

# B52 Explodes, First Loss of New Bomber; 3 Die, 1 Missing

TRACY, Calif. (AP) — One of the new \$8 million B52 Stratoforce bombers exploded 32,000 feet over Northern California Thursday and crashed "like a ball of fire" in burning wreckage over a 5-mile area east of here.

It was the first crash of one of the intercontinental nuclear weapon carriers.

Four of the crew parachuted to safety and were taken to hospitals for treatment of minor injuries. Later three bodies were recovered in parts of the widespread wreckage and a fourth body was sought.

"There was an explosion when we were over Sacramento," said

Maj. Harold F. Korger of Atwater, Calif., one of the four survivors who was taken to San Joaquin General Hospital in Stockton.

"It knocked out the inter-com system. A few minutes later there was a second explosion. I bailed out. We were at 32,000 feet."

Korger was interviewed at his hospital bed. He suffered a broken arm.

After his chute landed near Holt, a small farming community 11 miles southwest of Stockton, Korger was picked up by William Dedin, a farmer who took the airman to the hospital.

Dedin spotted the airman after he and his son had seen the plane explode. Dedin said one wing was

blasted off and then another seemed to tear away.

The big Stratoforce bomber was on a training mission from Castle Air Force Base.

One of the four men who parachuted to safety was Maj. Michael Shay, the co-pilot. Major Wetzel quoted him as saying there were nine men aboard the plane.

The force of the explosion broke a number of windows in Tracy.

Maj. Gen. William E. Eubank, commander of the Castle base, said after preliminary investigation that the stratobomber simply caught fire in flight and exploded. There was no explanation as to what started the fire.

## Fathers, Men Over 26 Free Of Draft Call

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new presidential order Thursday virtually relieved fathers and men over 26 from any present likelihood of being drafted.

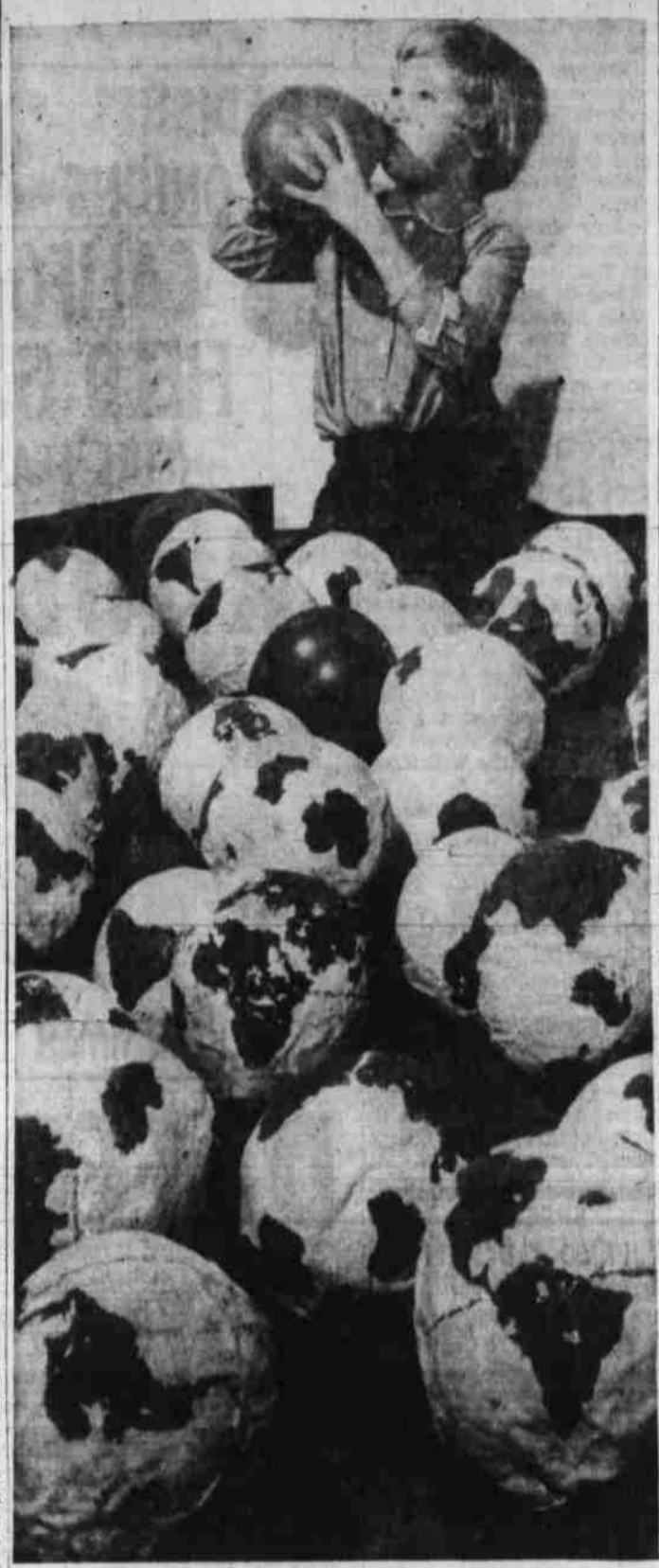
They will still be subject to call, a White House announcement said, but they won't be drafted unless military manpower needs cannot be met from pools of younger men and non-fathers.

