

Forecast

Cloudy with some light rain  
in Central Oregon region.  
High temperatures, 50 to 55  
degrees. Lows, 40 to 45.

# THE BULLETIN

SERVING BEND AND CENTRAL OREGON

High yesterday, 57 degrees.  
Low last night, 42 degrees.  
Sunset today, 4:41. Sunrise  
tomorrow, 6:58, PST.

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## No one hurt seriously in Medina blast

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI)—An estimated 60,000 pounds of a chemical high explosive erupted with a thunderous roar today at the Atomic Energy Commission's Medina, Tex., nuclear weapons plant, shattering windows 10 miles away in San Antonio.

There was no radiation danger, officials emphasized.

Officials reported three men "superficially" injured. They were able to walk away from the blast. Residents of the area fled.

The blast occurred in a mound-like igloo used to store explosives. An Atomic Energy Commission spokesman said the explosive consisted mostly of TNT.

**Column of Smoke**

The explosion at 8:35 a.m. PST sent a column of smoke billowing 1,000 feet into the sky. The Federal - State Livestock Marketing Service located 20 miles from the scene reported the blast blew its doors open.

Nuclear explosives are kept at Medina. But the base does not have an atomic reactor as first reported.

Immediately after the blast, roads around the plant were jammed with cars bumper-to-bumper.

Medina tests, assemblies, repairs and disposal of nuclear weapon components in an \$18 million plant complex. It employs about 600 persons and covers 4,000 acres southwest of San Antonio.

An AEC spokesman in Washington said the igloos used to store explosives at the secret base are separated and shielded so that an explosion in one will not touch off others.

Minutes after the blast, fire engines, ambulances and police cars rushed to the base from San Antonio.

**Windows Shattered**

Plate glass windows in the city were shattered by the blast. People living as far as 50 miles from the scene reported hearing an explosion.

A secretary in the San Antonio AEC office said tests were made as soon as the blast occurred to confirm that there was no danger from radioactivity.

"The explosion was basically TNT," said A. Miller, acting chief of operations at the plant. Workmen were putting the explosive in an igloo.

Officials were amazed that they escaped. The igloo was badly damaged.

## Word awaited on wheat deal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The first agreement by a private concern for sale of American wheat to the Soviet Union is expected to be announced at any time. It is likely to be followed by other deals.

Commerce Secretary Luther H. Hodges said Tuesday that in the wake of a general agreement over how the sales and shipments may be handled, a Russian delegation probably already has "worked out one or more deals" with private U.S. grain traders.

Hodges told a news conference that the Commerce Department expects to approve shortly the first formal application for a wheat shipment to Russia. The Soviets are expected to buy about a quarter-million dollars worth of American surplus grain.

Hodges said the government has received from 12 to 15 other applications for permission to ship various farm commodities, including wheat, corn, soybeans and tobacco, to Soviet bloc countries.

## Honor group taps Bend girl

Special to The Bulletin

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY — Margaret A. Westfall of Bend has been initiated into the national honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, at Oregon State University.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is top campus recognition for scholastic achievements. Fifty seniors qualified for the honor this fall on the basis of outstanding grades during earlier years of study at OSU.

## Mme. Nhu again has scheduled flight to Rome

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI)—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu and her daughter, Le Thuy, were again scheduled to fly to Rome today for a long-postponed reunion with the three younger children of the former first lady of South Viet Nam.

Mme. Nhu, who had called off previously scheduled flights on the advice of doctors, was to go to Copenhagen on a Scandinavian Airlines jet and then to Rome via Frankfurt and Zurich.

## Conner named Bend safety group taking shape here

A group to be known as the Bend Safety Council took tentative shape here last night at a meeting sponsored by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, represented by Miss Vinita Howard.

The local group is being formed at the request of Governor Hatfield and will join other councils already organized in a number of Oregon cities above 5,000 population.

Don Conner, ex-president of the Bend Chamber of Commerce, was named temporary chairman of the Bend group. Present for the pre-organization conference were Jack Dempsey, a city commissioner; Emil Moen, Bend chief of police; R. E. Jewell, city superintendent of schools; Hal Puddy, city manager; Glenn Ratcliff, Ray LeBlanc, and Rod Smith, of the Lions Club.

The group volunteered support to Conner in completing organization of the council.

Yesterday noon, Miss Howard

## U.S. ambassador protests Soviet arrest of professor

MOSCOW (UPI) — U.S. Ambassador Foy D. Kohler today strongly protested to the Soviet Union against the arrest on spy charges of Yale University Professor Frederick C. Barghoorn and "requested his release forthwith."

Kohler called on Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin at the skyscraper Foreign Ministry offices and in a 15-minute interview "denied emphatically" that Barghoorn was a spy, demanded "immediate access" to the professor and requested his release.

