

# 20 to 50 Nuns Perish as Plane Hits Convent

## Tremendous Blast Buries Hurt, Dead

### Canada Site Destroyed; Firemen Battle Frantically to Find Victims

OTTAWA (AP)—A flaming Canadian Air Force jet fighter ripped into a three-story Roman Catholic convent seven miles east of Ottawa Tuesday night and estimates of the dead ranged from 20 to more than 50.

A tremendous explosion followed the crash and the million-dollar brick building of the Ville St. Louis Convent was demolished.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

When the man-on-the-street read the news that the Soviet Union was slaughtering its armed forces by 1,200,000 men and putting 375 naval vessels in mothballs he may just have shrugged his shoulders and said, "So what?"

Not so the stock market. Traders there hammered prices down sharply in two days of trading, Monday and Tuesday. Of course the market was ripe for a shake-out; but the report from Moscow stirred ideas of what might happen in Washington. Since nearly ten per cent of our gross national product is accounted for by defense spending, and much of the overseas contributions go for military purposes the prospect of a cut in U. S. outlays for defense had a chilling effect. Aircraft, metals, electronics, chemicals are among the industries that would be adversely affected by substantial reductions in defense contracts. That isn't going to happen right away—the pending budget says increases for military purposes, but farsighted investors realize that it might happen here. Well, the important matter is not whether the stock market takes a slump but whether the Soviet Union's announcement betokens a sincere move toward disarmament and relaxing of cold war tensions. Secretary Dulles said he would welcome the gesture if it is sincere, but he pointed out the United States already has reduced its military forces by nine million since the close of the war. It is altogether probable.

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## Paper Seeks Expansion of Lane Probe

EUGENE — The Eugene Register-Guard Tuesday published on its front page a letter to Gov. Elmo Smith, urging him to broaden the investigative powers of Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton in matters being probed here.

The newspaper said Thornton should be allowed to investigate Dist. Atty. Eugene Venn's grand jury was improperly composed. The letter said Thornton had advised the Register-Guard he didn't feel his powers were broad enough to investigate the way the grand jury was selected.

The newspaper said: "As citizens of this community, we respectfully suggest that you authorize Mr. Thornton to look into the jury matter, too."

The letter also criticized the way Circuit Judge Dal King last week dropped "a series of legal road blocks in front of Mr. Venn."

This was in reference to last week's hearing on Venn's complaint that the grand jury was illegally constituted because he said the names were not picked by lot. Judge King turned down Venn's appeal.

The grand jury was called to investigate reports of an extortion plot involving Moses Moody, now serving a term at the Oregon State Penitentiary for a market robbery in Eugene. Not long ago Moody was placed in protective custody at the prison after reports he was in danger of being harmed.

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## MURDER CHARGES FILED

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The District Attorney's office Tuesday filed double murder charges against 17-year-old farm boy Francis O. Ritter, who laid off others he killed his stepfather and mother with an ax.



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## Armed Forces Exhibit Becomes Boys' Toy



Salem youngsters clamber over and around a Marine Corps 155 howitzer, part of the Armed Forces Day display of military equipment at the Capitol mall Tuesday. The display was included in the day-long Armed Forces Day observance here. (Statesman photo). (Story and picture on page 16, sec. 2.)

## Confidence Man Bilking Older People

A confidence man, posing as a relative, has duped three elderly Marion County residents of substantial sums of cash, Sheriff Denver Young said Tuesday.

An 83-year-old man in Marion County is the most recent victim, Young reported. He said a stranger approached the Marion man at his home last week and induced him to part with \$300 after convincing the older man that he was a cousin from Indiana whom the Marion man had not seen for 14 years.

The sheriff said he was called to investigate when the stranger did not return as he had promised. He borrowed the money after telling a story of family hardship.

Another victim was identified as a Turner man, 79, who gave a stranger \$125 about two weeks ago after identifying himself as a nephew from Stockton, Calif. He said he needed the money because his family had been hurt in a wreck.

An elderly Silverton man was bilked of \$90 on April 20 under similar circumstances, the sheriff reported. He said the confidence man had enough correct family information in each case to tell a plausible story.

Several similar cases have been reported in Yamhill County and the culprit may still be at work in the mid-valley, Young said. He cautioned the public to be wary of such a situation and to report to authorities if an attempt is made to borrow money under similar circumstances.

## Planners Recommend Service Station Zone

A service station zone for the northwest corner of Pine and Broadway was recommended to the City Council Tuesday night by action of the Salem Planning Commission.

After hearing objections from five nearby property owners, the commissioners voted to recommend adoption of a change from top-class residential zone to a C-1 (neighborhood-type) business zone, as proposed.

Huey Frederick, one of the objectors and a resident at 2390 Broadway, told the commission that the area is solid residential for several blocks and that he was convinced the change would reduce other property values and create new traffic hazards for the children.

Similar objections came from Mrs. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Connor, 2380 N. 5th, Andrew E. Johnson, 2365 Broadway, adjacent to the corner property, said he felt it would be better to rezone the entire corner area for business "when it's ready for it."

