

Fugitive Killed in Battle With 200 N.Y. Policemen

Explosion Aboard Submarine Kills 2, 3 Others Missing

San Francisco — (U.P.)—Two sailors were killed, three others are missing and presumed dead and four were seriously injured when a series of explosions rocked the submarine USS Pomodon at its berth in Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, the Navy reported today.

The three explosions, the first of which took place about 9:20 p.m. Sunday, were followed immediately by a fire that caused "a lot of damage" to the World War II sub.

Sailors aboard another sub, the USS Catfish, and the carrier Philippine Sea, as well as civilians, helped in rescue operations. Many donned oxygen masks and boarded the burning Pomodon.

Two civilian fire fighters were injured and three other persons were treated for smoke inhalation.

Four Removed Alive
The rescuers managed to remove four men, three of whom were later taken to Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland, as well as the two dead men.

Oak Knoll gave the names of the injured as Lt. Lloyd Rudasell White, San Diego; Bobby Douglas Pulliam, a seaman and sonar expert; and Carlin Joe Cobb, an engine man.

The three missing men were "presumed" to be aboard the sub and to have succumbed to the deadly hydrogen fumes.

Firemen managed to bring the fire under control two hours after it broke out, but the Navy forbade anyone to go aboard until the task of pumping the hydrogen out of the hull was completed.

Extreme Caution
A Navy spokesman said the pumping operations would take anywhere from several hours to several days. They had to work with extreme caution lest the least false move touch off another searing blast.

Huge signs reading, "Danger! area around the Pomodon. Crew-

Explosive area," marked off the men from the Pomodon who were not on duty at the time milled around silently. They refused to talk to newsmen.

The ship is commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Charles Almy of San Diego, who also declined to speak to reporters.

The Pomodon was just about ready to go to sea after an overhaul. Its batteries were being charged, a process that results in the creation of the explosive hydrogen gas.

18 Persons Killed, 180 Said Missing In Japanese Storm

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A sudden storm, packing winds of up to 90 miles per hour, buffeted the Japanese islands today, taking at least 18 lives before it blew out to sea.

Police said 12 persons died in the storm's gales and blizzards. The Coast Guard reported six other persons lost at sea.

In addition, some 180 persons still were missing tonight in the howling gale which developed in the East China sea yesterday and lashed Formosa, Okinawa, Korea and Japan.

Five Vessels Sunk
The Japanese Coast Guard said five vessels were sunk, 19 grounded, 17 damaged and hundreds of small boats wrecked or beached. Twenty four vessels still were missing.

Winds in the waters between Okinawa and China had diminished from 60 miles an hour to a gusty 45 miles an hour. But Japanese press reports said a 90-mile an hour blizzard roared today through the Straits of Tsugaru where five ferry boats sank in a typhoon last September with the loss of more than a thousand lives, including many Americans.

Distress Signals Sent Out
At least four large ships sent out distress signals at the height of the storm which struck without warning in the China sea.

All were reported out of danger although at least two Okinawan passenger boats with more than 300 persons aboard were limping to port through heavy seas.

Ike Calls Meeting On Highway Program

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower unexpectedly called a Republican-Democratic meeting at the White House today to discuss his multi-billion dollar highway building program.

Mr. Eisenhower is expected to send his highway proposals to Congress tomorrow and the program faces a rocky path in the Senate at least.

The President invited Republicans and Democrats from the House and Senate to meet with him in the Cabinet room this afternoon.

The White House conceded that this was the first bipartisan meeting called by the President on a solely domestic issue.

Hood Slopes Crowded; Lodge Ignored by Skiers
Government Camp — (U.P.) — About 6000 persons crowded the slopes of Mt. Hood yesterday but skiers stuck to the lower altitudes because of the shutdown of Timberline Lodge.

The U. S. Forest Service locked up the lodge Friday after the Sandy Electric co-operative shut off electricity to the inn for non-payment of the electric bill.

The Forest Service reported that a few persons drove to Timberline yesterday to sight-see, but the lifts and tows for skiers were not in operation.

