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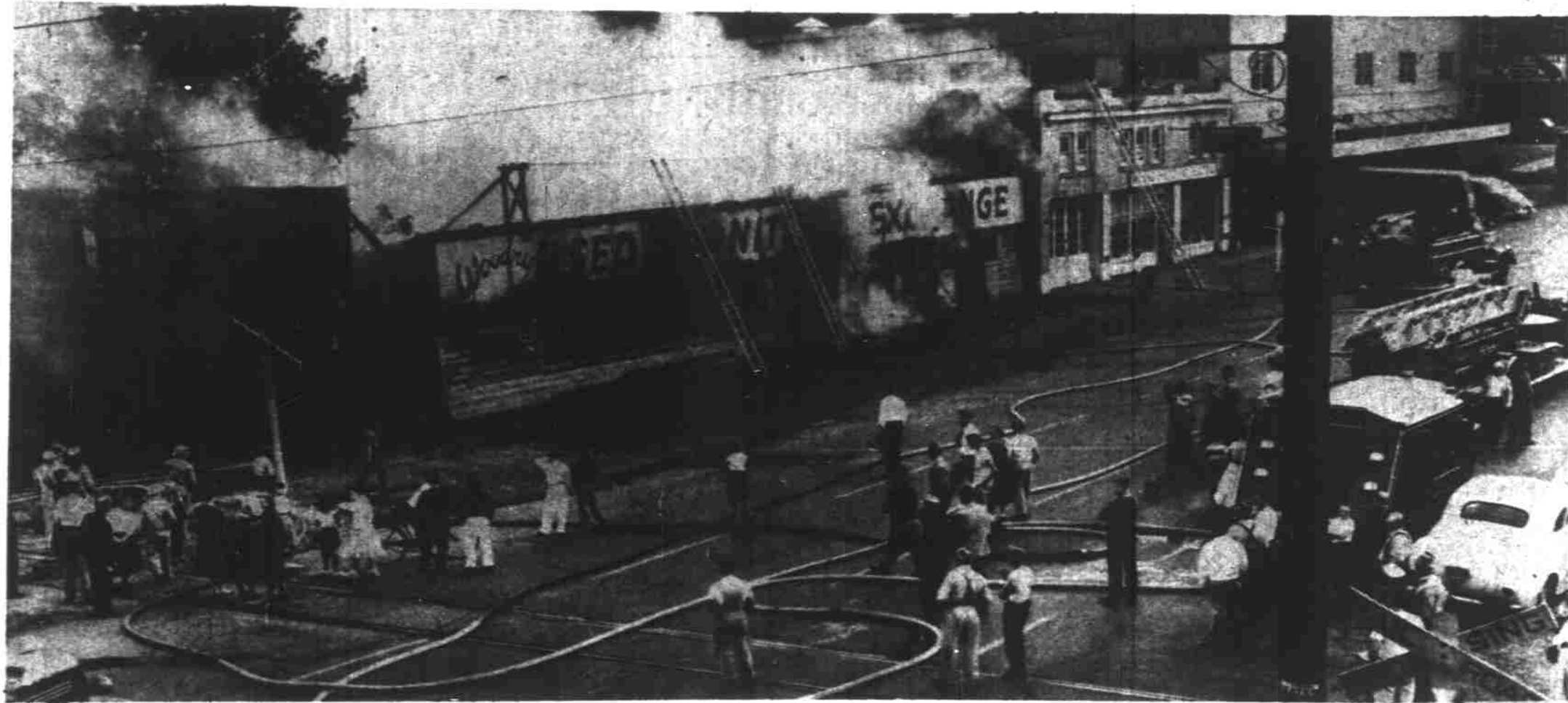
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Guatemala Capital Bombed by Rebel Planes

Rush-Hour Fire Guts Storage Building, Jams Home-bound Traffic



City firemen and police both were busy Friday evening when fire destroyed the above building in the 400 block on S. Commercial Street. Used as a storage space by the Don Woody Furniture Co., the one-story frame structure was engulfed in flames shortly after the alarm was given and firemen were unable to save it. Police officers attempted to direct the heavy flow of traffic around the area but vehicles were lined up for several blocks. (Statesman photo.)

Observers Say Guzman Army on Run

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Planes of the anti-Communist forces bombed Guatemala City Friday. Dispatches from the Guatemalan capital said the National Palace, where leftist President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman was at work, was strafed and an army fort hit with bombs. The two or three plane bombing attack, apparently the biggest effort of the revolution, was announced shortly after Col. Carlos Castillo Armas' secret "liberation radio" reported the capture of two towns, Zacapa and Chiquimula by his invasion forces and declared his army was "striking victoriously" toward the capital.

