

SPOKANE BOMBER CRASH KILLS 15 AIR FORCE MEN



TAIL OF WOE—Queenie double checks the first-aid technique of Barbara, 7, and Carolyn Navarre, 9 (right), who are bandaging the pup's tail in their Detroit home. Queenie got her tail caught in an automatic ironer and it took the combined efforts of two policemen to free her. The din that Queenie raised at the time sounded like a raiding band of Apaches.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair with slowly rising temperatures. High today 55-65, low tonight 33, high Wednesday 68-70. Temp. Highest Yesterday 58. Lowest this Morning 32.

Feinsinger Blames Wilson for Havoc In Steel Dispute

Negotiations Chance Claimed Damaged

Washington —(U.P.)— Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger of the Wage Stabilization Board accused former Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson of causing the "havoc" in the steel dispute.

Feinsinger said Wilson's actions hurt chances of negotiating a settlement on the board's recommended terms of a 26-cent an hour "package" increase for the steel workers.

Feinsinger made the remarks in testimony before a Senate Labor subcommittee investigating President Truman's seizure of the steel industry. He defended President Truman's action, the board's wage recommendations and the controversial recommendation for a union shop.

Feinsinger said that Wilson, who resigned over the wage dispute, had said the recommendations would be a "serious threat" to the stabilization program. The wage chief said this remark caused an "atmosphere . . . scarcely conducive to the beginning of negotiations looking towards settlement."

Statement Retracted

Feinsinger said Wilson retracted his statement the following day. However, he said, "This retraction was too little and too late to avoid the havoc caused by the first statement."

Wilson resigned several days later, charging that he "still felt" that the board's 26-cent-an-hour "package" proposal would be destabilizing.

In other developments: Sen. Wayne Morse, R-Ore., said he will introduce legislation to return the steel mills to their owners if the companies grant wage increases proposed by the Wage Board.

President Signs Jap Peace Treaty

Washington —(U.P.)— President Truman signed the Japanese peace treaty Tuesday, paving the way for Japan's return to the family of free nations before the end of the month.

Mr. Truman also signed defense pacts with Japan, the Philippines, New Zealand and Australia setting the stage for the first peacetime Pacific defense system.

The President's signature on the peace treaty constituted this country's formal ratification. He affixed his signatures at a ceremony in his White House office.

When the Japanese treaty is deposited along with the ratifications of five other of the major nations which fought Japan, the treaty will come into effect, establishing Japan as a free and independent nation and ending the seven year military occupation.

Tuesday Final Day For State Tax Filing

Salem —(U.P.)— Tuesday was the final day to file your state income tax returns.

Ray Smith, chairman of the State Tax commission, said his offices in Salem would be open until 9 p.m. and his offices in the state office building in Portland would be open until midnight.

Mail Tribune To Print Candidate Statements Beginning Tomorrow

In tomorrow's edition, The Mail Tribune will begin publication of a series of statements by candidates for local office in the May 16 primary election.

The statements will be published as a free service to the candidates and for the information of readers wishing to inform themselves of candidates' positions relative to their candidacy.

The Mail Tribune offered the space to the candidates, and has received statements from each of them, except from three who have no opposition in either the primary or general election. They will be published one each day starting tomorrow.

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Atomic Explosion Gives Off Brilliant Flash

Las Vegas, Nev. —(U.P.)— The biggest daylight flash resulting from an atomic explosion lit up the cloud rimmed horizon north of here Tuesday when a nuclear device was dropped from a speeding Air Force bomber.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced that the device was released from the bomber over the Yucca Flat proving grounds 70 miles north of here

at 9:30 a.m. PST.

Observers who witnessed the explosion from atop buildings here said the device apparently was detonated higher above the ground than any previous A-blast. They based their opinion on the king-sized ball of fire and the dust cloud which boiled up above the mountains ringing the test area.