Commission member U.S. Page said he, too, would prefer to see a larger area converted to business use. He abstained from the voting, but the other members were unanimous in recommending the change.

Zone change committee chairman T. W. Lowry, who made a favorable report, said, "This corner is a logical place for business zoning." He noted that other property owners at the Pine and Broadway corner could later come in for similar zoning when they wished to change their property use for the neighborhood-type business.

Arterial Streets Commission W. W. Rosebraugh and others stressed that both Pine and Broadway are arterial streets along which business would eventually be expected to develop.

The neighborhood was divided on the issue. Originally over 60 per cent of the property in the area was represented on the petition requesting the zone change, but some of the signers later joined in a counter-petition to object to any change.

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## Burns From Coffee Pot Take Life of Albany Tot

ALBANY, Ore. — Burns suffered when a coffee pot overturned a week ago have claimed the life of Scott Wesley McNeill. The child suffered extensive burns in the kitchen accident.

# Estes Delays Tour Of Mid-Valley, Flies East

## Shares U of O Platform With Stevenson

EUGENE — Some 5,000 students and towns people gave a warm welcome Tuesday night to Sen. Estes Kefauver and Adlai Stevenson as they met here on a common platform.

It was an abbreviated and friendly meeting of the two men who seek Oregon's 16 Democratic convention delegates in a write-in feature of Friday's primary election.

Morse introduced the two men on the campus of the University of Oregon, where he once was law school dean.

He drew cheers as he stepped onto the platform. Four times Kefauver was interrupted by applause as he lauded Morse and this was quickly matched by applause for similar comments from Stevenson.

Stevenson and Kefauver covered much of the same ground in their talks.

One of the next president's first tasks will be to recognize for America the respect of other nations. We must use the methods of peace in dealing with other nations and not depend on military alone or on threats," said Kefauver.

Stevenson accused the Republicans of "squandering a great part of the national good will built up abroad over the years by the Democrats" and added, "we must never forget that our real goal is not to build a military alliance but to remove the necessity for it. We must find a workable basis for universal disarmament."

Campaign sponsors had said in advance it would be no debate, asserting the two were in fundamental agreement, differing only in the words, explaining their views.

## Deschutes D.A. Delays Action Against PGE

MADRAS, Ore. — No immediate action against Portland General Electric Co. in the Pelton Dam dispute is planned, Dist. Atty. Warren H. Albright said Tuesday.

In a Monday opinion by Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton, Albright was urged to bring criminal proceedings against PGE to stop construction of the Deschutes River dam. Thornton said construction should halt because PGE has not acquired water rights from the state Hydro-electric Commission.

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18 DIE IN PLANE CRASH KATMANDU, Nepal — An Indian Airlines plane crashed and burned Tuesday, killed 18 passengers and three other persons.

## Salem Near Top in Fire Safety Rating

Salem is one of the safest cities, from a fire hazard standpoint, on the West Coast, an inspection of city business houses disclosed Tuesday.

A small army of fire inspectors surveyed some 840 separate business establishments, about 75 per cent of the city's total, looking for a long list of fire hazards. They found 959 violations. This averaged out to 1.14 violations per business—about three times as low as the inspectors found in six other Oregon cities.

The inspectors also commented on the city's clean garages and laundries and said it was one of the fastest inspections they'd ever conducted. The survey was conducted by the Oregon Fire Underwriters Association.

The inspection team included 55 fire insurance officials from Portland and about 40 off-duty Salem firemen. About 50 local Boy Scouts also participated to gain fire safety experience.

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## Falling Humidity May Halt Some Logging

Plunging humidity readings may close down some logging operations in this area, it was predicted Tuesday.

When the humidity reaches 30, logging operations must cease in that locality. The count in Salem and in the Santiam canyon area east of Salem reached 31 Tuesday, and Detroit area today.

Even though there is snow on the ground in the Detroit district, a strong east wind, which is predicted for today, can send the humidity down and halt logging operations, foresters explained.

A low humidity for this time of year is not common, but is not rare, foresters said.

The Salem area, meanwhile, experienced the warmest day since Sept. 6, with the temperature soaring to a high of 86. Fair skies are expected to continue today and Thursday with slightly warmer temperatures, McNary Field weathermen said.

Temperature in Valsest Tuesday reached 92, climbing fast from an early-morning low of 28. Humidity was reported about 30.

Fair and warm weather is predicted for northern Oregon beaches today. Associated Press reported a high temperature of 68-63 today, low of 45-50 tonight, and variable winds 10-20 miles an hour are expected.

Wheat and barley are in effect for the last three years, must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a referendum to be held July 20.

In announcing wheat quotas and referendum date, Secretary of Agriculture Benson said wheat "continues one of the most serious problems in the whole farm economy."