The radio threatened the bombing of Guatemala City and advised residents to seek cover. Eight Americans, including a Boston newspaperman who reached the Mexican border from Guatemala City, agreed in a statement that the anti-Communist forces had leftist President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman's regime "in the run" after eight days of sporadic clashes and political maneuvers of a nerve war. The Boston reporter said he had seen 400 wounded government soldiers en route to the capital.

Authoritative invasion sources said rebel planes bombed Fort Tamorras in Guatemala City, and scored a direct hit on an ammunition dump at Zacapa which "knocked out" the garrison of that town. "The cold war is getting hot," the informants said. Informants here could supply few details of the attacks, but Guatemalan diplomats at U. N. and in Mexico City said three planes took part in the attack on the capital about 3:30 p. m. La Merced Church in the center of the city was reported destroyed. The diplomats also reported the bombing of Zacapa and Chiquimula, with many fires and some casualties at both places and strafing runs over one or two trains in which seven persons were killed.

One plane at a time. Zacapa is an important rail center midway between Guatemala City and the Caribbean port of Puerto Barrios. Chiquimula, a town of 8,848 in Eastern Guatemala, straddles the branch railway line which links El Salvador with Guatemala's major east-west rail artery. Associated Press correspondent Jack Rutledge said in a dispatch from Guatemala City that apparently one plane first attacked the city about 2 p. m., and another shortly after.

Heavy Explosions. There were heavy explosions and much anti-aircraft fire. Rutledge said, and merchants hastily put down iron shutters across the front of their shops. Many residents ran to their rooftops to see the excitement. He was unable to report any damage or casualties, but said apparently the National Palace was not materially damaged.

Short-Lived Hurricane Whips Boats. BROWNVILLE, Tex. (AP)—The first gulf hurricane of 1954 blustered a wet and windy route inland Friday night after smashing onto the Mexican coast south of here Friday morning. One person was killed, one hurt and shrimp boats out in the gulf were tossed about as the storm spread rains, high winds and some property damage across Texas southern tip. At least a dozen shrimp boats reached port safely Friday afternoon through turbulent gulf waters. Old-timers called it the shortest-lived hurricane in gulf history. It formed 160 miles southeast of Brownsville about 4 a. m., reached the coast at 10 a. m. and at 4 p. m. it was over insofar as the coast was concerned.

Touchy Topics Delayed at Ike, Churchill Talk

By JOHN SCALI
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill Friday began a round of momentous conferences aimed at ending a grave American-British split on the best way to cope with aggressive communism.

But before getting down to the touchy subject of Red expansion in Southeast Asia, the two leaders talked over plans to exchange atomic information and add German manpower to European defense against communism. They apparently decided to delay until Saturday any detailed discussions of their sharply conflicting Far Eastern policies. The United States wants a united front against communism there and looks with grave misgivings at a British plan to approach the problem by signing a non-aggression pact with the Reds.

Talk of EDC, Atoms. The White House, in a terse announcement of what Eisenhower and Churchill discussed Friday, mentioned only atomic information and the EDC. Informed officials reported they also briefly touched on Russia's policies and intentions throughout the world. Secretary of State Dulles and Britain's Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who have been openly critical of each other's foreign policy decisions, joined in a 2½ hour afternoon meeting in the President's second floor White House study. Cigar in Evidence. The so-called Eisenhower-Churchill "harmony conference" got under way shortly before noon, less than two hours after Churchill arrived by special plane with a plea for continued Anglo-American partnership in coping with the threat of Red expansion. His black cigar jutting from his jaw, Churchill said he was here to clear away any British-American misunderstandings, and he reminded a welcoming throng that the Communist world undoubtedly was having troubles of its own. "I've come with Anthony Eden," he declared on arriving, "to talk over a few family matters and try to make sure that there are no misunderstandings."

Chinese Admit Seizure

By SPENCER MOOSA
Taipei, Formosa (AP)—Nationalist China Friday announced it had seized a Russian tanker because it was bound for "Communist bandit" Shanghai in defiance of the Nationalist blockade. In a stiff note raising the threat of a clash on the Far East's troubled seas, Russia Friday accused the U. S. Navy of seizing the 8,840-ton tanker Tuapse Wednesday 125 miles south of Formosa. Russia threatened "appropriate measures for safeguarding" Soviet ships in this area, where the U. S. 7th Fleet guards Formosa from Red invasion and small Nationalist warships watch the coast. That could mean sending Soviet warships to guard Russian merchantmen.

