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The impact turned the vehicle operated by Mrs. Deal on its top, spilling gasoline. Medford firemen stood by to clean gasoline off the street and in case of fire. Injuries were minor. Police said Smith was cited for reckless driving. —(Police Department photo)

# Plane Rams Convalescent Home; 15 Victims Reported

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### Bursting Rockets Light Up Chapel With Eerie Glow

#### Tragedy Occurs in Downtown Ottawa

Ottawa — (U.P.) — A rocket-laden RCAF twin-jet flying an interceptor mission hurtled at near supersonic speed into a Roman Catholic rest home for nuns last night, killing 15 persons by fire and explosion.

The revised death toll was released by the mother superior of the Mother House of the Grey Nuns in downtown Ottawa. She said the dead included 11 nuns, a female kitchen helper and the Rev. Father Richard M. Ward, a Navy chaplain who also ministered to the nuns. Also killed were the pilot and observer in the CF100 jet aircraft.

#### 22 Nuns Escape

The mother superior said 22 nuns escaped from the home. They were brought to the mother house here.

The mother superior would not allow anyone to see the survivors "for the time being." She said all were suffering from severe shock.

An eyewitness said the convalescent home's chapel was lit up with an eerie glow by the plane's bursting rockets, turning the wall into an instant funeral pyre for the nuns sleeping near it.

**Routine Defense Mission**  
The plane was ordered by RCAF headquarters into the air to identify an unknown aircraft, later identified as a Canadian transport plane. The mission was a routine U.S.-Canadian joint air defense maneuver.

The screams of the trapped nuns and the earth-shaking force of the impact and explosion shook sleeping neighbors out of their beds. They ran to the burning building and rescued at least 17 nuns.

The force of the impact of the supersonic interceptor drove the fingers of the dead priest into hard ground up to the knuckles.

Roy Herbert, pulling on his clothes, said he made a "beeline through the pasture with three other guys."

"I could see the nuns on the second, third and fourth floors behind windows looking terrified and they were screaming for help."

Herbert jumped on another rescuer's back, vaulted a wall and climbed a fire escape to the second floor.

"One elderly nun was trying to open the window. I smashed it and dragged her through it and hustled down the fire escape," Herbert said.

Another neighbor, Gene Beauchamp, waited beside the burning building with his car. Parts of the rescue vehicle caught fire but Beauchamp smothered the flames and ferried the nuns, some convalescing from illness, to safety.

#### Board of Equalization Continues in Session

Members of the Jackson county board of equalization, who went into session Monday morning, will continue considering petitions for correction of property assessments each day through Saturday.

The board has been interviewing petitioners on an appointment basis in the county clerk's office. Property owners have until Saturday to file petitions for assessment corrections.

#### Ike Builds Up 2 To 1 Lead Over Kefauver in Nebraska

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower built up a two to one lead over Sen. Estes Kefauver in the Nebraska primary "popularity contest" today as the Democrats' hoped-for farm revolt failed to materialize.

With 757 of the state's 2127 precincts counted, Mr. Eisenhower had 85,900 votes, compared with 46,588 for the Tennessee senator. The GOP percentage of the total vote was almost exactly the same as the 65 per cent the Republicans received in the 1952 primary.

**Comparison Watched**  
The comparison between the total votes in the two elections was closely watched by Democratic forces. But as late returns came in, it became apparent that there was no significant "cross over" voting by Republican farmers, who could have asked for Democratic ballots had they desired.

**One Not To Support Ike**  
Of the Republican delegates apparently elected, one said he would not support Mr. Eisenhower at the GOP convention.

Former state Sen. Terry Carpenter, Scottsbluff, said he could not support the President's "farm and fiscal policies." The other 17 GOP winners were firmly in the Eisenhower column.

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### Action on Freeway Route Deferred by Medford Council

The Medford city council last night took no action on a planning commission recommendation that the Genesee route be favored for the proposed Highway 99 freeway in the Medford vicinity.

Mayor Earl Miller said he understands additional information concerning proposed freeway routes in this area will be available in the near future. He added that if necessary a special council meeting may be called to consider the recommendation after receipt of more information.

### Request Change

Mayor Miller also said the state highway commission has been asked if the Jackson county courthouse auditorium would be sufficient in which to hold the public hearing on the proposed freeway May 24. He wrote the commission that the city council chambers and believed too small to accommodate the anticipated crowd.

