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RADIATION DETECTION STUDIED — Maintenance foremen and assistants, district maintenance superintendent and assistant division engineer for the Southwestern Oregon division of the state Highway Department Wednesday received orientation in use of equipment to detect radiation. It was one of several such sessions being held in all state Highway Department divisions under the direction of John F. Hagemann, the department's emergency planning engineer, right. The reason for the sessions is to train personnel on use of equipment in case of war-caused emergency or spilling of radio isotopes during transit along Oregon's highways. Hagemann described it as training to safeguard the public. (News-Review Photo)

Special Election Slated On School Construction

The Roseburg School Board Wednesday night voted to call for a special ballot issue May 1 requesting an okay from residents of District 4 to spend some \$125,000 for additional school construction.

The funds for this proposed construction are already in the District 4 treasury, and the desired additions would not require an additional tax levy.

The proposed additions are to Huerfano and Melrose Elementary Schools, the two places where the School Board and the administration have decided the greatest present need for additional facilities exists.

Surplus Exists
The money for the added construction would come from surplus from the present \$1,750,000 build-

Man Said Beaten By Hitchhiker
A Roseburg man was allegedly struck on the head by a hitchhiker and dumped along the side of the road as the unknown assailant fled with his car early this morning.

According to special report received from the Oregon State Police District Headquarters in Salem, K. C. Watson, Garden Valley Road, Roseburg, stated he had picked up the hitchhiker somewhere west of Boardman in Morrow County.

Watson was struck on the head with a bottle by the man, the report continued. The incident is said to have occurred about 3 a.m.

Further details regarding the incident were not immediately available.

Dillard School Budget Gets Nod; Increase Of Only \$2,504 Sought

The Dillard School Budget Committee has given its final nod of approval to the District 116 proposed budget for the coming school year. In this budget, the district is asking for an increase of only \$2,504.19.

Figuring the normal increase of property value within the district, plus new construction, the actual millage to individual property owners will probably show a decrease from the present 66-mill levy.

Supt. of Schools George Corwin said this morning the District 116 School Board had ordered an especially tight operating budget this year so the tax levy would not

School To Oppose Proposed Access

The Roseburg School Board Wednesday night voted to stand pat on its earlier decision to oppose state Highway Department plans for construction of an access road to the proposed SE Washington Ave. bridge to the Highway 99 freeway.

The School Board has objected to the plan because it takes away high school property, does not facilitate better bus facilities and because it feels it will not offer any real relief to the traffic problem in the area.

The Highway Department plan calls for constructing a street running from W. Military to W. Harvard Ave., starting between W. Military and W. Corey Sts. The Highway Department said last week it will not proceed with the plan until all groups involved agree to it.

Both the School Board and the city Planning Commission have voiced objection to the plan.

The board also voted Wednesday night to stand pat on another previous decision — not to add another water main to the existing mains at Joseph Lane Junior High School. Rural Fire Chief Cliff Thrasher has said there is not enough water pressure available now to stop a good-sized fire at the school. The board voted against the issue because they felt the insurance savings possible through addition of a \$17,000 main would not offset the cost of installation.

Shrine Visit Slated
The official divan visitation by officers of the Hillah Temple of the Shrine Club is scheduled in Roseburg Friday night.

The meeting for the officers who have jurisdiction of Southern Oregon in the Shrine Club organization will start at 7:30 with a social session. Dinner will start at 8, with a dance to follow. All activities will take place at the Roseburg Country Club.

Solon Asks Probe Of US Space Effort

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Victor Anzuso, D-N.Y., a member of the House Space Committee, today called for a congressional investigation of the nation's man-in-space program.

"I want to see this country mobilized to a wartime basis 'because we are at war,'" he said. "I want to see schedules cut in half. I want to see what NASA says it's going to do in 10 years done in five. I want to see some first coming out of NASA such as a landing on the moon which I know can be done if we go immediately into development of a solid fuel booster."

Russ Feat Discussed
Anzuso's statement was issued as the House Space Committee discussed the Soviet feat of sending a man around the world in 89 minutes as reported by Tass, the Soviet news agency.

The committee shifted its hearing to the largest meeting room in the House Office Building, and it was well attended with James Webb, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Deputy Director Dr. Hugh L. Dryden on hand for questioning.

Webb told the committee the U.S. space program is designed to meet the "sound, scientific objectives of this country, not to match what the Russians may do."

U. S. Not Behind
Webb agreed with Rep. James G. Fulton, R-Pa., that the United States "is not behind the Russians in over-all space achievements," although the Soviets have shown a sense of urgency and pulled off "spectacular" feats that the United States has not matched.

Dryden disputed a statement by Fulton that American intelligence knew ahead of time precisely when the Soviets would attempt their first manned orbital flight.

But Dryden recalled he had said earlier this year that the Soviets had the ability to lift a man into orbit at anytime, and could be expected to do it in the early part of this year.

FBI Bullet Fells Suspect

PORTLAND (AP)—An FBI agent fatally wounded last Wednesday night a man wanted for questioning about a Seattle area bank robbery, chief agent Joseph Thornton reported today.

Thornton identified him as Stockton Van Buren Darnelle, 33, hometown unknown. He was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

Thornton said that when agents knocked on the door of his motel room and identified themselves, he refused to admit them and one of them opened the door with a key. He said the man then drew a gun from his belt and pointed it at the first agent to come inside.

The agent, not identified, fired and Darnelle fell.

Thornton said Darnelle had been sought mainly in connection with the armed robbery of the Tukwila Bank near Seattle Oct. 18, 1960. He said Darnelle was free on bond for a burglary in Arkansas last December.

Agents traced him to the motel, where he was registered under the name Frank Turner.

