



### Evidence Indicates 'Explosive Forces' Involved in Crash

Longmont, Colo.—(U.P.)—Evidence of "explosive forces" has been turned up in the crash of a United Air Lines plane that killed 44 persons and the FBI has been called in on the case.

Jack Parshall, Civil Aeronautics Board investigator, confirmed he had heard rumors the plane was sabotaged but said, "we have no answers to them at this time."

**Stars Studying**  
"It's a little too early to make any conjectures," Parshall said. "We're studying the whole thing with an open mind."

Parshall said that parts of the demolished DC6B airliner had been sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington for analysis.

Parshall, heading the extensive investigation by the CAB, United Air Lines, and Douglas Aircraft, said the probe so far had come up with "evidence of explosive forces."

This bore out eyewitness accounts of the Tuesday night crash that the plane exploded in flight.

**See Long Inquiry**  
Parshall was mum on what else the investigation had turned up. But he predicted the probe would be a long one. He said much depended on what the laboratory reported.

The investigators questioned witnesses Friday who live near the scene of the crash. They also said they are continuing their piece-by-piece inspection of the scattered wreckage.

Parshall said the laboratory reports should be completed in about 10 days.

### Moro Woman May Be State GOP Candidate

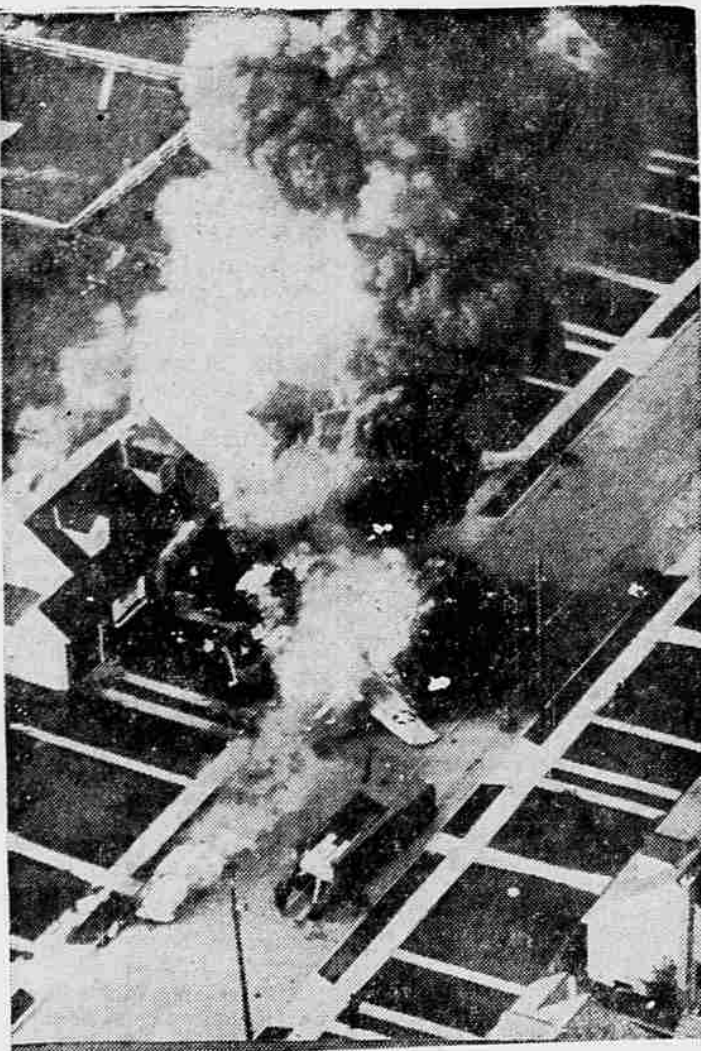
Portland — (U.P.)—Mrs. Collis P. Moore of Moro said Saturday she will be a candidate for the Republican national committee position next May if Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath Falls is not a candidate for reelection.

Mrs. Moore is chairman of the Sherman County Republican Central Committee.

Mrs. Cornett said she had not definitely made up her mind about seeking reelection.

Mrs. Oscar Kittredge of Klamath Falls also has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the position. She said she has not yet decided to become a candidate.

side while on a flight from Pendleton to Spokane Thursday night. It had been reported missing after failing to arrive in Spokane on schedule at 9:37 p.m.



**PLANE CRASHES IN N. Y. STREET**—A B-26 Air Force bomber burns furiously in the street in East Meadow on Long Island setting fire to an auto and the unoccupied house. The plane developed propeller trouble while coming in for a landing at nearby Mitchel Field, went into a spin at 500 feet and crashed. Both occupants of the plane were killed.

### Tree Classification Plan Said Arbitrary In Fowler Statement

County Assessor Robert G. Fowler Saturday stated under oath that in his opinion the orchard classification system set up in Jackson county by the State Tax Commission is arbitrary, and that it would take at least three months to arrive at valid and accurate appraisals.

He testified to this effect while giving a deposition for Attorney Philip Lowry in connection with Supreme Court mandamus proceedings. The deposition taking was the latest step in a long battle between local orchardists and the tax commission regarding the taxation of orchard trees.

Most of the session, which lasted from 10:30 a.m. to about 2 p.m., was taken up with ques-

tions and answers dealing with Fowler's actions in the matter, how he handled orders from the tax commission, and the mechanics of his proceedings.