An executive order, signed by President Eisenhower Wednesday and announced Thursday, changed the order in which registrants will be called for induction.

It put childless registrants aged 19 through 25 ahead of fathers and older men on the list from which draft boards will fill their quotas. There are now an estimated 1,347,000 registrants in the 19-25 group. Annual additions to the category are estimated at 200,000.

By comparison, the annual nationwide draft calls would be 192,000 at the rate of 16,000 a month. The March draft call is at the 16,000 figure, but the February and April calls are for only 6,000 each month.

## Globes Built Around Balloons



Tryna Christian, Salem Heights School fourth grader, is shown displaying world globes her classmates made recently. Balloons were covered with paper mache and then painted to make the unusual globes constructed by Mrs. Arylla Boyer's fourth-grade class. (Statesman Photo).

## FCC Hearing Set on Salem Video Station

The Federal Communications Commission will conduct a hearing in Washington, D. C., next Thursday on a move that may be a major step toward establishment of a television station by KSLM-TV of Salem.

The hearing concerns the request for authority for location of a transmitter on Highland Butte near Molalla. This represents a change from the formerly announced Eola Hills transmitter location. The hearing was scheduled a month ago but was delayed when it appeared there would be opposition from Portland television stations.

KSLM-TV will be represented at the hearing by Wayland, Fisher and Duvall, a law firm in Washington.

The transmitter location at Molalla has been approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board. The site was picked some time ago as most suitable spot for the Salem station's transmitter.

## Deetz Sued for Debt Incurred In Campaign

PORTLAND (AP) — Elmer Deetz said Wednesday his successful campaigns in 1954 for the Legislature and the state milk marketing control act resulted in a \$9,000 mortgage and a \$7,511 promissory note.

Deetz, a state representative and a candidate for the Republican nomination as U.S. senator, made the comment on a suit filed against him for collection of the note.

Deetz gave the note to attorneys Stewart Whipple and Norman Easley. They sold it to M. F. Keller, who brought the suit.

According to Deetz the attorneys agreed to do the legal work in the milk law campaign on a "contingency" basis and not to sue for collection of the note.

But Whipple contended it had nothing to do with work on repeal of the law. He said that actually, it involved the legal-fee for court work connected with Deetz' defiance of state milk regulations.

Another target of a court action is Rep. Edith Green, who will seek re-election as a Democrat from Oregon's Third District. A real estate firm lost a suit against her for a commission on sale of property. Then it sued again, accusing her of false testimony. She said this was "political blackmail."

## County Zoning Issue To Appear on Ballot

Marion County voters will be given a third opportunity to authorize the county court to enact zone planning and land use regulations when the issue is put on a ballot for the May 6 primary elections.

On a motion from County Commissioner Roy Rice Thursday the court moved to place the proposal before voters.

The same measure was defeated at the polls on two previous occasions, first in May and then again in November of 1954. On the latter date the proposal missed being approved by about 200 votes.

Although Marion County citizens have yet to authorize the court to adopt land use regulations, the county has an active County Planning Commission and planning office, as set up several years ago.

The Salem League of Women Voters called a public meeting for 8 p.m. next Tuesday at the court house to discuss the issue.

Salem City Council recently approved funds for eventual merger of the city and county planning staffs.

The Salem Chamber of Commerce board of directors decided the chamber would actively support the campaign for adoption of the county zoning plan.

The question asked voters on the primary ballot will be identical to those asked previously: "Should the Marion County Court be authorized to enact zoning and land use regulations in Marion County?"

## Eight Missing In Shipwreck

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — Snow and darkness blotted out the lonely Queen Charlotte Islands off the Pacific Coast of Canada Thursday night as six aircraft and eight vessels hunted for survivors of a shipwreck.

