

## RESCUERS PROBE MOUNTAIN SLIDE FOR VICTIMS

Rescue workers dug wheels and pieces of bent metal out of debris in Madison Canyon today where the occupants of 30 cars and trailers are believed buried by the mammoth slide shown above. The slide was formerly a

large portion of the mountain at the right which collapsed, sending 50 million tons of earth into a campsite below. The slide nearly blocks the Madison River (NEA Photo)

## Slide-Choked River Canyon Probed For Quake Victims

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (UPI) — Helicopters, ground searchers and skin divers scoured the still-trembling, slide-choked Madison River Canyon today for additional victims of the disastrous earthquake that hit the area Monday night.

## Congressman Squirted With Sulfuric Acid

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An FBI laboratory check showed today that sulfuric acid was used in an attack on Rep. Frank Thompson (D-N.J.).

Thompson was squirted with the acid from a passing truck while driving to work Tuesday. No arrests have been made and police were at a loss today to explain the incident.

Thompson said a passenger in the truck shot the fluid at him from a syringe. A drop or so struck his arm and some landed on the side of his automobile.

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no damage or further landslides. The quakes and slides took nine known dead and an untold number of campers were feared buried under millions of tons of rock and earth that thundered into the steep river valley when the side of a mountain collapsed.

Four helicopters whirled over the mammoth slide area and over the seven-mile long lake that is gradually widening and deepening between Hebgen Dam and the slide.

Looking for Bodies  
For the second day, a 30-man ground party looked among rocks and shattered trees in the mammoth slide for bodies that may be on the surface.

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day. "Most of these people were tourists and it won't be known whether they're missing until they fail to return home after their vacations."

Campgrounds Were Full  
The landslide plunged down on campgrounds believed filled to capacity.

"There might be 100 people under that slide—or there might be only a few," said Madison County Deputy Sheriff V. H. Brown. "Probably we'll never know."

Eight bodies were recovered from slides and a ninth victim died in a Bozeman hospital. Approximately 60 persons were injured, 14 of them seriously.

Federal and state officers were expected to confer with Gov. J. Hugo Aronson in Helena today to determine what could be done to recover possible victims from Madison Canyon.

They were also expected to discuss the serious threat of floods in the Madison Valley. The giant slide blocked the normal flow of the Madison River, and a huge lake is forming between the slide area and Hebgen Dam.

Bend Man Applies For Manager Post  
The city commission accepted a letter from a former La Grande man, now a Bend resident, for the soon to be vacated City Manager's position.

James L. Shoemaker became the first applicant for the city manager's position that will be vacated Sept. 2 with the resignation of Fred J. Young.

Shoemaker applied for the job in 1956 and was one of the six applicants interviewed for the position. He is presently employed as the District Sanitarian for the Oregon State Board of Health.

## 'ENLIGHTENING' SHOW FOR NIKI

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has been asked to watch a teen-age rock 'n' roll dance on his visit to this country next month. Tom Archer, operator of the Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines, said he sent a telegram invitation to Khrushchev Wednesday. "I'm sure you will find it an enlightening experience," the telegram said.

## Batista Moves To Portugal

LISBON, Portugal (UPI) — Former Cuban Dictator Fulgencio Batista arrived here today by chartered plane from the Dominican Republic for a new home-in-exile. He was promptly whisked away by police.

He left Ciudad Trujillo Wednesday night and his plane landed here after a transatlantic flight that put an additional 3,000 miles between him and Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, who overthrew his regime last Jan. 1.

No one was allowed within hailing distance of Batista's plane when it landed at the far end of the airport. Newsmen, photographers and television men were held off by police.

Batista was escorted into a waiting limousine which moved off at once with four other cars in procession. He was believed headed for the New Hotel Ritz.

Before he left Ciudad Trujillo, informed sources said Batista planned to go on to the Madeira Islands, where he will live as a political exile with the permission of the Portuguese government.

City Dads Accept Bid For Fire Hose Buy  
The city commission accepted a bid from a Washington firm for the purchase of 650 feet of fire hose.

The K. Dimcov company of Redmond, Wash., submitted a bid of \$1.20 a foot for the 2½ inch fire hose. Delivery was promised within thirty days.