Billy Graham Stricken by Kidney Ailment

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP)—A kidney ailment kept the touring American evangelist Billy Graham confined to his hotel room here Friday. But he said he would fill a speaking engagement in Berlin Sunday "if they have to carry me on a stretcher." Graham's secretary, Jerry Bevan, issued a statement saying the evangelist was in "extreme pain, but his condition is not serious and he is responding to treatment." Graham was stricken in his hotel room early Friday after speaking to 25,000 listeners in Rhine Stadium here Thursday night. He woke up at 1:30 a. m. "feeling awful," Bevan said.

Taken to Hospital. Graham was rushed to a hospital, where examination and X-ray revealed he was suffering from what German doctors diagnosed as a kidney block, apparently only temporary. Afterward, he was returned to his hotel. Plans to Keep Date. "Billy is resting well," Bevan said. "He'll stay in bed this afternoon and tonight, and then tomorrow we'll see if he is able to fly to Berlin." Graham was scheduled to leave early Friday for Berlin. "He'll definitely be able to preach Sunday in the Olympic Stadium in Berlin," Bevan said. "You can be sure of that." An estimated 140,000 persons are expected to attend.

Graham said he will complete his itinerary in Germany and France before returning to the United States to recover. "Tell my friends there is nothing dangerous," he told a reporter. SET GOODWILL VISIT. BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—Three Egyptian warships will pay a good will visit to Communist Yugoslavia starting July 16. It was announced Friday.

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Salem	75	48	.01
Portland	72	52	.02
Beaverton	72	45	.00
Madras	83	51	.00
North Bend	58	49	.00
Redmond	69	42	.00
San Francisco	61	32	trace
Chicago	100	70	.00
New York	92	70	trace
Los Angeles	72	61	trace
Willamette River	-0.7	feet.	

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today and tonight. Cooler with the high today near 60 and the low tonight near 47. Cloudy Sunday morning and partly sunny Sunday afternoon. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 58.

Since Start of Weather Year	Sept. 1	Year	Normal
This Year	44.55	43.12	38.89

Flames Sweep Through Old Store Building

Fire in the 400 block on S. Commercial Street Friday evening destroyed a one-story frame building rented by the Don Woody Furniture Company and caused a king-size jam in the heavy 5 o'clock traffic. The building, which formerly housed the company's used furniture department, contained floor covering material plus several articles of furniture awaiting delivery, according to P. W. Meier, company manager. No estimate of loss was made but all merchandise was insured, he added. Cigarette Suspected. The fire apparently started in an open area under the structure, city firemen said, and had engulfed it before firemen arrived. Cause of the blaze had not been determined Friday night but Fire Chief Ellsworth Smith said a discarded cigarette under the building may have been responsible. No insurance covered the structure according to owners Harry Walling, 2745 Linden Lane, and Mrs. Betty Loose, 360 Oak St. Two billboards next to the building were damaged but a concrete warehouse next door apparently escaped damage.

Motorists Cited. City police struggled to untangle the traffic snarl which was backed up for blocks and two motorists were cited for driving over a fire hose. They were identified as Elmo C. Jory, 1395 S. 12th St., and Lawrence E. Baer, 1068 Howard St. The fire alarm was radioed in by city officer Jess Jenness who noted smoke coming from the building. Owner Don Woody was reported to have left Tuesday on a three-week vacation trip and Friday night was unaware of the loss.

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HOLLYWOOD DUO WED. LAS VEGAS (AP)—Screen players Arlene Dahl and Fernando Lamas were married Friday in a wedding chapel at the Last Frontier Hotel.

ASHLAND SAFE CITY. ASHLAND (AP)—This city Friday passed its 1,400th day without a traffic fatality.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL. At Tri-City 3, Salem 1. At Vancouver 6-4, Lewiston 2-3. At Wenatchee 3, Victoria 9. At Yakima 4, Edmondton 5.

Injury Plague Hits Climber

Statesman News Service
STAYTON — F. C. (Skeeter) Baird, employe of the Pacific Power and Light Co., sustained a fractured shoulder blade and other injuries near Scio Thursday when a power pole on which he was working fell. He was taken to the Santiam Memorial Hospital here. Baird had only recently returned to work after suffering an ankle injury in another accident.

Exploding Fuel Tanks Threat To LA Harbor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Blazing oil from exploding fuel tanks sent towering flames over the Los Angeles harbor Friday night with a loss expected to surpass two million dollars. One worker was reported missing and two firemen were injured. All port pilots were alerted for duty to move ships out of the harbor in the event the firewall around the burning tank area of the Tidewater Association Oil Co., should break. A Tidewater spokesman said that of 20 storage tanks inside the area "we will be lucky if we can save four." An engineer at the company plant, L. A. Hamm, said the initial explosion felt "like an earthquake." Soon six other tanks ranging from 5,000 to 50,000 barrels capacity had exploded and were burning. Firefighting equipment and fire boats rushed to the scene and concentrated efforts on halting the spread of the flames to tanks in the area 500 by 1,000 feet, surrounded by the 12-foot concrete fire wall. A tanker with 130,000 barrels of high test gasoline was warping into a slip at the company plant just as the first tank exploded but was able to back out to safety.