Neither troops nor animals

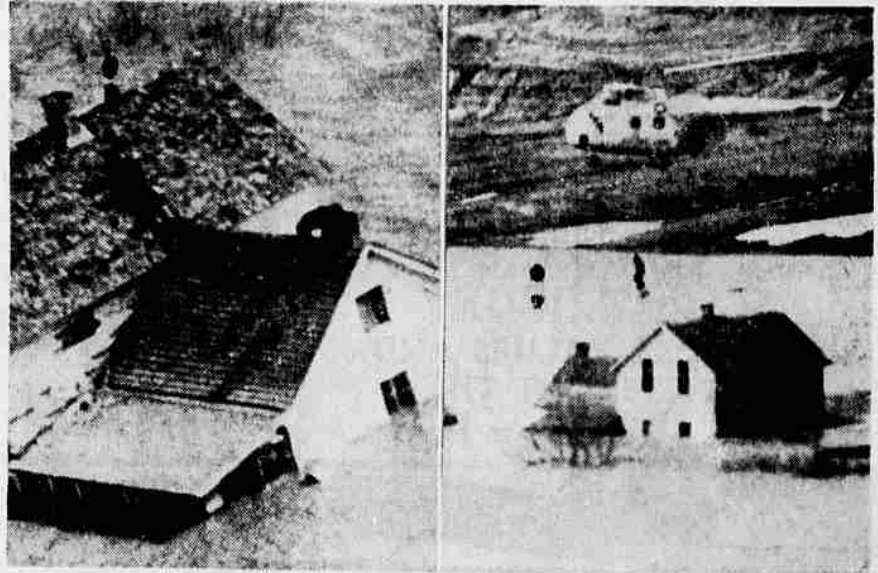
participated in the test, the AEC announced.

Several thousand troops, the vanguard of some 7,000 who will participate in the next test, watched the grotesque ball of fire sear the sky over the Yucca Flat test area.

Atom - hardened Las Vegas residents, who calmly went about their day's chores while hundreds of tourists crowded

onto roof tops to watch, neither felt nor heard the blast. The resulting atom cloud appeared less dense to seasoned observers than those of past tests.

The nuclear explosion was the second of the spring test series to be touched off by the AEC and is the 14th atomic blast set off in the past two years at the twin testing grounds of Yucca and Frenchman's Flat.



COAST GUARD TO THE RESCUE—Helicopter crewmen of the Coast Guard were called upon to rescue Paul Maugehner, 39, who was trapped by flood waters in a ranch home near Pierre, S. D. Maugehner, who was handicapped with a broken leg, chopped a hole in the roof and crawled out (left) to wait for rescue. At right, he dangles in midair as the copter carries him from the rooftop to waiting ambulance.

RIVERS CONTINUE SURGE

Sioux City, Ia. —(U.P.)— Dike-encircled towns of the Missouri Valley were islands surrounded by an inland sea Tuesday from the relentless advance of the Missouri river flood crest.

The Mississippi river swept into St. Paul and Winona, Minn., to begin a devastating march to the south which the Red Cross said would bring record crests as far south as Hannibal, Mo.

65,000 Homeless

In the eight flood-soaked states of the Midwest, a total of more

than 65,000 persons were homeless. The Red Cross said 74,000 persons were "affected."

The deepening crest of the Missouri sped southward down the Iowa-Nebraska border. It was due to crest Tuesday at well over 25 feet opposite the Iowa towns of Sloan, Whiting and Onawa, from 25 to 40 miles south of Sioux City.

Cities Ringed by Dike

Each of the cities to the south was ringed by a dike of earth and sand, thrown up as a bul-

wark against the Big Muddy as it spread wider and wider across the valley lowlands.

At 8 p.m. Monday, Whiting was the scene of furious activity as the 100 remaining men in town worked with shovels and bulldozers on the 5-foot dike around the town.

At 10 p.m., a fire siren wailed across the valley, signalling to the countryside that the river had reached the dike and was surrounding the town.

