

# Discoverer V Roars Aloft On Mission

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### Capsule Recovery Is Hoped

#### Similar To One For Astronaut

VANDEMBERG AFB, Calif. (UPI)—The Discoverer V satellite rocket roared aloft today on an Air Force mission to recover from orbit a space capsule similar to one planned for America's first astronaut.

The capsule today carried only instruments. But sources said it was "almost identical" in shape to a larger model designed to carry the first U.S. flier into space and back. Shortly after the rocket fired into clear blue, cloudless skies, the Air Force announced that radio information indicated that the missile's second stage had separated on schedule. It will take from one to two hours to determine whether the satellite has gone into orbit.

If today's mission is successful, the entire 19-foot-long second stage of the rocket would orbit over the poles. Then, after 17 trips over the earth, the 300-pound capsule would be ejected from the satellite back toward earth. Planes and ships would be waiting in the Pacific to catch it as it parachuted down.

If the rocket orbits, it still would be about 25 to 26 hours before the recovery attempt is made. It would take the satellite about 83 minutes for a trip around the world.

Three previous Air Force attempts to recover capsules from space failed—including one that carried two black mice. Two failed because the satellite did not orbit. The other orbited, but the capsule was ejected at the wrong time and lost in the Arctic.

The rocket, an Air Force Thor and a specially built liquid fuel second stage, climbed slowly from the launch pad at this central California base at 11:59:57 a.m. p.d.t.

The Air Force first attempted to launch this missile three weeks ago. It had been repeatedly postponed due to weather and technical conditions.

### Educator Will Deliver Talk At EOC Event

The principal speaker at the Eastern Oregon College summer session commencement Friday will be Dr. Louis B. Perry, recently named as President of Whitman College in Walla Walla.

President Perry has been a member of the faculty at Pomona College since 1947 as professor of economics. He was born in Los Angeles, graduated from Los Angeles High School, and received B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from UCLA. He has studied also at Yale.

In World War II, Dr. Perry served in the Army, being discharged as a major, and winning the Army Commendation Medal. He is married and has three children.

Besides his teaching career, Dr. Perry has published widely in his professional field, earned a reputation as a popular speaker, and has been in business as a stock broker.

The commencement exercises begin at 10 a.m. and will be held in the College Auditorium. The public is cordially invited.

### Committee Discusses School Plan

Les Keffler and Carl Webster, representative of the School District Reorganization committee met with the board of directors of School Dist. No. 1 to discuss the necessary steps to be taken concerning the reorganization of school districts in the county.

The failure of the reorganization plan which was submitted to the voters of July 20 necessitates the development of another reorganization plan.

Third class districts will also have to make arrangements to join a high school district or make arrangements for caring for the pupils by direct negotiation between the school boards of the third class districts and high school districts. This will take place in a few months and the board is studying the possibilities.

Bids were opened at the board meeting for the year's supply of gasoline and oil for the district's vehicles. Gregory's Automotive Service was low with a bid of 28 3/4 cents per gallon on gasoline and \$1.36 per gallon for oil.

A. M. Lee was also low bidder for 400 weight oil at \$3.57945 per barrel. W. H. Bohnenkamp's bid of \$589.95 was accepted as low for floor coverings for the junior high schools.

Dale Hargett's resignation was accepted by the board and Robert Smith was elected to take his place.

#### BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House handed President Eisenhower a big legislative victory today by approving the labor reform bill he endorsed as a good start toward wiping out union racketeers.

The roll-call vote was 229 to 191. It came after the House, ending three days of debate on labor reform legislation, had tentatively approved the Eisenhower-supported measure by a vote of 215 to 200.

## Fred J. Young Resigns City Manager Position

### LETTER OF RESIGNATION SURPRISES COMMISSION

By NEIL ANDERSEN  
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Fred J. Young, city manager, jolted the city commission last night when he presented a letter announcing his resignation.

Young's resignation, which becomes effective Sept. 12, came as a complete surprise to the commission members. The city manager has just returned from his vacation and this was the first meeting he has attended in two weeks.

"I'm not mad at anybody or anything. I just want to make a change," Young stated.

The greying city manager said he has received several offers of other jobs. Tentative plans though call for staying in La Grande and going into the insurance business.

Young said that he has been considering the move for some time and had put off a final decision until his return.

Like La Grande, "Both my wife and I like La Grande," Young said. "We would like to stay here. Going into the insurance business again is the thing I would like to do and is probably the most likely thing," he stated.

Young came to La Grande as city manager Aug. 20, 1956. He was mayor in Baker, Oregon, before moving here and was also an independent insurance broker.

"I'm not playing cat and mouse with the people of La Grande. Conditions just make it impossible for me to remain in my present position," Young declared.

The city manager continued, "I'm very appreciative of the city. I have been treated here. The city employees are above average, devoted to their work and a pleasure to work with," Young said.

Young is winding up 11 years of city experience in one capacity or another. He has served as mayor, recorder and councilman over the period.

The commission members' reaction varied. Merle Beckett said, "We reluctantly accepted his resignation. I personally felt reluctant to see him resign and I think our relationship has been congenial and satisfactory in all respects."

