

Grants Pass Family Bound by Two Gunmen

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Ships Collide in Darkness Off California; Three Dead

Freighter Rams Lumber Vessel; 26 Men Rescued

Collision Occurs in Perfect Weather

Monterey, Calif. — (U.P.) — A freighter rammied a small coastal lumber vessel in the pre-dawn darkness off the California coast today, splitting the smaller ship in two and forcing its crewmen to jump into the bitterly cold Pacific ocean.

The Coast Guard reported three men were killed and 26 rescued. One man was still missing, and two of those rescued were injured, one believed seriously.

The accident occurred at about 1:53 a.m. (PST) off Point Sur, 20 miles south of here and 100 miles south of San Francisco. The Marine Leopard, a 10,662-ton cargo vessel owned by the Luckenbach Steamship Co., rammied and sliced through the 2477-ton steam schooner Howard Olson, owned by the Oliver J. Olson Co., San Mateo, Calif. Dead Identified

The aft part of the Olson sank within three minutes after the collision and the fore part, deserted of crew, drifted to sea. The Marine Leopard, with a gaping hole in its bow, proceeded to San Francisco.

The dead were identified as Andrew Scheib, 66, the Olson's third mate, Los Angeles; Frank H. Krohn, 60, second assistant engineer, San Francisco and Richard McHugh, 50, first assistant engineer, Portland.

The missing man was identified as Cyrus Kalen, 50, cook steward, Oakland, Calif.

Injured were Irvin B. Campbell, 54, fireman, San Francisco, with exposure and oil in the lungs; and Gusag Bjork, 58, first mate, San Francisco. The extent of Bjork's injuries was not known immediately but he was reported seriously hurt.

Weather Was Perfect
There was no explanation for the collision, which occurred in perfect weather.

Campbell, the first survivor flown to land, said there was no warning before the crash. He said he was on watch in the fire room at the time.

Atomic Plant Area Rocked by Explosion

Oak Ridge — (U.P.) — A non-nuclear explosion rocked the area of a top secret atomic plant today, critically injuring three workmen and sending up dense clouds of black smoke.

The location, a salvage yard at the west end of the Atomic Energy commission's Y12 plant area, was roped off and fire trucks were standing by until the smoke cleared. The AEC said no buildings in the area caught fire.

An AEC spokesman said several containers of zirconium scrap, a metal used in increasing quantities in the commission's reactor development program, exploded. The zirconium scrap was being stored under water in 50-gallon drums. There was no immediate explanation for the cause of the blast.

Stevenson in North State In Bid for Write-in Votes

Portland — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson opened a stretch drive today for write-in votes in Friday's Oregon primary election.

Stevenson, who arrived here from California by plane yesterday evening, is competing with Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) for Oregon's 16 Democratic national convention votes.

The presidential hopeful was to tour Oregon's Willamette valley today.

At a coffee and dessert hour at Jefferson high school here last night, Stevenson reemphasized the points of criticism that he has brought out in his California campaign against the Eisenhower administration.

He told the group that the ad-

84th Congress Kind To West Oregon's Access Road Needs

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Washington — This 84th Congress has been kind to western Oregon's timber belt in providing funds for timber access roads and promising an expanded road building program for the future.

Thus far the lawmakers have:

1. Doubled the amount of money for the Bureau of Land Management to build access roads on the O&C lands — an action strongly recommended by the Association of O&C counties.

2. Increased the forest access roads provisions in the new long-range federal highway aid bill — a move that promises the Forest Service more funds in coming years for roads in the national forests.

This two-pronged road building program will help both BLM and the Forest Service carry out their announced intent to increase the annual timber cut in Oregon to keep hungry sawmills supplied and payrolls stable in

the state's leading industry. The latest break came Friday when a House-Senate conference on appropriation agreed to give BLM \$2,000,000 in additional road funds which they can start spending within a few weeks. This is addition to \$2,260,000 BLM had on hand for road building this year.

Reason for increasing the road funds was that the O&C counties asked that more of the money from timber receipts which normally is turned back to the counties each year be invested in new roads by the government. When BLM took the idea to Capitol Hill, they found the lawmakers generally receptive in the Senate but not the House.

But after the House killed the funds, the Senate put them back into the bill — and Friday's conference settled the dispute in favor of the O&C counties.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said he was largely responsible for paving the way for the favorable action by getting Rep. Mike Kirwin (D-Ohio) to support the funds in conference. Kirwin is second ranking Democrat among the five Democrats and four Republican House conferees who

handled the matter. No Difference on Bill
BLM estimates that timber receipts for the year will run around \$20,000,000, and the request of the counties was that 25 per cent be invested in roads. Congress has cleared \$4,260,000 — just under the 25 per cent estimate of \$5,000,000.

