Damage To Launching Site Delays U.S. Nuclear Tests

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States disclosed today that it will try to complete a series of nuclear tests in space over Johnston Island despite launch failures which so far have spoiled three attempts out of four.

Resumption of the high altitude series will be delayed "some weeks", however, because of damage done to the launching site by the most recent failure July 26.

On that day, a Thor rocket and its H-bomb warhead were deliberately destroyed by radio command when flames burst from the missile before it lifted from the pad. The damage will take six to eight weeks and possibly onger to repair, according to informed sources.

Meanwhile, the Atomic Energy Commission and Defense Department announced that the danger zone set up around Johnston Island last spring will be temporarily disestablished while the repairs are being made. The zone was a circle around the island 1,080 miles across at the surface and expanding to 1,610 miles above 30,000 feet.

There had been reports reaching Honolulu, 800 miles northeast of Johnston, that test task force personnel were becoming restive as a result of the delays that plagued the high altitude series.

There had been speculation that the program might be abandoned, inasmuch as the three-month time limit placed by President Kennedy on the Pacific tests has now been exceeded.

But the AEC - Decense Department announcement said preparations will be made "for the remaining high altitude tests" of the Pacific series. They also said that "an announcement of the next event and declaration of an appropriate test area will be made in advance, as has been practiced in the past."

JFK Calls Meet On Softer Terms For Test Ban

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy has called another meeting of his top advisers before he decides whether to make a softer approach to Russia on a nuclear test ban.

Kennedy met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, disarmament negotiator Arthur H. Dean and other disarmament advisers for nearly two hours Monday.

He scheduled another session with them for Wednesday. Dean is expected to return to the Geneva negotiations later this week with Kennedy's final decision.

Asked if Wednesday's session meant that no final decision had been reached yet on possible new proposals, White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said "that's correct."

Although the White House gave no details of Monday's talks, it was apparent they centered around the recent advances in means of detecting underground blasts. These advances could allow the United States to ease its demands for machinery to guard a test ban treaty.

Dean was called back from Geneva last week after the President had already conferred with his aides on the results of the Project Vela underground atomic tests in Nevada.

Dean met Monday with Rusk and U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency chief William C. Foster. Then Dean, Foster and Rusk went to the White House along with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, McNamara, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Glenn T. Seaborg and others.

Dr. Stadler To Advise Local Dental Assistants

Dr. Eleanor Stadler, Roseburg orthodontist, has been named an adviser to the Umpqua District Dental Assistants Society.

The announcement was made at the society's last meeting. Dr. Stadler joins Dr. Robert Johnson and Dr. Richard McDonald as advisers.

In other actions at the meeting, plans were discussed for contribution of funds to further children's dental health education in the county.

Clinics and clinicians for the evening were: Virginia Thompson, discussing boxing and pouring of final impressions: Freeda Bell and Sharon Graf, helpful hints in the dental office; and Jacquie LeGat, dental assistant in the role of clinician.

Community Exhibits Draw Interest At Fair

Interest in the community exhibit department of the 1962 Douglas County Fair has increased, Bert Allenby, fair manager, has announced.

A total of four exhibits were entered last year.

This year, with the fair yet two weeks away, five communities have announced their intentions to vie for the $1,000 top prize.

Thus far entries have come from Reedsport - Gardiner; Roseburg; Myrtle Creek; Winston - Dillard; and Glendale - Azalea. The Glendale - Azalea entry is a new one this year.

Winner of the competition will have its exhibit in the Oregon State Fair representing Douglas County.

John W. Ogle

John William Ogle, 89, of 649 W. Union St., Roseburg, died at a local hospital Monday evening.

He was born Dec. 5, 1872, at Coschocton, Ohio. He had lived in the Roseburg area for the past 38 years, coming from Grand Junction, Colo.

His wife preceded him in death in 1958. Survivors are four sons, William of Cheyenne, Wyo., Ross of Santa Barbara, Calif., George of Seattle, Wash., and Vassar of Idaho Falls, Idaho; four daughters, Mrs. Alberta Yarnell of Santa Barbara, Mrs. Alma Snider of Ventura, Calif., Mrs. Gertrude Wescott of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Dell Faye Barker of Eureka, Calif.; a sister, Miss Pearl Ogle of Toledo, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel.

Three State Medics Got Sinister Drug

By United Press International

The Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C., Monday reported that supplies of the drug Thalidomide had been shipped to three Oregon doctors, but the identity of the persons who received it was not revealed.

