

10 Known Dead as Church Fire Starts Panic

3 Tots Die in

Mother, Father Absent as Blaze Destroys Home

Neighbors Battle Flames With Hoses

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Three children died in the flaming ruins of their home at Rieth about five miles from here today.

The victims were Phyllis Jean O'Neal, 8; her sister, Carol Jane, 7, and a brother, Richard Dennis, 6.

They died while their father, Chester O'Neal, was taking two older boys, Chester Jr., 13, and Stanley, 10, on their paper route.

The mother, Mrs. Ethelyn O'Neal, 34, was in St. Anthony's hospital here at the time after giving birth to her 10th child, a boy, Saturday night. A one-year-old boy, David, also was in the hospital at the time, recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Other Children Absent

Three other children, Peggy, 4; Connie, 3, and Leroy, 2, were at Adams with their aunt, Mrs. Donald Lusk.

Witnesses said the fire broke out about 6 a.m. Its cause was not determined immediately.

Raymond Long, a neighbor of the O'Neals, said he was awakened shortly after 6 a.m. when Betty Styles, who lives across the street from the burned house, pounded on the door and shouted the home was burning. Inside 'Explodes'

"The house was full of smoke and flames when I got there," Long said. "You couldn't get in the front door." He said he kicked in a front bedroom window and the inside "seemed to explode." The children's grandfather, George Powers, who lives a few houses away, was at the scene a few minutes later. "The fire was breaking out everywhere," he said. "I tried to get in the back door but couldn't. When I opened the door the heat hit me." His hair was badly burned.

Neighbors strung garden hoses to the house and poured small streams of water on the house but the home was a total loss.

Two Deaths Mar Week End in State

By UNITED PRESS

Two widely separated highway fatalities marred the week end picture in Oregon as motorists proceeded with caution over the highways of the state made dangerous by ice and snow.

George R. Hoff, 25, Nyssa, was killed Saturday when his west-bound car collided with a freight train at county road crossing an eighth of a mile north of Nyssa.

The impact of the collision demolished Hoffman's car and dragged his body 147 feet.

The week end's other fatality occurred about 20 miles east of Springfield Sunday afternoon when Mrs. Jesse Hutchens, 50, was killed in a two-car accident on the icy McKenzie highway.

Gale Roberts of Springfield, driver of the other car, was hospitalized with undetermined injuries.

Council Meet Called

To Consider Land Sale

A special meeting of the Medford city council has been called for 12 noon tomorrow by Mayor Earl J. Miller.

Purpose of the meeting is to consider the sale of the old East-side Fire Station site, lots one and two, block five, Euclid Park addition.

RV Memorial Hospital Fund \$90,000 Short of Goal; All-out Drive Begins

An all-out drive to raise approximately \$90,000 before Monday, Feb. 6, to reach the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital fund drive objective of \$850,000 has begun, campaign headquarters reported today.

"We face a crisis," Walter G. Garner, general organization campaign chairman, stated at an Elks club breakfast this morning. "If the people of Jackson county who wish to take memorials and memberships subscribe within the next few days, the hospital will be a certainty."

"Several hundred men have been working for over a month in order to make this hospital possible," Garner said. "If each person now gives to the best of his ability, Jackson county will become a great medical center."

A large number of clubs and



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EDEN IN U.S. FOR TALKS

Prime Minister Lauds President's Reply to Bulganin

Tension in World Said 'About Normal'

Washington — (U.P.) — British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and President Eisenhower joined in the first of a series of White House conferences today in a "constructive effort" to advance world peace.

New York — (U.P.) — British Prime Minister Anthony Eden arrived today for top level talks with President Eisenhower and said he believed the President's week end reply to Soviet Premier Nicolai Bulganin was "admirable."

Eden arrived aboard the Queen Elizabeth with a party of 25 for his conference with the President which will begin in Washington with a lunch engagement. He was scheduled to fly from La Guardia airport in the Columbine III.

Asked if he thought the Bulganin - Eisenhower exchange would improve international relations, Eden said he thought world tension was about normal.

Eisenhower Popular

"We think this is a timely moment for a constructive effort by our two countries," he said. "Whenever we are together in foreign policy and purpose that is the best contribution to the peace."

Eden recalled that he had not visited this country for 18 months. His last trip was with Sir Winston Churchill, then Prime Minister. He said he was glad to be here to consult with Mr. Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Eden remarked that no American had ever been more popular in Britain than President Eisenhower.

In a brief shipboard news conference attended by 100 reporters and cameramen, Eden made these quick points:

1. Middle-East: "I am anxious to make progress on the Middle Eastern problem . . ." He said Israel's request for American arms was a matter for Washington to decide.

