

Salem, Oregon, Thursday, November 29, 1956

Dennis Howarth home November 21. A crowd of more than 100 crowded the city hall council chambers as a nine-man Mayor's committee in-vestigated the blast. (Capital Journal Photo)

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### 3,000 Acres in Forests

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Christmas only a month ay, Oregon was experiencing worst forest fire season in five

years. At least eight fires, fanned by east winds, had blackened more than 3,000 acres of timberland Thursday morning. The hazard from low humidities, an unseason-able dry spell and buffeting winds, was so great that Gov. Elmo Smith closed 13 northwestern counties to burning without fire permits.

Lines Held Overnight nes held during the night and rsday morning Ted Maul of state forester's office said ngs are looking a little bet-

ter." But this optimism was only over having held the lines during the night, he said. The Weather Bu-reau said high winds would be whipping the blazing trees again Thursday afternoon and no rain was in sight. The worst of the fires had cov-ered more then 2500 across in the

The worst of the fires had cov-ered more than 2,500 acres in the Salmonberry River area of Clat-sop County. The blaze was on land owned by the state and by Long-Bell Lumber Co. Some 300 men were fighting the fire which was burning in extremely rugged ter-rain

Another bad fire vas reported Another bad fire vas reported in the Trask River drainage area of the Tillamook Burn. The Trask fire, at 250 acres, provided sparks that blew out Wednesday evening to start a fresh blaze of 160 acres atop a narrw ridge. ridge.

To the southeast in Linn Coun-, three fires were burning but jursday morning they were re-rited at less than 30 acres each. ome 200 men-fighting a pair

ported at less than 30 acres each. Some 200 men—fighting a pair of fires in the Astoria watershed. Clackamas County reported fires in the Sandy-Bull Run arca, near Eagle Creek and near Col-ton. The wind whipped still another Willamette National Forest, 30 miles southeast of Eugene, Forty loggers were on the fire line. At Olympia, Washington State Forester L. T. Webster said that four fires broke out in Clark and Skamania counties Tuesday and wednesday. All were under con-trol early Thursday. For a time, winds up to 50 miles an hour fanned the fiames, Web-ster said. Because of the hazardous fire conditions the Washington Divi-sion of Forestry halted all loggin outdoor fires in Clark and Ska-mania counties and a portion of the Kalama River.

## Sub-Freezing Low Recorded For 12th Day Contends Story Told The defense contended that the

ight, but the sunny daytime eather is due to continue through



16, 634 N. 20th (center), returns

eat after completing testimony as one of sses heard Wednesday at a hearing con-the gas explosion which destroyed the

Jury Goes Into Deliberations 22 Testify at Explosion Inquiry;

**Trial Rests Solely** 

**On Book Merits** By FRED ZIMMERMAN **Capital Journal Writer** 

A jury of five women and seven ien began their deliberations a o'clock Thursday morning in o'clock Thursday morning in trial of the state versus Jack St. Clair, news agency operator charged with selling an indecen

not precenterial. Your decision must rest upon something more than speculation," he said. In closing argument District Al-torney Kenneth Brown read ex-cerpts from the book which he said derides law enforcement and construct an encourse pointed out examples of

In 'Lurid' Case Gas Firm Urges Code Tightening Verdict in St. Clair's

Thinks Code Inadequate

**Probers Sift Facts** meet later to examine the testi-mony, and that out of it might or might not come a recommendation for city safety legislation. Before Deciding

Any Action By STEPHEN A. STONE

Thinks Code Inadequate Statements made by President Charles H. Gueffroy of Portland Gas & Coke company and other re-presentatives of the company im-plied that they do not consider the Salem code adequate. The y thought it should contain American standard code requirements, and offered the Vancouver, Wash., code as a nigdel to follow. The new gas furnace had been installed the week of the explo-sion, and turned on only the day (before the blast, Charles Cretin of Sears Roebuck & company, who sold the furnace to the Howarths, said it was in sound condition when installed and found so after the blast. Journal Associate Editor Capital Journal Associate Editor Testimony taken from 22 wit-nesses Wednesday at a public in-quiry into the gas blast that des-troyed the Dennis Howarth home, 785 North 20th, the day before Thanksgiving, and injured Mr. and Mrs. Howarth and their small daughter Deeann, will be sifted be-fore conclusions are reached or an attemnt mode to fit responsibility.

attempt made to fix responsibility. Robert DeArmond, chairman of the committee appointed by Mayor

