22 Aboard Missing Airliner Over Montana Oregon's Main Arteries Open Air Duel Highlights Fighting Welfare Aid

Search Parties Seek to Trace **Big Explosion**

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 7 -(AP)- An airliner carrying 22 persons disappeared in swirling snow over the Continental divide southeast of Butte this morning.

Several hours later ground parties headed for the rugged country to check reports that several persons heard a terrific ex-

The westbound Northwest airliner, with 17 passengers and four crew members aboard, left Helena at 9:53 a.m. (EST), headed for Butte. The pilot of the Martin 202 radioed at 10:11 a.m. he was over Whitehall about 50 miles south of Helena, starting his descent at 10,500 feet.

State aeronautics director sent searching parties to an area about 15 miles east of Butte after Mrs. Carl Halvorson, wife of a Northern Pacific railroad section foreman, reported hearing a low-flying plane and explosion.

Explosion Pinpointed
Other reports from Lake Delmo

and Camp Caroline pinpointed the explosion just north of Homestake pass, where the Northern Pacific railroad crosses the Continental divide. A highway patrol car took Mrs.

Halvorson within a few miles of the area, then got stuck in deep snow and mud. The plane disappeared over Pipestone pass about 10 minutes

out of Butte. The Northwest Air Lines office at Seattle identified the crew as Pilot Lloyd Lampman, 37, Co-pilot James Huff, 29, and Stew-ardesses Laurine Nohr, 23, and Marnie White, 22, all of Seattle.

Seattle Woman Only one of the passengers aboard was from northwest coastal states. She was Mrs. S. R. Fairweather of Seattle. She was returning home from a trip to Helena, Mont., to visit her sick

cloaked the divide and surrounding mountains near here, a B-17 and a C-47 took off from Mc-Chord air force base in Washington to join in the search. These planes make up Flight C of the Fourth rescue squadron and car-

Gov. John W. Bonner offered the services of all state agencies to Montana Aeronautics Director Frank Wiley, who alerted Butte physicians and ambulance drivers. Pilots of a helicopter at Missoula and planes in Butte, Helena and other cities were ready to take off.

Air force bases were asked to search planes and radio equipment available so soon as

Northwest Airlines had another plane over the area this morning. Visibility was practically zero, so the plane flew to Great Falls after circling for a time so the plane flew to Great above an emergency field north-west of Butte.

The missing plane, a two-engined Martin 202, was Northwest's flight 115, bound from Chicago to Seattle. It stopped at Minneapolis, Aberdeen, Bismarck. Great Falls and Billings before arriving in Helena this morning. It left Helena at 9:53 a.m. (EST). Mountains in the primitive area tower 6.500 feet above sea level. They are covered with huge boul-ders and dense timber.

OSC Gridman Claims Attack By Hitchhiker

Statesman News Service ALBANY, Nov. 7-James Doerfler, 18, Oregon State rookie foot-ball lineman, told police today he suffered head wounds when he was slugged by a hitchhiker Monday near Brownsville.

Doerfler, an Albany high school

grid star last season, was beaten by three youths in Albany about four years ago. The attack was never explained or solved. Doerfler told state police he

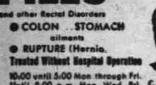
picked up the hitchhiker Monday while driving home from Corvallis. He said the man, about 30, pressed a knife to his back and forced him to drive up a logging road near Brownsville. A tire blew, but the man forced him to continue on for about four miles.

When he stopped the car, Doerfler stated, the man slugged him conscious. When he revived about four hours later he discovered his hair had been burned in addition to his head injuries. He walked to Brownsville where he was treated by a physician and taken home. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Doerfler. Doerfler said he was not robbed. State police are continuing to investigate the case.

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SEOUL, Korea, Nov. 7-Sixteen U.S. F-51 Mustang fighters today engaged Russian-built jet fighters in the longest air battle of the Korean war over the Sinuiju area (plane symbol). In the Yonghung area (A), Puerto Rican and other U.N. forces beat back a strong Red attack. Rest of the battle line (broken line) remained quiet except for a series of skirmishes in Changjin Reservoir area. (AP Wirephoto Map.)

Farm Produce Prices High, Costs Higher

By Lillie L. Madsen Farm Editor, The Statesman

Prices are up but costs are up ing to a report Tuesday from the United States department of agriculture. Prices received by Oregon farmers have not kept pace with farm costs during the past 10 years, this report elaborates.