2. Formosa: "Our policy and position on Formosa was laid down some time ago and it has not changed."

3. H-bomb: "I don't want to make an off-the-cuff policy on H-bombs."

4. Germany: "We are in favor of unification of Germany. We have not changed our policy nor I think have you."

5. Colonialism: Eden said it would be a "good idea" if there could be a joint Anglo-American statement on colonialism after the Washington talks.

The Prime Minister's meeting with Mr. Eisenhower will be their first since last summer's Big Four summit meeting at Geneva.



SIR ANTHONY EDEN
Lunches with President

Students Schedule Youth Government Conference Feb. 4

Meet Paves Way for Youth Legislature

More than 120 high school seniors from Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford are expected to take part in a YMCA youth and government program here Saturday, Feb. 4, Frank Van Dyke, district chairman, announced today.

The conference is designed to prepare students to "take over" the state government at Salem, April 27-28, as part of the state Youth Legislature program.

Students will nominate members of the group to fill positions as chaplain and clerk of the senate, sergeant at arms of the house of representatives, two legislative committees and three reporters who will represent the Southern Oregon district in the youth legislature. Elections will be held at a 6:30 p.m. banquet at the YMCA, 522 West Sixth st.

Marshall Woodell, Southern Oregon, will present an opening address on the purpose of the youth legislature following registration at the YMCA at 9:30 a.m.

A panel of experts will outline governmental problems and procedures to students. Robert Root, former legislator, will discuss taxation problems; Ralph Jones, superintendent of schools at Grants Pass, will present a panel on education; A. C. Pierce, retired president of Pierce Auto Freight lines, will speak on all phases of transportation problems; Diamond Flynn, former mayor of Medford, will discuss problems of state and local government, and a panel will be given on natural resources.

Before nomination of officers at a noon luncheon, Dr. Clifford Miller, SOC history department, will speak on campaign procedures of the past.

Following the luncheon students will divide into five legislative groups, patterned after the discussion panels held in the morning. Van Dyke, former speaker of the state house of representatives, will outline committee procedures to the groups. The students will meet with adult leaders and decide on bills they think should be presented to the legislature in areas where they feel the state needs additional legislation.

Adult leaders for the discussions will include Allen Pierce and the Ysmen of the Medford YMCA, Robert Boyer, Robert Duncan and Carl M. Brophy.

Dr. U. G. Dubach, state chairman of the YMCA youth and government program, will speak at the evening banquet.

About 60 students, expected to attend the conference from Klamath Falls, will be guests in the homes of Medford students.

Anniversary of Ghandi Death Threatens Rioting

Bombay, India — (U.P.) — Heavy police reinforcements took up strategic positions throughout Bombay today in fear of rioting on the eighth anniversary of the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

A police patrol opened fire on a milling crowd in the city's steaming slums yesterday, injuring two persons, and authorities feared more violence today.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 467.56, up 1.00; 20 railroads 155.15, off 0.04; 15 utilities 63.76, up 0.32, and 65 stocks 165.98, up 0.32, and 65 stocks were about 1,830,000 shares compared with 1,950,000 Friday.

Salem — (U.P.) — Austin F. Flegel of Portland, former chief of the economic aid mission to Thailand, has filed his candidacy here for delegate to the Democratic national convention from the third congressional district, Multnomah county.

ROK Intelligence Chief Murdered On Way to Work

Two Unidentified Assassins Escape

Seoul — (U.P.) — Assassins dressed in Army uniforms and driving a Korean Army jeep today murdered the Republic of Korea's Army counter-intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Kim Chang Yong.

The 36-year-old Army officer was killed as he rode in his jeep to work from his home in Seoul at 7:30 a.m.

Two unidentified men in ROK Army uniforms rode up beside him and pumped four bullets at the general. Two struck his chest, another ripped through his chin. The fourth hit the left foot of the driver.

The assailants escaped, but police said they were on their trail.

Enemy of Communism

General Kim was one of the most vigorous enemies of Communism in the notably anti-Communist government of President Syngman Rhee.

Last October he arrested nine men accused of plotting the assassination of Rhee.

Since 1949 he has been chiefly responsible for purging Communist and leftist elements from the ROK Army. His methods have been harsh and efficient.

Although Kim was among the strongest anti-Communists in this bitterly anti-Red nation, high Army sources said they did not believe the killers were Communists.

They believe he was the victim of disgruntled South Koreans who were caught up in his highly successful investigations.

Three Men Jailed On Injury Charge

Three Medford men were held in county jail under \$1,500 bond each today following hearing in district court on charges of malicious injury to personal property. Jailed were Jesse M. Chancellor Jr., 21, 510 Marie st.; Richard Dean Randall, 20, and Benjamin V. Sanford Shearer, 19, both of 927 Brookdale rd.