The highway commission also was asked to consider extending the hearing into the evening so residents who worked during the day may have an opportunity to express opinions, Miller said.

The planning commission declared that its recommendation was based on inadequate information made available by the highway commission. Its motion added that the planners considered only the two routes—Genesee st. and Hillcrest routes.

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### Forest Service Opens Road to Fish Lake

The U. S. forest service now has the Fish lake road open for travel. The management of the lake resort reported this morning.

The route was closed in the vicinity of the lake Monday in order that repair work could be done. One portion of the road reportedly was washed out. Forest service crews also had to fill in holes which resulted from recent storms and from traffic.

A number of fishermen walked into the lake yesterday and made some good catches of trout. Resort Manager Robert Cavanaugh said.

### Late News Briefs

**BOMB TEST POSTPONED**  
Aboard USS *McKinley*—(U.P.)—America's first air-dropped hydrogen bomb was postponed again today because of "unacceptable" weather conditions.

**CYPRIOTS SHOOT GUARDS**  
Nicosia, Cyprus —(U.P.)—Members of the pro-Greek Cyprus underground shot a Royal Air Force guard to death today near the airport.

**GUERRILLAS KILLED**  
Algiers —(U.P.)—French troops killed at least 103 guerrillas in Algeria Tuesday, including a key leader of the Arab bands that patrol the sun-running routes of the Northern Sahara, authorities said.

### Farrell Resigns As City Attorney After 27 Years

The resignation of Frank P. Farrell, Medford city attorney for 27 years, will become effective June 1. City Manager Robert Duff, announced last night.

Farrell will be replaced by E. R. Bashaw, an attorney in Central Point for the past year. Bashaw, 32, graduated from Medford high school in 1942 and attended the University of Oregon until 1943.

He served as an ensign in the Navy until 1946 and received his B.A. degree from UCLA the same year. In 1949 he graduated

### Four Children Among Six Persons Injured In Auto Accidents

Six persons, including four children, were injured in two accidents in Medford last night.

Cars operated by Mrs. Adah Ferris Deal, 748 Gilman rd., and Joseph Daniel Smith, route 2, box 394, Medford, collided at the intersection of Main and Holly sts. about 9 p.m. yesterday injuring five persons.

Injured were Mrs. Deal, Douglas James Eakin, 9, and Nancy Lea Eakin, 6, children of Mrs. Betty Eakin, 719 West Clark st., who also was injured, and Billie

Louise McKesson, 10, daughter of Harlan McKesson, also of 748 Gilman rd.

All the injured were taken to Community hospital by Medford Ambulance service. All but Billie McKesson were treated and released last night, according to hospital attendants. Billie was released late this morning.

Police said Douglas Eakin suffered facial bruises, and Nancy Lea Eakin suffered shock and a cut left ear. Others suffered shock and minor cuts and bruises, police reported.

Smith was traveling west on Main st., police said, and struck the left rear fender of the Deal vehicle, which was traveling north on Holly st. The impact turned the Deal vehicle on its top in the intersection. The Smith vehicle stopped headed north on Holly st.

Police said Smith was cited for reckless driving. Smith was not injured, police said.

Roger James Blaylock, 5, of 412 South Grape st., suffered minor lacerations over his nose about 7:40 p.m. yesterday when the car operated by his father, James Samuel Blaylock, 49, collided with a car operated by William Edward Ruffner, 2512 Lyman ave., at the corner of Central and Riverside aves.

Young Blaylock was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service. Ruffner was cited for failure to yield the right of way, police said.

### Britain Explodes Atomic Device

Perth, Australia —(U.P.)— Britain exploded its third atomic device today in what might have been a test of a trigger for a hydrogen bomb.

The blast was set off in the desolate Monte Bello Islands of Australia's west coast at 3:51 a.m. (9:51 a.m. PST Tuesday).

A brief Ministry of Supply announcement said the explosion was "successful" and that scientists were collecting data for evaluation of the blast.

No human beings or animals were near the site of the explosion but scientists had refused in advance to confirm or deny speculation that the device was a trigger for Britain's first H-bomb tests planned for later this year.

Britain's last atomic explosion was in October, 1953, at Woomera, Australia. The first was in a frigate in the Monte Bello Archipelago.