"We're going to miss Mr. Young and we think he has done a good job for La Grande. I don't think we will be in any hurry to choose a successor," said commissioner Arlo Noyes.

Commissioner H. E. Waddell said, "He gave us his resignation and didn't state just why."

Gordon Clarke, Commission president, said, "He turned in his resignation last night and indicated to the commission that his reasons were personal and naturally we didn't want to inquire into them."

William Hermann, the fifth member of the commission, was brief. "It kind of came as a surprise to me," he stated.

Young's letter, addressed to the city commission read as follows: "Please accept my resignation as City Manager of La Grande to become effective Sept. 12, 1959. "It has been a pleasure to have worked with the City Commission, both past and present, with the City employees who I consider to be outstanding in their service to the city, and with the people of La Grande."

Young lives with wife, Laura, a son and two daughters in La Grande. Gordon will be graduated by EOC tomorrow and the twin girls Laura Kay and Louise Rae will attend EOC next year. Laura will be a senior and Louise a junior.

Two La Grande residents were involved in an automobile accident yesterday.

George L. Close, 702 K Ave., and Scott L. Fraser, 1606 K Ave., collided at the intersection of Third and H Ave.

One vehicle suffered minor damage and the other was only slightly damaged according to the police.

The vehicle driven by Fraser is registered to G. H. Reed and son, 1603 L Ave.

### Gas Tax Boost Is Approved

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House Ways and Means Committee today approved, 16-9, a penny-a-gallon boost in gasoline taxes to prevent a drastic cutback in super highway construction.

It approved a revenue plan that calls for boosting the federal gasoline levy to four cents for a 22-month period beginning Sept. 1. President Eisenhower asked for a 1 1/2-cent increase.

The committee plan would bring in an estimated 380 million dollars in extra money for roadbuilding in the government bookkeeping year ending next June 30, and 580 million dollars extra during the following 12 months.

After the higher taxes expired, the committee plan calls for diverting some automotive excise tax money from general revenue into the highway trust fund for three years.

It was estimated that this division would add up to 800 million dollars the first year, climbing to \$1.5 billion the next year and \$300 million in the last year.

Some slowdown in construction of the 41,000-mile superhighway network would be required, but not as sharp a cutback as might have occurred under other revenue plans.

For the year beginning next July 1, the proposal would permit the federal government to make apportionments to the states of \$1,800,000,000. This compares with the \$2,100,000,000 apportionment that would have been made if the highway trust fund hadn't bogged into the red.

The next step in the legislative jockeying over the financing mix-up now is up to the House Public Works Committee. It will be the task of that group, which handles highway bills, to take formal action sending the measure to the House floor.

### Martin Lust Still Missing At Roseburg

Martin Lust, former La Grande man who was reported missing and presumed dead in the Roseburg blast last Friday is still missing, United Press International reported today.

Lust who was a resident of La Grande until October, 1958, was manager of the Coca-Cola bottling plant here for several years.

Two more bodies have been found in the Coca-Cola building in Roseburg and they are being sent to Portland for identification.

Lust and William Urnath, co-owner of the plant, were last seen prior to the explosion on the roof of the Coca-Cola building which was near the scene of the fire which apparently caused the truck load of explosives parked nearby to explode.

Mrs. Jack Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lust, left for Roseburg with her husband immediately after receiving word of the disaster.

### Elgin Residence Damaged By Fire

ELGIN (Special)—The Harold Hug home was badly damaged by fire Wednesday morning about 11:30. The fire is believed to have started in the utility room wall. The upstairs was almost completely burned when neighbors discovered the blaze. Mr. and Mrs. Hug were in the cellar at the time. The Elgin fire department was called.

No immediate estimate was made of the damage. Their apartment above the garage was smoke damaged.

#### WEATHER

Fair and warmer through Friday; high Friday 80-85; low tonight 38-44.



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### New Threat To Castro's Cuban Rule

HAVANA (UPI)—Premier Fidel Castro is personally directing front line action against forces steaming up a new rebellion from the Sierra de Escambray Mountains of central Cuba, reports from the area said today.

Castro and his brother Raul, commander of the armed forces, flew into Cienfuegos, capital of Las Villas Province, to try to squash the latest threat to the seven-month-old revolutionary regime.

They left the capital gripped in an atmosphere of mounting tension. Pro-Castro supporters were clamoring for the firing squad for more than 4,000 anti-Castro conspirators arrested throughout the country since Saturday.

The Castros were tight-lipped when they landed at Cienfuegos. The premier immediately took off again in a helicopter, obviously headed for the area around Trinidad 40 miles down the coast where the fighting was reported centered. It could not be determined where Raul went.

The army ordered public traffic off the Cienfuegos-Trinidad highway and at times communications between Havana and Cienfuegos were blocked out.

### Commission Approves Six Resolutions

The city commissioners approved six resolutions at last night's meeting.

Resolutions No. 1719 and 1720 provided for the creation of water improvement districts No. six and seven. District six is on Alder St., approximately between E Ave. and H Ave. District seven will serve Foley St., not already being serviced, from Spring Ave. to south of Adams Ave.

