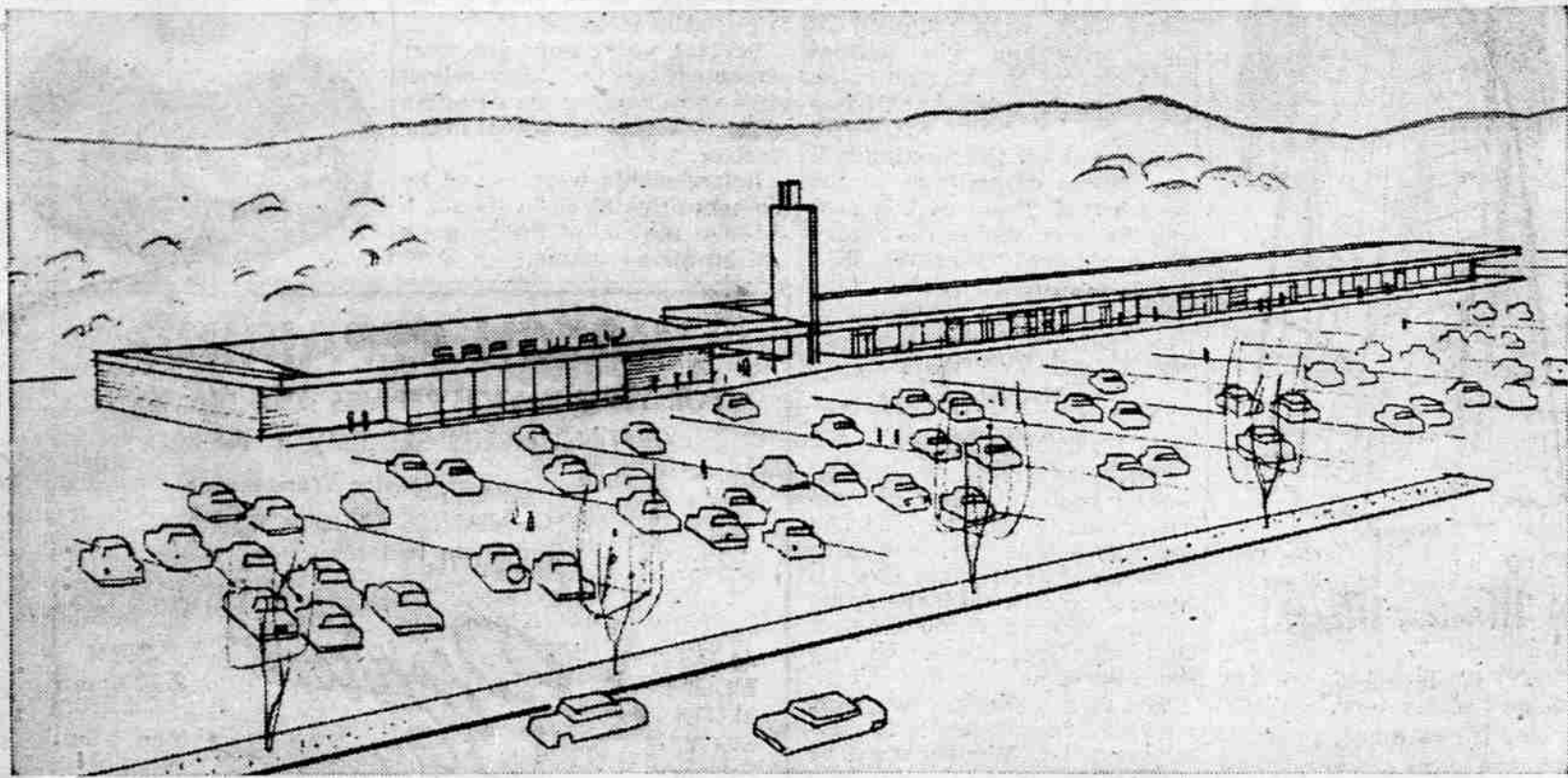


American Plane Shot Down; Fleet Closing In

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PLANS FOR NEW SHOPPING CENTER—Shown above is an artist's sketch of a proposed new shopping center, planned for construction this year off Highway 99 south of Medford. Construction will begin in spring or early summer with the building of a Safeway store (at left in picture) and a building to house an assortment of shops. There will be parking space for

nearly 800 automobiles. Later on, additional buildings will be built to the right of the area shown, for a total of 10 acres. Still later, development of an additional 12 acres in the rear of the property shown will take place. Announcement of the plans was made by Safeway officials.