There were no indications as to when the lodge might open.

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TAX CUT OK'D BY HOUSE GROUP

Plan Gives \$20 Reduction To Each Payer, Dependent

Committee Ignores Plea by Humphrey

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Ways and Means Committee voted 15 to 10 today to cut income taxes \$20 a person, effective next Jan. 1.

The plan would give each taxpayer an additional \$20 cut for each dependent. Thus, a married couple with two children would save \$80 in taxes next year if the program finally were approved by Congress.

The Democratic plan was approved by the committee after the majority ignored a two-hour plea from Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey not to take action.

Humphrey Objects
"This move is playing fast and loose with the welfare of 160,000,000 Americans," Humphrey said in a statement.

Fourteen Democrats and one Republican voted for the tax cut. Nine Republicans and one Democrat voted against it.

The committee action approved the tax cut as an amendment to an administration-backed bill to postpone for another year a scheduled April 1 reduction in corporation income taxes and certain excise taxes.

Final committee approval of the bill was put off until tomorrow. This will permit the committee to send to the floor a new "clean" bill incorporating the tax-cutting amendment.

Humphrey told newsmen he is "not prepared to say" whether President Eisenhower would veto a tax cut if one is enacted.

Loss of Revenue
Humphrey told newsmen the tax cut plan would result in a revenue loss of about \$2,300,000,000 a year and would "just about wipe out" an estimated \$2,800,000,000 in revenue which, he said, could be expected from the corporation-excite tax extension.

Mr. Eisenhower, in his budget message to Congress last month, ruled out any tax cuts this year, but left open the possibility of one next year, which is election year.

The Democratic plan is aimed at beating the Eisenhower administration to the punch on any tax cutting.

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Premier-Designate In Search of Backing

Paris — (U.P.) — Premier-designate Edgar Faure, 48, turned today to the Socialists for support before making a formal decision on whether to try to form a cabinet and end France's 17-day-old government crisis.

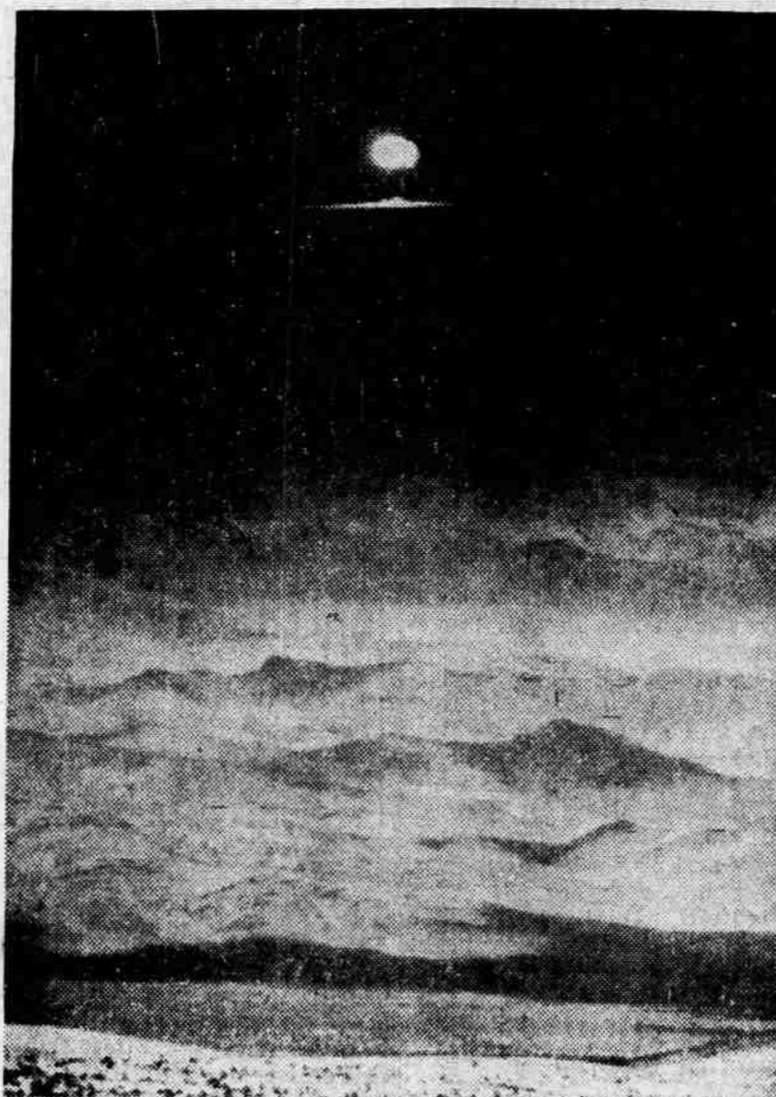
Faure, a Radical Socialist and foreign minister in the fallen government of Pierre Mendes-France said he expected to give his answer to President Rene Coty by tonight or Tuesday morning.

