

# SUSPECT ARRESTED IN ALTURAS

## Weather Delays First Eniwetok Test Shot

Kwajalein, Friday—(U.P.)—Unsuitable weather today forced at least a 24-hour postponement of the first shot in the 1956 United States nuclear series at the Pacific proving ground.

Newsmen and civil defense observers embarked in three planes early today to witness the test explosion at nearby Eniwetok, but the planes were ordered back to Kwajalein shortly after takeoff.

Atomic Energy Commission officials said the test opener probably would be held Saturday (Friday in the United States) if weather conditions permit.

The shot scheduled for early morning on the small test island of Eniwetok has been described as the detonation of a small device equal in power "to a few thousand tons of TNT."

However, it could produce radio-activity hazard if winds cut across the atoll in the wrong direction.

The biggest show in the test program is scheduled for May 8 (May 7 in the United States) at Bikini, weather permitting.

It will be the first American H-bomb airdrop and the first H-bomb test witnessed by newsmen. The newsmen flew here yesterday from Honolulu to witness the H-bomb test.

## KF Man Questioned In Connection With Death of Eacret

### Billy Nunn Returned To Oregon Today

Billy Nunn, 27, Klamath Falls, was arrested in Alturas, Calif., this morning in connection with the murder of Alvin William Eacret, 14, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

## Off-Street Parking Group Asks \$60,000 for Program

The Medford budget committee last night took under consideration a request for \$60,000 to get an off-street parking program under way in the downtown area.

The budget committee started a detailed study of the proposed \$610,158 general fund budget for fiscal year 1956-57. The proposed budget is within the 6 per cent limitation.

Cliff Lovejoy, chairman of the retail merchants committee for off-street parking, told the group the problem "is becoming more critical" with the city's rapid growth, and such a program needs to be initiated soon.

Lovejoy said the committee could not say where off-street parking facilities should be, but noted that lots should be strategically located.

He said the committee considered it useless to discuss the problem unless funds were made available with which to start solving the problem.

Lovejoy said the city "must have off-street parking to maintain values of the downtown area."

Jack Crawford reviewed background of the off-street parking committee, and discussed the plan recommended to help solve the problem. At the end of a 10-year plan, he said, several municipal parking lots would be available around the downtown area.

The plan would cost about \$60,000 per year, he said, with monies derived from a more equitable business tax, an assessment on property in the area benefited, and from parking meter revenues from on-street parking.

They cited several lots which were available before buildings were constructed, including the Medford branch, First National bank, and other sites where buildings are planned.

Mel Hogan urged the budget committee to provide funds for a start in solving the program, and noted that legislation giving cities authority to amend charters for an off-street parking authority will be pushed in the next session. He said the city should be ready when such a bill is passed.

Mayor Earl Miller pointed out that a charter amendment would be necessary to create assessment districts suggested in the plan. He added that something will have to be done because a recent survey indicated that parking on Central ave. and Riverside ave. may have to be eliminated to facilitate traffic movement.

The budget committee also discussed an arterial street and storm sewer program. A continuing levy would be the most desirable way to finance the two-part program, which would cost an estimated \$2,000,000 over a 10-year period.

City Manager Robert Duff said funds should be made available as soon as possible for purchase of necessary right of way to get the program started. He suggested that if a continuing levy was considered, consideration also might be given a small bond issue to make funds readily available for right of way purchase.

Members of the committee noted that both programs will have to be financed outside the budget, and possibilities of a special election prior to July 15, the deadline for filing the budget, were discussed. The general consensus, however, was that time was too limited to consider a special election.

The committee also started its detailed study of department requests for fiscal year 1956-57. The general fund budget is \$50,468 more than this year's \$559,690 budget. The general fund levy for 1956-57 is estimated at \$247,027, including a \$17,384 library fund levy.

The budget committee will meet again next Wednesday night in the council chamber.

## Defense Budget Given Approval By House Group

### Minor Reductions In Ike's Request

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee today approved with only "minor reductions" President Eisenhower's new \$33,600,000,000 defense budget. The committee called it generally adequate but not big enough to keep ahead of Russia's growing airpower.

The bill approved by the committee would appropriate about a half billion less than the President requested. The committee said the bill would support total defense outlays of about \$35,900,000,000 in fiscal 1957 increasing the strength of all three services.

The committee said the new military budget is geared to new weapons, increased air power and greater emphasis on research. All told, more than \$5,500,000,000 will be spent on military research and development.

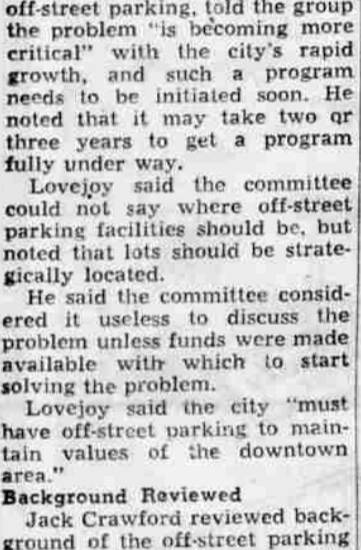
As usual, the Air Force got the biggest share, a total of \$15,400,000,000, compared to \$14,700,000,000 this year. The President asked for \$15,600,000,000. The committee said its cuts won't interfere with expansion as planned.

The Navy got \$9,900,000,000, compared to \$9,100,000,000 this year. The President asked for \$10,000,000,000.

The Army got just under \$7,300,000,000, compared to \$7,300,000,000 this year.

## Late News Bulletins

Washington—(U.P.)—The House today passed a new farm bill, including an enlarged \$1,250,000,000 soil bank, after twice rejecting President Eisenhower's request for authority to make "advance payments" this year.



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## Brittsan Elected Student Body Head

Darrell Brittsan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granvil Brittsan, 1129 Niantic st., Medford, was elected president of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon yesterday.

Brittsan was senior class president at Medford High school in 1953, and was active in sports here. He has been active in many extra curricular activities at the university, and is chairman of the 1956 Canoe Fete.

Brittsan is a junior majoring in pre-law. He was supported by the university's paper, the Oregon Daily Emerald. The paper decided to support Brittsan, rather than cities of the two other candidates, because "he has a more specific program in mind" and he "appears to be a slightly better administrator," an editorial said.

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## WEATHER

FORECAST: Isolated light showers through Friday. Low tonight 47. High Friday 68. Highest, Yesterday 70. Lowest this Morning 51. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace.

## Cease Fire Pacts Reported

Jerusalem, (Israeli Sector)—(U.P.)—United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold reported success today in winning cease fire agreements between Israel and its four Arab neighbors. He added that each side made reservations for self-defense.

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