Thalidomide is believed to be the cause of birth deformities.

The federal agency said the supplies were delivered by the William S. Merrell Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, or one of three other subsidiaries of Richardson Merrill, Inc., sometime between 1959 and March of this year.

Earlier, Oregon health authorities had said they were confident that the drug had not been used in the state. A representative of the distributors said none of the drug had been distributed to Portland physicians, but that some might have come into the state through distribution to specific groups for clinical research.

The University of Oregon Medical School said none of the drug had been given through any of its research programs. Dr. Grant Skinner of the State Board of Health said he did not know of any research programs that used it.

Oakland Man's Dad Dead In Oklahoma

Rufus Martin, 71, of Kingfisher, Okla., father of Melvin H. Martin of Oakland died July 18 in Kingfisher under mysterious circumstances. According to Oakland relatives, homicide is suspected.

Martin was found dead in his home by a son. Autopsy reports incated cause of death as a blood clot in the heart resulting possibly from a blow or a struggle with an unknown assailant.

An investigation is being conducted by the Kingfisher County sheriff's office.

The Melvin Martins have returned to Oakland after a trip to Oklahoma following the elder Martin's death. Another son, Leon, formerly lived in Oakland.

Drug Store Awning Damaged By Blaze

Damage estimated at $100 was done Monday evening to the awning of Church's Drug Store, 807 SE Stephens St. when it caught fire, Roseburg firemen said today.

Firemen noted the fire was possibly caused by a cigarette dropped from a hotel room above the awning. Firemen were called at 5:39 p.m.

At 5:50 p.m. the firemen were called to a car fire in the 400 block of SE Oak Ave. Firemen said about $25 damage was done to the car of Bert Harbaugh when it backfired through the carburetor.

County Rainfall Low During June

Douglas County didn't have trouble with too much rain in June. Only three guages in the county showed more than an inch of rainfall, according to the daily precipitation summary of the Water Resources Survey.

Greatest rainfall was noted at Steamboat Ranger station where 1.2 inches were recorded. Others with more than an inch were Reedsport with 1.08 and Curtin with 1.01.

Lowest recording was at Devil's Flat near Tiller which showed .13 of an inch.

Sixteen days in June showed no precipitation at all. And July promises to be even drier.

John Pelzel

Funeral services for John Pelzel of Oakland who died Saturday at a local hospital will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church in Oakland. Interment will follow at the IOOF Cemetery in Oakland.

Sutherlin - Oakland Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

News Collection Office Bombed

LIMA, Peru (UPI)—Dynamiters set off a homemade bomb monday night outside the offices of United Press International, wounding a UPI messenger and causing minor damage.

It was the fourth bombing since Sunday in the first outburst of violence reported here since the military coup d'etat two weeks ago.

The opposition APRA party charged the bombs were planted by Communists or other "provocateurs."

Monday night's bomb, a length of pipe stuffed with explosive and equipped with a fuse, was planted outside the UPI bureau on the sixth floor of the Italian-Peruvian Insurance Company's office building.

Messenger Carlos Centeno, who smelled something burning and opened the door to investigate, was wounded in one leg by the blast. The bomb also blew out windows and pocked walls, the ceiling and elevator doors in the sixth-floor hall with fragments.

Security police ordered an investigation.

Ex-President Manuel Prado, who was deposed in the military coup and held prisoner aboard a warship until Sunday, was preparing to leave by air Wednesday for Paris with his wife, Clorinda.

Authorities Probe Sutherlin Break-In

The sheriff's department and Sutherlin City Police are investigating a break and entry at the Sutherlin Building Supply Co., at 250 Evart St. in Sutherlin sometime Monday night.

Missing is merchandise valued at $162.85, but an attempt to get into the safe was not accomplished, police said. The dial of the safe was knocked off.

Taken were a garden hose, electric drill and sabre saw. Entry was gained by breaking a window and reaching in to unlatch the door, said officers.

Carol Kerr Is Named Fisher Committee Aide

Carol Kerr of Roseburg has accepted the position of vice chairman of the Fisher For Congress Committee.

The committee, headed by Dr. V. J. Anderson, will support the campaign of Carl Fisher of Eugene, who is running as the Republican candidates for U.S. representative. Miss Kerr has been associated with two radio stations and a television station in Roseburg. She also formerly worked at the Richard Nixon campaign headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Anderson also reports that William Wells, manager of U.S. Plywood, has been appointed financial chairman of the campaign in the county.