Kohler's trip to the Foreign Ministry followed a firm protest lodged there this morning by Walter J. Stoessel, deputy chief of the U.S. mission, against the arrest of the 52-year-old American professor.

Under Soviet law, Barghoorn faces imprisonment or a possible death sentence if found guilty of the charges.

Kohler was pressing a request for further information on the case and a demand to see the

## Blaze spares famed S.F. Cliff House

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A five-alarm fire roared through San Francisco's Cliff House area Tuesday night, but the world famous restaurant was spared.

The wind-whipped blaze, which sent flames shooting 100 feet into the air, gutted a series of shops which were bordered by the restaurant to the south and the historic Sutro Baths to the north.

Among the buildings destroyed were the gift shop and antique pavilion where thousands of historic relics were kept on display for sightseers.

About 270 firemen with 69 pieces of rolling equipment were hampered in their three-hour battle by an estimated crowd of 1,500 spectators attracted by the blaze which broke out at 5:30 p.m.

The fire fighters could approach the complex of buildings only from the east side, because the other side faces the ocean over a sheer cliff from which the popular tourist spot gets its name.

Sixteen firemen were injured, but none of their injuries was considered serious. Most were hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation.

## Sir Alec's debut in Commons called a 'lame performance'

LONDON (UPI) — Sir Alec Douglas-Home was criticized today for a "lame performance" in his debut as prime minister before the House of Commons.

Some British newspapers accorded the former peer some faint praise. All acknowledged he faced a formidable task when, after 12 years in the gentler House of Lords, he returned to lead off for the government in the opening of the new session of Parliament.

The Daily Telegraph, commenting in cricket terms, said Douglas-Home "repeatedly played and missed... his in-

## Iraq appears to have put down revolt

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — The Iraqi government appeared today to have quelled a brief revolt after unidentified rebel units launched ground and air attacks in the heart of Baghdad.

Reports reaching here still were sketchy, but diplomatic observers said it appeared the nine-month-old Baath party government had routed the rebels.

The fighting, observers said, was believed to have developed following a reshuffle in the Baath hierarchy in which strongman Deputy Premier Saleh El Saadi was ousted.

The fighting broke out this morning when Iraqi air force jets attacked the presidential palace.

Fighting was reported at the heavily fortified defense ministry and in the city streets.

**No Information**

There was no information available on casualties.

Diplomatic circles here said the fact the Baghdad Radio was still in government hands indicated Premier Maj. Gen. Ahmed Hassan Bakr's regime was in control.

The station was heard here ordering workers back to their jobs.

It specifically asked electricity and water department workers and postal and telegraph employes to return to their jobs.

Control of the radio, it was pointed out, is a prerequisite for success for an uprising in the Middle East.

Another indication of government control was the calling of a leadership meeting by Bakr.

Cairo's "Voice of the Arabs" radio said Bakr's government had imposed an indefinite curfew on Baghdad.

Reports reaching Tehran, the capital of neighboring Iran, said martial law had been imposed.

Saadi, and Brig. Hardan Takriti, commander of the air force, were dismissed, the station said. No explanation was given.

Their names were left out of a list of the new 16-man party leadership.

**Arrives in Spain**

The situation was confused further by a Spanish foreign office announcement that Saadi had been in Madrid since Tuesday, when he arrived with "a valid passport and was consequently admitted to Spain."

Egypt's semi-official Middle East News Agency said he had been "expelled" from Iraq.

His abrupt departure and the participation of air force jets in the attack on the official residence of President Abdel Salem Aref led observers here to believe the Baathists are struggling among themselves for power.

Bakr broadcast an appeal over Baghdad Radio for the Iraqi people to resist "attempts to divide" the unity of the Baath movement and "make Baathist kill Baathist."

The statement was read by Defense Minister Saleh Mandi Anash.

"The party is able to settle all disputes through the party — and the party will win," Bakr's statement said. "We must take care that not a single drop of blood be shed."

He called for a return "to the spirit of brotherhood."

## DO WJONES AVERAGES

By United Press International

Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 751.11, up 0.90; 20 railroads 173.71, off 0.27; 15 utilities 138.09, up 0.41; and 65 stocks 263.72, up 0.23.

# Committee okay given 'one-shot' tax measure



MEMORIES OF 'OVER THERE'—The Bend barracks and auxiliary of Veterans of World War I observed Veterans' Day with a dinner last night at the VFW Hall. From left are Inez Melariva, who served as a World War I nurse in France; Mrs. P. E. Cullison, local auxiliary president, and P. A. Shaw, barracks commander. Some 100 persons attended.

## Rep. Rogers casts only vote against

SALEM (UPI) — A four-cent pack cigarette tax bill was approved today by the House Tax Committee.

The bill went to the House floor on a 6-5 vote.

The measure would put the proposed tax on the May, 1964, primary election ballot. If the voters approved, it would become effective in June, 1964, raising about \$8 million in the remaining 11 months of the 1963-65 biennium.