Britain had announced prior to today's explosion that the fallout would be less than in the 1952 blast.

### Phoenix District Approves Budget

Phoenix — Patrons of the Phoenix school district yesterday approved, by a vote of 94 to 30, the \$300,650 budget for the 1956-57 school year.

Of the total, \$210,078 will be raised by taxation, \$46,555 of it inside the 6 per cent limitation and \$163,523 outside. About \$30,000 will go to complete agricultural education training facilities.

A portion of the increase over last year's budget of \$250,064 was required by expenses created by the recent change to first class status for the district. However, the tax load is expected to be smaller during the coming year, according to Superintendent Ernest James, because of added revenues which the district will receive with first class status.

### City Budget Committee To Hold Meeting Today

The Medford citizens' budget committee will continue its study of the 1956-57 budget of \$610,58 for the city at a 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

The budget has to be filed with the Jackson county treasurer no later than July 15 this year. The committee has been studying the budget in detail for about a month.

### Hay, Farm Machinery Destroyed in Fire

Central Point — A barn on Gilman-Day lane, containing hay and some farm machinery, was destroyed by fire last night, Central Point rural district firemen reported.

The blaze was not discovered until it was well underway and the barn was so completely involved in flames that firemen allowed it to burn. They extinguished fires in three neighboring sheds on the same property.

State police are investigating the cause of the fire today.

The barn, a 70 by 90-foot structure, was owned by Mrs. Luther H. Day. Some 20 to 25 tons of hay and the farm machinery in the building were owned by W. C. Higinbotham, Central Point.

Two rural pumper trucks were sent to the scene. Firemen said that the fire went unnoticed until it made good headway because the barn set out well away from residences in the area.

### Syngman Rhee Wins By Narrowest Margin

Seoul —(U.P.)—President Syngman Rhee won a third term this week by the narrowest margin in South Korea's brief history, partly as a result of a heavy "ghost vote" for a dead rival, it was reported today.

Mounting returns from Tuesday's election indicated the President will poll some 60 per cent of the vote, compared to 74.6 per cent in 1952. Opposition leaders charged he achieved even that edge only with the aid of fraud.

With most of the presidential vote counted, Rhee's total stood at 4,504,725 votes against 1,949,613 for Cho Bong Am, his only living opponent. Another 1,645,456 ballots were invalidated, most of them because they were cast for P. H. Shinicky, who died during the campaign.

### Today Expected To Be Warmest Day of 1956

Portland —(U.P.)—The weather bureau said today would be the warmest of 1956 in many western Oregon localities.

The outlook called for continued sunny conditions over the state. The Dalles was the warm spot yesterday with 88 while Medford had 87. It was 81 in Portland.

### Estimated 5,000 Hear Kefauver, Adlai at Eugene

#### Campaigners Differ On Candidate Identity

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — Some 5,000 Oregon voters heard Estes Kefauver and Adlai E. Stevenson engage in a little good natured rivalry Tuesday night for Oregon's 16 delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Although the two campaigners essentially agreed on the principles involved, they differed markedly on the identity of the candidate best qualified to put the principles into practice.

Kefauver and Stevenson were introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), who remarked to a home town audience that for once in his career he was in a neutral position on a political platform.

Both Morse and Kefauver left McArthur Court on the University of Oregon campus without hearing the remarks of Stevenson. They were called back to Washington for a crucial vote on Niagara power legislation.

**Praise for Morse**  
Kefauver devoted his time to a statement on his position on foreign policy and praise for Morse, for whom, he said, he had given up his claim to a seat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The senator from Tennessee charged that the Eisenhower administration had allowed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to disintegrate and had put more emphasis on oil than on people in the Middle East.

He placed himself on record in favor of civil rights legislation and promised he would not only support statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, but would fight for it.

Before leaving the sports pavilion to catch a plane for Washington, Kefauver said he would return to Oregon in the fall to campaign for the Democratic nominee, preferably himself.

Stevenson, speaking against a less demanding deadline, quipped that meeting his tall friend from Tennessee in a basketball court made him the undoubted underdog.

**No Foreign Policy**  
The former Illinois governor accused the Republican party of what he called a "fatal slowing" of social programs and charged that the American people were being victimized by a vast and well-financed merchandising campaign by the Eisenhower forces.

He also concentrated his remarks on the foreign policy field and claimed in the three years since Korea, the United States has drifted with no clear cut plan to halt the advance of Communism.