Fortunately, there was no difference between House and Senate on the regular Interior appropriation bill for the fiscal year which starts July 1. Both have already approved a road budget of \$4,460,000 for the coming year on the O&C lands.

As for the federal highway aid bill passed last month by the House and now before the Senate, it increased the annual access road authorization for the Forest Service from \$24,000,000 to \$27,000,000.

Both Rep. Harris Ellsworth and Morse had urged the House Public Works Committee to increase the amount well above the figure finally approved. Ellsworth tried to get \$25,000,000 for construction and \$10,000,000 for maintenance, making a total of \$35,000,000 annually. Ellsworth pointed out that the highway bill fails to divide construction from maintenance funds, so the \$27,000,000 figure must cover both. He said this means "the amount actually available for construction will be \$20,000,000 or less."

Morse-Neuberger Bill
Morse had called for a \$50,000,000 annual access road program in the national forests in testimony before the roads subcommittee. Later he introduced a bill with the co-sponsorship of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and seven others to amend the highway bill so as to authorize amounts starting at \$32,000,000 the first year, \$40,000,000 the following year and leveling off at \$50,000,000 annually thereafter for 10 years.

Neuberger last week said he will sponsor an amendment when the road bill comes before the Senate to have the Senate agree to the House-passed figure of \$27,000,000. That's the amount generally expected to be approved.

Fish Lake Road Closed During Repair Work
Fish lake road in the vicinity of the lake is closed to all traffic while repairs are being made, Resort Manager Robert Cavanaugh reported today.

The road will not be open until late Wednesday afternoon, he said. Forest service crews are filling in holes resulting from the combination of recent storms and traffic.

Pick-up truck and jeep traffic managed to reach Fish lake during the week end but the road was further cut up by the vehicles.

Governor Protests Peruvian Fishing
Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith today protested to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "in the strongest terms" the proposal of the Peruvian government to engage in salmon fishing off the mouth of the Columbia river.

The governor wrote Dulles that Oregon fishing interests as well as fishing industries of Puget Sound, Alaska and Canada were "gravely concerned over the threat to the Pacific Northwest fisheries by Peruvian interests."

Interests operating under the Peruvian flag have inquired about the possibilities of sending mother ships and catcher boats to fish salmon off the mouth of the Columbia and Puget Sound just outside the three mile limit. Gov. Smith explained. If such a fishery is permitted, he said, other nations would probably join in to obtain their share of the prized fish.

Salem — (U.P.) — A Salem city budget of \$3,017,950 was scheduled to go to a citizens budget committee for approval today.

Russia Announces Military Cutback Of 1,200,000 Men

Reduction To Be Completed In Year

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union announced today a 1-2,000,000 man military troop cut that would reduce its armed forces by Western estimate below the current American level. The reduction will be completed within one year, the Russians announced.

The Soviet challenged the United States, Britain and France to match the Soviet cut and declared that, if they do, Russia will be ready to consider further reductions.

American disarmament specialist Harold E. Stassen recently estimated Soviet military manpower at 4,000,000 men and said the United States has 2,900,000 under arms.

Stassen had forecast the Soviet cut and had said it would be "significant" if it affected a million or more men.

To Retire Vessels
The Soviet Navy will retire 375 vessels from active service and an undisclosed number of military training schools will be reorganized, the Soviet announcement said.

The statement said that corresponding reductions would be made in the Soviet military budget.

The statement said that this new reduction is proof that "the Soviet government is trying to assist the cause of achieving practical disarmament, which is now under discussion in the United Nations."

Washington — (U.P.) — American officials said today it would be unsafe for Western powers to make a sharp cut in their armed forces despite Russia's announced intention to make a 1-2,000,000 man cut within the next year.

Officials pointed out there is no way to check on whether the Soviet Union actually will carry out its cut. Furthermore, they said, the men taken out of military forces will be extremely well trained and could be pressed back into service on short notice if necessary.

Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's disarmament adviser, was not immediately available for comment.

Phoenix Sets School Election on Budget

Phoenix — Patrons of the Phoenix school district will vote tomorrow on a budget for the 1956-57 school year. A poll will be open in the elementary school gymnasium from 2 to 8 p.m.

Superintendent Ernest R. James said the election is necessary because the budget is over the 6 per cent limitation. He explained the tax base was set many years ago, and that the growth of the school district has far outstripped the amount which can be raised without a vote of the people.

He also explained that when Phoenix became a first class district this year, it became necessary for voters to approve the district budget, which no longer is included in the rural school district.