The three were arrested by sheriff's officers Saturday for allegedly breaking two aerials and two mirrors off cars parked near Central Point Thursday night.

They were bound over to the grand jury.

Sheriff's officers also arrested three Gold Hill youths, aged 15, 16, and 17, Saturday, in connection with the burglary of Becker's drug store, Gold Hill, and of the Gold Hill and Rogue River grade schools. They were remanded to juvenile authorities.

Burglary Thursday night of the West Side school was reported to the sheriff's office Friday. Nothing was reported missing.

David Oullette Puts Hard-Earned Dime Into Polio Battle

David Oullette, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Oullette, 1532 Terrace dr., believes in doing his share for the March of Dimes.

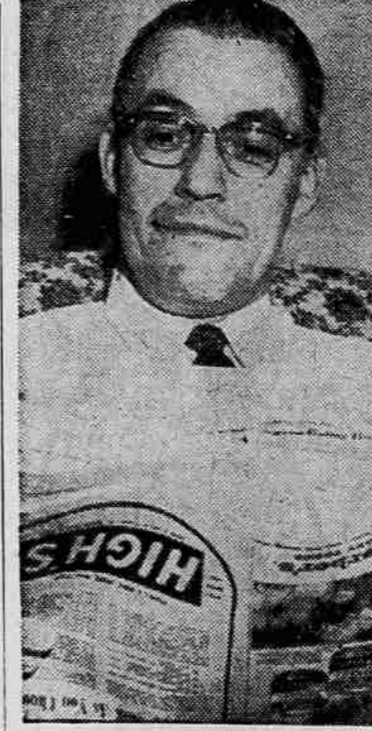
Saturday David pursued Mailman Larry Rose down the street to give him a dime and instructions to deliver it to "Doodyville," an imaginary city on a television program which had asked children to send a dime which they had earned to help in the fight against polio.

David had earned his dime by gathering acorns from his father's yard.

While the dime won't get to Doodyville, it did find its way into local March of Dimes coffers.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight. Increasing high cloudiness Tuesday. A few patches valley fog morning hours. Low tonight 25. High Tuesday 45. Temp. Highest yesterday 45. Lowest this morning 27.



'PULLED A BONER'—Agriculture Secy. Ezra Benson admitted in Washington that "we pulled a boner" and said "I'm sorry about a letter praising a critical farm article in Harper's Magazine." Miller F. Shurtleff (left) and assistant to Benson, received the letter from another Benson assistant, R. D. McMillen (right), and signed Benson's name to it. McMillen said Shurtleff had not read the article which the letter praised. The article, in the December issue, was titled "The Country Slickers Take Us Again."

Northwest Role in Atomic Energy Seen

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — The Pacific Northwest is taking on increasing importance in the nation's efforts to explore and develop the new field of atomic energy, the Atomic Energy Commission indicated guardedly in its semi-annual report Monday.

In Idaho, the AEC is planning to build up its reactor testing station at Arco with a \$20,000,000 construction program this coming year.

Uranium in Oregon

In Oregon, the AEC thinks the discovery of uranium holds out the prospect of new sources of this vital ore upon which all atomic material production depends.

In Washington, in addition to the continuing production of plutonium at the Hanford works, there is the possibility of atomic-powered warships being built at Puget Sound naval shipyard.

The Arco testing station near Idaho Falls is now the scene of much experimentation on various materials and is the facility which tested the prototype submarine reactor (or atomic powerplant) for the Nautilus.

The AEC disclosed Monday that by spring it will begin work on a prototype reactor for a surface vessel, and informed sources say this will be the powerplant for an atomic cruiser which the navy plans to build this coming year.

Atomic Aircraft Engine

In addition AEC is pushing ahead with construction of an atomic engine for aircraft use, and the Air Force has asked Congress for funds to build runways and other facilities at Arco where this project is to be conducted.

Oregon has begun to contribute to uranium ore production in the past six months from two mines near Lakeview, which have shipped small amounts of ore to government processing stations in Utah.

AEC said this helped bring the number of producing mines up to 925, compared with 850 last June. Also, it said, the produc-

tion rate from existing mines continued its sharp increase.

Although winter has temporarily stopped other prospecting in Oregon, the AEC has had ground reconnaissance crews in Eastern Oregon because explorations in that area in recent months have been considered promising.

Still Too Early

An AEC spokesman said the government still considers it too early to be able to characterize the importance of the ore discoveries to date in Oregon.

But it is of sufficient importance for AEC to have negotiated with western railroads for a lower scale of freight rates from Oregon, California and Nevada to Kalumite, Utah, and other uranium processing points. AEC reported that this has resulted in rate reductions of from 10 to 33 per cent.