Safeway Firm Announces New Store, Shopping Center Plans South of City

Plans for a big new shopping center on Highway 99 south of Medford, to begin with construction of a Safeway store, were made public today.

This is the second shopping center development recently announced. The two have no connection.

Area of the new center is 22 acres, and eventual development will total considerably in excess of \$1,000,000.

To Start in Spring

Announcement of the plans was made by O. R. Blair, Portland, realty manager for Safeway. He said construction of the new store, which will be one of the four largest in Oregon, will begin in spring or early summer.

Buildings in addition to the Safeway store will include an adjoining structure which will house other businesses. A number of applications for leases already have been received by Commonwealth, Inc., Portland, development agents for the shopping center and T. J. Hight Agency, local representative of Commonwealth.

Hardware, drug, variety goods and shoe store spaces are planned, although no firm leases have yet been signed. The store building will measure 125 by 350 feet, providing 43,750 square feet of space, while the Safeway building will measure 125 by 150 feet, with 18,750

feet — a total of 62,500 square feet of retail space in all.

The center will be located on the east side of the highway, beyond the fairgrounds and just north of the junction where Kim's restaurant and a Standard Oil service station are located.

The Safeway store and adjoining shops will be the first and second step in an ultimate three-step program on the 10-acre area next to the highway. Later two additional buildings, one designed for occupancy by a single tenant, and the other

to house several firms, will be constructed. These will have an additional 30,000 square feet, and the entire development will have nearly 1,000 feet of highway frontage.

Parking for nearly 800 cars will be provided in the shopping center area, mostly in front of the buildings, but with space also going behind them.

Formal opening of the first group of buildings at the center will probably be during the latter part of the year, or possibly early in 1956.

Development of the other 12 acres of the tract, which have

been optioned for future use, will come later. Detailed plans have not yet been prepared for this area, which is just to the east of the highway frontage area.

A Safeway spokesman, in discussing plans for the area, denied current rumors that the company would build either a Lucerne milk processing plant or a company warehouse there. There are no plans for either, he said.

The new Safeway store will have an exterior of stucco, with black trim, and plate glass will be used generously in front of the building. The interior will have a variety of background colors in pastel tones, keyed to separated merchandise sections. Latest types of food handling equipment and display fixtures are planned.

Other Center Announced

On Dec. 14, the Bear Creek Development company announced plans for a shopping center in the same general area. M. O. Bessonet, one of the firm's organizers, said it would be on 10 acres at the intersection of Highway 99 and Barnett rd.

Work is well under way in the draining of this area, with carry two creeks and other drainage away. A series of relatively small shops is planned, and it is contemplated that development work will extend over a period of 5 to 10 years.

Portland—(U.P.)—Most eastern and central Oregon areas face a critical water shortage during 1955, it was reported today.

The water supply outlook for the Columbia Basin also is poor as of Feb. 1.

The report said that snowfall and valley precipitation have been far below average throughout Oregon. Water content of mountain snow-cover is only 81 per cent of average on a statewide basis and is slightly more than half the amount accumulated at this time a year ago.

Local Water Supplies To Be Under Average

The outlook for water supplies in southern Oregon appears to be below average, but is somewhat better than for the rest of the state, it was reported today.

The water forecast, released jointly by W. T. Frost, of the U. S. soil conservation service, Portland, and R. D. Church, of the Medford weather bureau, said that mountain snow-cover in southern Oregon is 88 per cent of average on the Rogue watershed, and 90 per cent on the Umpqua and Klamath watersheds. The total is only 77 per cent of average in areas supplying water for the Talent, Rogue River and Medford Irrigation districts.

Precipitation Down

Precipitation during January was only about half as heavy as usual, and precipitation in September, October and November was only 40 per cent of average. Soil beneath the snow is unusually dry as a result.

Stored water is considerably below that of a year ago, the forecast added, but is about the same as the long-range average, except for Emigrant lake, which now has only 1,400 acre-feet. Holdover storage in Hyatt and Fourmile lakes has brought their totals up to 9,700 and 9,300 acre-feet respectively. Upper Klamath lake is in about average condition.