Faure already had won quick right-wing support which boosted his chances higher than any of the three other men who have tried and failed to replace Mendes-France. It was the right-wing that toppled Mendes-France.

Pear Festival Group Schedules Meeting

A breakfast meeting has been set for 7:30 a. m. tomorrow for the general committee of the Pear Festival association, according to committee members.

The meeting will be held in the Medford hotel and all members were urged to attend in order to hear festival progress.



FIREBALL RISES into sky as first atomic device in 1955 series of tests explodes over Yucca Flat, Nev. In picture taken from Angels Peak, 55 miles away, infra red filter is used to cut out most of daylight and silhouette blast.



NUCLEAR CLOUD forms from fireball while steam is sucked up toward cloud in first explosion of "Operation Teapot," atomic device tests conducted at Yucca Flat, near Las Vegas, Nev. The device used in first blast was dropped from plane. (International)

Nationalist Airmen Sink Unidentified Submarine; Red Build-ups Bombarded

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — The Nationalist Chinese air force announced today it had sunk another unidentified submarine near the Taishan Islands. The Taisans are the scene of a massive Red buildup for an anticipated attack either on Nanchi or Matsu islands north of Formosa.

It was the second unidentified submarine claimed sunk by the Nationalists in the last four days. Submarine Disappears

The air force, which has kept Red troops and artillery positions on Tishan under incessant attack since Friday, said it found the submarine surfaced near Taishan today and immediately bombed and strafed it.

It said the submarine disappeared beneath the waves and was presumed sunk.

At the same time the Nationalist press reported 11 submarines sighted in or near the strait by intelligence sources. The semi-official Chinatone News Agency reported the undersea force had moved from Hainan Island bases into waters patrolled by the U. S. 7th Fleet.

Spotted At Anchor
Chinatone said Nationalist agents spotted four of the submarines at anchor in the Pearl river near Hongkong for refueling. Others were seen off the Chekiang coast in the vicinity of Taishan Island.

Nationalist bomber pilots who have carried out non-stop raids on Communist troop buildups in the Taishan for four straight days claimed destruction of big fuel dumps at Taishan today and

Thailand Urges SEATO Countries To Create Army

Plan Eyed to Halt Communist Activity

Bangkok, Thailand — (U.P.) — Thailand today urged the eight Southeast Asia Treaty Organization nations to create a standing SEATO army during this week's conference here, to halt increasing Communist activity in Southeast Asia.

Premier Phibum Pibul Songgram said Thailand would support such a military force, created along the lines of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization force in Europe.

Aggression Increasing
The Premier told a press conference that Red aggression is increasing in Southeast Asia. He claimed Red China is training a 20,000-man army of Thai ex-patriots in Southwest China under the guise of a "Thai autonomous state" for use against Thailand.

He predicted the Chinese-trained forces would be used to open Communist aggression against Thailand.

Phibum said he would welcome SEATO air, land and naval bases on Thai soil to protect against such developments.

He said the Communists also have made several moves against the Indochinese state of Laos in violation of the Geneva truce agreement.