# Both Industry, Union Claim Support From Mitchell Facts

## Controversial Aspects Of Labor Reform Bill Due For Consideration

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate-House conferees today approached the controversial issues which could shatter their two days of harmony in compromise labor reform legislation.

Several conferees reported there was a good chance the 14-man committee would plunge into the big controversial issues this afternoon. So far the conferees have voted general agreement on relatively non-controversial matters in their quest for labor reform legislation that will satisfy both Congress and President Eisenhower.

Accord was reached Wednesday on provisions for reporting by union officials and employers, union trusteeships, and election of union officers. There was no great difference between the House and Senate versions on these provisions.

The section to be acted upon when the conferees reconvened at mid-morning involved bonding and other safeguards against improprieties by union officials.

With this "out of the way" the committee will move on to the explosive final two sections of the bill. These deal with organizational picketing, secondary boycotts and assignment of jurisdiction in labor disputes to state courts or agencies.

It is in these areas that the House Landrum-Griffin Bill is tougher than the Senate Kennedy-Ervin measure. The Senate measure is regarded as somewhat sterner in many provisions of the first five sections.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), advocate of the House bill's organizational picketing and secondary boycott sections, said that if there is no agreement in sight by Friday or Monday on the disputed sections he would expect Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) to tell the Senate so.

The next step, he said, could then be for the House and Senate to ratify those parts of the bill on which the conferees agreed and vote on those that were deadlocked.

Complaints Heard By Commissioners On Traffic Rule  
Complaints from drivers in regard to the crossing of the yellow line on Adams Ave. was discussed by city commissioners last night.

A letter from Police Chief Oliver Reeve to the commission said that he has been in contact with officials of the Oregon State Police in regard to the regulation.

The letter also said that Reeve had directed policemen to not issue tickets for this violation indefinitely or until the commission determines a course of action.

Gov. Hatfield Will Consider Bid For Veep  
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Republican Gov. Mark O. Hatfield, 37, of Oregon said today he would give "very serious consideration" to accepting any bid for the GOP vice presidential nomination in 1960.

The governor said he had briefed Vice President Richard M. Nixon and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller on the May, 1960, Oregon primary election. This primary is expected to be an early test for GOP presidential hopefuls.



H. H. BUSHNELL  
Observer Writer at Wallowa

## Herbert Bushnell Writes Observer News In Wallowa

Herbert H. Bushnell is the new Observer correspondent for Wallowa.

Bushnell has worked on newspapers most of his life. He graduated from Wabash college and studied law in Topeka and Durango, Colo.

He was the first editor of the Oregon Farmer and has worked for many papers including the Los Angeles Sunday Times.

Bushnell's first newspaper job was at the age of 12. At one point in his career he edited two dailies in Aspen, Colo.

Ray D'Autremont One Step Nearer Possible Parole  
SALEM (UPI) — Ray D'Autremont, one of three brothers convicted of murder in a 1923 Siskiyou mountain train robbery attempt, was a step nearer possible parole today.

D'Autremont entered a plea of second degree murder to an old charge in Medford Wednesday and was re-sentenced to life. Circuit Judge James Main also dismissed other Jackson county charges against him.

Ray D'Autremont is seeking parole in the same manner that his younger brother, Hugh, eventually won freedom—by clearing up old charges arising from the 1923 crime in which four trainmen were killed.

Hugh was paroled early this year but died a short while later in San Francisco. Ray's twin brother, Roy, is still in custody.

## Outlook Is Still 'Gloomy'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Industry officials and the United Steelworkers Union both claimed today that the fact-finding report of Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell supported their widely divided positions in the 37-day-old steel strike.

The industry said Mitchell's statistics showed high wages, lagging profits and lowering worker productivity.

The union contended the report, made public Wednesday night, revealed huge industry earnings and great employee productivity.

Mitchell himself declined to interpret the 18-pages of charts and figures he gathered that both sides knuckle down to hard bargaining and settle the strike "promptly."

Serious Shortage Possible  
Unless the steel strike is settled by the latter part of September or the early part of October, very serious shortages of steel may be apparent," he added.