There was no sign of the six men who were aboard the 82-foot Hilunga, a federal public works department survey ship, which foundered in a violent snowstorm early Thursday near Cape St. James at the southern tip of the islands, 400 miles northwest of here.

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"Can't you stop him—he's running off to get a job as a decoy!"

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## Freeze Relief Seen

### Early Morning Snow Blankets Valley Sector

The winter's latest snowstorm, coming in on a south wind and warming temperatures, put a layer of white on the Salem area early this morning. Weathermen said depth probably would not exceed an inch.

Area folks continued to be a chilly lot Thursday as the mercury remained on the freezing side all day long under overcast skies. Occasional feeble flurries of snow came on a normally warm south wind, which was anything but warm Thursday.

Forecast for today is mixed rain and snow this morning and occasional showers this afternoon and tonight as temperatures warm up. Minimum reading early this morning was expected to be 28-30. The mercury dropped to 17 about 5:30 a.m. Thursday and didn't get back up to the freezing mark of 32 until about 7:30 p.m.

Snow hit Portland late Thursday night, with forecasts of perhaps two inches by dawn. Meacham was Oregon's "icebox" Thursday with a minus 20 reading.

In North Central Washington, east of Wenatchee, many Douglas County farmers were isolated for the fifth straight day because of snow drifts up to five and six feet deep on highways and roads, according to the Associated Press.

## Floods Ravage Europe; 225 Ships Icebound

LONDON (AP) — Floods ravaged continental Europe Thursday while in frozen Scandinavia two small fishing boats were feared lost with all hands and 225 other ships were stuck fast in ice. The three-week cold wave already has claimed at least 575 lives.

The mighty Rhine swept into the streets of three German river towns. Residents of Lorch, Lorchhausen and Assmannshausen were warned to pack for quick evacuation.

Turkey and Yugoslavia were hard hit by floods, too, with a freak rain swelling rivers in Turkey after sub-zero cold.

Far to the north, an estimated 225 ships were stuck fast in the ice of Stockholm harbor and Danish waters. Aircraft searched the ice-packed Baltic Sea for the 260-ton Swedish motor ship Humber, feared lost with a crew of four. Nine men aboard the 339-ton Norwegian ship Sagvaag have been missing since Sunday off Norway's icebound south coast.

England and Spain, Turkey and France reported milder weather but freezing temperatures still plagued most of the rest of Europe.

## Mississippi Tornado Fatal

ABERDEEN, Miss. (AP) — A tornado struck Aberdeen, a rural town of 5,300 in Northeast Mississippi, and killed one person and injured about 25 others Thursday night. Property damage was believed heavy.

Mayor W. G. Bright said approximately 100 persons are homeless.

Bright said National Guardsmen are patrolling the city, and emergency headquarters have been set up in a high school gymnasium. The storm swept through an area about 200 yards wide, and about a mile long. Most of the damaged area was occupied by Negro families.

The dead man was an unidentified Negro.

## IK's Brother Confident

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — Edgar Eisenhower told newsmen here Thursday night that he thinks his brother, President Eisenhower, will seek a second term.

## Control Board Offers \$40,000 For Salem Apartment Building

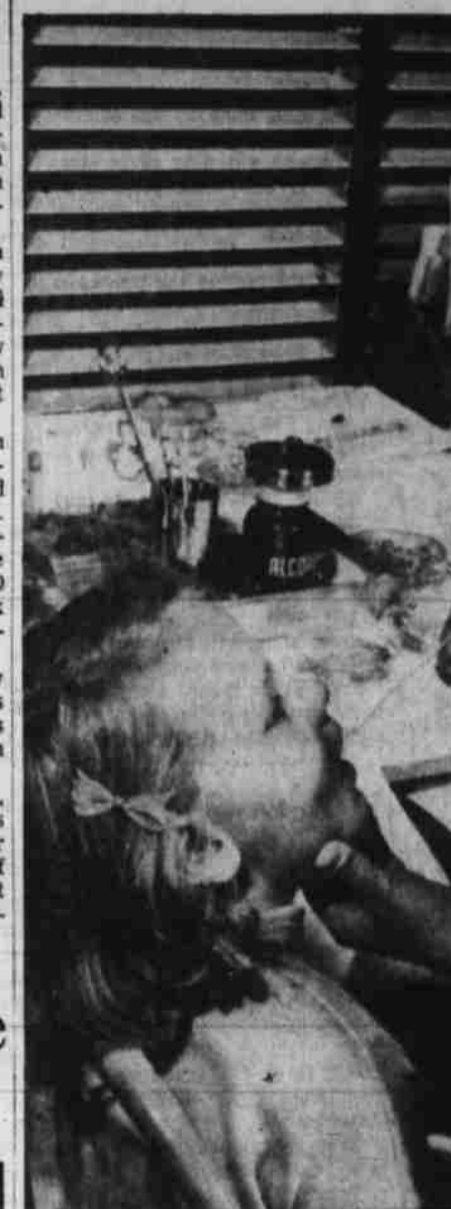
The State Board of Control Thursday offered Walter Cline \$40,000 for a six-apartment building at Summer and Union Streets. The offer was based on three separate appraisals, said William Ryan, board secretary.