**Heltzel Files** Gene Rawlings of A & R Equip-ment company, who installed the urnace, said he carefully checked **Stiff Protest** er the installation and found it in

**Of Rail Boost Pipe Test Confidential** Utilities Commissioner question remains about Heltzel announced has filed a strong meter. When Gueffroy was asked protest against the railroads' apfor the result of a test made of this plication for a 15 per cent nation spid the

Howarths had asked him the same question, and that it was confiden-tial information, presumably be-cause of possible litigation. Wit-The railroads want a 7 per cent immediately usual hearings, after hearings, Heltzel said that C. director of rail tra nesses were not under oath, so an answer could not be forced. W. Fergu-

Several witnesses, however, had on, director of rail transportation

STAGGERED CLASSES SET

son, director of rail transportation for Heltzel, will appear in Kansas testified to seeing a long straight City, Mo., next Monday to argue line of fire, about five inches high, against the increase. This hearing will be held by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Heltzel not only opposes the rate these lines of fire came from increase, but he also opposes the crncks in the concrete. One procedure under which the 7 per ness, Mrs. Ruth Huddleston cent boost might be allowed im-North 20th, described these fi as "a rope of fire."

so await certain clarifications regard to the carrying out of resolution passed last Satur-by the U. N. Assembly, auth-ing the secretary general to reed with arrangements for (canal) clearance as a U. N. ation." operation." Conference With France cated in their testimony that the

Multi-Billion

of critical target areas.

The said there should be a bar-ance be it we en evacuation and shelter, reiterating that shelters would not protect from the full force of thermonuclear explosions. The officials said nobody knows what the total cost of a shelter program designed to protect

what the total cost of a shelter program designed to protect residents of major cities would be. They recalled that Peterson has said it might be anywhere from 15 to 35 billion dollars.

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Due in Gorge

Conference With France French Foreign Minister Christ-ian Pineau will. Riy here Friday for emergency talks on the "other important matters." Lloyd's "interim statement" in Parliament was the firmest dec-laration yet that Britain and France intend to keep at least some of their forces in the Suez until progress is made on clearing obstructions from the Egypt-held (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5) obstructions from the Egypt-held section of the canal and on ob-alning a final decision on interna-lonal supervision of the vita **Mass Shelter** 

ration of the canal.

Egypt

Affirms Suez

LONDON (UP)-Foreign Secre-ary Selwyn Lloyd refused today o commit Britain to hurried with-

drawal from Egypt pending new consultations with France and the consideration of "other matters" ism such as the future of the Suez A

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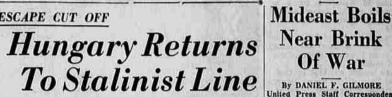
**Plan Studied** WASHINGTON In - The Eisenhower administration is reported considering a mass shelter build-ing program for civil defense which ultimately might cost bil-lions of dollars. Officials in position to know said Thursday second do not know said on the situation, an indication that

Thursday several di rent pro-posals are under study which condelegation from Turkey arrived here this morning to discuss the Syrian situation with Lloyd. Left winger Aneurin Bevan, maktemplate asking Congress for wards of 200 million dollars ing his debut as the Labor party's official candidate for foreign secient the program for evacuation

official candidate for foreign sec-retary should it regain control of the government, immediately at-tacked Lloyd's "sinister juxta-position" of the three conditions for Anglo - French withdrawal: Phasing of the pullout with the (Continued on Page 5 Column 7) It was pointed out that val re-terson, federal civil defense ad-ministrator, suid in a speech Oct. 11 that his agency is vitally inter-ested in shelter proposals but there is no single solution. He said there should be a bal-mer had there should be a bal-

## **Foday's Journal**

For the second time in two weeks the Capital Journal today publishes the largest regular edi-tion in its history, 61 nine col-umn pages, the equivalent of 72 standard size pages such as all Oregon dallies except the two in Salem publish.



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**To Hurry Canal Pullout** 

By DANIEL F. GILMORE United Press Staff Correspond LONDON (UP)-Egypt reported puppet government returned all West. the way today to hard line Stalin- The return to the hard line in

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Tawai troin sight pending new procession of the way today to hard line Stalin-onsultations with France and the way today to hard line Stalin-side Hungary was signalled by the side Hungary was signalled by the Is rail sources accused the Sov-iet Union of conspiring with Syria to wreck the Baghdad pact and overthrow the government of Iraq. Moscow reforted that Israel was digging its own grave paring a new conflict in the dle East.

