapon but as a harbinger of peaceful use of atomic engines.

As Mrs. Eisenhower moved forward on the gaily decorated launching platform to christen the vessel, a masculine voice called out: "Hit it hard."

She took a few practice swings and then hit the hull sharply. The bottle crashed and champagne splashed. The crowd roared and whistles blew.

The nation's first lady stood watching silently and bit her lower lip as the Nautilus slid into the river.

AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss said during the launching ceremonies the craft symbolized both the "atomic thunderbolts" of defense and of a peaceful boon of nuclear power.

And the Navy's top commander, Adm. Robert B. Carney, saw the historic occasion as an unfolding of "new vistas of American sea power."

Strauss praised the teamwork of industry and of the government agencies, AEC and the Navy, which he said made possible creation of this first atom sub.

He singled out, with the only mention of a specific name, Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, telling the admiral this was a job "well done" and noting this must be an occasion of "supreme gratification" for him.

**BICYCLE STOLEN**  
His son's bicycle was stolen Tuesday afternoon from in front of his residence, Bruce Elliott, 1314 Madrone St., complained to city police.

**State Highway Commission Will Let \$31 Million Worth Of Contracts During 1954**  
By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Highway Commission will award \$31 million dollars worth of contracts this year to improve 425 miles of roads, and then it will have to come down to earth again.

**The Weather**  
Mostly cloudy and warmer with a few showers tonight and Friday. Windy today and tonight.

### Defense Takes Over In Trial

#### Owens Claims His Wife Had Threatened Him

Defense attorneys for Bert Owens began presenting their case on his behalf Thursday morning, calling eight persons to the stand before 11 a.m.

Most of the testimony offered consisted of trying to establish whether Mrs. Betty Owens had threatened to kill her husband. The Riddle man has been charged with first degree murder in the shooting last Aug. 25 of his wife, Betty.

Testifying Thursday morning were Mrs. Flossie Boyd, half-sister of the defendant; Albert Blankenship and Vernon Chessman, neighbors; William Boyd, Owens' brother-in-law; Aaron Owens, son of the defendant by a previous marriage; Bruce Wynter, relief ambulance driver for Sam Mortuary; Myrtle Creek; Gatz Winship, an acquaintance of the defendant and the victim, and Leo Denton, an acquaintance of Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Winship testified Mrs. Owens had threatened to kill her husband. Winship said she also threatened to "drill" him one time.

A gun allegedly used by Betty Owens in firing three shots at her husband on Aug. 16 was introduced as evidence, as was a punctured tire and photographs of Owens' car. He reportedly was in the car when his wife fired three shots from a .22 pistol.

**3 BLM Tracts Sold At Auction**  
Three small parcels of Bureau of Land Management timber were sold at auction Wednesday in the BLM offices in Roseburg, according to James Watts, district forester.

**Friday Is Deadline To Buy Banquet Tickets**  
Friday is the deadline for the purchase of tickets to the Junior Chamber of Commerce's annual first citizen's banquet next Wednesday evening, according to Warren Woodruff, banquet chairman.

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Foreign Minister Sir Zafrullah Khan, who escaped unscathed, said on his return here some eyewitnesses put the total killed or injured at around 300.

The train was roaring through the desolate Sind desert from Lahore to Karachi when it crashed into the train of oil tank cars.

The first two passenger coaches were reported "completely burned," although the oil freight did not explode.

A number of foreigners, including Americans and Britons, were aboard the train.

Zafrullah Khan walked to the nearest road, where his own car picked him up and brought him to Karachi. He said some eyewitnesses estimated casualties at a top of 300, but that he personally would not put the toll at more than 100.

#### 28 U.S. Marines Drown In Upset

INCHON, Korea (AP) — Twenty-eight U.S. Marines were dead or missing Thursday after a troopship loaded with Chinese war prisoners collided with and capsized a small landing craft.

The toll was surpassed by that of only one other naval disaster in the Korean theater.

Maj. Gen. William S. Lawton, commanding general of the Korean communication zone, said 22 survivors — 3rd Division Marines and crewmen were rescued from the chill waters of Inchon Harbor minutes after the collision between a big Formosa-bound LST (landing ship, tank) and an LCM (landing craft, medium). They were not seriously hurt. The Marines were weighted down with heavy equipment.

Six bodies were recovered and 22 others were presumed dead when the search was called off at dusk. The small ship had carried 50 men, Lawton said.

The Marine helmsman of the LCM, Pfc. John D. Gates Jr., 22, of Pensacola, Fla., said he was approaching the LST to put a Marine guard aboard before the ship sailed for Formosa. The LST carried 1,000 Chinese POWs returned to U.N. custody by Indian custodian troops in the Korean neutral zone.

Gates, formerly a commercial fisherman, added: "The current was against my boat. It forced me against the LST. It was so strong it capsized my boat before I could move."

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