**Laws Not Defined**  
As far as he knows, Fowler said, the classification of A, B and C orchards has never been defined, and that he does not know what they are. He added that as of Sept. 1, when increased valuations were ordered by the tax commission, it would have been impossible to make fair and just appraisals soon enough to get them on the tax rolls in time for orchardists to take advantage of the 3 per cent tax discount available by payments in advance of Nov. 15.

The tax bills which have been mailed out include the increased valuations as determined by the commission.

Fowler was represented at the hearing by Deputy District Attorney Gene Piazza and by Theodore deLooze, assistant attorney general assigned to the tax commission.

Lowry, who represented the Medford Pear Co. Inc., in presenting the orchardists' case to the Supreme Court, is preparing new pleadings in the mandamus proceedings.

### Chancellor Adenauer Recovering Strength

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is progressing so well in his recovery from pneumonia he will not have to take a convalescence vacation, his doctors said Saturday.

A medical bulletin issued here indicated the iron-willed Chancellor had turned down the chance for a vacation to recover strength following his long illness.

"The convalescence of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is progressing very well," the bulletin said. "Only the unfavorable climate prevents him from taking walks outside his house."

"He has also very well endured the strain of long conferences. A leave of convalescence does not seem required from a medical point of view."

Adenauer spent the entire afternoon out of bed Friday for the first time since he was taken ill with bronchial pneumonia last Oct. 9.

### Jury Clears Driver Of Accident Charge

La Grande — (U.P.)—Clayton Ronald Irey, 25-year-old National Guard sergeant from Baker, has been found innocent of a negligent homicide charge in connection with the death last May 15 of a 15-year-old La Grande girl in a traffic accident.

Sharon Jean Edwards, was killed when Irey's National Guard truck was involved in a collision with the car in which she was riding at a La Grande intersection. The truck was returning to Baker from Pendleton after a weekend exercise.

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### GOLD HILL Returned to Hospital

Gold Hill—Lee Marshden has returned to Sacred Heart hospital where he underwent surgery for the second time recently. He is in fair condition.

Mrs. Ruby Quakenbush has moved into the home she has purchased from Mr. and Mrs. John Stieber. The Stiebers will be leaving soon for Denver, Colo., to make their home.

Mrs. Harney, who owns property in Gold Hill and lives here during the summer months, is confined to Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass with a broken hip. She is a teacher at Glendale, Ore.

Mrs. Alice Hood, Medford, mother of Mel Hood, Gold Hill, was taken to Community hospital Tuesday morning after falling Monday evening at her home and breaking a hip. She is reported in fair condition.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cogswell during the past month were Mr. and Mrs. E. McClellan, Downey, Calif., uncle of Cogswell. Ten days were spent in Eastern Oregon deer hunting and then a short visit made to Seattle, where they visited relatives of each family. They left for their home Oct. 28.

Mrs. Eunice Franz has moved from the Oaks motel to the Jackson County Farm home on Pacific highway south, Medford.

Charles Bell Jr. left by plane Saturday evening to make his home with his grandmother in Illinois.

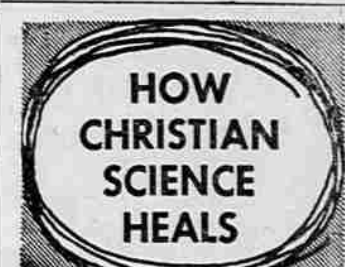
Mr. and Mrs. Mace Freeland, Burbank, Calif., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kofahl Highway 99 North. Mr. and Mrs. Freeland had just returned from a tour of duty for the Standard Oil company on Bahrien Island, Arabia, and were vacationing here.

### Vietnam Ambassador To Speak in Portland

Portland — (U.P.)—Tran Van Chuong, ambassador to the United States from South Vietnam, will speak Tuesday at an "Operation Brotherhood" banquet here launching a nation-wide campaign to help raise funds for Vietnam refugees.

The campaign, sponsored by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and the International Rescue Committee, seeks to raise funds for medical aid to the Asiatic country's 750,000 refugees.

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### Three Injured in Grants Pass Blast

Grants Pass — (U.P.)—A Mitchell, Ore., couple suffered serious burns and another man was slightly burned and cut in a fire which destroyed two units of a motor court here about 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

Edward H. Spoo, 67, Mitchell sawmill operator, was reported in critical condition at Josephine General hospital of burns suffered in the blaze which resulted from an explosion in a gas heater unit. His wife, Hazel, 57, was severely burned on the arms and other parts of her body.

Delbert Harnden, 40, an employee at Spoo's mill, was burned slightly and cut when he pulled Spoo from the burning cabin. Harnden was occupying a unit next to the Spoo cabin. This unit also was destroyed by the fire.

### Pair Found Dead in Crashed Plane

Waitsburg, Wash. — (U.P.)—State patrolmen late Friday reached the burned wreckage of a private plane eight miles north of this southeastern Washington town and found both the pilot and his passenger dead.

The victims were Howard Arthur, 46, manager of a Pendleton, Ore., air service and pilot of the four-seat Stinson, and Tracy Elder, 48, Spokane.

The plane crashed into a hill-

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