During October for the first time this year, Oregon's general farm price level has shown a downward trend. In late October, the index stood at 130 per cent of the 19401949 average. That was the same as of mid-July, but three points as of mid-July, but three points below mid-September. It is still about a tenth above October 1949,

The lower Oregon index was due mainly to the drop from mid-September to mid-October in versity speech and debate squad prices of such items as barley, are prepared to present debates potatoes, apples, beef cattle, hogs, or addresses before group meetchickens and turkeys.

and potatoes, most of Oregon's W. Runkel, speech department farm commodities are now bring- chairman, announced Tuesday. ing higher prices than a year ago, Topics at the disposal of the and higher than the average of squad include "Resolved: That the the past 10 years. Turkeys are non-communist nations should down about a tenth compared to form a new international organithe 1940 to 1949 average, while zation," and "What should be the the potato price has been cut in responsibility of the federal gov-

The increase in farm prices, according to the Tuesday release, during the past 10 years has not half-hour debate or discussion upped 30 per cent, costs have gone the university.

up 37 per cent above the level

of the past 10 years. Reports also showed that world production of bread grains is higher than a year ago. In spite of storms of late October, ranges of Northern California and western Oregon are reported in better condition this season than in any recent season at this time of year. The southwest, however, could have used some of the northwest's big supply of rain during the past 15 days. Wheat and range lands in Texas and Oklahoma are not higher on farm produce, accord- making satisfactory root growth because of lack of moisture, and the livestock is pulling out some of the wheat where it is being pastured, USDA reports show early this week.

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kept pace with the increase in features, said Runkel. No charge retail costs of commodities that is made for the group's presenfarmers must buy, including what tation and any organization may they pay in wages of hired labor- use the squad. Information is ers and in taxes. With farm prices available from Prof. Runkel at

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For September **Shows Rise**

Public assistance expenditures in Oregon totaled \$2,113,452 in September, a slight increase over the \$1,867,444 paid out in September,

This was the report made here Tuesday by Miss Loa Howard, state public welfare administrator to Gov. Douglas McKay. The September payments were for 34,925 needy cases. The number of cases a year ago was 33,894.

Payments to 24,068 old age re-

cipients during September this year amounted to \$1,296,306 or an average of \$53.86 per case. Expenditures for medical care paid from general assistance funds brought the average to \$56.32 per case. Excluding those recipients changing residence, public welfare departments in the state reported

310 signed applications for old age

assistance during September. This

was a decrease of 52 from last

the needs. Payments for this pro- with payments of \$426,696. gram totaled \$394,531, an average

of \$103.82 per family. the month aggregated 6,672, a three | September were \$24,545.

9 Traffic Lights Designated for **Salem Arteries**

Location of nine traffic signal lights for Salem thoroughfares was disclosed Tuesday by the state highway commission which will open bids on the lights at a

meeting Friday in Portland. The new signals are part of a one-way traffic plan being developed here.

The lights will be on South Commercial at Mission, Myers, Oxford, Hoyt and Boise streets: on South Liberty at Mission, Owens and Myers streets; at the intersection of Portland road and Pine street.

WSCS SESSION WEDNESDAY

SILVERTON-The members of Hobart, local president, reports should meet at the Silverton Methodist church Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

In the 3,800 families receiving per cent decrease from the preaid to dependent children there vious month. Payments totaled were 9,417 children for whom fed- \$398,070. In September, 1949, general funds were available to meet eral assistance cases totaled 7,111

Miss Howard reported a total of

Despite Storms

Despite weather conditions and road construction projects nearly all main arteries in Oregon are open to traffic, the state highway department announced Tuesday. The report includes:

Dodson-Bonneville section of the Columbia highway is under construction but the road is open. No delay or only slight delays to traffic on The Dalles-California, Pacific, Pendleton-John Day and Unity-Baker highways.

On the Oregon coast highway there is grading and paving near Coos Bay, Brookings and at Port Orford with detours, but no delay reported. On the Willamette highway gravel detours with possible delays is reported from Lowell to Meridian dam where grading is under way.

The north and east roads leading into Crater lake park are the Women's Society for Christian closed by snow. A five-ton load Service are invited to attend the limit has been imposed on the Wednesday meeting of the Jason bridge over the Little Nestucca Lee society at Salem. Mrs. T. R. river at Dolph and an 11-ton limit on the Weiser and Payette those desiring transportation bridges on the old Oregon trail highway.

GROUP PEELS APPLES

CENTRAL HOWELL - Members of the Pratum Mennonite Missionary society staged an apple peeling bee Friday at the John Steiner home. Using surplus apples, 23 members worked from 385 blind children receiving aid 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to prepare ap-General assistance cases during from the commission. Payments in ples for drying in Steiner's nut

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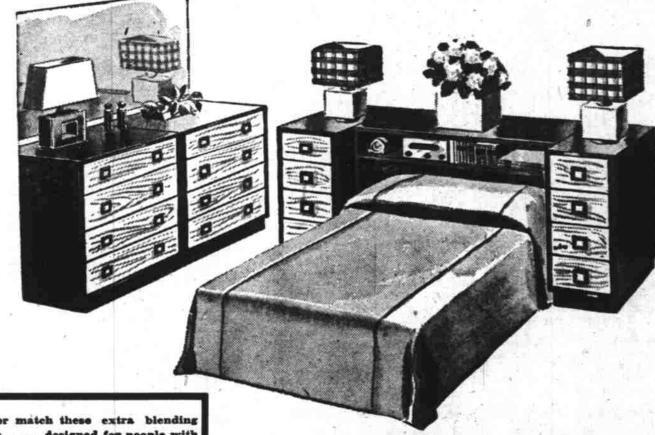
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