Clouds to Remain, Weatherman Says. Cloudy skies are forecast for today for tonight in the Salem area, according to weathermen at McNary Field. Cooler temperatures are expected today with the high area ranging near 60. Sunday's forecast calls for morning cloudiness with some clearing later in the day.

BASEBALL
WESTERN INTERNATIONAL. At Tri-City 3, Salem 1. At Vancouver 6-4, Lewiston 2-3. At Wenatchee 3, Victoria 9. At Yakima 4, Edmondton 5.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE. At Oakland 1, Portland 2. At Seattle 2, Hollywood 7. At San Diego 12, San Francisco 1. At Los Angeles 5, Sacramento 10.

Soviet's Delegate Corrects Record; 'Not a Gentleman'

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—"Point of order" (Russian style) rumbled out in the Security Council Friday. It was Soviet Delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin interrupting U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., council chairman. Tsarapkin objected to being called "the gentleman."

Nehru, Chou Confer; Talks Most Friendly. NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru of India and Premier Chou En-Lai of neighboring Communist China met for more than three hours at tea Friday for an Asian-to-Asian talk on grave world problems. An Indian spokesman said afterward the meeting at Nehru's residence was "most friendly."

2 More FHA Officials Suspended. WASHINGTON (AP)—Two more veteran officials of the Federal Housing Administration were suspended Friday on charges of "serious irregularities." As in a number of other cases announced since a major shakeup of the agency was started last April, no details of the charges against the men were given out. The latest suspensions are: James E. Hicks, 61, regional director for 10 Southeastern states and Puerto Rico. Andrew Frost, 43, of Albuquerque, assistant state director for New Mexico. Both men declined to comment, saying they wanted to find out more about the charges against them first. Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole said he asked the FHA to suspend the men on the basis of information furnished by William F. McKenna, who has been conducting a special investigation of FHA operations.

\$29 Billion Defense Budget Voted; Ready for Ike Signing. WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate passed and sent to President Eisenhower Friday a bill appropriating \$29,000,125,486 for the nation's armed forces in the fiscal year beginning July 1. In a busy session, it also approved two other big appropriation measures. One was a \$1,982,000,000 bill to finance the Labor and Health-Education-Welfare Departments during the next 12 months. This goes to a conference committee for adjustment of differences between it and a House version. The other was a record \$170,438,847 measure for District of Columbia operations next year. The total is \$1,981,009 more than the House voted, so it, too, must go to conference. Action on all the legislation was by voice vote. The defense bill, by far the largest of all the appropriations measures, is the fifth of the eleven regular money bills on which Congress

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague
This Guatemala revolution remains strictly a headline affair, with the point-size of type diminishing and the story itself getting place "below the fold" or even inside. The rebel leader, Col. Carlos Castillo, has done no better than get ten miles inside Guatemala from the Honduras border; and the rise of the populace or attachment of the army to his cause has never developed. More communiques have been fired than bullets; and the revolution now gives promise of being just a flash in the pan. The net effect will be to strengthen the position of the Communist-oriented government of President Arbenz. Target of sharp criticism from the United States and some of its neighbors, its ability to ride out the storm will add to its prestige. By the time the U. N. Security Council or the Inter-American organization looks into the trouble it may all be over, and Col. Castillo again in voluntary exile. Revolutions in Latin American countries are nearly always internal upsets. The old days of gun-running from the outside and overturning a government are pretty well over with. The revolution of today is usually an army coup. As the army swings so does the fate of the president. There is very little bloodletting as a rule though there have been feroz scenes in Bogota and La Paz. A company of soldiers surrounds the palace, a tank rumbles into the plaza, a few officers (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Mercury Hits Midwest High

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The June heat was tightened its grip on much of the nation Friday, with more hot and sticky weather in prospect for the weekend. The temperature soared past the 100-degree mark in the Midwest, while readings in the 90s covered most of the gulf area, the Southwest and parts of the East. In Chicago, the mercury hit 100.3 degrees at 3:30 p. m. to make it the hottest June 25 on record. The previous high was 95.8 in 1923. A high of 100 at Kansas City equaled a 17-year-old record for the date. At Brookfield, Mo., it hit 106. St. Louis had a record-breaking 100.



"A fast grounder is your only chance for a hit here."

Mother, Grandma All on Same Day

SULLIVAN, Ind. (AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Marshall of Sullivan became a mother and a grandmother Friday. She and her daughter, Nancy McClure, gave birth to daughters in the same hospital, just 104 minutes apart.