This statement was viewed as an indication the government probably would wait at least another month before Eisenhower considered invoking the emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. This section permits an injunction to end a strike for 80 days if the President finds the

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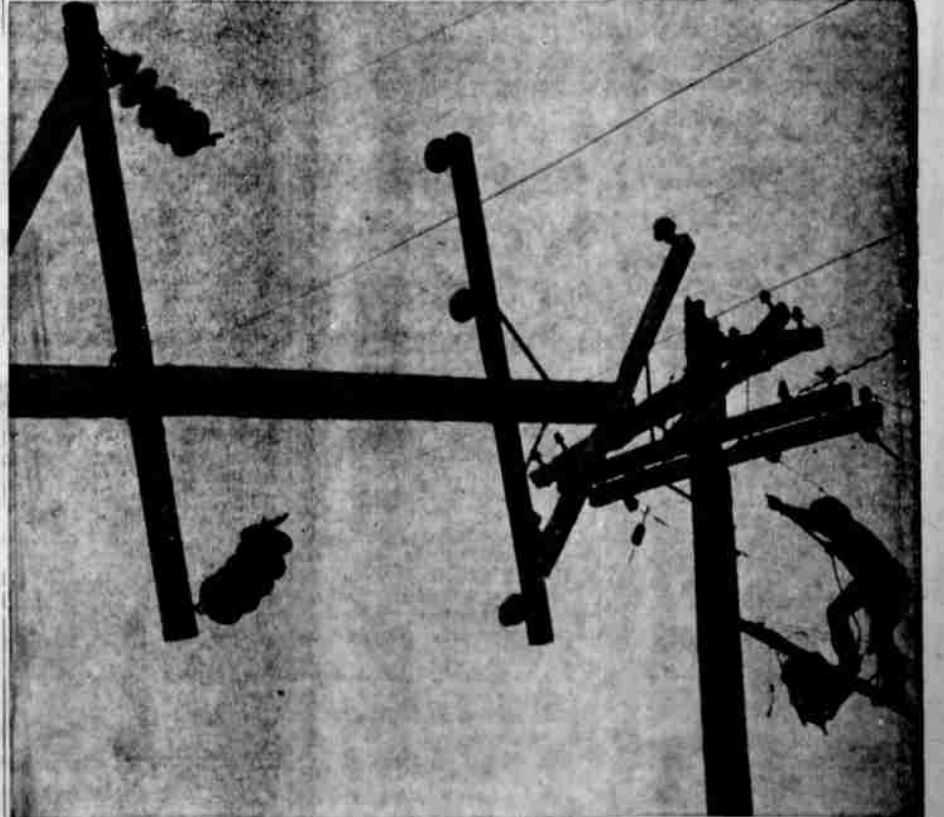
## Local Girls Escape Quake In Yellowstone

Two local girls who are working in Yellowstone National Park were unharmed by Tuesday night's earthquake.

Carolyn Spierling who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augie Spierling was returning from the movies with seven other park workers when the quake hit. They were in a car about 12 miles from the west entrance to the park. The tremor made their car shake and the noise made them think that they had a tire blow-out, Carolyn's father said.

They were marooned in that area for two nights and had to sleep in the car.

Judy Wardell who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wardell works at Old Faithful, but the quake "wasn't bad where she was", Mrs. Wardell said.



WALKING ON AIR

Frank Rohan, a lineman for California-Pacific Utilities Co. works on a pole southeast of La Grande that burnt in half. Officials for the company said the insulator was defective or destroyed and the rain yesterday shorted the wire. The accident caused power failure in the Cove and Union area before linemen could repair the damage. (Observer Photo)

## REAL DOWN-TO-EARTH DISCUSSIONS

# Brass Tacks Cold War Talks Due When Ike And Niki Meet

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev are expected to hold brass tacks cold war talks when the Russian leader returns to Washington at the end of his 12-day tour of the United States.

President Eisenhower probably will take the Soviet leader to his Camp David retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains for their real down-to-earth discussions after Khrushchev has com-

pleted his coast-to-coast swing.

The Soviet leader arrives in Washington Sept. 15. His initial stay here is expected to consist principally of the ceremonial aspects of such an official visit. He then will make a quick swing taking him to New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Des Moines, Pittsburgh, and back to Washington.

During a two-day stay in Des Moines, he will motor to a Coon Rapids corn farm and also go by automobile to Iowa State College at Ames.

Khrushchev's refusal to visit any military installations in the United States apparently stems from the Russian's desire to avoid showing President Eisenhower similar facilities when he makes his return visit to the Soviet Union later this fall. The Russians are sticklers for reciprocity in such matters.