The forecast of streamflow for the period April through

Pinay's Chances Declared Small

Paris—(U.P.)—The Popular Republican Party (MRP) refused today to join a new French government headed by Independent Antoine Pinay.

The decision appeared likely to torpedo his chances of becoming premier and forming a government to replace that of ousted Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

The party's full parliamentary group approved a recommendation of its leaders against supporting Pinay.

Pinay had a slim chance of being confirmed as premier without the MRP. But he almost certainly could not remain in office long without its support, observers said.

Blood Collection Yesterday Fails To Fill Local Needs

Only 243 pints of blood, out of 300 needed, were collected during the visit of the bloodmobile here yesterday. Red Cross workers reported this morning.

They said that as a result Jackson county hospitals will be forced to "borrow" blood to meet needs here until the bloodmobile returns.

Appointments were made by 245 donors, and there were 80 "drop-in" donors. Thirty-six people did not keep their appointments. The number of rejects, about 12 per cent, was normal, most of them being turned down because of minor respiratory infections.

It was pointed out that the number of donors yesterday represented only about four-hundredths of 1 per cent of the county's population. The bloodmobile is in Ashland this afternoon, and indications from there were that it would fall short of the hoped-for quota.

The bloodmobile will return in about 60 days, when another attempt will be made to make up the deficit left by this visit. Red Cross officials said that continued failure to meet quotas here may cause the elimination of blood bank work in this county. If this happens, the nearest supply for use in emergencies would be Portland.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and colder tonight. Increasing high clouds Thursday. Low tonight 25. High Thursday 48. Temp. Highest Yesterday 43. Lowest This Morning 39. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .17

Boy Admits Breaking Many Windows, Bulbs

A 14-year-old Medford boy admitted to city police yesterday that he and another youth were responsible for a series of broken windows and light bulbs in the area during the past two months.

He said they broke windows at the high school stadium building, the burned out Pinnacle Packing house, McDonald Candy company warehouse, a truck windshield and bulbs at the stadium, police continued.



LINDA IN HOSPITAL BED
Special Bed Assists Girl Toward Recovery

Gold Hill Folk Plan To Aid Linda's Recovery With Benefit

Gold Hill — Eleven-year-old Linda Bowen, who has been unable to walk since her back was injured in a fall last Oct. 19, is getting a helping hand on the road to recovery from people of the Gold Hill area.

Four organizations this week announced plans for a benefit dance to raise funds to help Linda. The dance will be held Feb. 19 at the Gold Hill Grange hall, with the entire net proceeds to go to Linda and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen, route 1, box 477, Gold Hill. Linda was injured when she

fell from a tree while trying to rescue a kitten which had climbed to the top branches. Surgery and medical care followed, but Linda is still paralyzed from the waist down.

The little girl was in Community hospital at Medford for two months, until her parents were able to take her home just before Christmas.

Since then, she has divided her time between a bed and a wheel chair, reading comic books and playing with the many toys she received while in the hospital. While she was confined ex-

clusively to her bed, Linda spent two hours, face down, followed by four hours on her back, with this schedule being followed rigidly, 24 hours a day.

Linda's recuperation has been long and expensive, and now she must look forward to more treatments and medical care before she will be able to walk again. The Feb. 19 dance will allow the community to take part of the heavy financial burden which has been placed on Linda's family.

General chairman for the benefit dance is H. D. Force, Gold

Hill postmaster, who with Paul Thompson is representing the Odd Fellows. Aiding Force will be John Cogswell and Jack Cannon, Lions club; Glen Meller, John Steiber, and Mrs. Roy Eskew, Grange, and Vaughn Whitmore, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Tickets are on sale at all stores in Gold Hill, at Gold Hill grade school, and in neighboring communities.

Those wishing to make contributions may do so by mailing them to "Linda Bowen Fund," Post Office Box X, Gold Hill.

Bulganin To Follow Khrushchev Line in Policy for Russia

Moscow—(U.P.)—The Supreme Soviet today named Marshal G. K. Zhukov minister of defense. He succeeds Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, who now is the nation's Premier.

Georgi Malenkov, who was ousted yesterday as Premier, was named minister of electrical engineering and a vice-premier of the Soviet Union.

The new switches in the Soviet cabinet were announced to the concluding session of the Supreme Soviet, which yesterday unanimously approved Malenkov's resignation and the selection of Bulganin to succeed him.