Hearings on both measures were scheduled for Aug. 26.

Resolutions No. 1721 and 1722 dealt with street improvement districts. District No. 248 provided for improvement on Alder St. between L and M avenues. Resolution 1722 created district No. 247 on K Ave. between 11th and Hill Ave. and giving the city engineer 10 days to file his report.

Resolutions No. 1723 and 1724 were for the purpose of providing pro-tem appointments.

No. 1723 appointed John L. Hendrickson as recorder-treasurer for the period from Aug. 15 to Aug. 23.

H. E. Waddell was appointed by resolution No. 1724 as city commission president for the period Aug. 14 to Sept. 7.

Both appointments were made to fill vacancies while Frank McShane and Gordon Clarke are on vacation.



### FIRE BLAZES IN SHEDS

La Grande firemen were busy battling flames yesterday in the rear of 1908 O Ave. It was the second fire call of the day. The fire is believed to have started in the shed at the right and spread to the one pictured. Approximately \$700 of goods stored in the shed was destroyed. (Observer Photo)

## Caribbean Tension Is Playing Into Red's Hands Herter Says

SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter proposed a three-point program today to end Caribbean tension which he said was playing into the hands of international Communism.

Addressing the second day's session of the Western Hemisphere Foreign Ministers Conference, Herter said the recent rash of Caribbean invasions and disorders provide "just the opportunity international Communists are sal-

ways seeking" to undermine democracy in the Americas.

To counteract this, he proposed a three-point plan he said was designed to check internal conflict and international distrust in the area.

Pointing out that the Caribbean ferment gravely threatened the basic principle of nonintervention, he asked the foreign ministers to take these three immediate steps:

—First, issue a declaration of faith in the basic principles of the inter-American system, "in those principles which bear particularly upon the difficult situation which has developed in the Caribbean and which we are desirous of resolving in a spirit of cooperation."

—Second, consider establishing a special temporary committee which would be authorized to study the Caribbean situation.

—Third, strengthen the powers of the inter-American peace committees "to consider the problems of the sort that have plagued the Caribbean region before they reach the point of becoming threats to peace."

Without naming any countries specifically, Herter indicated that since the triumph of the Cuban revolution led by Fidel Castro spread the fever of unrest elsewhere in the Caribbean area, "the principle of nonintervention has been subjected to serious strain."

He recalled that information gathered by the Organization of American States investigating the invasion attempts against Panama and Nicaragua earlier this year showed that "at least some of these expeditions were organized in other countries with the knowledge and consent of officials whose governments were pledged to prevent any such action."

"The expeditions obtained arms from official sources in other countries despite public declarations of policy to the contrary," he said.

## Soviet Destroyer Hits German Coastal Vessel

AARHUS, Denmark (UPI)—A German coastal vessel collided today with a Soviet destroyer which apparently was shadowing a large scale NATO navy maneuver, allied naval sources said.

The collision in dense fog off the West German port of Kiel was first reported in an anonymous SOS from the 159-ton German motor vessel Christel which said it had hit "a Soviet warship" 30 miles east of Kiel.

The Christel was holed but did not sink. The Russian destroyer was seen heading north with two other warships, apparently undamaged. It made no effort to aid the Christel but two German

tugs quickly reached the stricken vessel.

Allied naval sources here said it was believed the Soviet warship was one of three Russian destroyers which "as usual" had been showing "keen interest" in a naval maneuver involving about 60 NATO warships. Kiel is the West German port leading to the Baltic.

A Danish naval command spokesman said it was known that three Soviet destroyers were in the area of the Baltic Sea where the collision took place.

Naval sources said several Soviet warships had been sighted during the exercise which ends today.

### PUNISHMENT FOR 'MISCONDUCT'

## Elderly Patients Tortured In Nursing Home Jury Says

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (UPI)—Criminal affidavits were being prepared today against attendants of an unlicensed nursing home who were accused by a grand jury of torturing elderly patients in punishment for their senile transgressions.

The grand jury's four-page report charged that patients were struck, left under restraint in chairs for as long as eight hours at a time, doused with burning antiseptic for incontinence, inadequately fed and in constant danger of being trapped by fire.

denance that " toenails were pulled from patients' feet as punishment for their alleged misconduct."

"Many of the problems of improper care of patients could have been eliminated," the jury's report said. "If the family and friends of patients had been interested and concerned enough. Many of the patients had no visitors for months at a time."

It also blamed state and local health departments and fire and safety departments for an "appalling lack of coordination in the supervision of nursing homes and laws and regulations governing them."

Mrs. Viola Barnes, who operates the Comfort Nursing Home with her husband, Harold, flatly denied the jury's charges.

"I'm going to prove that report was false," Mrs. Barnes said. "I can prove it was a lie from beginning to end."

The grand jury returned no indictments but asked the prosecutor to take action. Prosecutor C. H. Roberts Jr. said he is doing so. The jury said formal action would not be possible in some cases because the allegedly abused patients have since died.