But he said the greatest Red menace continued to be Communist subversion rather than outright aggression.

Pact Already Signed
He said Thailand will discuss at the conference which opens Wednesday, the advisability of forming a NATO-type fighting force for this area of the world.

The three-day conference is to consider means of implementing the mutual defense pact for Southeast Asia, formally ratified in Manila last Saturday.

Atomic Explosion Scheduled Tuesday

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission has tentatively scheduled the first "granddaddy" shot of the 1955 A-bomb test series for tomorrow but in the meantime readied a substitute nuclear device in case unsatisfactory weather prevails.

AEC officials said the device would be two shots ready for tomorrow's scheduled test, marking the first time a "dual capability operation" has been put into effect during the current tests on the Nevada proving ground.

Plagued by bad weather and able to set off only one blast in the first week of the tests, the commission hoped to see the series get underway again.

The "big shot" was postponed for the sixth time Friday because of wind and cloud conditions which created a potential hazard for radiation fall-out over populated areas.

The giant blast, equivalent to detonation of 50,000 tons of TNT, originally was scheduled for last Tuesday before dawn from a 500 foot tower at Yucca Flat, 75 miles northeast of here.

Clerks, School Boards To Meet Tomorrow

A meeting for all clerks and school boards of the Jackson county rural district has been set for tomorrow at 8 p. m. in the Howard school, according to Alf Mekkvid, county school superintendent.

The same group held a meeting on Feb. 14 and decided on the second meeting. There was some discussion of the possibility of organizing a local school board association for common problem discussion, and also possible membership in the state school boards association.

School superintendents in Jackson county met at 2 p. m. today in the courthouse to discuss new social study plan adoptions and cadet teaching on the secondary level, among others.

Willamina Drug Store Loses Narcotics, Liquor

Willamina — (U.P.) — The Newbury drug store here was broken into by yeggs early yesterday who made off with narcotics, liquor and \$683 in cash.

Police said entry had been made by boring through a rear door and that the safe had been punched. The thieves also took a number of Oregon liquor commission tax stamps.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair with considerable high cloudiness tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight about 22. High Tuesday 32.
Temp. Highest yesterday 53
Lowest this morning 21

Thousands Watch As Police Bullets Cut Gunman Down

Vow Seals Doom Of Triggerman

New York — (U.P.) — Assassin Augusto Robles sealed his doom the moment he took guns from detectives and vowed: "You'll never take me alive," police said today.

The pint-sized triggerman, a pistol blazing in each hand, stood off more than 200 police Sunday in a gun battle called the biggest in New York's history of crime.

Deputy Police Commissioner James Kennedy said his men were determined "to get Robles one way or another" after the desperado disarmed three detectives Friday and escaped.

As thousands of spectators watched from the street and surrounding rooftops, Robles held off reinforced police squads from a bullet-pocked, tear gas filled flat in a dingy Harlem tenement until he fell mortally wounded from officer's bullets.

The outlaw touched off the final siege when he wounded two detectives closing in on him and shouted: "I'll take as many as I can with me. You'll never take me alive, and I'll take a few of you with me."

Squads of police rushed to the scene from all over the city armed with tear gas, machine guns and emergency equipment.

The gun battle started at 3:30 p.m. (EST) and ended some two hours later when Robles fell mortally wounded with a bullet in the chest.

Detectives who entered the flat found the 41-year-old desperado lying on his back in a pool of blood and water. He was clad in an undershirt and trousers.

Police Chaplain Rev. Martin O'Donnell administered the last rites to the barefoot gunman.

Some 20,000 policemen with "shoot-to-kill" orders had begun a grim hunt for Robles last Tuesday for questioning in the "ride" slaying of Joseph Aronowitz. Aronowitz was to be a key witness in a Baltimore robbery case. He was found shot to death in front of a Brooklyn casket factory.

The slippery gunman twice had evaded police traps. On Friday he disarmed three detectives who surprised him in a girl friend's apartment and escaped. Later he shot his way out of a trap set by four detectives.