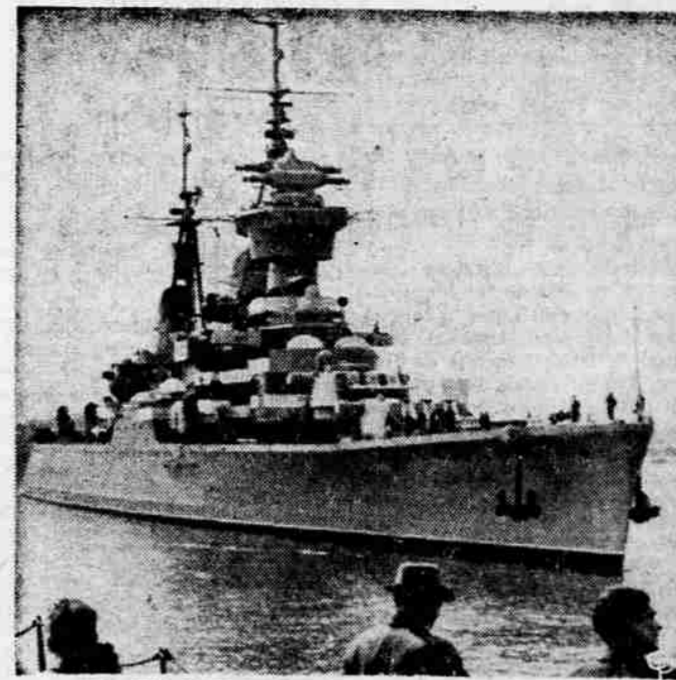
While the budget is \$163,523 over the limitation, he added, it is hoped that the tax millage actually will be less next year than it is this year. The saving can be made, he said, because now that it is a first class district, it can retain all monies raised in the district.

Plans for added vocational agricultural facilities are included in the budget, he said.

Harriman To Be Entered as Candidate
Cody, Wyo. — (U.P.) — New York Gov. Averell Harriman said today he would be entered as a candidate for the presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and would be "mighty proud" if Wyoming's delegation supports him.

Harriman, here to keynote opening sessions of the Wyoming Democratic Convention told delegates the New York State Democratic Committee plans to enter his name at the national convention "not as a favorite son, but as a candidate."

Equalization Board Begins Session Today
Jackson county board of equalization went into session in the county court room this morning and will consider petitions for correction of assessments each day through Friday.



RUSSIANS ARE PROTESTING "spying by British" on cruiser Ordzhonikidze during recent visit to Portsmouth, which led to disappearance and presumed death of Frogman Commander Lionel Crabb. Prime Minister Anthony Eden has agreed to debate the case. (International)

Eden May Be Forced To Tell More About Frogman's Mystery

London — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Anthony Eden today refused to tell the House of Commons "one word more" about the case of the missing frogman. As he resumed his seat, he declared in exasperation, "I deplore this debate."

London — (U.P.) — Russia may force a reluctant Prime Minister Anthony Eden to disclose even more details about the mysterious disappearance of frogman Lionel (Buster) Crabb, political observers said today.

And Eden also may be pressed by Britons to say whether U. S. intelligence agencies had anything to do with the disappearance of Commander Crabb April 19 while swimming beneath a Soviet cruiser in Portsmouth harbor.

Repetition Now Doubtful
Until this week end it was believed today's House of Commons debate on the hero-frogman would be a repetition of Eden's statement a week ago that "it is not in the public interest" to tell all about Crabb's disappearance.

But since then Russia has publicized the fact that Eden apologized for the incident — and made it clear to Britons that Eden had told the Russians more than he told them. This stirred up demands for Eden to make public the entire story.

Eden cut short a holiday in Scotland Sunday night and flew back to London for talks with his cabinet colleagues on the Crabb affair. It was believed they would go over the latest Russian blast that Britain's explanation "looked by no means convincing."

The statement was made by Soviet Rear Adm. V. F. Kotov,

Freeway Decision Slated by Planners
The Medford planning commission, at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today, is expected to decide on a recommendation to the city council as to the route for the proposed new highway freeway in this area.

The council has asked the commission for the recommendation, which it in turn can consider. The state highway commission will make the decision on the route, but may well take the city's recommendation into consideration.

Two routes have been proposed: East on the city limits on the Hillcrest line, and through the city on the Genesee line.

The planning group has a 13-point agenda, which aside from the freeway discussion includes items of zone change proposals, requests for alley vacations, and several annexation suggestions, including one from the Grandview-Kenwood district.

Peddicord Fails in Attempt at Suicide
Portland — (U.P.) — Blind William Clarence Peddicord, under sentence to 20 years in prison for last year's bombing of the Meier & Frank department store here, attempted today to take his own life in his jail cell here, police reported.