Man Pleads Innocent Of Drunken Driving

Vernon Mansfield Murdoch, Sr., 62, of 375 SE Pitzer St., Roseburg pleaded innocent when arraigned in Douglas County District Court Monday on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The defendant, represented by attorney William Jones, requested a trial by jury. Judge Gerald R. Hayes set the case for trial on Sept. 4.

Murdoch is charged in a Roseburg state police complaint issued July 25. Bail in the amount of $300 was posted.

Livestock Entry Dates Set For County Fair

Closing date for open class livestock entries at the 1962 Douglas County Fair is Aug. 8, Bert Allenby, fair manager, announced today.

Entry forms must be in the Fair office by closing time on that day to be considered for exhibition, he said.

Cash premiums totaling more than $2,500 will be available to open class livestock exhibitors in Southwestern Oregon. Premium lists covering the livestock department are available from the Douglas County Fair, Box 759, Roseburg.

Police Book Two

Bruce E. May, 33, Sutherlin is booked at the Douglas County jail to face a non-support charge. He was arrested by sheriff's deputies.

Woodrow Wilson Horton, 19, Rt. 3, Coos Bay, has been committed to the Douglas County jail for 40 days from Reedsport Municipal Court on a drunken driving charge.

BLUE-EYED BRUNETTE Jan Elaine Meshew, 17, of Myrtle Creek is another in the big field of candidates for queen of the Douglas County Fair. The senior at Myrtle Creek High is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. Her hobbies are drawing and swimming. (Bob Leber photo)

Firemen Douse Ply Plant Fire

Members of the Rural Fire Department at 10:22 p.m. Monday put out a fire at the U.S. Plywood veneer plant in the 100 block of NE Garden Valley Blvd.

Firemen said the fire occurred when the conveyor plugged up. It was spotted by a volunteer fireman. No damage occurred.

The plant is the old battery separator plant.

Ullman Charges Lack Of Controls Hurts Producers Of Fresh Spuds

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., said today that lack of quality controls on potatoes for canning and freezing resulted in "unfair competition" for farmers selling to fresh potato markets.

Ullman made the statement before a House Agriculture subcommittee in support of his bill to place canning and freezing potatoes under marketing orders.

Similar legislation has been introduced by Rep. Harold T. Johnson, D-Calif.

Ullman said exemption of canning and freezing potatoes from marketing orders had led to growers whose potatoes for the fresh market were subject to quality controls.

"Growers may send only their best product to market as fresh potatoes," he said. "But in the market place, the fresh potatoes must compete directly with canned and frozen potatoes on which there are no quality controls at all."

He said consumers also suffered because they did not have a guarantee of quality for the processed potatoes.

The Oregon Democrat said the proposed legislation had the backing of both private and governmental bodies representing potato growers throughout the nation.

Johnson, who appeared before the committee Monday, also said exemption from marketing orders gave canners and freezers an "unfair advantage" over producers of potatoes for the fresh market.

"The spread in price between the fresh product and the processed product is certainly adequate to return a good profit to the processor and should permit him to purchase his raw potatoes in the same manner and on similar quality standards as the fresh market," Johnson said.

Spokesmen for growers and canners clashed in testimony over the Ullman-Johnson bills.

Officials of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Potato Committee said that in the absence of canning-freezing controls, potato processors can use culls to undermine markets for high quality fresh potatoes.

William J. Kiefer, Hallwood, Va., testified in behalf of the National Canners Association that bill might wipe out the business of canning small size potatoes. A statement filed on behalf of the Canners League of California made the same objection.

Listed Hit-Run Case Cleared

What first was listed by Roseburg city police as a hit-and-run accident has been cleared up. The driver of the unknown vehicle called police and said he was the one involved.

Kenneth Henry, Umpqua Rd., Oakland, told the officers he did not realize until later he had struck the rear light and fender of a car owned by Gordon Deedon, 1120 SE Fullerton St., Saturday afternoon, when he backed out of a driveway there.

He was told to contact Deedon and to make out the necessary accident report. No charge was filed.

Local Man Apprehended In J. C. Penney Store

Albert Princeton Radcliffe, 19, Rt. 1, Box 552, Roseburg, is being held in the city jail for questioning in connection with an attempted larceny from a building.

Radcliffe was arrested by city police at 10:15 p.m. Monday inside the J. C. Penney Co. store. He is scheduled for appearance in District Court.