Hunt for Silverton Ambush Slayer Grows

Silverton — (U.P.) — Search widened today for the ambush-slayer of Erwin Oren Kaser, a Silverton hop grower who was killed Thursday night as he drove into the driveway of his home, two miles south of here.

Police were also concentrating on turning up the murder weapon, but admitted that so far "clues were very scarce."

Kaser, 49, was killed by someone concealed about 75 yards from his drive. Four shots were fired into the car, one of them striking Kaser and killing him. Dr. Homer Harris of the State Crime Laboratory said a ballistics test showed the bullets to be .30 caliber.

Police ruled out robbery as a motive, but were still working on the possibility that the slayer might have been a former employee.

Ontario Publisher Heads Press Conference

Eugene — (U.P.) — Donald Lynch, editor and publisher of the Ontario Argus-Observer, was elected president of the Oregon Press conference for the coming year Saturday at the final meeting of the annual press gathering here.

He succeeds Robert B. Chessman of the Astorian-Budget.

W. Verne McKinney, co-publisher of the Hillsboro Argus, was reelected treasurer of the Eric C. Allen Memorial fund, and Carl C. Webb of Eugene was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Impoverished Pair Buries Child, Heads for Medford

Bryte, Calif. — (U.P.) — The short impoverished life of little Katela Ann Doyle ended in a pauper's grave here today.

The little girl, daughter of an unemployed Fresno, Calif., laborer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doyle, became sick two weeks ago. She was taken to a clinic and pronounced not seriously ill.

But the Doyles didn't have money to give proper shelter to the family and last week started out with hopes high for a lumbermill job in Medford, Ore.

Local agencies had no information regarding Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doyle, Fresno, Calif. couple who were said to be headed for Medford after burial of their daughter in a pauper's grave at Woodland, Calif.

GOC Anniversary Observance Slated

The first anniversary of the Medford Ground Observer corps post will be observed this evening at 8 o'clock at a meeting to be attended by Air Force, civil defense, county and city officials.

The meeting will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 42 North Front st., and will be open to the public.

During the program, GOC wings will be presented to volunteer observers who have completed 30 to 36 hours at the local post. Also on the agenda will be presentation of a flag to GOC officials of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Refreshments will be served by a committee headed by Mrs. Ray A. Daniels, social chairman.

Oregon College Head Found Dead at Desk

Monmouth — (U.P.) — Dr. Roben J. Maaske, president of Oregon College of Education, was found dead at his desk here yesterday after apparently suffering a heart attack.

Maaske, 51, is survived by his wife, Iola. He was president of Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande before coming here in 1950. Earlier he was with the state department of education at Salem.

Dr. Maaske's death leaves the state Board of Higher Education with two presidential vacancies to fill, one to replace Maaske and one for the newly-created Portland State College.

Washington — (U.P.) — The U. S. Air Force today named Western Electric Co., Inc., to build the warning radar net which will wind for about 3000 miles across Northern Canada's Arctic wastes.

Police Showered With Ice Cubes During Series of Riots at Mardi Gras Festival

New Orleans — (U.P.) — One of the most dazzling Mardi Gras seasons in years erupted into a series of riots early today that injured six, caused 100 arrests and subjected police to a bombardment of ice cubes at close range.

Things got started at 12:19 a.m. deep in the famous New Orleans French quarter when the police chased an automobile thief suspect into the crowd.

The suspect shouted to the crowd "I'm a federal agent. The police are putting me in jail for nothing."

The crowd surged to his aid. Within a short time, a second riot of no connection with the first broke out in front of the Dixie Music Bar on Bourbon st.

Then a third uprising flared at famed Pat O'Brien's Bar, a popular tourist spot in the same block on St. Peter where the original trouble started.

In addition to the normal flood of Mardi Gras visitors, the French quarter was loaded with additional thousands last night for NBC's national network television coverage of the festival.

The show had been over for several hours and the valuable equipment safely out of reach when the rioting started.

Six injuries, 100 arrests and an uncounted number of bumped heads resulted before order was restored at 3:45 a.m.