"Defense must not be based on the wistful desires of the secretary of the treasury to cut taxes," Stevenson said.

Stevenson planned to campaign in Roseburg and Coos Bay today before flying to northern California in the afternoon.

**Kefauver To Return**  
Kefauver's campaign officials said the southern lawmaker planned to return to Oregon tomorrow when he would take up the schedule that had been planned for today.

Neither Stevenson's nor Kefauver's name will be on Friday's ballot.

### Baseball

**NATIONAL**  
Cincinnati..... 2 9 0  
Pittsburgh..... 9 13 2  
Nuxhall, Acker (4), Jeffcoat (7) and Bailey; Friend and Shepard.  
Chicago..... 3 6 3  
New York..... 9 13 2  
Rush, Hughes (5), Brosnan (6), Kaiser (7) and Chitt; Liddle and Katt. Home runs: Dark, Katt, Lockman, New York; Keller, Chicago.

**AMERICAN**  
Washington..... 1 6 0  
Chicago..... 3 7 0  
Griggs, Ramos (8) and Berberet; Donovan and Lollar.



**KEFAUVER VISIT**—Sen. Estes Kefauver is shown talking to Jackson county residents at the county courthouse steps yesterday morning. The Tennessee senator, Democratic candidate for presidential nomination, was on a tour of several Oregon communities yesterday including Ashland, Grants Pass and Eugene. He flew back to Washington, D.C., from Eugene late yesterday. Senator Kefauver and Adlai Stevenson are seeking write-in votes in Oregon's primary election Friday. —(Brainerd photos)

### Election Campaign in County Nears Close

The May primary election campaign in Jackson county will wind up tomorrow. No campaigning can be conducted on election day under state law.

In the county, most interest has centered on two Republican primary campaigns, those for district attorney and county commissioner.

George Rode, a Medford attorney seeking the DA nomination, has assailed incumbent Walter Nunley for what he alleges are incompetency, a poor trial record and for increased budgets.

**Cites Record**  
Nunley has countered by citing his record in office which he declares demonstrates his competency and effectiveness, and by pointing out the increased budgets have provided services which the people of the county want and need from the DA's office.

Both candidates have spoken at a number of public meetings, at "candidates nights" and at Granges.

**Other Contests**  
The other race which has attracted considerable attention is between L. G. (Shy) Morthland, Medford, county commissioner, and Melvin J. Lattie, Phoenix, a candidate for nomination for that office. At issue in this race have been county taxes and construction of the new courthouse annex, with Lattie claiming tax money has been used unwisely, and Morthland declaring the people have been well-served.

The only other contests on the local county-wide ballot are for assessor, where Allen D. Curry and John H. Tizekker seek the Republican nomination, and Ray J. Schumacher and Andrew Hawver seek the Democratic nomination.

**Reply to Charges**  
Nunley will reply to charges made against him today at 7:15 p.m. on television, during time made available by a sponsor of a regular program. He is also scheduled on radio station KYJC at 6:35 p.m. today and 6:35 p.m. Thursday, with a final TV appearance at 11 p.m. Thursday.

**Liquor Store Closed**  
The state liquor store will be closed, and the liquor control commission has ruled that no on-premises sales of beer, wine or spirits can be made when the polls are open, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Off-premises sales of beer and wine will be permitted.

The U. S. National bank branch in Medford will close election day, but the First National bank will remain open.

Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk, reminded residents that write-in votes must have an X marked in front of the name.

### Prospects Good for D'Anjou Pear Crop

Prospects for the D'Anjou pear crop in Jackson county appear excellent, C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent, said today.

Cordy said prospects for other pear varieties appear good, but somewhat "spotted." He added that most orchardists are now cultivating for their cover crops and spraying will be completed as soon as possible.

### Weather

**FORECAST:** Fair tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 59. High Thursday 82-90. Temp. Highest Yesterday..... 87. Lowest this Morning..... 48.

### Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise..... 4:40 a.m.  
Sunset..... 7:27 p.m.  
Moonset Thursday..... 12:51 a.m.  
First Quarter..... 9:15 p.m.  
**PROMINENT STAR**  
The two "stars" forming a triangle with the Moon tonight are Jupiter and Regulus. Jupiter, the largest planet, is now 495,900,000 miles from the Earth.