## Politics on Parade . . . Who's Running for What Office

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ELMO SMITH (R) Candidate for Governor of Oregon Gov. Elmo Smith entered his duties as governor on the sudden death of Gov. Paul Patterson Jan. 31, 1956, with an excellent background of state government. He held no apparent political party affiliation as governor but he has been a party to formation of state policy and knew the problems involved.

He was state senator in 1949, 1951, 1953 and 1955 sessions representing Grant, Harney and Malheur counties. He was senate president in 1955.

In every job, Elmo Smith earned public confidence, and the respect and liking of associates. He was elected mayor of Ontario in 1952, being twice re-elected. Oregon magazine named him one of five leading mayors of smaller cities in the country.

Two of the most important legislative acts of the decade were fashioned under Elmo Smith's leadership—Oregon's 72 million dollar highway program and cre-

ation of the water resources board for conservation of natural resources. An authority on highway legislation, his leadership of Oregon's highway program was promptly recognized when he became governor by appointment to the nine-man President's highway advisory committee of the Governor's Conference on which he is the only western governor.

He is acquainted with a diversified field of state government through membership on legislative committees such as roads and highways, natural resources, agriculture, alcoholic control, livestock, and labor and industries.

Governor Smith was born on a ranch near Grand Junction, Colo., Nov. 19, 1909, one of nine children—seven of whom are living. He was married in 1933 to a college classmate, Dorothy Leiminger. They have two children, Dennis, 18, and Janice, 12.

Governor Smith launched his newspaper career shortly after graduating from the college of Idaho in 1933 in Ontario. He later bought the Blue Mountain Eagle at John Day, which he still owns, and an interest in the Madras Pioneer. He was a lieutenant in Naval Air Transport in the South Pacific during World War II.

## Senate Calls; Plans Return On Thursday

Sen. Estes Kefauver will appear on the Senate floor in Washington today instead of the Courthouse lawn in Salem, he announced Tuesday in a long-distance switch of last-minute plans in his campaign for write-in votes in Oregon's Democratic presidential primary election Friday.

But he will fly back to Oregon immediately, Kefauver told the Associated Press in Eugene, in order to make his scheduled Salem and other Marion County visits on Thursday instead of today.

This fast maneuver pointed up Oregon's place in the Democratic presidential campaign picture. Kefauver and Adlai Stevenson both have been stumping this state as write-in candidates for the primary in which no name will be printed in the Presidential spot of the Democrat ballot.

Respond Quickly Sen. Kefauver and Sen. Wayne Morse, both of whom were in Eugene Tuesday, responded quickly to a summons from Sen. Herbert Lehman (D-N.Y.) to get back to the national Capitol in time for Wednesday's vote on the Niagara River power bill.

The handshaking Tennessee senator made the power issue a point of his campaign speeches in Oregon Tuesday, and underlined it with his announcement of rushing East to support the Democratic vote on the Niagara bill.

He said he and Morse would "try to prevent another giveaway of the power from a great natural resource of the nation—this time the power from the falling waters of the Niagara River."

While Kefauver is flying to Washington and back, his rival, Adlai Stevenson, will be making Wednesday appearances in Roseburg and Coos Bay before moving on to California for a round of campaigning there.

The Kefauver plan is to be back in Portland in time to pick up his schedule tomorrow — by leaving Portland Thursday morning in time to make five-minute talks in Canby, Aurora, Hubbard and Woodburn before arriving in Salem for a talk at 12:45 p.m. from the steps of the Marion County Courthouse.

There the senator is to be introduced by Dr. John Rademaker of Williamsburg University. Later Kefauver will fly to Redmond, then get to Lebanon for a scheduled 5 p.m. talk at Lebanon High School.

Reporting Sen. Kefauver's campaigning in Roseburg and Eugene Tuesday, Associated Press said he referred to Douglas McKay as one "who promptly reversed the actions of a great line of Democratic secretaries (of the Interior) . . . who were real believers in conservation."

When he announced his rush trip to the Capitol to vote on Niagara power, Kefauver related it to Heli's Canyon power. He said: "You here in Oregon, having fought so hard for so long to try to retain for all the people the benefits of that great site—Heli's Canyon—appreciate why Sen. Morse and I must be nowhere but on the Senate floor tomorrow.

"In the case of Heli's Canyon you are now fighting in court to protect this site from being lost to the power monopoly—a gift planned by Douglas McKay and Dwight Eisenhower. In the case of Niagara, we shall be fighting . . . to accomplish the same great principle."

## Portland Store Strike Ends

PORTLAND — A strike of union grocery clerks against Safeway Stores ended Tuesday when the union membership voted to accept a package wage offer of 2½ cents an hour, spread over a two-year period.

The clerks returned to work Tuesday at Safeway and other stores represented by Food Employers, Inc., the employer group.

## H-Blast Date Set

ABOARD USS MT. MCKINLEY, off Bikini at 10:30 a.m. for the first test blast of an American H-bomb dropped from a plane Wednesday was fixed for 5:51 a.m. Thursday, Bikini time (10:51 a.m. PST Wednesday, U.S. time).

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