There are other important mat-sto be considered, such as the odo Hungarians have field to free-dom since Oct. 23. The new rigid ruling on pass-areturn to the inflexible Stalinist inter which the East European sat-seed with our French allies and the carrying out of resolution passed last Satur-in define Stature in the result of the Soviet Foreign Min-and return to the inflexible Stalinist inter which the East European sat-ellites had hoped was gone for-resolution passed last Satur-in government lifted the furn ports and exit visas represented a return to the inflexible Stalinist inter Stature Stature in the regard to the carrying out of resolution passed last Satur-ian government lifted the Iron by by the U. N. Assembly, auth-Curtain for thousands of elderly The threat to the Baghdad paci The threat to the Boghad pact was so grave that a top level Turkish mission flew to London to seek means of counteracting the rapid buildup of Soviet arms in Syria which Turkey saw as a threat to it and its Baghdad pact ever. After Stawn's death, the Hungar-ling government litted the iron Curtain for thousands of elderly cast of Vienna.

Washington Washington was increasingly concerned over shipments of the Soviet arms to Syria. **Ike and Dulles Doubt** 

Soviet arms to Syria. Act Against England New Communist inspired riots were reported sweeping Iraq. The official Egyptian press stepped up its offensive against the Baghdad pact with a slashing attack on Pakistan and said that nation was conducting a hostile campaian against Egypt.

Hagerty Mum on cident prevention possibilities of the highway modernization pro-gram passed by the last Congress. nation was conducting a hostile campaign against Egypt. In Amman, Jordan, the govern-ment announced plans to "start immediately" to break the Anglo-Jordan treaty which for years gave Britain important military bases in that kingdom. Jordani plans called for ousting all re-maining British troops there. Egyptian Brigadier Amin Hilmy, chief of staff of the Eastern Com-mand, announced the air attacks. 3. Hagerty confirmed that Mr. 3. Hageriy confirmed that Mr. Fischlower recently sent a per-sonal letter to French Premier Guy Mollet expressing the Presi-dent's hopes and desires that Fran-co-American relations would con-tinue in the spirit of friendship and cooperation of the past. Hag-erty said the note to Mollet was in response to a message from the Premier congratulating the President on his reelection. Big Three Meeting

By MERRIMAN SMITH Julied Press White House Writer AUGUSTA, Ga. (UP)-President Elsenhower conferred early today y telephone with very today

**General War to Flare** 

**Arms Delivery** 

To Syria

Big Three Meeting 4. Asked about a statement at-ributed to Sen. Walter F. George It is an two plants strate Lgyp lian trucks and gun positions in the Sinai Desert 7 miles east of Ismailia, and that two others flew over Ismailia and were driven off by Egyptian antiaircraft batteries. He said the air attack was car-ried out by "acomy" Venome and (D-Ga) that the retiring chairman the Senate Foreign Relations of the Schale Preign Relations committee expected a meeting be-tween the President. Mollet and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden early next year, Hagerty said, "I haven't got anything on ried out by "enemy" Venoms and Mysteres, British and French built aircraft used by the Israeli Afr Force. He said casualties had not been reported. on the grave Suez Canal

And, "I haven't got anything on the deer reported. **Britain Gets First Oil by Cape Detour** LONDON (# – The first Middle East oil to be hauled around the Cape of Good Hope since the Britain Thursday. The first tanker to reach France since the canal was closed arrived at Marselli The tanker Athina Luans un-

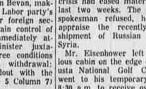
trapped Norwegian ships the blocked Suez Canal The tanker Athinia La The tanker Athinia Luanos un-loaded 28,000 tons of crude oil at British petroleum refineries after taking 30 days to make the trip from Kuwait. The trip through the canal usually took from 20 to 23 days. Meanwhile the gasoline shortage became the biggest topic of con-versation in this country which starts rationing on Dec. 17. Industry is pleady affected.

The foreign secretary told the House of Commons it must wait until Monday for a fuller report by telephone with Acting Secre-tary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. on the International situation. After the telephone conference, White House Press Secretary major decisions can be ference. Turkish Delegation The new issue of Soviet infit-tration into Syria was also on the agenda for these talks. A top level nto a general war in that area Hagerty said Wednesday that in

crisis had eased materially It was pointed out that Val Pe

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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HEART REPAIR UNSUCCESSFUL



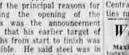
Urges Generosity After the President's morning in the office, Hagerty had these news announcements:

1. Mr. Eisenhower Americans to contribute generous-ly to a special American Red Cross disaster appeal for \$5 million to aid in emergency relief in Hungary and for Hungarian refu-

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