Gov. Elmo Smith presided at its first meeting of the board.

The Cline property adjoins the Glendora apartments which the state purchased recently in connection with its program to extend the state capitol mall. The state purchases property within the area only when the owners offer such property for sale at what board members consider a fair price.

# U.S. Plan to Ship Tanks To Arabs Hastily Halted

## Health Officials Search for Diphtheria Germs



Little Dale Anne Jackson, 3460 Donald Ave., submits to a throat swab without complaint Thursday at the Marion County health office. Miss Erna Derstebcher, county health nurse, is taking a culture to make sure Dale Anne hasn't picked up diphtheria germs which have claimed lives of two people in Salem. The girl's mother is an employee of the Blind School where one victim was a house mother and the other was a pupil. Dale Anne said she often plays at the school while waiting for her mother. (Statesman Photo).

## Diphtheria Shots, Tests in Demand; Case In Springfield, 2 Possible at Grand Ronde

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT, JR., Staffwriter, The Statesman

Anxious Salem area residents swamped doctors' offices and county health facilities Thursday in the wake of a diphtheria outbreak that has claimed the lives of a Salem woman and a little blind girl.

County health officer Dr. Willard J. Stone reported that his staff has volunteered to keep open the county health offices Saturday morning to take care of the increased load of visitors.

Meanwhile doctors and nurses were busy administering Schick tests, booster shots and swabbing throats for cultures, and health officials continued a relentless search for the unknown carrier who apparently gave the disease to both the victims.

Thursday night no new cases of the disease had been reported in Salem as the normal incubation period continued to run its course. Elsewhere in the state a Vernonia woman, stricken with diphtheria, apparently was on the way to recovery, and a fourth case was reported in Springfield. Two suspect cases were under surveillance in Grand Ronde.

Wait for Week's End

Health officials said they would be back easier if no additional cases cropped up by the end of the week, as the incubation period is usually from 2 to 7 days. Both Mrs. Violet Fry, a Blind School attendant, and Christine Artano, a pupil there, became ill Sunday.

The diphtheria carrier, though, was the principal concern of Vivien Runte, public health nurse epidemiologist, who was assigned to Salem by the state department of health in Portland. It is her job to sleuth out the germ carrier, believed to be responsible for the two Salem cases of diphtheria, and to prevent its spread.

Checks Made

Meanwhile all persons known to be in close contact with Mrs. Fry and the Artiano girl were being checked for presence of the germ. Throat cultures were being continued and results of some 80 taken Wednesday were due today. The cultures were from pupils and workers at the Blind School where the closest contacts appeared.

There is no proof that the Blind School is the common ground, says Nurse Runte. It may be only coincidental that the two cases happened to be from there. She noted that the Fry and Artiano residences, at 1490 Hines St. and 715 S. 12th St., are less than six blocks apart.

Activities of the two while they were apparently first coming down with the disease were retraced. It was reported Mrs. Fry accompanied several girls from the Blind School on a skating party Saturday night, several hours before becoming fatally ill. Mrs. Fry and Christine were

## Move to Fulfill Treaty Raises Demo Protest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Thursday announced plans to ship 18 tanks to Saudi Arabia but early Friday quickly revoked the decision in the face of vigorous Democratic protest.

The reversal was an evident effort to prevent the impending delivery of the weapons from creating a new wave of excitement and possible fresh trouble in the delicate and dangerous Arab-Israeli situation.

It had the effect also of meeting outspoken Democratic criticism of the proposed shipment in the Senate Thursday night.

Technically, the new decision was to suspend an export permit covering the tanks, which the State Department had described as training vehicles.

**Bulldog Tanks**

The action was announced by the State Department about nine hours after the department had first disclosed that 18 Walker Bulldog tanks were scheduled for shipment aboard the S. S. James Monroe at Brooklyn for Damman, Saudi Arabia, in line with a deal concluded last September.