At Onawa, a city of 3,500 to the south, only 1,000 persons remained.

Gordon Oliver, one member of the disaster committee, estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 head of cattle had been removed from the surrounding farmland—now under water—to points as far as 60 miles away.

Some cities were no longer even islands. Blencoe and Mondamin were flooded. The water was 5 feet deep throughout Blencoe. Not one person remained.

The Mississippi poured over the industrial section of St. Paul. Thousands of residents were driven from their homes. The stockyards and riverfront industries were flooded.

Minnesota counted 7,000 persons homeless, 3,000 in the St. Paul area alone.

At Winona, a dike burst and the Mississippi rushed in, covering the town's new airport. Winona was almost an island city. Two roads and a railroad track, all awash, led out of town.

Washington —(U.P.)— President Truman has asked seven Middle Western governors to meet with him Wednesday near Omaha to discuss the Missouri River flood emergency.

The Chief Executive, flying in the airplane Independence, will leave Washington at 7 a. m. and spend the late forenoon cruising over the flooded area.

Invited to the flood conference were Govs. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, Sigurd Anderson of South Dakota, Norman Brundage of North Dakota, William S. Beardsley of Iowa, Val Peterson of Nebraska, Walter J. Kohler of Wisconsin and C. Elmer Anderson of Minnesota.

Registration of Voters Closed at 8 P.M. Today

Registration for Oregon's primary election will close today.

Voters may still register up until 8 p.m. at the county clerk's office and both Medford fire stations. Officials describe the registration this year as "steadier every day than ever before."

STUDY MASS CARE

Local and state civilian defense officials met late this morning in Medford to organize a program to assist the Red Cross and welfare departments of Jackson county in the mass care program needed for CD, according to George E. Emigh Jr., training and education officer from Salem.

About \$400 Stolen From St. Mary's School Here Sunday

A total of about \$400 was stolen Sunday from St. Mary's school, 321 West 11th street, it was revealed today by city police. Police records indicated that thieves gained entry to the building between 7:50 and 9:15 a.m. and ransacked the sister superior's office where the money was kept in a metal box.

The box was pried open, as was a filing cabinet, according to investigating officers. The money included \$300 in bills and over \$90 in change, they said.

The loss was discovered by Sister Superior Miriam Margaret at 4:50 p.m. Sunday, when it was reported to police. Details of the theft were withheld by The Mail Tribune Monday during the preliminary investigation at the request of city police and St. Mary's officials.

County Budgeters Hold First Meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 1952 Jackson county budget committee was held in the county court offices.

Budget requests were given to committee members Roger Rath, Talent, Arnold Bohnert, Central Point and Tom Wray of Medford, who will study them before definite figures are recommended. County Judge L. B. Coleman presided and Commissioners Robert L. Lyle, Valley View, and L. G. Morthland, Medford, were present.

Officials of seven county school districts are attending budget hearings today to determine the final figures over the 6 per cent increase limitation set by state law to be submitted for an equalization election.

The hearings are before the rural school board composed of Mrs. L. C. Taylor, Medford, chairman; Merle F. Stockman, Rogue river, Dr. George B. Dean, Medford, Lyle Van Scoy, Eagle Point, H. F. Padgham, Jr., Medford, and Alf B. Mekvold, secretary.

Public Hearings Slated by Council

Public hearings on five proposed Medford street paving projects have been scheduled for the Medford city council at a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in the council chambers of the city hall.

The projects to come before the council include Wilson place from Eastwood to Keenway drives, Haven street from Columbus avenue to Summit street and from Summit street to Oak street; Jasper street from Melrose to Stewart avenues and South Peach street from 13th street to Dakota avenue.

City officials indicated that other items to come before the council will be of a routine nature.

Veto of Tidelands Measure Seen Despite Statements

Washington —(U.P.)— Opponents of the "tidelands" oil bill still are counting on President Truman to kill it with a veto.