"Negotiated in the interest of increasing uranium ore supply," said AEC, "such reductions are normally an incentive to ore production in the areas involved."

Western Europe Praises Ike's Action

London — (U.P.) — Western Europe today praised President Eisenhower's gentle rejection of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's offer for a 20-year peace treaty with the United States. Moscow remained silent.

Though little official comment was forthcoming from the capitals of free Europe, there was uncontrolled satisfaction with the manner in which the President dealt with a maneuver most Europeans thought was designed to split the Anglo-American alliance.

Diplomatic observers in Moscow said Russia probably realized in advance that Mr. Eisenhower would reject the pact. The Bulganin letter appeared in the Soviet press, but the President's reply had not yet been published.

Moscow diplomats thought the Russian offer was a shrewd move to win more friendship in the more impressionable Asian countries at expense of the United States—to make it appear the United States was rejecting a bona fide peace offer.

227 Injured as Flames Break Up Supper Gathering

Men Became Beasts, Eyewitnesses Declare

Baltimore — (U.P.) — Eyewitnesses told today how "men became beasts" when fire set off a wild trampling panic at a church supper. At least 10 persons died in the flaming melee.

Police reported at least 227 injured. Of these, 14 were still hospitalized today and one, a man whose name was not given, was reported in critical condition. Authorities checked numerous reports of missing persons but said they were reasonably satisfied that all those who were in the building had been accounted for.

The flash fire broke out about 5 p.m. yesterday in the quonset-roofed community hall of suburban Brooklyn, Md., as 1100 men, women and children were attending a festive oyster roast sponsored by the Catholic church of St. Rose of Lima.

Lawrence O'Brien, chairman of the arrangement committee for the ill-fated dinner, told of the horrible stampede for safety that ensued.

"Men became beasts. I saw men beating women to get to a door or window. Men and women shrieked and screamed and cried."

O'Brien leaped to a table and yelled to the terrified crowd to keep calm, but his voice was drowned out in the frenzied babble of the crowd.

The Rev. Francis Willis, assistant rector of St. Rose of Lima, also made a futile effort to calm the crowd. But the terror that stalked the hall would not be stayed. Many were trampled in the crush for exits. Others jumped, were pushed or were thrown through windows as flames suddenly enveloped the roof.

Rescue workers at the scene told reporters early this morning that 12 bodies had been found, but Sgt. Thomas Smith of the state police said later that an official recount showed 10 bodies in the building.

The 10 bodies were found in the building near the 12-foot wide door. The crowd apparently rushed for the main door, ignoring to a large extent six smaller exits in the building.

The dead were burned beyond recognition in what one witness called a "terrible nightmare." "I'm still not exactly sure how it happened," said Father Willis. "But it was the most terrible thing I have ever seen."

"I calmed as many people as I could and helped them to safety. I don't know how many I talked to before I got out myself."

"I prayed for the dead and their loved ones and for the injured."

Working under the glare of searchlights, police and firemen probed and sifted the debris for other possible bodies. Ankle deep water hampered the search among the blackened timbers. Two small wings off the main rectangular hall were carefully searched as possible other fire traps.

Date Changed for Local Talk by Mrs. Roosevelt

The Medford talk by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will be on April 23, instead of April 28, it was announced today.

Mrs. Roosevelt wired friends here today to say that she would be unable to fill the April 28 date because of other commitments, but that she could appear here on the 23rd. The sixth annual Roosevelt memorial dinner will be changed to that date to permit her to be here, sponsors of the event said.

AEC Developing Several New Weapons, Report Says

Washington — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission said today it is developing several brand new weapons which "will strengthen materially the defenses of this nation and the free world."

It also disclosed for the first time that tests have started in Idaho on a stationary forerunner of atomic engines for aircraft.

And construction of a test power plant big enough for aircraft carriers will start in the spring.

Expansion Reported

With production of nuclear weapons at the highest level in history, the AEC reported "several important" expansions of the far flung plants where atomic and hydrogen bombs and warheads are developed and manufactured.

The commission made these disclosures in a semi-annual re-

port to Congress on the gigantic project for which taxpayers have put up \$14,400,000,000 since its birth in World War II. The AEC said output is up all along the line from ore to finished weapons. Civilian and military power projects are booming.

With new H-bombs scheduled for this spring in the Pacific, the AEC said it is speeding the stockpiling of weapons made possible by previous tests.

It said last spring's tests in Nevada "opened several new and promising avenues for weapons research and development" which are being followed up "on an expedited basis."

The AEC did not identify the new weapon types which it said will "strengthen materially the defenses" of the free world. But they are believed to include atomic warheads of anti-aircraft and other special purpose guided missiles.