SALEM (UPI) — The governor's "one-shot" bill to raise \$12 million this biennium by speeding up the turnover of withholding taxes to the state won the approval of the House Tax Committee today.

The committee sent the measure to the House floor for action on a 10-1 vote. Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence, a sales tax sponsor, cast the only dissenting vote.

The bill is one-half of Gov. Mark Hatfield's program to deal with Oregon's \$80 million fiscal crisis, caused by voter defeat of a tax program passed last spring.

The other half of Hatfield's program calls for more budget cutting. He has asked the legislature to give him authority to trim basic school support and other budgets which he cannot now touch. He already has done considerable cutting in control.

The one-shot tax bill would require employers to remit withholding taxes to the state on a monthly basis instead of the present quarterly basis. The effect would be to give the state two extra months of payments in the 1963-65 biennium.

The House Tax Committee continued to consider sales and cigarette tax proposals.

SALEM (UPI) — A cigarette tax measure will be approved by the House, Speaker Clarence Barton predicted today.

"I have talked to many of the members, and find there is a sentiment for a cigarette tax," he said.

"I believe a cigarette tax will pass the House if one is sent down by the Tax Committee," Barton added.

He said he did not believe a sales tax would win House approval at this special session, and he added he could not predict what kind of reception the Senate would give to a cigarette tax.

The Coquille Democrat said he favored a 4-cent cigarette tax with receipts to go into the general fund.

Two smoke tax bills already have been submitted.

Both measures would raise from \$10 to \$13 million a biennium, according to Eymann.

Barton said he believed Gov. Mark Hatfield "used good discretion" in budget reductions he has imposed.

## Soviets pass another U.S. test convoy

BERLIN (UPI) — The U.S. Army, in a new expression of its rights of access, today sent a small, west-bound convoy out of Berlin without difficulty.

An Army spokesman said the convoy, consisting of eight men in four trucks, was passed through the Soviet checkpoint outside Berlin without incident. Russians at the Babelsberg checkpoint did not ask this one to get out of its trucks to be counted.

Tuesday a larger convoy, of the size the Russians have harassed in the past, traveled to West Germany after a brief delay.

The Russians did not demand the 54 soldiers in 13 vehicles to dismount, but they did ask them to slide to the rear of their trucks to be counted. The commander of the convoy refused.

## Freeman says family farm is policy keystone

PORTLAND (UPI) — The National Grange today had direct word from Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman that the family farm is the keystone of agricultural policy of the Kennedy Administration.

Freeman flew west to the Grange's 97th annual convention and made the statement of policy in a speech Tuesday night.

"Just as the amazing productivity of American agriculture is the solid foundation for our unparalleled standard of living, so the family farm is the rock upon which we have built the achievement of American agriculture," he said.

Freeman said the family farm was essential to the strength and well-being of the nation. National farm policies, he added, have been shaped and will continue to be shaped to enable the efficient family farm to maintain its independence.

## Yardley has dedication role

YAKIMA — A new link of Highway 97 north and south through the Pacific Northwest was formally dedicated here Tuesday, with Jesse L. Yardley, Bend, Ore., as master of ceremonies.

The link is the Yakima Freeway, constructed at a cost of \$1,941,699.65. Yardley presided at the afternoon program as president of the Okanogan Trail Association. The new link of the highway reaches from Terrace Heights Way to Rudkin Road in Yakima.

## WOMAN TREATED

A police ambulance brought Mrs. Hazel Wilson, 74, to St. Charles Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon after she fell while crossing Wall Street at the Minnesota Avenue intersection. No information concerning the extent of her injuries was available. Mrs. Wilson lives at 2052 E. Fourth.

## Annual Chamber meeting due here on Friday

Arrangements have been completed for the annual meeting of the Bend Chamber of Commerce, at which five directors for the ensuing three years will be named.

Guest speaker at the meeting, to be held Friday, November 14, at noon in the Cooper Room, will be Robert Gaudi, Corona, Calif. He is head architect and chief engineer for the G. T. Wolfe trailer manufacturing firm, which operates a plant in Bend.

Gaudi will touch on the history of house trailers and their manufacture. He will also touch on future plans of the G. T. Wolfe firm.

Chamber officials said ballots for the election of the new members will be accepted until noon Friday. Names of the five men named to the board from a field of ten nominees will be announced at the luncheon meeting.

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## Slipped on domestic affairs. The Labor benches kept him under fire with a consistent barrage of heckling throughout his speech.

Douglas-Home served notice he will fight the forthcoming elections on the issue of the retention of Britain's nuclear deterrent. The Socialists want to scrap it in favor of increased conventional support to Western defenses.

At another point in his hour-long speech, Douglas-Home referred to Wilson as a "possible prime minister." When labor critics died down the premier snapped: "I have always faced facts, however horrible."