Kennedy Asks Congress For More FPC Members

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy asked Congress today to enlarge the Federal Power Commission as a step to reducing its backlog of cases and clearing projects which would put more persons to work.

Exemptions Asked

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gas pipelines at a cost of \$850 million. This, he said, involved an immense potential for creating new jobs.

"It is not to be assumed that all these applications would be granted," Kennedy said, "but it can safely be assumed that more prompt handling of these matters would release hundreds of millions of dollars for construction, giving substantial employment throughout the country and making firm commitments out of orders for materials that are now merely contingent—orders that in turn would provide jobs for men and women in mills, factories and foundries."

Rate Increases Pending
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He noted that such increases are usually temporarily suspended but that under existing law they become effective automatically, subject to possible refunds, six months after the original filings unless the commission acts on the proposals one way or another.

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The American government, he added, will do everything it can to make sure no Americans get involved "in any actions inside Cuba."

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"It is between the Cubans themselves. I intend to see that we adhere to that principle."

Kennedy added that it was his understanding that the administration's attitude was understood and shared by anti-Castro exiles from Cuba now in the United States.

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Kennedy also said the United States is against Cubans who wish to overthrow Castro only to reestablish a dictatorship like that of Castro's predecessor, Fulgencio Batista.

Asked about any effort to recover the approximately \$1 billion worth of American property seized in Cuba, Kennedy said Washington would only act through "formal and normal negotiations" with a free and independent Havana government after it comes to power.

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The jury denied Fairchild's claim that his condition had become aggravated since Jan. 19, 1959, as a proximate result of an accident May 27, 1957. The trial started at 10 a.m. Tuesday and the jury returned its verdict at 9:15 p.m. that night.

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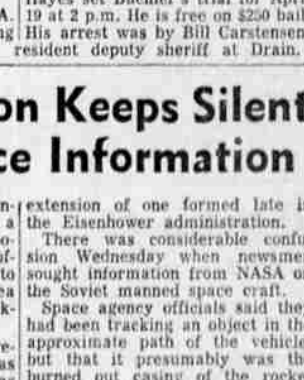
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Gagarin Says Space Flight Is All Work

MOSCOW (AP)—Maj. Yuri A. Gagarin said today he worked on his notes, and even ate and drank while objects floated in the realm of weightlessness as he orbited the earth, the Soviet News agency Tass reported.

The Soviet astronaut, Tass said, described the eerie situation in the space ship when weightlessness took over.

Work All The Way
The entire flight, he asserted, was work all the way and particularly in that phase.

Even so, he said, he felt excellent during that period of his 108-minute flight.

As he waited in the Soviet interior for a hero's welcome in Moscow Friday, the 27-year-old astronaut told for the first time about his experiences as his five-ton space ship hurtled around the earth. Premier Khrushchev is expected to cut short his vacation at the Black Sea resort of Sochi to head the welcoming committee when Gagarin arrives in Moscow about noon.

Everything Easy
When he became weightless, Gagarin said, it became easier to do everything.

"This is quite natural," he commented. "One's legs, arms weigh nothing, objects float in the cabin. Neither did I myself sit in the chair as I did before that, but hung in midair. While in the state of weightlessness, I ate and drank and everything occurred just as it does here on earth."

"I even worked in that condition, wrote, jotted down my observations. My handwriting did not change although the hand does not weigh anything. Only I had to hold the notebook, otherwise it would float away. I maintained communications over different channels and tapped the telephone key."

Gagarin said he learned first hand that weightlessness does not deprive a man of an ability to work, Tass reported.

Transition Smooth
"The transition from weightlessness to gravitation," he said, "to the appearance of the force of gravity, is smooth. One's legs and arms feel as before, as during weightlessness, but again acquire weight. And I am no longer hovering over the chair but eased myself into it."

As to what he saw from space Tass said Gagarin reported:

"I did not see the moon. The sun in outer space is tens of times brighter than here on earth. The stars are visible very well. They are bright and distinct. The entire picture of the firmament is much more contrasty than when seen from the earth."

Gagarin said the sunlit side of the earth was quite plain and he could see easily the shores of continents, islands, great bodies of water, Tass said.

Farms Seen
Flying over the Soviet Union, he reported he could see the great squares of the collective farms and could even tell cultivated from meadow land.

Emphasizing he was no mere passenger as his space ship circle the globe, he said at a maximum altitude of 188 miles, Gagarin told Tass:

"I was entirely concentrated on carrying out the flight's program. I wanted to carry out every point of the assignment and to do it as well as possible. There was a lot of work. The entire flight meant work."

While the space ship was under ground control for the landing, Gagarin helped with the control phases, Soviet scientists said when the historic flight was announced Wednesday.

Promised Welcome
The hero of the Soviet Union has been promised a tremendous reception by Khrushchev.

"We shall celebrate with you with all our people, this great feat in the conquest of outer space," the premier told Gagarin by telephone.

Banners were going up in Red Square, the show case for the biggest Soviet celebrations. Tall, silver-colored flag poles were in place. Crowd barriers were being put up.

Millions from this capital and the suburbs will pour out to line the route from the airport to Red Square.

As he awaited his flight by jet liner to Moscow, the man flew in the Soviet Union knew before Wednesday's dramatic announcement was the toast of the nation.

Earth Appears Blue
Soviet writers interviewed him at an air center somewhere in the interior. He told of the wonders he had seen from the space ship, of the earth appearing blue beneath him, the sky black over head.

He still wore his blue space suit and helmet as he spoke to a correspondent for the armed forces newspaper Red Star.

"I feel well, as you can see. I am safe and sound. The flight equipment worked extremely well. To my boundless joy that it has fallen to my lot to open to mankind the way into space," Red Star quoted him as saying.