Valma Schaffert

Mrs. Valma Viola Schaffert, longtime resident of the Roseburg, area died July 5 at Banning, Calif., according to word received by Roseburg friends. Mrs. Banning left Roseburg last October to make her home in California.

She is survived by her husband, Christopher; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Joan) Covington; and several grandchildren; all of Banning.

Funeral services were held in Banning July 9 at the Church of Our Fathers with the Rev. H. Carl Roessler officiating. Interment was at Forest Lawn Memorial Park at Cypress, Calif.

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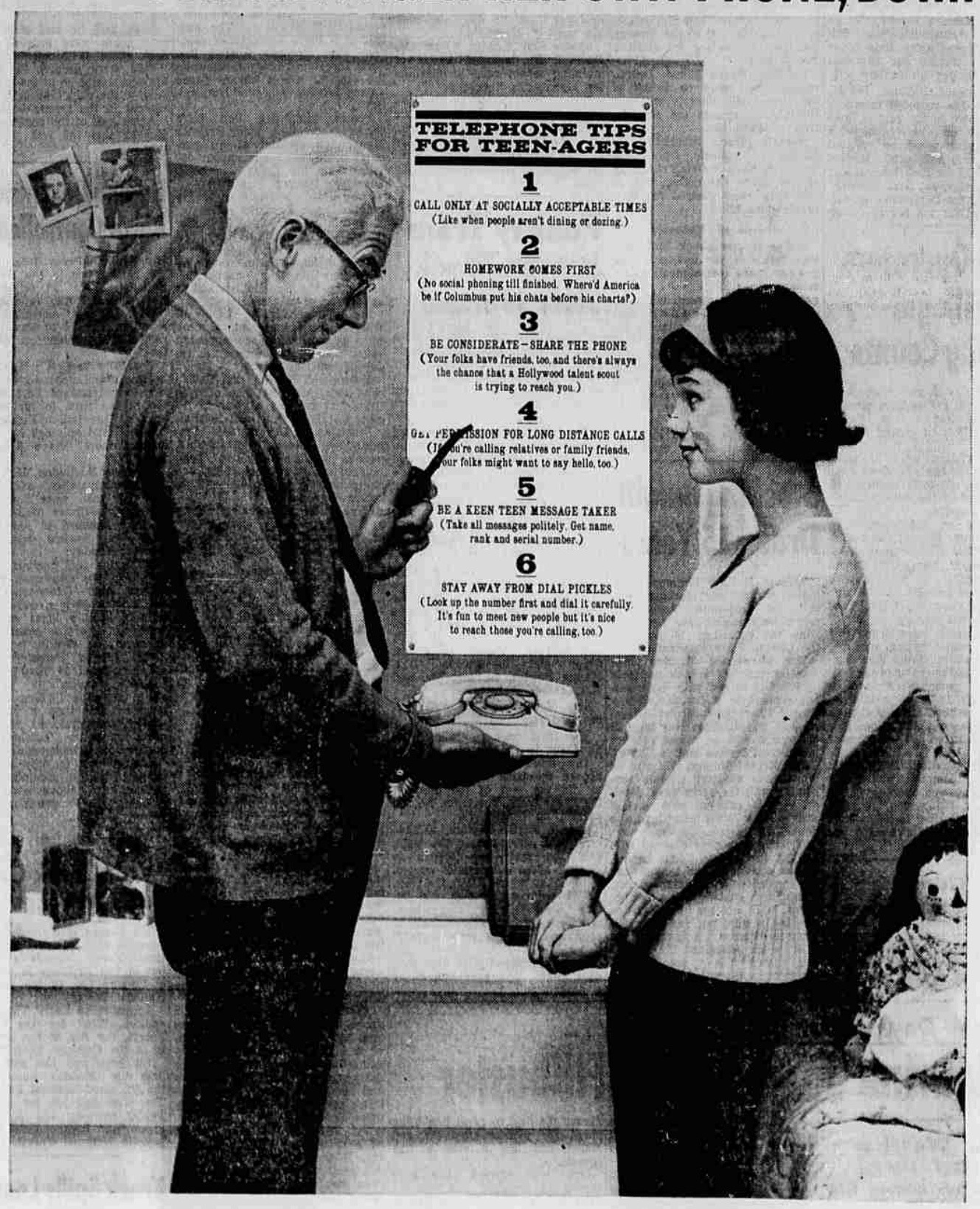

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