Their confidence that Mr. Truman will veto the legislation, once it is finally enacted, was unshaken by all the backing and filling on the subject which took place at the White House Monday.

Misquote Claimed

It started when former Salt Lake City Postmaster I. A. Smoot emerged from a conference with the President and confided to newsmen: "He told me he will veto the tidelands bill."

Five hours later, White House Press Secretary Joseph Short issued a statement saying that "Mr. Smoot has misquoted the President."

"The President did not tell Mr.

Two Men Escape Flaming Wreckage At Fairchild Base

Rescue Attempts Blocked by Flames

Spokane, Wash. —(U.P.)— A B-36 bomber crashed and burned while taking off on a routine training flight from Fairchild Air Force Base near here Tuesday and 15 of the 17 men aboard were killed.

Two men escaped the flaming wreckage by crawling through the nose of the globe-girdling craft after it plummeted into a deserted stretch of farmland eight miles west of here.

The air force said 15 of the 17 aboard were killed.

Suffer From Burns

The two survivors were suffering from serious burns and other injuries. They were hospitalized at the Air Force base.

The \$3,500,000 plane was in the 92nd Heavy Bombardment Wing attached to the 57th Air Division.

A CAA official who saw the crashup from Geiger Field, one mile from the scene said the plane exploded before it burned. "I noticed the plane as it was taking off at 3:45 a.m.," said the official, who declined to identify himself. "A B-36 has a very low rate of climb, but this one barely cleared the ground."

Series of Flashes

"It glided along for a short distance, then crashed and exploded. Immediately after it hit, there was a series of bright flashes, apparently caused by wing tanks exploding. One flash was brighter than the others, and it may have been a magnesium flare."

State Patrol Sgt. Harold Bolak radioed from the scene that the flames blocked attempts to rescue possible survivors.

"Nobody could live through that," he said. "I don't see how those guys managed to get out alive. All I could make out of the burning wreckage of the bomber was its motors. The rest was just so much twisted metal. I couldn't recognize another part of the plane."

The wreckage was scattered over a 1,000 square-foot area. A column of smoke rose several miles into the air.

New Grand Jury Sets Criminal Case Study

A number of criminal cases will be heard by the newly convened Jackson county grand jury when it meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, according to District Attorney Paul Haviland.

Among the cases will be that of Volmer Alber Poole, who is charged with the burglary of Valentine's lounge on Sept. 10, 1950. Three others involved in the case, Robert Jesse Duanne, Albert Julius Fletcher and James Harry Buchanan, the latter a former Medford policeman, have already been sentenced. Poole, a marine stationed at Camp Pendleton, Cal., has been extradited and is out on bail.

Another case to be heard is that of Mrs. Sarah Painter, Central Point, who is charged with delinquency of two minor daughters.

Water District Vote Under Way Here Today

Residents of the Maple Park area west and northwest of Medford were balloting today on a proposal to form a water district there. The poll is located at Medford Spring Service, 917 McAndrews road, and will be open until 8 p.m.

Five nominees for five directorships for the proposed water district are also on the ballot.

Plans for the district call for the purchase of water from city of Medford, if the organization is approved by the voters today.

New Jersey Primary Vote Slowed by Rain

Newark, N. J. —(U.P.)— New Jersey voters carried their umbrellas to the polls Tuesday in a presidential primary testing the political popularity of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Heavy Late Vote Seen

A chilling rain held down early balloting in most counties, but election officials fully expected voters to "swarm to the polls" later in the day. They predicted a record 1,000,000 of 2,490,000 eligible voters would participate before the polls close at 8 p.m.

However, the forecast of scattered showers worried Eisenhower supporters, who counted heavily on a big turnout to swing Republican balloting in his favor.

Some 211 candidates were seeking 38 Republican and 36 Democratic seats at the parties' National Nominating Conventions. The ballot was further complicated with a U.S. senatorial and 14 congressional races.