Deputy Sheriff Orlando Yazsolino said he found Peddicord hanging from a bracket in his cell as he made his rounds. He said Peddicord had already lost consciousness but that he applied artificial respiration and the prisoner revived. He found him about 3:55 a.m.

Trio Forced To Accompany Thugs In Store Robbery

Tape Used To Bind Family; Pair Flees

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — Two gunmen last night forced a local family to accompany them to a shopping center, took some \$3100 and then fled after binding the family with tape, state police reported.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tippetts and their son, Scott, 16, were in their home at the north end of town about 9:30 p.m. when two armed men entered through the back door, police said.

Drove to Store
At gunpoint, they forced the family into Tippetts' car and drove to the store. One man remained behind with the boy and his mother and the other accompanied Tippetts into the store and made him open the safe. The Tippetts run a shopping center on the Redwood highway.

Then they forced them to drive back near Tippetts' home, taped their arms and mouths and locked them in the car, fleeing on foot. In about half an hour the boy got loose and called police, who said the two men apparently had a getaway car.

Officers said it may be the same pair who last week robbed a taxi driver and left him on a country road after taping him.

Kefauver to Make Southern Oregon Visit on Tuesday

Estes Kefauver, Democratic aspirant for the presidential nomination, will speak from the Jackson county courthouse steps in Medford at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Russel DeForest and Carl Fichtner, Kefauver's Medford campaign managers, confirmed today.

Kefauver will arrive by private plane at the Ashland airport at 9:45 a.m. and will speak at the Ashland plaza at 10 a.m. Arthur Kreisman is in charge of his visit there.

DeForest, Fichtner and Robert Boyer and Robert Duncan, Medford attorneys and Democratic candidates for the state house of representatives, will escort the candidate from Ashland to Medford by car.

Following Kefauver's Medford talk, he will travel by car to a point between Medford and Grants Pass where he will be met by the Grants Pass Cavemen. The Cavemen will escort him to Grants Pass, where he will speak, then proceed by plane to Coos Bay, Roseburg, Lebanon and Eugene.

Prior to his Ashland visit, Kefauver will talk at Klamath Falls. Among those traveling in Kefauver's party will be Les Josselin, chairman of his Oregon campaign committee.

Adlai Stevenson, also seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, apparently failed to make a brief scheduled stop Sunday at the Medford airport. It had been announced that his plane would land here for a few minutes at 3:30 p.m. Sunday for refueling before continuing to Portland.

Shaw Urges Demo Unity in Primary

A plea for Democratic unity in the presidential primary election was made by David C. Shaw, candidate for Congress for the fourth Congressional district, at a meeting with his Jackson county committee in Medford at noon today.

Shaw urged Democratic voters of Jackson county to write in the names of both Kefauver and Stevenson on their ballots, placing their favorite in the space left for president, and writing in the name of the other for vice-president.

"These two great men," said Shaw, "who have visited Oregon often and whom we all know so well, should be tied together. All of us would be proud to have either of them at the head of our government. But the danger is that they may kill each other off and some dark horse emerge as our candidate from the 'smoke filled' rooms at the convention."

Shaw is spending the day visiting mills in Josephine and Jackson county and will speak tonight at the American Legion hall at Cave Junction.

Refusal To Invite Morse To Eugene Said 'Shocking'

Portland — (U.P.) — Alfred H. Corbett, co-chairman of the Oregon Stevenson for President Committee, today protested against the refusal of the Lane County Kefauver chairman Marvin Marlick, to endorse a suggestion that Sen. Wayne Morse be invited to the Eugene meet-

ing to introduce the candidates tomorrow night when Stevenson and Estes Kefauver will appear on the same platform.

"I am shocked to learn that the Lane county Kefauver chairman has rejected the suggestion that Wayne Morse introduce Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver in Eugene Tuesday on the grounds that 'Wayne is entirely too controversial to bring in at this time,'" Corbett said.

The Stevenson leader added that "Adlai Stevenson and Democrats... who support Stevenson are one hundred per cent for Wayne Morse."

Corbett said he felt that the "Kefauver managers owe an explanation to Oregon Democrats for this slighting reference to Oregon's great liberal Senator."

Eugene Milk Prices Up One Cent a Quart

Eugene — (U.P.) — Eugene consumers started paying a penny more a quart for milk today.

Retail prices went up to 24 cents a quart at stores and 25 cents a quart for home-delivered milk.

Mel Gustafson, spokesman for Lane county milk distributors, said cream prices were raised proportionately. He indicated part of the increase would go to distributors, and part for wages under negotiation.