A state department spokesman said the 25-ton tanks were delivered under a mutual defense agreement made with Saudi Arabia June 18, 1951.

**Arms Request**

Israel, which has had a 50-million-dollar arms request pending for months here, had denounced the previous decision to ship the tanks to Saudi Arabia.

Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) declared during an hour-long Senate discussion that "should be brought before the Foreign Relations Committee without delay to explain this whole matter."

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said the U. S. "has deplored the arms race in the Middle East and indicated strong opposition to the arms sale to Egypt" by Communist Czechoslovakia.

But now, he contended, "We have lost any moral grounds whatever to try to hold down the arms race."

The Minnesota said Saudi Arabia "has sworn the destruction of the state of Israel and has been in conflict with our ally, Britain."

## British End Death Penalty

LONDON, Friday (AP) — In an historic decision, Britain's House of Commons voted Thursday night to end the death penalty.

In immediate effect, it apparently spared the lives of three young condemned killers who had been awaiting hanging.

The reaction of the British public appeared to be mainly favorable.

## Reopening of Albany Metal Plant Studied

ALBANY — The Albany zinc-uranium plant may be opened on a production basis, according to word here from U. S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger in Washington.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines has a pilot plant here for zirconium which has been recently in the news.

Sen. Neuberger telegraphed word that he was informed Thursday by Adm. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, that the possible plant opening is result of a new prediction that "it now appears that by 1958 the commission may need zirconium at a greater rate than was previously anticipated in the request for proposals to industry in October."

The admiral told the senator the Bureau of Mines plant here is now under review. The plant has had an important Albany payroll.

## \$100,000 Project to Add to Space in Salem Post Office

A \$100,000 renovation and remodeling project which will add some 10,000 square feet to Salem Post Office facilities is scheduled to get underway this spring.

Major part of the project, for which Salem Architect Louis Scherber has been retained to draw plans, will involve completing the basement of the post office building on Church Street. Along with outside loading space changes, will be a new driveway entrance from Cottage Street.

Salem Postmaster Albert Gragg says completion of the building program should take care of Salem's post office needs for several years. He said it had been sought for many years.

Included will be a concrete floor with an asphalt slab over it in the basement for handling parcel post. Mail chutes and sorting conveyors will also be installed to and from

## Today's Speller

(Editor's Note: A list of 23 words is being published each school day to make up the 300-word basic list for semi-finals and finals of the Oregon Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest in which nearly 4,000 7th- and 8th-grade students are participating.)

civil	wander
discover	entry
provoke	primary
sarcasm	reversible
complete	approval
discipline	equipped
authority	contrast
emphasize	expenditure
cashier	ceiling
haphazard	residential
outcloth	century
neighbor	inaugurate
	foundation

## X-Ray Eyes of Meter Reader Stir Protests

WATERTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — A city employe who "learned to read basement water meters from the curb" has been fired. Both the complaints of outraged customers will be trickling in for some time.

Water department officials ousted the meter reader after an investigation disclosed that he had failed to read meters for the last nine months although he had submitted reports on which charges were based.

Just how much the city will have to shell out in refunds on some "startlingly high" bills has yet to be determined.

## Under One-Fifth Eligible Persons Take Polio Shots

PORTLAND (AP) — Less than a fifth of the eligible have taken the protective series of shots against polio in Oregon, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, reported Thursday.

He said an estimated 242,000 vaccine shots have been administered in the state. He estimated 152,250 have taken first shots, 75,220 have taken second shots and 14,970 have taken booster shots.

He said the key group is those who have taken the two-shot basic protection. They will have enough time to get the booster shot later, he said.

## The Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Salem	34	17	trace
Portland	29	18	.02
Baker	10	-8	.00
Madison	34	14	.00
North Bend	38	22	.00
San Francisco	54	39	.00
Los Angeles	58	45	.00
Chicago	25	28	.30
New York	41	29	.00

Willamette River 1.5 feet.  
 FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Considerable cloudiness, with showers of mixed rain and snow this morning; warming and becoming partly cloudy with occasional showers this afternoon and evening; high today 38-40, low tonight 28-30. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 24.

**SALEM PRECIPITATION**  
 Since Start of Weather Year Sept. This Year Last Year Normal  
 42.30 19.73 27.13

## Eisenhower Downs Quail

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower's hunting luck changed for the better Thursday and he brought down some quail. It was one of his most active days outdoors since his September heart attack.

Eisenhower's luck was very good—he bagged the daily legal limit of 12 birds during six hours of hunting. (Add. details Page 2, Sec. 4.)