Machines in Use

Automatic tabulating machines were expected to speed the counting in eight of 21 counties but slower tallying in rural areas might cause the final outcome to be delayed until late Wednesday.

Republican and Democratic

Kefauver May Talk In Ashland May 14

Ashland —Sen. Estes Kefauver, Democratic candidate for nomination to the national presidency has tentatively scheduled an address at Southern Oregon college on Wednesday, May 14, according to Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the Ashland Kefauver - for - President committee.

Dr. Kreisman said the proposed meeting would be held at 9 a.m. and would be open to the public.

The May 14 meeting would be important in that it would precede the state primary election by only two days. Dr. Kreisman pointed out, extent of the candidate's Oregon tour will be either two or four days, and if the latter it is hoped he can make the Ashland address.

Radio Highlights

Radio station KYJC (1230 kc.) will carry returns from the New Jersey primary elections between 6:45 and 7 p.m. today. Announcers on the program will discuss issues and men involved as well as the latest voting figures, a station representative said.

Armed Bandits Steal Gold From French Armored Car

Paris —(U.P.)— Three bandits armed with sub-machine guns robbed an armored truck of \$74,285 worth of gold Tuesday and escaped after a brief gun battle with police who poured from a station house only 125 yards away.

Pedestrians Look On

Astonished pedestrians on the Rue Notre Dame de Nazareth, one of the city's main boulevards near the Place de la Republique, looked on as the men looted the bullion truck, switched cars and raced away through a fusillade of police bullets.

The bandits drove an inconspicuous French Peugeot automobile as they overtook the bullion truck on the boulevard and

delegates technically were uninstructed, but the winner in the popular voting was expected to receive the major share of the convention ballots.

Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, shared the Republican ballot with Eisenhower and Taft. Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee was the only Democrat entered.

8-Jet Superfort Undergoes Flight Test at Seattle

Seattle —(U.P.)— The U. S. Air Force's super - secret eight - jet YB52 Stratofortress roared into the air for the first time at 11:09 a.m. (PST) Tuesday at Boeing field here.

Thunderous Roar

She took off with a thunderous roar. Its great size gave the appearance that it was moving too slow but suddenly at the end of the 5,000-foot runway the monster gave a little bump and was airborne.

Boeing test pilot Tex Johnson was at the controls. With him was co-pilot Lt. Col. Guy Tate and an undisclosed number of crewmen.

The plane made a great circle over Seattle and headed for Larson Air Force base near Moses Lake, Wash., where she will undergo extensive pre-flight testing.

Climbs Gradually

It climbed gradually trailing eight plumes of black smoke. The pilot left his flaps and wheels down until the plane was out of sight to the south.

Injunction Granted Against Rail Strike

Cleveland —(U.P.)— Federal Judge Emerich B. Freed has granted the government a permanent injunction restraining three railroad brotherhoods from striking against the carriers to force a settlement of their long-standing wages and rules dispute.

Judge Freed announced his decision after studying both sides of testimony presented in a seven-day hearing that ended April 4. His ruling meant that he denied the request of the three unions that the temporary order issued on March 11 which restrained them from striking be tossed out.

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The loot was thrown into a second car belonging to a neighborhood tradesman. Passersby watched open-mouthed but made no move to interfere as the bandits jumped into the second car and raced off down the boulevard.

The bandits drove an inconspicuous French Peugeot automobile as they overtook the bullion truck on the boulevard and

forced it to the curb. The truck had just left a bank to deliver gold to various currency dealers.

The bandits, two of them described as between 20 and 24 years old while the third was believed to be between 39 and 40, moved with speedy efficiency.

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First Orchard Heating Smoke Noted in Valley

Smoke from the first noticeable orchard heating of the year greeted Rogue valley residents this morning.

County Agent C. B. Cordy, horticulturist, reported that the heating was "light" and protected the buds from damage in the colder areas. Elsewhere, the temperature remained above the danger point. The minimum temperature in the coldest areas was around 27 degrees.