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia's new Premier Nikolai Bulganin today set the Soviet Union on a new course that will emphasize the development of heavy industry.

Addressing the Supreme Soviet for the first time since his "election" Bulganin said his regime will follow the general line set for the Communist party by First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev.

Khrushchev late last month spelled out officially the shift in emphasis from fallen Premier Georgi Malenkov's consumer goods program to heavy industry.

The pledge of the new Premier to follow the Khrushchev line underscored anew the growing belief that the party first secretary is emerging as the most powerful man in Russia with behind the scene controls approaching those of the late Joseph Stalin.

Aid to China

Turning to foreign affairs, Bulganin told the Supreme Soviet that "China can count on the Soviet Union" in the Formosa crisis.

Before Bulganin spoke, Soviet Marshal Ivan Konev warned that a Red army more powerful than in World War II would crush any Western attack on Russia "with all types of modern weapons."

"We are not alone," Konev said.

"The great nation of Red China and the Soviet Union now form one camp and a powerful army for peace."

He attacked what he charged was the "continual provocation against China — our great friend."

Konev is one of the Soviet Union's leading military figures and has held such high positions as commander-in-chief of the Army and deputy minister of war.

He also ripped into Brig. Gen. John D. Stevenson, U.S. 49th Air Division commander in England; Adm. Arthur Radford, head of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, and British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

"Montgomery has forgotten

No Retaliation Planned; Craft 'Mis-Navigated'

Increased Firepower Planned by Fleet

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Communist anti-aircraft shot down a U. S. Navy plane today and the mighty Seventh Fleet began closing in for increased firepower and anti-aircraft defense to protect the evacuation of the Tachen Islands.

The U. S. Navy announced the American plane, a Douglas Skyraider attack bomber, was shot down when it "mis-navigated" over a Communist-held island. The Navy said no retaliation was planned against the Communists.

The pilot was identified as Lt. (jg) W. J. O'Heren, 32, Coronado, Calif.

The crewmen were identified as Electronics Technician A. J. Chelawski, 37, Imperial Beach, Calif., and Aviation Machinist's Mate 1C P. E. Drennen, 31, San Diego. They suffered only minor injuries.

The Navy did not regard the shooting down of the plane as a "hostile act" and said no retaliation action is planned.

But a dispatch from the Seventh Fleet reported the new protective movement as the evacuation proceeded far ahead of schedule with removal of all organized civilians and the beginning of demolition work at the Nationalist base by Chinese soldiers.

The plane incident was the first to mar the smooth running operation.

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower said today the bellicose attitude of the Red Chinese makes it idle to speculate about a possible Formosa cease fire.

He did not regard the shooting down of an American carrier attacks bomber by Red Chinese anti-aircraft as a serious incident because the plane had wandered off course and the crew was not harmed.

Radar Use as Traffic Check Being Studied

Use of radar as a police speed check was to be demonstrated here this afternoon on East Main st. near Willamette ave. Lt. Clarence Rillman of the Eugene police department brought a radar-equipped patrol car here this morning.

He was to speak at the Kiwanis club this noon and for Medford Lions club this evening.

His trip is sponsored by the Medford Safety council, which has been studying radar as a traffic control method, and council officers, city police and other officials will watch the demonstration. It is being considered for use here.

Principal of Rogue River High Resigns

Rogue River—James Hayden, 29, principal of Rogue River high school, submitted his resignation effective at the end of the school year to the school board at a meeting last week.

Hayden, who has held the job for two years, declined to comment on his resignation. The board has neither accepted nor rejected the resignation as yet, he said yesterday.

He came to Rogue River after serving as principal of a large grade school for two years. He announced no definite plans.

Ike Would Discuss Invitation To Zhukov

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower, speaking warmly of his 1945-46 friendship with Soviet Marshal Georgi Zhukov, said today he would not hesitate discussing with his advisors a new invitation for Zhukov to visit the United States.

The President said the shake-up in the Soviet government is a greatly significant change which shows dissatisfaction there. He said it would not change basic American policy to work for peace through strength.

Morse Takes Fight on Formosa Treaty To Floor

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse took his fight against the Formosa mutual defense treaty to the Senate floor today but said he would not try to prevent a final vote this week.

Senate leaders predicted overwhelming approval of the pact despite the outspoken opposition of the Oregon Independent. But no final vote seemed likely before tomorrow.